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Newsletter—Week 3 of Term 4, October 26th 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 **Tolerance**
Our focus within the three areas are as follows
Attitude : Accepting of Difference
Awareness : That We Are All Different
Action : Treating Others as You Would Like To Be Treated

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

As a school we offer many and varied opportunities to our children to share their skills and abilities and shine. The last week has been an excellent example of this with many activities over and above our most important Living and Learning Routines on offer. I congratulate all of our boys and girls who have accepted the challenge and stepped up knowing they can do so without fear of being laughed at or put down. Our culture and expectation is that kids have a crack and not have to worry about what others think – beautiful stuff ! This newsletter highlights many of those activities.

Dates To Remember

Friday Oct 27	Senior Cricket
	Junior Activities and Sleepover
Tuesday Oct 31	Senior CARITAS Day
Friday Nov 3	All Souls / All Saints Mass
Mon/Tues Nov 6&7	Melb Cup Long Week-end
Wednesday Nov 8	P&F Meeting
Friday Nov 10	Walk To School Day

Afternoon Assembly : Monday at 2:45

Yr 6 Leaders & Class Prayer

Oct 30 : Grace, Jordan, Hayley & Ellah Sen N&W

Nov 6 : No Assembly

ALL WELCOME !



Last Friday we awarded our annual MacKillop Awards to boys and girls who we see as striving to live the values of our founder Saint Mary MacKillop. Congratulations to this year's recipients pictured above: Macie Gilmour, Castiel White, Carter Few, Remi Storer, Lily Camm, Sol Frost, Jayde Welsh, Heidi Moon, Zoe Hawthorn, Izaak Hopkins, Myla Stuart, Cooper Weeks, Ellie Carkeet, Asher Burrows, Ocean Frost, Skyla O'Dwyer, Laura Bergamin, Jirra Letcher, Curtis McKellar, Tayla Ramadge, Tom Cox, Morgan Judd, Kynan Bethell, Jemima Moore, Porsha Stuart, Max Walter, Grace Eddy, & Ethan Davies.

Live Life To The Fullest In Christ

Paul Arnel

Melbourne Cup Week-end Holidays – Mon/Tues, Nov 6&7



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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: 3rd November.

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

It is hard to believe it is the last term of the year. We have planned many memorable experiences and no doubt the time in Prep will fly! Let's continue to work together to create the best learning environment for our children.

Transition to the Junior School

Our children are participating in a gentle transition into Year 1 by working and playing in the Junior classrooms each Friday afternoon whilst we have "Jump Start" for next year's students. . They have all returned happy and excited, keen to share their positive experiences. We thank the Junior teachers for providing time to allow this wonderful opportunity to occur.

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.

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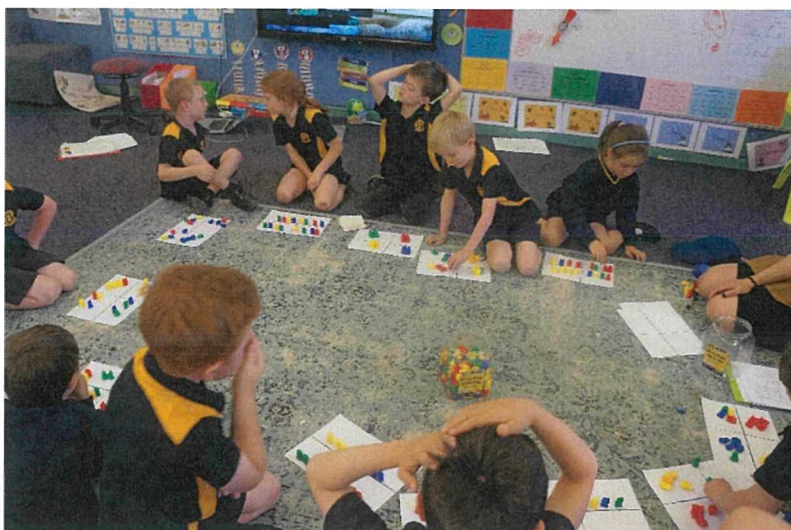
Our understanding of the life of Mary MacKillop continues to deepen with the beautiful Liturgy and activities we were involved in last week. We congratulate all the children who received the much cherished awards. We also congratulate those brave Preps who took part in the "Let Us Shine" concert- we are so proud of you!

Maths

We have been looking at estimating and comparing quantities.

Now we are looking at the concept of multiplication and making equal groups, using real life situations, e.g. There are 3 beds in my room and 5 teddies on each bed. How many teddies altogether?





Literacy

In Literacy we have been focusing on Spelling and we have been analysing each child's written work. 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

This term's topic is "Celebrations" and we have shared our personal and Australian festivities and now we are looking more global. You may have heard your child talk about their visits to Hawaii, particularly on Thursdays. Stay tuned because you will be invited to come away with us later in the term.

Things to Remember

Hats and water bottles are required every day.

Thank you for your continued support and open communication,
Joanie, Tan and Bern



Juniors

Welcome back to our final term of living and learning together. Fourth Term is set to be a busy one! We are already off to a flying start and thank those parents who attended Parent, Teacher and Student conferences last Tuesday. Last Friday saw our Mary MacKillop award recipients acknowledged. We also enjoyed our 'Let Your Light Shine' talent show and commend those Junior students who presented an act in the show. Many students enjoyed a great day at the Numurkah Show yesterday while others took the opportunity to relax and enjoy a mid-week break.



Evening Fun and Sleepover

Your children are most excited about tomorrow night's event!! For the Grade Two's this is usually a much anticipated occasion with eager chatter about the evening. It will be wonderful to come together with the Grade One's and all join in the fun and frivolity. All children are asked to arrive promptly at **6pm** to allow the activities to get under way.

Daily Routines

Uniform:

We encourage all children to wear their complete Summer Uniform to school (including hat and correct footwear), ensuring all clothing is **clearly** labelled, especially hats and jumpers. Of course as we know things can happen from time to time, so if your child is not in the correct uniform a note from home is required.

Specialist Subjects:

Please note Specialist Subjects, are as follows:

Junior East has LOTE and PE

Junior West has Art and Library

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

Homework reminder:

Well done to those students who continue on with a fabulous nightly reading effort. Your child's teacher will check reading logs on a regular basis and will continue to communicate with you in the Log Book. We remind parents to continue to check and fill in this yellow Log Book. Please continue to work on your children's number pattern counting (forwards / backwards as well as random starting points) and number facts. Your child can teach you many (playing) Card games that we use in our Numeracy Lessons.

In and around our classroom

Numeracy

In Maths, we have completed our focus on Location and Position and now revise the area of Multiplication and Division. Students are reading and interpreting a variety of 'worded' problems. They are working on determining what 'information' the worded problem provides and also determining what 'part' of the problem they need to work out. We are solving and writing corresponding number 'sum / equations'. Whilst solving our problems we are drawing equal group configurations including arrays and partial arrays.

Religion

As we focus on our new topic 'Called to Live Like Jesus' we are discussing caring and kindness as well as needs and wants. We are discussing not only how we 'can be' but also 'when we have been' kind to others. The students have participated in Role Play Acts of Kindness which is helping to develop their understanding and appreciation of the way in which Jesus lived His life for us.

Literacy

We continue to enjoy Recount Writing each week and focus on descriptive writing. Your children are thoroughly immersing themselves in Fractured Fairy Tales. We are reading a wonderful variety of Fractured Fairy Tales (traditional fairy tales altered), supplied by our own School Library. Your child is busily writing their own version as we continue to focus on sentence structure, punctuation and grammar. Students will be publishing one of their own Fractured Fairy Tales. Students have been learning about plurals and how we know when to add an s or an es to the end of words.

Inquiry

'Diversity: One place many faces, One country many voices' is our Term 4 topic. We have begun by directing our learning with a posed question 'Where have people come from to live in Australia?' We thank you for filling in and returning our 'cultural background' family generation questionnaire. This information provided much fascinating class discussion and directed our learning when looking at the World Map. Students have now chosen a country, used an atlas, internet or globe to help locate and then marked their Country on the map. Students have begun researching their chosen Country and will be finding out about food, clothing, flags, singing, dancing and other cultural practices and celebrations.

We look forward to living and learning as a team and thank you for your fabulous ongoing support as we work through a very busy Term 4. We appreciate everything you do with your child at home, which continues to support the work your child does at school.

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

Middles

On the Friday in week 1 of term, we walked down to our neighbouring school (Numurkah P.S) and participated in a Grade 3/4 Interschool Sports Round Robin Event. Six fun activities were set up and the students were placed in groups and rotated from activity to activity over a 2-hour period. The main idea of the event was to promote participation and fun. The feedback that we've had from our students has been overwhelmingly positive and we will endeavour to organise more of these events throughout the year in the future. As always, our students behaved impeccably and demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship. Well done St Joseph's Middles Cohort!

Last Friday the 'Let Your Light Shine' talent show was held in the Mary Mackillop Centre. A huge thank you to Miss James and Mrs Chmiel for organising and coordinating the event! It was a huge success, with many of the 3/4 students showing great courage and flair in taking the opportunity to prepare a performance and then head up on stage in front of the entire school & families (around 300 people!) and perform with confidence and enthusiasm. It showed real risk-taking and bravery to get up there and every performer who went up should be very proud, as should their families. We had a range of performances – dancing, singing, a combination of both, drawing, comedy skits and even a car noise imitation set that was very well received.



In the classroom, we continue to work hard on a daily basis. Some Numeracy testing has been taking place and the results have been very positive, with every child showing growth in all areas since the beginning of the year. Our strong focus on multiplication and the times tables seems to have been well worth it, with significant improvements made in the area of multiplication & division. In Numeracy, we are currently completing a unit on Fractions. The progress being made thus far has been very pleasing, particularly in the area of Simplifying Fractions. We have been writing informal and formal letters for our writing unit and our Literacy Groups continue to run

beautifully with a new range of rotations this term including activities such as Touch Typing Club, Study Ladder and Thesaurus work. Our Inquiry this term is 'Let's Celebrate'. We are currently investigating cultures and significant and interesting celebrations that occur in countries other than Australia.

We have also just started a new fitness routine where students get their blood pumping and heart racing first thing in the morning for 15 minutes. Each 3/4 teacher has 5 circuit style activities that the students can undertake with classes rotating from teacher to teacher on a day to day timetable. Students accrue points based on how hard they have worked each morning. For example; a shuttle run is worth 10 points, while a pull up, squat, calf raise, push up, lunge etc. are all worth 1 point per repetition. The kids are loving it and parents beware – the muscle gains may be that immense that a new school uniform is necessary for the 2018 school year! Photos of the students doing their morning calisthenics are below.



Until next time...

Middle Team (Brennan Mills, Kim McKeogh, Kate James & Trish Chmiel)

Seniors

A huge congratulation to those students who participated in "Let your Light Shine". It was fantastic to see students stepping out of their comfort zones and getting up on stage.

Our Literacy Groups We continue to work with our focus groups. At the moment we are focusing on writing fractured fairytales. This is where students pick a classic fairytale and then have to fracture/alter a main part.

Numeracy: The students have been working really hard on improving their understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages. This term the big focus will be on revising all of their understandings throughout the year.



Religion: We have now completed our "Life Relationships" program. We continue to work with our Making Jesus Real program. This program has had us focusing on what it means to be a Jesus person. We have looked at role models in the community who are reaching out to others and making a difference in the World.

Inquiry: Term 4 inquiry is based around Australian Parliament and Federation. We are researching the settlement of Australia before we move to our political system as we prepare for our trip to Canberra on the 27th of November. More information to follow soon.

Sport: The students have proudly represented our school in Shepparton at the Divison Championships. We were so impressed with the team spirt and were very proud of the way our students represented our school. This week some of our students will travel to Shepparton for Kanga 8 Cricket. Our students certainly enjoy a wide variety of sporting experiences.

Well done to our students for setting such a high standard in proudly wearing their correct school uniform. Just remember to bring your drink bottles and hats now the weather is warming up. Keep up your great efforts!



On the 16th of October the seniors travelled to Numurkah oval to learn about wildlife, habitats, bird calls, platypuses, water systems and the Yorta Yorta traditional lands. Did you know there are platypuses in the area of Numurkah? We learnt all about the rare anatomy of a platypus and how they can get stuck in our yabby nets. The seniors finished the day with a great lesson about the different things that can end up in our water system that aren't helpful to our environment and our pipes. St. Joseph's school will continue to learn about this in the coming weeks.

Looking forward to a busy, fun term of learning!

Kelly, Ebony, Brooke, Lorena, Rach and Therese.



All Saints and All Souls Mass

Next Friday, November 3 we come together to especially remember those in our community who have died. The Church does this under the banner of All Souls and All Saints. Families are welcome to join us for 9.30am Mass in the MacKillop Centre where you may remember your own intentions as well as our community continuing to hold dear those students and parents who have died recently.

Maths

We had 15 Senior Students enter this year's Australian Mathematics Competition. Our results were excellent. Congratulations to each of the students who took up the challenge and a special mention to Zac Bosse who gained a HIGH DISTINCTION. The results are as follows;

High Distinction: Zac Bosse

Distinction: Oliver Masters, Eamon Storer, Jake Bell, Bethany Oswald, Ricky Green, Hayley Coonan,

Credit: Jemma Carkeek, Raiyan Galvin, Lucas Roberts, Kate Buha, Grace Eddy, Jenna Mason, Pat Millen

Proficiency: Will Simpson

Sports

WALK to SCHOOL DAY

Friday 10th November

In addition, St.Joseph's Numurkah, will be conducting a *Walk to School Day* on **Friday 10th November** where students will meet at designated points in Numurkah and walk into school together and enjoy a FREE healthy breakfast in the McKillop Centre at the completion of their walk.

More details of this morning will be distributed as the day gets closer.

DIVISION ATHLETICS

Monday 16th October

Recently, Mr Merkel and Miss Michel escorted a strong contingency of Grade 3, 4, 5 & 6 students to the Division Athletic Championships held at McEwen Reserve in Shepparton. We had a large team of 34 competitors and fielded a relay team in the boys and girls divisions for each age group.

Despite having to wait for long periods for some events, our students behaved impeccably, supported their peers and enjoyed the atmosphere and strong competition throughout the day. Many of our students held their own against the larger schools and we managed to have 6 students qualify for the Regional Championships, which were held in Albury on Friday 20th October.

The students to qualify were:

Jordan Hopkins	1 st place	800m	12 girls
Jemma Carkeek	2 nd place	Shot Put	11 girls
Charlize Borg	2 nd place	Discus	11 girls
Neive O'Dwyer	2 nd place	800m	11 girls
	4 th place	200m	11 girls
Ryan Said	1 st place	Discus	10 boys
Tristan Hopkins	3 rd place	800m	10 boys



Unfortunately no one progressed to State, but they are all to be congratulated on their efforts.

UPCOMING EVENTS

T20 Cricket

St. Joseph's will be fielding a Senior Boys and Senior Girls T20 Blast Cricket team, which will compete at McEwen Reserve in Shepparton on **Friday 27th October**. This is a very popular event with 17 boys teams and 14 girls teams entered. We wish our students well and hope they enjoy some exciting cricket against their opponents.

Regional Basketball Championships

St. Joseph's have entered a Senior Boys and Senior Girls Basketball team to play at the Shepparton Stadium on **Friday 3rd November**. The teams have been selected and permission notes will be going home with students this week. Fixtures have not been forwarded to us yet.

Performing Arts

Let your Light Shine

As part of our Mary MacKillop Day Celebrations, we invited children to share their Talents and Skills in the area of Performing Arts with us all. It was a varied display of acts but very much entertaining and enlightening. Thanks so much to Kate James and Trish Chmiel for organising the event and Sean Watters in helping compile the music and being stage hand. Congratulations to all the boys and girls who stepped up to perform for us all.



Student of the Week

Sen N Charlotte Plum

For her wonderful Triple A attitude in the classroom.

Sen W Zac Bosse

For an excellent effort at Regional athletics and always challenging himself.

Sen C Shannon O'Toole

For being such a caring, welcoming member of our class..

Sen M Lucas Roberts

For being a fantastic leader during "Let your light shine".

Mid K Rocco Johns

For his friendly and mature attitude at the 3/4 sports day.

Mid C Alexander Robertson

For his great holiday recount, so much detail fantastic effort.

Mid M Tristan Hopkins

For having a go at all times! Thanks for being reliable and for your consistent effort!

Mid J Bethany Pellegrino

For your fantastic performances in Friday's talent show.

Jun S Sienna Lawless

For her vibrant and expressive personality which brightens our room.

Jun H Jorja Hibberson

For your fabulous 'smooth' reading before school this morning, amazing expression.

Jun PG Jules Cox

For your wonderful performance at the

'Let your Light Shine' Show. Well done!

Jun K Emily Watters

For the way she settles to work so quickly and efficiently uses her time.

PREP N Georgia Robertson

For being a wonderful role model in our class – Well done!

PREP A Taylah Duggan

For reading consistently at home, well done.

Principal's Award

Term 4

Week 3: Paige Arnold

Living out the values of

Saint Mary MacKillop

through what they say and what they do.

Canteen

October

27th Jemma Hansen, Volunteer

30th Emily Cason

31st Rebecca Phillips

November

1st Michelle Razga

2nd Jo Newham, Emma Gundrill

3rd Kate Bell

6th Kate McGregor

7th Jaclyn Hibberson

8th Temara Smith & Leah Laidlaw

9th Carol Baldi

10th Jacquie Hughes

13th Maree Simpson

14th Emilia Morris, Carolyn Hooker

15th Julie Buha

16th Jodie Carkeek, Mel O'Dwyer

17th Brooke Myers, Jane Borg

20th Natasha Stell

21st Cheryl Beatson, Diane Scanlan

22nd Karyn Oswald

If you are unable to attend on your day, can you please arrange a swap with someone else or as last resort let Karen know in advance, so she is aware that she has no helper that day.

LOST PROPERTY

We also have about 30 unnamed jumpers, if you have lost any items please come & have a look in Lost Property in the Sick Bay room.

Parents & Friends

Don't forget cook book orders if you haven't already done so. See flyer attached.

OSHC

Reminder that Before and After School Hours Care will not be open on the 6th & 7th November due to a pupil free day for report writing & Melbourne Cup. Please make sure you have other arrangements in place.

Community Notices

Movies at Numurkah

Trivia Night

Fundraiser to benefit Movies at Numurkah Film Society

Friday 10th November

Doors open 6.30pm for 7.30 pm start

Numurkah Town Hall

Tables of 10 \$200 or Join a table \$20pp

Light supper included – BYO drinks

Door Prize – raffle- auctions & more

Tickets at McPherson's Numurkah 58621065

Numurkah Girl Guides Halloween Disco

Girls Only

Friday the 27th October 6.00pm til 8.30pm

Numurkah Girl guides hall Brennion St, Numurkah

Age: 5-12

Entry is \$10 which it includes a BBQ Tea, A can of soft drink and 2 glow sticks

Come dressed in a spooky Halloween costume.