

# St Joseph's School

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## Newsletter—Week 7 of Term 3, August 31 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**.

Our next fortnight's Triple A Social Skill is **Fairness**

Our focus within the three areas are as follows

**Attitude** : Being A Team Player

**Awareness** : Of What's Right / Rules

**Action** : Following the Rules

### Fathers and Grandfathers Day Breaky

Each of our families is different - some have Dads at home, some have Dads living away while some of our Dads have passed on but we are who we are because of our Dads, so that's what we celebrate.

So from 8:15am tomorrow, we serve up bacon and eggs to all our Dads and Grandpas in the MacKillop Centre. Our Seniors will present a tribute prayer at 9am.



### Dates To Remember

Friday, Sept 1	Fathers Day Breaky & Stall
Thurs/Fri, Sept 7&8	Middle School Camp
Wednesday, Sept 13	Junior School Aths
Friday, Sept 15	School Aths Carnival

The Juniors Crash Mrs Chalker's Office for a "Spaced Out" Party !

Live Life To The Fullest In Christ

Paul Arnel

### Afternoon Assembly : Monday at 2:45

Yr 6 Leaders & Class Prayer

Sept 4 : Abby, Paige, Taigh, Molly & Lachie Seniors C&M

Sept 11 : Kobie, Charlotte, Eamon & Sophie Preps

ALL WELCOME !

## Tomorrow—Fathers/Grandfathers Breakfast 8:15am



## PRIVACY POLICY

For access please visit our website. [www.sjnumurkah.catholic.edu.au](http://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:** 8th & 22nd August .

**Monthly Debits** take place on the **18<sup>th</sup> 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

### Prep Term 3 Week 7 Newsletter

What a busy time of year it has been. We are looking forward to the warmer weather quickly approaching.

### Community Reading Day

The children participated in the community reading day by dressing as their favourite characters and walking down the street. We enjoyed listening to stories told by community members. We were very proud of the children and had many positive comments made.





Thank you to all the parents and carers who have been able to help out, particularly in Literacy sessions and also helping on our recent walk down the street. Feel free to pop in any time of the day.

## Maths

We continue counting every day and we ask that you help your child by counting objects at home. We have been doing lots of place value and making bundles of 10 using icy-pole sticks and unifix blocks. This week we are looking at location and following directions.

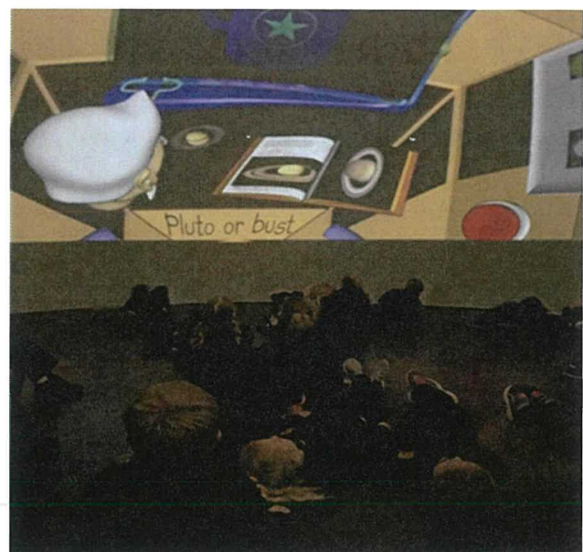


## Literacy

In Literacy we have been focusing on Spelling. In Prep, handwriting and spelling are very closely linked. We are encouraging the children to write their high frequency words at home and we ask that you monitor and correct their letter formation when needed. Many children are now ready for lined paper and placement of letters is an important part of this.

## Inquiry Topic

We are enjoying our topic 'What's Up.' Children are discovering new things about the sky and what is beyond the clouds. At the Star Lab we learnt about the importance of the sun, we looked at the other planets and the stars in the night sky. On weekends we encourage you to look up at the night sky, search for the moon and constellations in the sky.







## Juniors

We are well into Term 3 and we are very proud of the continued efforts the students have been making in all areas of the curriculum. The children are particularly enjoying our inquiry unit about space!

### Daily Routines

#### **Uniform:**

We encourage all children to wear their complete uniform to school, ensuring all clothing is **clearly** labelled (especially jumpers).

#### **Specialist Subjects:**

Please note we have changed Specialist Subjects, as follows:

**Junior East** are now having Art and Library.

**Junior West** are now having LOTE and PE

**We still ask that all the children wear their sports uniform on both Wednesday and Friday.**

#### **Homework:**

Well done to those students who continue to read nightly and have their yellow Log Books filled in. Your child's teacher will check reading logs on a regular basis.

Please continue to work on your children's number pattern counting and number facts. Some students have also taken home Literacy activities. Helping your child with these activities goes a long way in supporting the ongoing learning your child is involved in at school. Also, if your child is still working their way through the M100W words, please support them by regularly revising these words.

### In and Around Our Classroom

#### Numeracy

In Maths we have revisited Addition and Subtraction as well as working in the area of Measurement. Students estimated, measured and recorded data within many hands on activities. The children particularly enjoyed our 'Jumping a Creek' activity focusing on Length. The students also focused on choosing appropriate units of measurement to find the perimeter of a variety of objects. We are now revisiting Time, including both analogue and digital. The students will be telling times that look at half past, quarter to and past and some students will be telling the time working in five minute intervals and being exposed to time 'durations.' Discussing the times your child carries out activities around the home is a great way to support your child's learning at home.

#### Religion

In Religion we are learning more about the Life of Jesus through bible stories. Students are developing an understanding of how these stories can be lessons for us to learn from and live by in our own lives. We are busy representing the extraordinary life of Jesus in a fabulous display in our classrooms.

#### Literacy

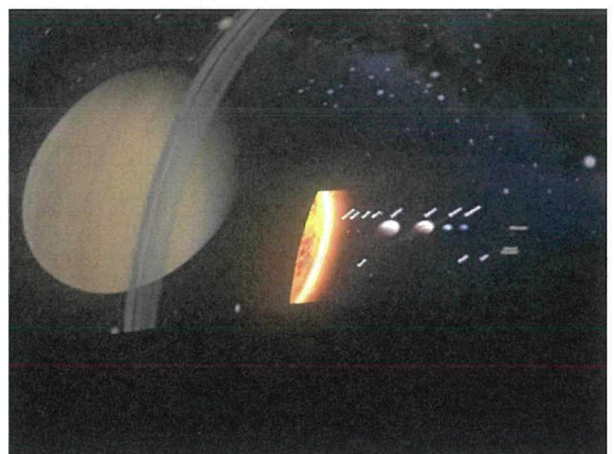
We continue to enjoy Recount Writing each week and have continued to focus on rich and descriptive examples. We are also working on our sentence structure, punctuation and grammar. We will be using our descriptive writing as we now move on to writing Mini Reports. The students have linked this genre of writing to our Inquiry Topic by choosing a planet to write a mini report about.



Wednesday's Open Book Responses continue to be a weekly highlight and provide ongoing opportunity for the children to develop their 'book language' and oral language skills.

### Inquiry

Wow, our Star Lab Incursion was 'out of this world!' We were very proud of the students as they showcased their knowledge, providing information and answering many questions during our Planetarium experience on Friday.



We continue our topic of 'Our Universe: What's UP?' The children have had opportunities to work individually, in partners or in small groups. They have been busy researching and gathering facts on their chosen area of interest. Students are now beginning to present their learning in the form of a variety of projects, which they will bring home and share with you at the end of the term.

Thank you for your fabulous ongoing support as we move forward together as a team. We appreciate the work you do with your child at home, which continues to support the work your child does at school. Feel free to contact us at anytime.

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





## Middles

As we head into the final weeks of our busy term, we ask that students continue to read at home out aloud and have their diaries signed by an adult. This is setting them up to be capable and literate students who take responsibility for their home learning, a skill required for senior years. Reading out aloud ensures we can correct any errors and encourage good fluency, pace, volume, expression, self-correcting and sounding out strategies. This is also beneficial for any public speaking or oral presentations they will face. Keep up the good work Middles!

### IN AND AROUND OUR CLASSROOMS

#### **Literacy**

In writing we have been looking at the layout and language conventions that are used in scripts. Students have looked at fairy tales and changed elements of the story to create a new plot and written this in a script format. Now they are taking on the challenge of writing their own script from scratch, developing and creating their characters, plot and settings to write an entertaining script with the goal of performing it to the class.

#### **Homework**

We would like to remind all families that we have homework due each Friday. Homework consists of practicing spelling words, as well as completing the weekly homework sheet. If students are having trouble with the homework, they can see their teacher from 8:30 in the morning every day. If there is any reason why students cannot complete their homework, please write a note in their diary.

#### **Numeracy:**

We are working on a statistics and probability unit and are eagerly investigating the topics of Chance and Data. To begin with we are focusing on chance and the language we use when explaining the chance of something happening. We have discussed the likely, unlikely, least likely, equal chance and most likely vocabulary as a way of explaining chance. We have played games demonstrating the likelihood or unlikelihood of the coin landing on heads or tails and the chance of it raining or the Pope arriving at our school this week. This is a great topic to work on at home asking your children what the chances are of things happening, for example.... cleaning their room???

#### **Camp:**

The Middle School teachers and students are getting prepared as excitement builds towards camp next week. Middles head off to 'The Great Australian Holiday Park' near Albury/ Wodonga to experience camp life for an overnight stay, leaving at 7:50am Thursday morning with their packed lunch, healthy snack and drink bottle for the first day. They return in time for buses on Friday afternoon. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of outdoor activities designed to challenge them both physically and mentally. Everyone is looking forward to the experience as we count down the days. If parents have any questions or concerns not covered in the notes sent home please do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher.







## CFA

We were fortunate enough to have a visit from the CFA bus where we learnt about fire safety steps and skills that we can practice in our own homes. Below are some photos taken as they interacted with the fire safety educators demonstrating their gained knowledge.



Our doors are always open if you have any queries or concerns.  
Kim, Trish, Brennan, Kate, Di & Amy

## Seniors

Life in our Senior School continues to be busy! All are very settled as we work towards the end of term.

**Numeracy:** In Numeracy our main focus has been time, we have worked with the comparison of digital and analogue times, reading time tables and calculating elapsed time.

**Literacy:** In our Literacy groups the children continue to work with all Senior school teachers. This has been a positive experience for all. We have revisited Persuasive Writing and are preparing our debating teams through working with the language and structure of debating. Interesting discussions and voicing of opinions!

**Religious Education:** We are so proud of the Family Involvement with our “Life Relationships” evening last Tuesday. As we said on the night, this was a “Spring Board” for you and your family to discuss this very special aspect of life.

**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:** Last Friday the Senior School visited the Space Lab at the Town Hall...It was a different place in our Space for our students! We continue to work on our Space lessons we will present to the Junior School.

**Assembly:** We are so looking forward to our Father's / Grand Father's Day reflection on Friday and then again on week eight's assembly

Looking forward to a busy end to Term 3 of learning,

Ebony, Kelly, Brooke, Therese, Rachael and Loreena





## Sports

### St. Joseph's Athletics Carnival

The annual carnival will be held in Week 9 this Term on the School Oval and surrounding grounds.

**Grade 3 – 6** students will compete on *Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September* in the following events:

Long Jump, Triple Jump, High Jump, Sprints and Hurdles, Shot Put, Discus, 800m / 300m / 200m / 100m

The first event will start at 9.30am.

**Grade Prep – 2** students will compete on *Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September* beginning at 11.45am and concluding at approximately 1.15pm. The events will focus on modified versions of throwing, jumping and running events.

Spectators, family and friends are encouraged to attend to cheer and offer support throughout both days.

A timetable will be sent home.



## Art

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September @ 9.15 am to 10.00 our whole school will be treated with an amazing performance called G'Day Asia! Performer Hugh Munro has worked in television, film and on stage.

The performance should be very enjoyable, interesting and participation from the audience guaranteed!

All are invited to come along and join with us in this entertaining show.

Carol and Mary

## Library

THANK YOU to everyone who supported our recent Book Fair and Book Parade.

Over \$4500 worth of books were sold during our Book Fair. This equates to \$1400 in commission which will be used to purchase books for our school. My apologies if you haven't yet received your order from the Book Fair. I will deliver these orders as soon as I receive them.

Our Book Character Parade was also a huge success. Thank you to everyone for your efforts in making the children look incredible.

**All orders for Book Club issue #6 are due back tomorrow, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September.**

Mary







**Sen K Declan Green**

*For completing extra work at home to reinforce concepts in Math.*

**Chloe Simpson**

*For being an outstanding Senior School Student always leading by attitude & example.*

**Sen W Lachlan Lambert**

*For always being a cheerful and positive student.*

**Reeve Verhoeven**

*For always being a friendly and welcoming classmember to all..*

**Sen C Ellah Maskell**

*For her friendly and gentle manner.*

**Anthony Hargreaves**

*For his great efforts and learning in maths.*

**Sen M Sophie Miller**

*For her commitment to staying on task and making sure all tasks are completed.*

**Jemima Moore**

*For her happy and enthusiastic manner in which she approaches her learning.*

**Mid K Rocco Johns**

*For his wonderful research in his Atlas Discovery Reading group.*

**Asher Burrows**

*For his commitment to presenting his Daintree rainforest work to a high standard..*

**Mid C Curtis McKellar**

*For his engaging attitude and enthusiasm when working with Terri Jarvis.*

**Amalia Hargreaves**

*For her fantastic participation in our class assembly.*

**Mid M Bridie Kelly**

*For the focus that you showed and significant growth that you achieved in our multiplication and division unit.*

**Jimmy Holding**

*For being so friendly and welcoming to our new class member.*

**Mid J Bethany Pellegrino**

*For working hard at building positive work habits and relationships.*

**Archie Johns**

*For his improved efforts towards his learning and being aware of others. Keep it up Archie.*

**Jun S Sienna Bosse**

*For her brilliant efforts with our assembly and her enthusiasm for learning.*

**Sophie Rosemeier**

*For her excellent writing efforts and working hard with her maths. Super!.*

**Jun H Landon Muller**

*For his excellent partner work in open book response.*

**Hunter Murnane**

*For his enthusiastic participation in our 'Space-Lab' session last Friday.*

**Jun PG Ivy O'Dwyer**

*For your excellent effort with your reading.*





**Jun PG Konnor Stell**

*For his wonderful dedication to his nighttime reading. Well done.*

**Jun K Jensen James**

*For his enthusiastic fluent and expressive reading style.*

**Mason Hughes**

*For the effort he made and the persistence he showed while working on his mini planet report.*

**PREP N Cohen Burrows**

*For working hard on his writing and hearing sounds in his words.*

**Emma Cole**

*For writing with confidence and showing enthusiasm towards all activities..*

**PREP A Seb Garner**

*For sharing his number knowledge with great confidence.*

**Pippa Routley**

*For reading with confidence & progressing well.*

**Principal's Award**

*Term 3*

*Week 6: Sam Henderson*

*Week 7: Sophie Kelly*

*Living out the values of*

***Saint Mary MacKillop***

***through what they say and what they do.***

**PARISH 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.*

**NOTICES**

**Little Bags of Magic**  
 numurkah store - 66 melville st

**SEPTEMBER SCHOOL  
HOLIDAY PROGRAM**  
 9am - 4pm Monday - Friday

**EXPRESSIONS  
OF INTEREST  
NOW OPEN!**

\*Primary Aged Children  
\*Limited places available

*We need your HELP! For us to be able to offer a FULL TIME School Holiday program in September, we need a minimum of 7 children per day! If you can please SHARE this with your Mum & Dad friends and carers.... It would be wonderful.*

*To register your child/ren—please email  
[info@littlebagsofmagic.com.au](mailto:info@littlebagsofmagic.com.au).)*

**NAME, AGE, DAYS REQUIRED, EMAIL**

**ADDRESS OR POP INTO Little Bags of Magic 66 Melville Street.**





**CANTEEN****SEPTEMBER**

1st Kate Bell  
4th Kate McGregor  
5th Jaclyn Hibberson, Rocky Pellegrino  
6th Lucette Cook, Michelle Razga  
7th Jo Newham, Emma Gundrill  
8th Jacquie Hughes ,  
11th Tania Altoft, Maria Simpson  
12th Emilia Morris, Carolyn Hooker  
13th Temara Smith, Leah Laidlaw  
14th **Volunteers**  
15th Brooke Myers, Jane Borg  
18th Natasha Stell,  
19th Cheryl Beatson, Carol Baldi  
20th Julie Buha,  
21st Jodie Carkeek, Mel, O'Dwyer  
22nd Jemma Hansen

**COMMUNITY NOTICES****ENROLMENTS 2018**

If your child turns **four** before the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018,  
then you are eligible to enrol for the  
2018 Kindergarten Year.

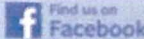
Please collect an application form from Numurkah  
and District Kindergarten and Activity Centre,  
18 McCaskill Street Numurkah  
During opening hours 9:00am to 4:00pm  
or phone the Service Coordinator  
On 58621569 Monday, Tuesday, or Friday  
9:00am to 3:00pm

A Funded Kindergarten Accredited Program

**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 them, 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](mailto:barker.helen.e@edumail.vic.gov.au)



**Trivia  
NIGHT**

**WAAIA PUB**

**Friday 8th September**  
**Trivia Starts at 7pm**

*\$10pp Including Supper*  
*Tables of 10 or Join a table*

*50% of funds will be donated to Nathalia Hospital!*  
*Organised by NATHALIA YOUNG FARMERS*  
*To Pre-book a table message Jess on 0456391717*





**This is a FREE event for all parents & friends of our school communities**

VicHealth