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Newsletter—Week 11 of Term 2, June 29 2017

Saint Mary MacKillop said,

“Never See a Need Without Doing Something About It !”

At St Joseph's We: Need to have a **Positive Attitude**

Need to be **Aware** and Need to Take **Action**.

This fortnight's Triple A Social Skill is **Listening**

Our focus within the three areas are as follows

Attitude : Show respect When Others Are Speaking

Awareness : Of What A Good Listener Is & Looks Like

Action : Listening Well

Reports

Our Mid-Year Reports accompany today's Newsletter. Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences will be offered early in Term 3 to review the first half year and set goals for the terms remaining .

Building Program

We are almost finished the planning component of our admin/staffroom refurbishment. The tender will be finalised in term three with building being finished at year's end.

Fr Michael's Golden Jubilee

Fr Michael celebrates 50 years in the priesthood . Our Parish recognises this with a 10:30am Mass and Luncheon following in the MacKillop Centre on Sunday, July 9. All are welcome to attend.

Catholic Sector Funding Agreement

As you would have learnt from media coverage, the new Education Funding Model was shunted through the Senate late last week with only minor concessions being made for the Catholic Sector. This decision will not favour our system in the long term. For us at St Joseph's, I do not see any change in the short and medium terms. As a School Board, we have been conservative in our budgets over recent years. This will allow us to plan accordingly over time to ensure any change is minimal. I do not anticipate any increase in fees next year.

Holiday Fun — Ugandan Children's Choir

Please find attached an excellent opportunity to engage in a wonderful holiday activity. It is in the MacKillop Centre on Monday, July 10th with sessions at 11am and 7pm. A Jumping castle will even be on after the morning session !

Live Life To The Fullest In Christ

Paul Arnel

Dates To Remember

Friday, June 30	Walk to School / Healthy Breakfast
	Last Day of Term 2
Monday, July 17	First Day of Term 3

Last Day of Term 2 Friday, June 30. 2:15pm Finish

PRIVACY POLICY

For access please visit our website. www.sjnumurkah.catholic.edu.au.

SCHOOL FEES:

If any family would like to commence having their fees directly debited fortnightly or monthly this can be done at any time!

Next Fortnightly Debits: 30th June & 14th July.

Monthly Debits take place on the 18th of each month up to and including November.

If you have unexpected circumstances for the fortnight or month and need to stop a Direct Debit please note they are processed two days before the due date and so you will need to contact us prior to that to put a stop on them.

If you have any queries or concerns about your payment commitments please do not hesitate to come in and speak to Paul. If anyone is a Health Care Card Holder & they haven't notified us or completed an application for CSEF can they please do so and return asap to the office in order to receive funding. Eligible families can receive \$125 per student towards camps & sports excursions. Forms are available from the office. **PLEASE NOTE LAST CHANCE FOR CSEF APPLICATIONS TO BE IN THE OFFICE BY THE 30TH JUNE 2017** If you are wanting to amend your payment options please do so ASAP.

The Term Planner can be viewed from the school website under news & events \ newsletters.

If you have any queries, please ring Gayle or Tracey at the office on 5862 1804.

Preps

This Term has flown! Our children have worked hard whilst having fun. They have consolidated friendships and now feel very comfortable in their school environment. Well done Preps! We are very proud of you all!

Parent Help

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have been able to help out, particularly in Literacy sessions. We continue requiring your support to ensure our programs run effectively. Before school reading with children has been terrific and again we thank you as we use this time for one to one teaching. It is a vital part of your child's week.

Maths

We have revisited addition and subtraction and used the symbols to create mathematical sentences. We practise our counting beyond 100 daily and look at reading 2, 3 and even 4 digit numbers.



Literacy

We are very pleased with the progress all children have made this term. We encourage children to read and write daily over the holidays to ensure they maintain this development. Also we ask that you regularly visit all the coloured words your child has in their reader cover.



R.E.

We are looking at the different ways we can talk to God. Children are taking turns preparing the prayer mat each morning and bringing things from home that mean something to them. Children have brought pieces of nature, family photos and special toys. Each one has been unique.

Buddies

Preps and Year 6 children finished off our Term with a wonderful shared lunch and disco today. We looked back at the Term and celebrated all the enjoyable moments we experienced.

SeeSaw

Please remember to check your SeeSaw App regularly as we will continue to post information and class news. You should receive a notification and email when something is posted. We use the app to post short notes, updates on class activities, examples of children's work and reminders.

Inquiry

We are finishing our topic "We are carers of this earth and we can make a difference". Our excursion to the Shepparton Museum and the Bangarang Centre was enlightening and we recommend you go and visit both places again with your child as we learnt so much.

Things/Dates to Remember

Sport/Art/Library each **(Sport Uniform) Tuesday**

Music and P.M.P exercises each **(Sport Uniform) Thursday**

Filled water bottles **each day**

Walk to school this Friday, healthy breakfast and early finish.

We look forward to continue to work with you next term to build a happy learning environment. Have a relaxing and safe holiday!

Joanie, Tan and Bern



Juniors

Congratulations on a terrific first semester of living and learning in the Junior Area. It's been great to see the continued progress of our students.

Inquiry

What a wonderful way to finish off our Sustainability Unit with a great excursion to the Kyabram Fauna Park. The children had a lesson on animal life cycles and they also got to pat two different types of lizards. We had time to walk around the park observing all the Australian animals and birds, except for the few who had gone in to hibernation. The children are to be congratulated on their beautiful behaviour and it was a pleasure taking them out for the day. Well Done, Juniors!



Literacy

In the last few weeks we have been exploring the layout of a Narrative. The children have enjoyed writing their own stories and are now in the final stages of publishing and having time to share their stories with others. We certainly have some keen 'Authors' in our Area!!!

Religion

In the unit 'We pray in different ways', the students have had opportunities to explore their relationship with God and examine the nature of prayer and how they can creatively express this relationship. They have experienced some traditional prayers as well as developing their personal form of communication with God.

Mathematics

We have now concluded our unit on Fractions where the children explored halves and quarters, along with some investigation of thirds and eighths. We now finish off our term revising our Place Value.

Walk to School & Healthy Breakfast

Tomorrow we finish our term, the whole school is being encouraged to walk to school and then enjoy a healthy breakfast. There are a number of meeting points so we hope to see you at one and join in on our walk.

We hope you enjoy your break from the school routine, and thank you for your support at home with your children's learning. We encourage you to continue reading with your children and provide opportunities for counting and writing.

Thank you to the wonderful parent helpers in our classrooms throughout this semester. We really appreciated your support to make our literacy block a success!

Sue, Andrea, Jen, Virginia, Celie, Alli, Karlene and Amanda



Middles

Literacy

Students have continued 'Information Reports' in writing where they have had the opportunity to research and write about different topics including an interesting rainforest animal and a country of their choice. In Reading we are continuing with our class reading rotations where students have been expanding vocabulary, researching and navigating using google, practising their fluency and expression while reading, using the dictionary to define words and practising comprehension strategies using a range of texts.

Religion

Our focus for Religious Education in the classroom has been Sacraments of Initiation. We have been using many resources including the Steps of Faith where students are introduced to the idea that when the community of believers celebrate a Sacrament, God is present. This has been fantastic for students to reflect on their own lives, what communities they are a part of and how they celebrate together.

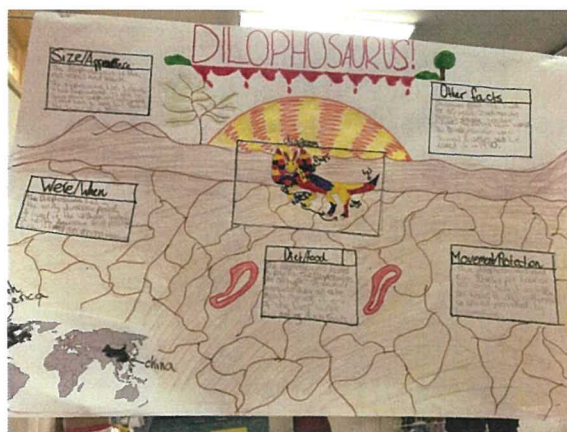
We are excited for all the 15 students who are making their Sacrament of Confirmation in at the end of week 2 in Term 3. It will be a beautiful celebration where Father Michael will remind the children of their faith journey that started with their Baptism, which continues through this Sacrament.

Numeracy

We have been working hard on Measurement and Geometry, which has included Location and Transformation. Students have enjoyed using strategies to identify information on a map, how to use a compass to determine direction and how some shapes are symmetrical and can be transformed to create tessellating patterns. These are also useful tools to have in real life situations like orienteering.

Inquiry

A thoroughly enjoyable Inquiry unit called 'Digging up the Dirt on Dinosaurs' is coming to a close and what an interesting topic it has been this term! All students have been totally engaged and it has been a rich learning experience for the teachers as well! You may have heard your child speaking recently about a project that they have been working hard on at school. This project has been on a designated dinosaur and oral presentations will be taking place this week. Students are being assessed on their body language, clear voice, use of notes, making regular eye contact with their audience and their overall ability to engage and make their presentation interesting and informative. News on our term 3 unit of inquiry will be posted in our next newsletter.



Public Speaking

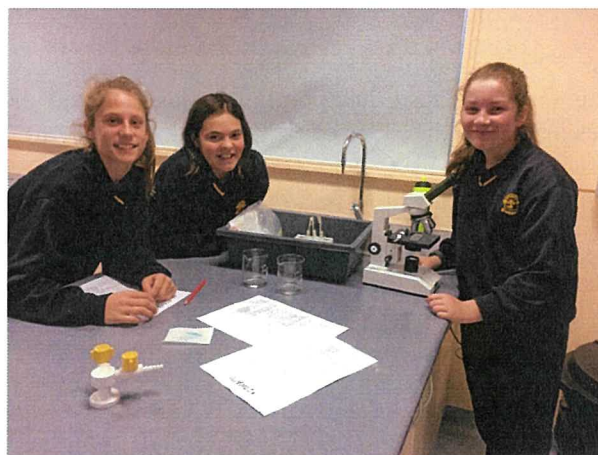
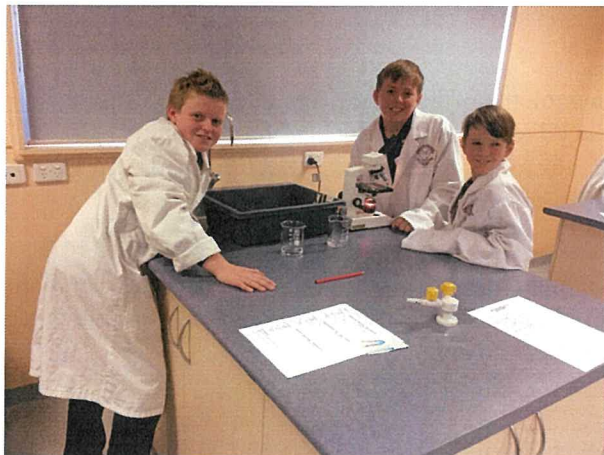
Our students worked hard writing their speeches in preparation for the Lion's Club Public Speaking Competition. This year's topic asks for students to retell a fairytale but change some of the details. All students have had the opportunity to read out their speech in class over the past week. Some students also chose to compete in a more formal setting today and did a wonderful job. We will let you know early next term who is representing our Middles at the Lions Club Public Speaking Competition. We are very proud of all the students who participated.

If you have any queries or questions, feel free to come and see us.
Kim, Trish, Brennan, Kate, Amy and Di.



Seniors

The Senior school has continued to be a busy learning area. It's hard to believe that we are already half way through the year. As Term 2 draws to a close we want to congratulate the Senior School on their excellent sportsmanship during Winter Sports and the positive attitude displayed towards learning. We were also very proud of how well the Year Six students represented themselves and our school during their transition day to St Mary's last week.



Homework: Just a friendly reminder that students are required to submit their homework sheet each Friday morning. It is the responsibility of the student to be organised and consistent with their nightly reading and spelling words. We expect high standards of presentation.

Inquiry: Our Inquiry topic for this term is "Sustainability." Today our topic culminated in an expo. It was great to finally see the end products. The brief was that each pair had to build a house that would achieve 6 'sustainable stars'. Two stars had to be shown in each of three areas (recycling, building materials, energy) and have a keynote explaining each of these choices. It has been wonderful to see great cooperation between the partners.

Lions Club Public Speaking: Tomorrow at 9.30 (30th of June) we have our official public speaking competition. This year's topic is "Imagine You Are An Author". Senior students have been working hard on their speeches with some fantastic results. They have each shared their speech already in front of the Senior School and now some will go on further to present their speech in a formal setting on Friday. We look forward to finding out who will go on to represent our school in the Lions Club event. How will the judges decide !!!



Well done to our students for setting such a high standard in proudly wearing their correct school uniform. Keep up your great efforts!

Looking forward to a busy term 3 of learning,
Ebony, Kelly, Reen, Brooke, Therese, Wendy & Naomi



Sports

REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY

St Joseph's was well represented at the Regional Cross Country held at Winton Motor Raceway, Benalla on Wednesday 21st June with 9 students participating. Tristan Hopkins, Nick Tickell and Rhani Garner represented the school proudly in the 9/10 division, with Tristan finishing 13th, just missing out on qualifying for the State Championships. Nick Hughes and Neive O'Dwyer (11 boys/girls) and Oliver Masters (12/13 boys) did their best and finished mid field against strong competition.

The 12/13 girls event was set to be a good race with Jordan Hopkins having won the zone event held in Shepparton last month and Abby Commadeur finishing just behind her in 2nd place. The girls did not disappoint, finishing 1st and 3rd respectively. Jenna Mason was our 3rd runner in the event and ran a great race to finish 11th. All three girls now progress to the State Cross Country Championships to be held in Bundoora on the 20th July.



Jordan Hopkins, Jenna Mason, Abby Commadeur

Library

There have been some issues with the library computer programme recently. In order to restore information, I would like everyone to return overdue books as soon as possible.

Thanks

Mary





Sen K Gemmah Hibberson

For all her hard work in class, especially in mathematics. Well done!

Ethan Davies

For maintaining an outstanding home diary & for his wonderful attitude.

Sen W Kate Buha

For excellent writing and dedication to her speech.

Ryan Said

For bringing a more positive attitude to school this term.

Sen T Paige Arnold

For being a caring & supportive role model in the yard.

Riley Dobson

For the happy way he greets teachers and students in the morning.

Sen M Hayley Coonan

For working well in Literacy to produce a terrific speech.

Lachie Black

For his enthusiasm towards everything he does.

Mid K Hannah Stedman

For her helpful nature towards her classmates.

Lucas Hendy

For his improved attitude in reading groups.

Mid C Jack Rowlan

For his persistence with completing tasks while his arm is in plaster.

Mia Chisholm

For her great courage in presenting her oral presentation.

Mid M Ben Arho

For your commitment to staying on task and ensuring all work is completed.

Jarred Bethell

For showing confidence and contributing more often during class discussions!

Mid J Tom Masters

For his positive attitude and enthusiasm towards his learning. Awesome effort!.

Ella Pelchen

For working so hard on your reading and expression.

Jun S Jess Laidlaw

For being an excellent listener and following instructions well. You are a fantastic leader in our class.

Audrey Lukies

For being a terrific leader in our class and at the Fauna Park. Well Done!

Jun K Mathilda Trimble

For her confident presentation of her animal report. Well Done!

Claire Bergamin

For her fantastic smile and the co-operative and friendly way in which she works with others in our classroom.

Jun PG Zac Gawne

For your positive attitude and always trying your best, especially in writing.

Lilly Camm

For making great connections in your writing. Well done Lily!

Jun H Heidi Moon

For your amazing efforts in writing. Your writing is always interesting and descriptive..



PREP N Tilly Schreenan

For being an enthusiastic learner and giving everything a go.

Dakota Schulz

For working hard on her reading at home and school.

PREP A Pippa Routley

For working hard to learn her coloured words.

Kate Dyson

For working hard to improve her reading skills.

CANTEEN

JULY

17th Natasha Stell, Tracy Lomax

18th Cheryl Beatson, Dianne Scanlan

19th Julie Buha, Jacinta Simpson

20th Jodie Carkeek, Mel O'Dwyer

21st Brooke Myers, Jane Borg

24th Tania Altoft

25th, Kimberley Chisolm, **Volunteer**

26th Karyn Oswald

27th Rachel Robertson, Rachelle Moon

28th Jemma Hansen, **Volunteer**

31st Emily Cason

If you are unable to do your turn, please arrange a swap with someone else on the list otherwise contact the Canteen Manager Karen McIntyre.

Can we please have any canteen surveys returned by the end of the first week.

Winter Menu will still operate for Term 3.

NOTICES

LOST PROPERTY

There are lots of containers & drink bottles in the lost property box in the Sick Bay room. We also have lots of unnamed jumpers, watches & glasses if you have lost any of these items please come & check lost property.

LUNCHBOX SNACK SUGGESTION:

Quick, Easy, Low cost, NO added sugar, Healthy & Delicious

APRICOT BITES:

(This has been tweaked by Leah from a recipe found on Wholefood Simply)

280g of dried Apricots

150g of Desiccated Coconut



Yup...that's it! Just throw this in the food processor/thermie/ninja or any food wizzer you have...keep processing for a while until it all comes together...this can take a few minutes of wizzing...

We then simply press it into a cake tin and refrigerate for a few hours - then cut it into little squares. You could roll these into balls too.



We keep ours in the fridge and pop them into lunch boxes and snack boxes for the car.

ENJOY!

Check out this **YOU TUBE CLIP** of Ashlee & Kate making them:
<https://youtu.be/E7UObR1bKGY>

DO YOU HAVE A QUICK, EASY & HEALTHY LUNCH BOX IDEA you would like to share with your school or group? - we would love to hear from you...

simply email adele@amdtrainingolutions.com.au or leah@lifespantry.com.au

PARISH NOTICES

Rosters for Masses at St John's Church Numurkah

- Can you help as a Minister to take the Eucharist to parishioners who are sick and/or a Minister of the Eucharist on Sunday morning or Saturday evening?
- Can you volunteer for Altar Preparation, Vacuuming or Counting?
- Could you be a Welcomer, Lector or Commensator?
- Are you currently on the roster list but no longer available to assist:
- Will you be away for an extended period and like the roster to reflect this?
- Have your contact details changed?

This is an ideal time for extra parishioners to add their names to the rosters and assist with our parish liturgy because new rosters are being prepared! New Ministers will be trained for their role. If you can help or want to make changes please add your name to the list at the back of the Church or contact Angela Deppeler on 0418 605 071 or email deppelerangela@gmail.com



PARISH NOTICES

BUS TRAVELLERS

Numurkah Secondary College is the co-ordinating school for the School Bus service. In the past, in emergency situations, the only contact for the school between Parents and us, is via the telephone (assuming we have current phone numbers for parents). 'Team App' will be used starting term 3, to make notifications to parents regarding buses. If you are not already familiar with the App, it is free to use and download. The brochure below explains how to access the App.

It has been set up in bus runs, so that if a particular run is affected then only those parents will receive notification. It also has a document section which has a bus route map (including all the runs), a bus application form, and departmental policy for School bus travel. The 'Events' section will contain student free days etc. If you have any further queries please contact Helen Barker on 58621088 Or at barker.helen.e@edumail.vic.gov.au

SCHOOL BUS CO-ORDINATION

NOW HAS ITS OWN APP



Download our awesome new app now and stay up to date with all the latest information!

Install the School Bus Co-Ordination App on your smartphone or tablet now!

Follow these steps:

1. Download Team App from the Apple or Google Play app store.

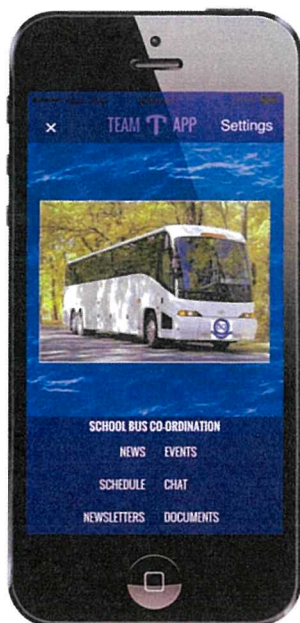


2. Sign up to Team App. You will be sent an email to confirm your registration.

3. Log into the App and search for "School Bus Co-Ordination".

4. Choose your applicable access group(s).

5. If you don't have a smartphone go to schoolbuscoordination.teamapp.com to sign up and view this App online.



Need help?

Contact: Helen Barker
Email: barker.helen.e@edumail.vic.gov.au
Phone: 03 58621088

teamapp.com

School Holiday **littlebags of magic**
Sessions at **numurkah store - 66 melville st**

KIDS FUN FITNESS

Monday 3rd & 10th of July at 11am
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL \$10.00 includes water & fruit



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Kids Mindful Moments

Thursday 6th & 13th of July at 10am
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL \$10.00 includes fruit & water



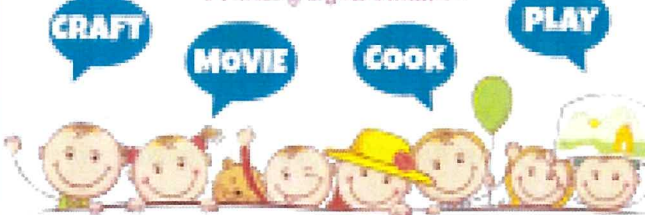
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TWO DAY PROGRAM

Mon 3rd & Tues 4th of July 9am - 4pm
Mon 10th & Tues 11th of July 9am - 4pm

\$25.00 per day, includes activities | fruit & water supplied
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL - LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE

Primary aged children





SCHOOL HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

TRADITIONAL
AND
CONTEMPORARY
ACAPPELLA
SINGING

DANCING AND
AFRICAN RHYTHM
DRUMMING

HEAD SPINNING
BREAK-DANCING

TWO NUMURKAH
PERFORMANCES
ONLY

MARY MACKILLOP
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11am & 7pm

100% HOPE CHILDREN'S CHOIR MONDAY JULY 10TH

Numurkah and District residents will experience the energy and joy of African culture, as well as an insight into their hardships, when the 100% HOPE Choir and dance troupe visits from Uganda.



Some Seniors with their Sustainability projects



MEDIA RELEASE 22 June 2017

UGANDAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR SET TO WOW NUMURKAH

Numurkah and District residents will experience the energy and joy of African culture, as well as an insight into their hardships, when the 100% HOPE Choir and dance troupe visits from Uganda on July 10th.

The choir from the 100% HOPE school in Uganda will be accompanied by their 'mum', Aussie school teacher and former world championship dragon boat racer Trishelle Sayuuni (nee Grady). She founded the charity which is working to give over 115 orphaned and vulnerable Ugandan children a home, school and vocational education. Trishelle's story was recently the subject of the Channel 9

documentary *Aussie Mum, African Heart*, see it at www.facebook.com/100HOPE/

Trishelle was taken hostage on her first day in Uganda in 2009, but returned several times and eventually moved there after establishing the charity 100% HOPE. In her first week of operation in 2012, Trishelle had over 60 orphaned and vulnerable children on her doorstep needing urgent help. By 2013, despite no paid staff outside Uganda, 100% HOPE had purchased 5 acres of land. By 2016, the new school started, a new piggery was thriving, the boys home and playgroup were completed and the local teachers at the school were trained to Australian standards. Local fee-paying students were also welcomed into the school and are helping to ensure its sustainability. Now over 170 children have been housed and educated by the charity.

Trishelle is also travelling with her husband Fred, 3 month old twins Liberty and Justice, toddler Destiny, and her adopted daughter Hope. Hope was rescued as a baby from becoming a victim of child sacrifice in Uganda, a country which is still recovering from a tragic past, but has great potential. Many of the children Trishelle and her team of local volunteers care for are orphans due to HIV/AIDS. About 7 per cent of Uganda's population, about 1.4 million people, are living with HIV including 190,000 children.

The 100% HOPE Children's Choir performances range from traditional African music and acapella singing to head spinning break-dancing.

"There's so much joy in Uganda, even amongst the poverty, and we want to share that and inspire Australians," Trishelle said. "This is an incredible adventure for the choir, but they're working so hard, because they know this is their chance to use their talents to help their 100% HOPE brothers and sisters, now and into the future."

The choir and Trishelle's young family will be an inspiration for Aussies as they enjoy the vibrant performance, but also learn about how an Aussie mum is turning the lives of chronically poor kids from despair and tragedy into hope and a bright future with the help of her Aussie supporters.

The public are invited to come and see the Choir perform at The Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 Tocumwal Road Numurkah Victoria 3636

(concert is free with an opportunity for people to make a donation during the night).

The Choir's first tour to Australia last year raised funds for five additional classrooms. This year they are aiming to raise enough for four fully-equipped girls' homes, starting with homes for the 42 girls currently living in their classrooms.

"Many of our girls would have been child brides and already have babies by now if we had not rescued them," Trishelle said. "The need is overwhelming and it can become quite disheartening at times, but I try to focus on just helping one child at a time." Each \$50,000 raised will provide a home for 16 girls and 2 house mothers.

To arrange photo opportunities, interviews or for more details: Numurkah tour manager, Angela Deppeler M: 0418605071

For a phone interview: contact Trishelle Sayuuni directly at E: trishelle@100-hope.org M: 0481 988 801.



