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Newsletter—Week 3 of Term 3, August 3 2017

Our 15 students received their First Communion and were Confirmed at Saturday Evening's Mass.



Fr Michael's Golden Jubilee

This year, Fr Michael celebrates 50 years in the priesthood. Yesterday, our Senior Students joined Parishioners and Guests, Bishop Tomlinson and twenty other Priests for a Mass to honour this achievement.

Pupil Free Day

There will be no school for our children next Wednesday, August 9. All staff will be doing Level 2 First Aid.

Live Life To The Fullest In Christ

Paul Arnel

Dates To Remember

Friday, August 4 Seniors Lightning Premiership
Next Week BOOK WEEK
Wednesday, Aug 9 Pupil free Day
Friday, Aug 11 Book week Parade of Characters

Afternoon Assembly : Monday at 2:45

Yr 6 Leaders & Class Prayer

August 7 : Kynan, MacKenzie, Nathan & Pat - MID K&M

August 14 : Hayley, Ellah, Grace & Jordan - SEN N&W

ALL WELCOME !

Next Wednesday, August 9 Pupil Free Day

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: 11th & 25th August .

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.

EFTPOS and **CENTREPAY** are now a payment option. Please enquire at the office.

If you have any queries or concerns about your payment commitments please do not hesitate to come in and speak to Paul. 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

Children have returned after the holidays refreshed and enthusiastic to begin a new term. Congratulations on the work you did with your child over the break, particularly reading, as this ensured your child did not slip back, but rather consolidate what they know.

Parent Help

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have been able to help out, particularly in Literacy sessions. Feel free to pop in any time of the day.



Dress Up Days

We are all very excited about dressing up for “Book Week” on Friday 11th August.

We have talked about book characters and if you would like assistance please come and see us as we have costumes that we can share. Children can stay in their costume all day as long as it is “school friendly” and warm. As an added bonus Preps are invited to “The Numurkah Community Day” where will walk down the main street in costumes and listen to stories read by our local businesses. This occurs Wednesday August 23rd but we will send home more information closer to the event.

Catch-ups

It was wonderful sharing your child’s achievements during our interviews last week.

Maths

We continue counting every day and we ask that you help your child by counting objects at home. We are starting at different numbers as this helps with “counting on”. We have spent the last two weeks revising addition and subtraction. This week we are looking at sharing collections evenly.



Buddies

We met together and shared our holiday experiences over lunch. We enjoyed working on the assembly as the topic was made for us -“Friendship”. It showed the beautiful bond the Preps and Year 6’s share.

Literacy

We are working on the skills of “reading on” and asking “Does it make sense”? We read texts several times as we are helping children gain fluency and expression. Also, before reading a book we always look through it to build on children’s vocabulary. These are some tips you can try at home.



Inquiry Topic

Our topic this term is “What’s Up?” We are looking at our day and night skies and the changes that occur. We will look at weather and the effect it has on us.

R.E.

We are looking at “Belonging”. Children have shared the different groups they belong to, the first being family. We are linking this to our Church.



This will be a great Term full of learning and growth! We continue to work together with you to make school a happy and enjoyable place to be.

Joanie, Tan and Bern



Juniors

Juniors have enjoyed a very busy start to the term. We have settled into our class routines and continue to work hard in all areas. We thank parents and carers for your continued support and it was wonderful to catch up with most families at our Parent, Student, Teacher Conferences. This gave us the opportunity to share your child's progress and achievements so far and enable us to learn more about your child.

Inquiry

The students are very enthusiastic beginning their new topic 'Our Universe – What's Up?' They have many 'wonderings' and are enjoying investigating and discovering lots of new information about the Solar System and beyond.

Literacy

What a surprising turn of events last week to hear of an alien landing on our school oval! The children were inspired to develop interesting questions in the hope they would get to interview the alien. As luck would have it the alien appeared on Friday in our classrooms, giving students the opportunity to source many answers to their questions!



We continue to enjoy our Literacy sessions. The children are especially enthusiastic about our Wednesday Open Book responses. Open Book response is a wonderful opportunity for children to reflect and show their learning through hands on creative activities. We have continued with our Recount Writing and are now exploring postcards and letter writing.

Religion

Our first unit this term is the Sacraments. Children have been given opportunities to explore the elements of the Sacrament of Eucharist and making connections to the way we enjoy and experience celebrations in our lives, such as birthdays, weddings etc. The children enjoyed making and giving cards to the students in our school making their Confirmation and Eucharist.

Mathematics

We have now concluded our unit on Money where children have named and ordered coins according to their 'value.' Students participated in many fun hands on 'shopping' activities adding small collections of coins. Some students also investigated the concept of determining change. This has supported further development of our addition and subtraction skills, which brings us to our next topic of Addition and Subtraction.

Thank you to our wonderful parent helpers who continue to support and make our literacy block a success!

Sue, Andrea, Jen, Virginia, Celie, Ali, Karlene and Amanda.



Middles

Term 3 is off to a blistering start in the Middles cohort of the school. Our students have come back for the term in a determined mood and are working as hard as ever. Here is a quick snapshot of what has been going on in our classes this past fortnight:

LITERACY: We have begun studying the structure of *explanation texts* and have just recently started having a go at writing our own. An explanation text is similar to both an information report and procedural writing. The purpose is to provide information on 'something' that happens and explain the process of the occurrence. We have been able to relate our topics to our new Inquiry (information relating to this below) by writing about the water cycle and how it works, and how rainbows are formed. Our differentiated reading group program has started positively and continues to be beneficial for all participants. Opportunities to read independently are provided in the morning after our fitness sessions that we've been using to promote health and exercise and to energise our students on these cold mornings.

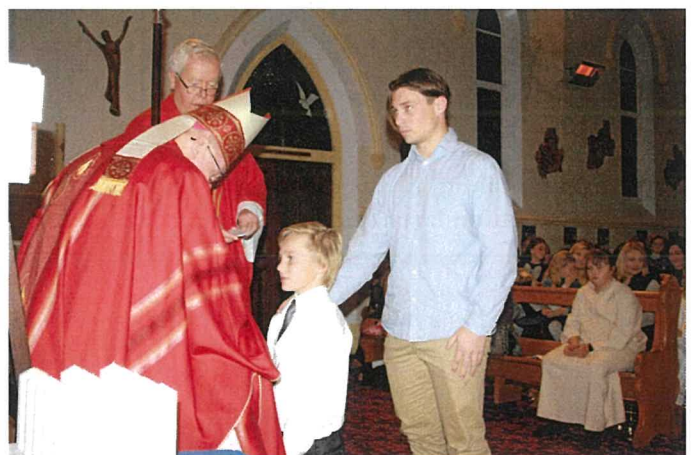
MATHS: The Numeracy focus has centred around multiplication and division in the first two and a bit weeks of the term. We will be focusing on the relationship between these inverse operations, factors, prime numbers, division with remainders, worded problems involving multiplication and division and long multiplication and long division. We've had a significant focus on learning the times tables and the importance of instant recall in 2017. Every single one of our students has improved drastically since February in recalling their times tables due to the weekly focus that has occurred.

INQUIRY: Our Inquiry topic, 'What a Wonderful World', has started brilliantly. We'll be studying the world in general, but more specifically the 7 natural wonders of the world, the continents, natural phenomenon and man-made impacts on the environment etc. in what will be a fairly intensive and broad program. Our topic last term revolving around dinosaurs was extremely well received and popular and so far this topic has brought about probing questions and keen interest from our students. Stay tuned for more to come in our next uniform entry.

SACRAMENTS: Fourteen Middle School students completed their Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist on Saturday night with family, friends and staff in attendance. A beautiful ceremony took place with many proud family members watching on. Please see attached photos of our representatives participating in this significant event.

PUBLIC SPEAKING: Congratulations to Scarlett Eddy, Luke Buha, Darcy Edis and Georgia Henderson for being selected to represent at school level in the recent public speaking competition. Scarlett Eddy was the winner and will go to the next level – a regional event – which will take place on Sunday, August 13th. Well done and good luck in the next round, Scarlett!

Kim, Brennan, Trish, Kate, Amy and Di



Jimmy Holding with his Sponsor, Tyler Larkin being confirmed.





Seniors

Life continues at a fast pace in our Senior School. Our Seniors continue to be great leaders, setting an example for all. We are so proud of the way they present themselves so beautifully in their Full Winter Uniform.

Numeracy: In Numeracy our big focus has been on money. We have been working out change, finding the percentage of an amount and how this looks as a discount and sale price.

Literacy: In our Literacy Groups the children continue to work with all Senior School Teachers. This has been a positive experience for all. The students are interacting with other students from each class as well as having different teachers input. At the moment our main focus in literacy is 'Writing Explanations'.

Winter Sports : Last week we went to Nathalia for our last Inter-school Sports. It was a great afternoon of friendly competition. Tomorrow we have our much anticipated 'Lightning Premiership'. Most of our students are involved in netball, football or softball. We have only one softball team so priority went to our Year Sixes. The children who will not be participating in the Lightning Premiership will be well catered for back at school.

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 a high standard of presentation just as we do with work completed at school. It is also an expectation that Senior School students have their diary signed each night. We view the diaries as an important tool of communication and nightly reading as a positive habit to help prepare the students for secondary school.

Inquiry: Our Inquiry topic for this term is "Our Changing Earth." The children have looked at natural disasters as well as answering questions about what they know about Space and research into what they don't quite understand fully. Examples of this include how the Earth's rotation and axis causes seasons.

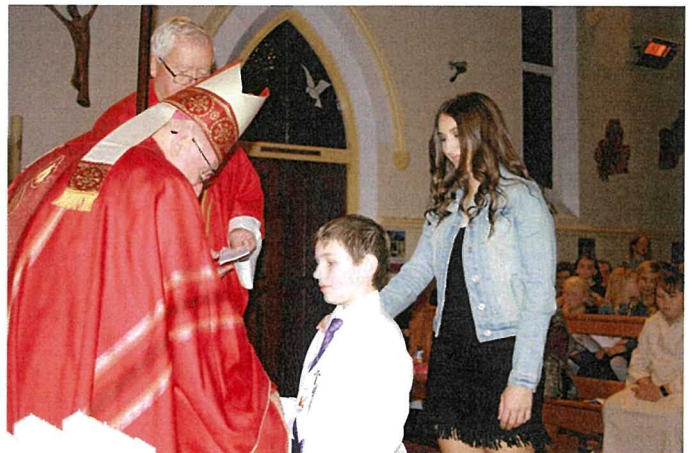
Production News

The students have been learning lines and auditioning for a role in the forthcoming show of "A Kid Summer's Night Dream". This week we have announced who the roles went to. It was great to see so many children keen to be part of the show (50+). All going well we will be able to share the children's hard work in the last week of the school term.

Congratulations to Max Walter and Jordan Hopkins on making their Sacrament of Eucharist and Confirmation last Saturday Night.

Looking forward to a busy term 3 of learning,

**Ebony, Kelly, Brooke, Therese, Rachael,
Loreena, Wendy and Naomi**



Sports

This Friday 4th August sees our Grade 5 & 6 doing battle against schools from the local area in Football, Netball and Softball competitions.

We have entered a Football and Softball team that will be competing at the Numurkah Showgrounds Football oval.

Our Netball girls (Grade 6 div 1 & 2) and Grade 5 (div 1) will be playing at the town courts.

Any family or friends that are able to come to support would be appreciated.

All participating students have been given a fixture for their games.



Library

Term 3 is Book Week term at school. This year our theme is **Escape to Everywhere**. In art and library we will be completing activities based on some of the best children's books published by Australian authors in 2016. Throughout the term we also have various other activities organized to help celebrate our love for children's books.

We begin our Book Week celebrations **next week** (Mon 7th-Fri 11th August) with our very successful Book Fair which will be held in the MacKillop Centre. Our Book Fair is supplied by Scholastic. Parents, grandparents, guardians and children will be able to purchase books from 8.30a.m – 9a.m and 3.15p.m – 3.45p.m each day.

I encourage everyone to come along and support our Book Fair. Your children benefit through what they purchase and the school library receives a commission on books sold during this week. This allows me to purchase more of your child's wished for titles for the library.

Friday of next week (August 11th) is the date for our much loved **BOOK CHARACTER DRESS- UP DAY**. On this day children (& staff!) can come to school dressed up as any book character. The children will parade their costumes in the MacKillop Centre at 9.15a.m on this day. All family members/guardians are welcome to attend the parade. The Book Fair will be open all day Friday so this will be a great opportunity to purchase books.

Coming up in September - Our School Performance titled G'Day Asia is on Wednesday, September 6th. More details about this performance will be included in a future newsletter.

Mary





Sen K Eamon Storer

For consistently working at a high standard, accepting challenges willingly.

Kiara White

For working hard in all areas to improve her skills.

Sen W Lily Weibgen

For impressive work in reading & writing

Charlee Dailey

For an impressive alter service on Saturday night.

Sen T Keiyana Eagleton

For her beautiful manners-and great art work.

Sam Ruscoe

For his happy positive start to Term 3

Sen M Emily Phillips

For being very enthusiastic during production rehearsals.

Will Simpson

For for always trying his best during numeracy sessions.

Mid K Kiarna Arnold

For her positive attitude towards her work. Well done!.

Rocco Johns

For his improved attitude towards his learning.

Mid C Will Deppeler

For taking a more active role in his learning. Well done!

Alex Hangan

For writing great lists in literacy time.

Mid M Bindi Stuart

For your fabulous commitment to your tasks and determination to do your best.

Addison Oswald

For your commitment to our independent silent sustained reading sessions.

Mid J Ashlee Dyson

For always trying your very best in all of your school work. Well done!

Rahni Garner

For her fantastic commitment to all her work tasks and determination to always do her best.

Jun S Samuel Brown

For always giving his best efforts and challenging himself with harder spelling words. Well done!

Preston Power

For his kind nature and always giving his best efforts.

Jun H William Beatson

For your enthusiastic approach to our new Inquiry topic. Keep enjoying your learning Will!

Bailey Mangles

For putting more effort into your classroom learning and doint it with a smile.

Jun PG Tommy Henderson

For always giving his best and having a happy and positive attitude.



Jun PG Molly O'Callaghan

For your beautiful participation in our assembly last week.

Jun K Bella Mulcahy

For the great effort she has been making with her reading and writing.

Penny Alston

For working hard on her reading group with Sue.

PREP N Bella Razga

For being a happy and welcoming class member.

Logan Jasper

For beginning to take risks and have a go at different tasks.

PREP A Phoebe Miller

For coming back from her trip away with confidence and being a friendly class mate.

Jaiden McKellar

For working hard to improve her reading skills.

Principal's Award

Week 3: Charlotte Letcher

Living out the values of

Saint Mary MacKillop

through what they say and what they do.

PARISH NOTICES

The Parish Sub-division is progressing on schedule. The blocks on the vacant land to the north of the school have been pegged out.

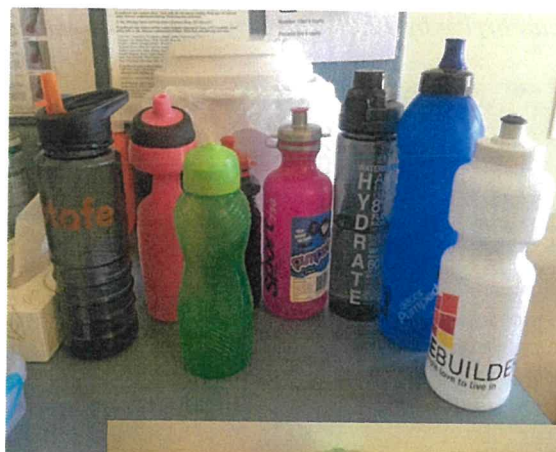
Gagliardi-Scott is the successful agent.

Parishioners will be given first option on their purchase.

Stay tuned for further news.

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.



CANTEEN

AUGUST

3rd Jo Newham, Emma Gundrill

4th Kate Bell, Jen Bosse

7th Kate McGregor

8th Emilia Morris, Carolyn Hooker

9th Temara Smith, Leah Laidlaw

10th **Volunteers**

11th Jacquie Hughes, Volunteer

14th Tania Altoft, Maria Simpson

15th Cheryl Beatson, Carol Baldi

16th Julie Buha, Jacinta Simpson

17th Jodie Carkeek, Mel, O'Dwyer

18th Brooke Myers, Jane Borg

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.

If helpers can arrive by 12.00 and stay til approx 2.15

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 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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

SCHOOL BUS CO-ORDINATION

NOW HAS ITS OWN APP

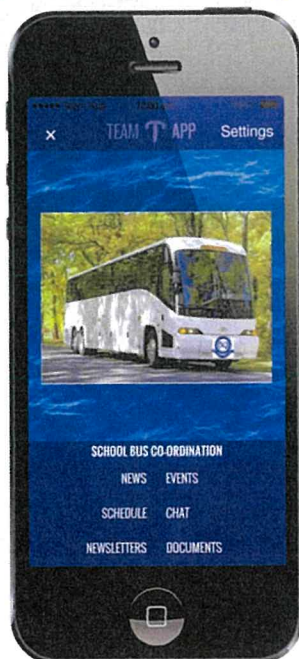


Download our awesome new app now and stay up to date with all the latest information!

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?


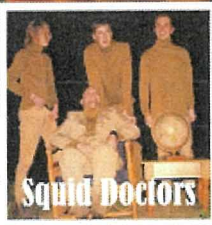
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teamapp.com

FREEZAPUSHSTARTBANDCOMP

FUNDED THROUGH THE FREEZA PROGRAM, A VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE

Local Bands **BATTLE** it out for a spot in the Push Start Band Camp Regional Final! Winner takes home \$500 in prizes!


Featuring last year's heat winner **Squid Doctors** & with 2 EP's already, the blues/rock four-piece from NSW...

The Vanns!

Contact the youth team on 58719222 for bus bookings & further information.

Cobram Civic Centre
Saturday 12 August
6pm - 10pm
\$5 Entry

Drug, Smoke & Alcohol-free Event. NO Pass Outs!
12yrs & under to be accompanied by an adult







2017 Gators Tryouts 12 & Under Boys & Girls

All players interested in playing in the 2017-2018

Shepparton Basketball Junior Representative Squad (Junior Gators)

U12 Squad are invited to trial. These trials are for players born in 2007 and 2008.

U12 Girls trials will be held 4.30-6pm Mercy Stadium on Friday August 4th and Friday August 11th.

U12 Boys trials will be held at Shepparton Stadium 6.30-8pm on Thursday August 10th and Thursday August 17th.

For more information please see the GSBA website or follow the link:

http://websites.sportstg.com/assoc_page.cgi?client=1-13-0-0-0&ID=956&&news_task=DETAIL&articleID=57280219



**SHEPPARTON
RUNNING
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**SUNDAY 27TH AUGUST AT
VICTORIA PARK LAKE, SHEPPARTON**

MARATHON, HALF MARATHON, 10KM, 5KM & 2KM KIDS DASH

Enter online at sheppartonrunningfestival.com.au
or at public registrations
Visit sheppartonrunnersclub.com.au for event details

- Great prizes to be won
- Medals for all finishers
- Post event refreshments
- Fast, flat, accurate courses: 10K/5K/2K Marathon, Half Marathon & 20km
- Timing for Marathon, Half Marathon, 10km & 5km (2km kids dash not timed)
- Free entertainment
- Exceptional entry fees (see website for details)

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FILM SOCIETY

**Saturday
19th August**
Doors open at
7pm for a
7.30pm start

PLEASE
BYO DRINKS
AND BRING A
PLATE OF
SNACKS TO
SHARE FOR
AFTER THE
SHOW!



Come along to the Town Hall and sign up to be a new member for the Movies at Numurkah Film Society!

Enquiries to Movies@NumurkahFilmSociety.com.au

Find us on 



Basketball Club Inc

Interested in playing Basketball? Do you live in the Numurkah/Nathalia/Cobram area? NBJ will be entering teams in the Shepparton Basketball Association competition

**Numurkah / Nathalia Blue Jazz invite you to join us for the
Competition starting 4.9.17.**

Games are played Mon – Fri and teams train in Nathalia and Numurkah.

To register:

<https://membershipsportstg.com/regoform.cgi?alD=5707&pKey=33f1a3264a6c3541438b3fc84292df74&formID=54301>

If the link does not work please search:

Shepparton Basketball Association: The 2017 junior registration toggle is located on the right hand side towards the bottom of the home page.

2017 Junior Registration

[Register Now!](#)

2017 GSBA Jun Registration - Domestic

**** Click Register Now!**

If you have any queries please feel free to contact the Secretary nbj@gsba.com.au

AGE GROUP GUIDE

Under 10	2009	2010
Under 12	2007	2008
Under 14	2005	2006
Under 16	2003	2004
Under 18	2001	2002
Under 20-21	1999	2000

Fees

Every effort has been made to keep these fees as low as possible NBJ is a not for profit club and we are aiming to provide good quality coaching and support for our players.

Registration is required by 14th August



Please find the latest lunchbox recipe idea *Brought to you by More 4 Moira – Community approach to healthy children*

Feel free to give us any feedback about the recipes we share with you – Did you try it? Was it easy? tasty??
jenny.burrows@ndhs.org.au

Pumpkin, Leek and Feta Mini Frittatas

Prep: 20 mins

Cook: 40 mins

Serves: 6

Ingredients

- olive or canola oil spray
- 1 leek (white part only), cut lengthways and finely sliced
- 600 g pumpkin, peeled and cut into 1cm cubes
- 6 eggs, lightly beaten
- 3/4 cup low-fat milk
- 85 g reduced-fat feta cheese
- 1/3 cup basil leaves, chopped
- small green salad, to serve



Method

1. Preheat oven to 200°C (180°C fan forced).
2. Spray a 12-hole, 1/2-cup capacity muffin pan with oil. Spray a non-stick frying pan with oil and place on medium heat.
3. Add leek to frying pan and cook for 3 minutes, stirring occasionally, until softened.
4. Add pumpkin, spray with oil and stir to coat vegetables. Add 1/2 cup water, cover pan and steam for 10 minutes until just tender.
5. In a medium sized jug, whisk together eggs and milk; season with black pepper.
6. Remove pumpkin mixture from heat and stir through feta and basil.
7. Place muffin pan on a flat baking tray then spoon pumpkin mixture evenly into 12 holes. Carefully pour over egg mixture to almost fill muffin holes. Bake for 25 minutes, or until firm and golden.
8. Cool in the pan for 5 minutes before turning on a wire rack.
9. Serve warm or cold with a green salad.

Hint

Frittatas make a nutritious finger food for toddlers and are perfect packed in your child's lunchbox.

Variation: Vary vegetables to include any combination of diced sweet potato, peas, corn kernels, chopped mushrooms, spinach, asparagus, cherry tomatoes or semi-dried tomatoes, or even leftover roast vegies.

Recipe taken from the Live Lighter website- <https://ivelighter.com.au/Recipe/371/pumpkin-leek-and-feta-mini-frittata>

