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Newsletter—Week 3 of Term 4, 22nd October 2020

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 Differences
Awareness : That We Are All Different
Action : Treating Others As You Would Like To Be Treated

Teaching Team Line-Up 2021

Here's the Class Teaching Line Up. It's Brilliant!!!

Prep	32	Prep	2x16 Tan Neyland, Rach Morrison & Grace Holland as the +1
Year 1	41	Juniors	4x15
Year 2	19		Jordyn Sutton, Alli Harber/Kim Boulton, Joanie Arnel & David Jenner
Year 3	38	Middles	4x19
Year 4	37		Mark Harmer, Makayla O'Callaghan, Liam Booth & Sara Whitford
Year 5	38	Seniors	4x18
Year 6	<u>35</u>		Adam Stirton, Lou Hall, Kelly Newman & Eb Morrison/Dom Izzard

We will now work to finalise specialist positions and the support team. We welcome Dom Izzard and Dave Jenner to St Joseph's.

Live Life To The Fullest In Christ

Paul Arnel

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Special Activity Inclusions & Announcements

School Photos – next Tuesday, Oct 27

Prep – Kyabram Fauna Park Oct 29

Juniors – Skill Zone Incursion & Outdoor Ed Activity Day Dec 11

Middles – 2 Day Camp to Howqua Nov 9&10

Seniors – 3 Day Camp to Howqua Nov 4-6

AFL Grand Final Holiday : Tomorrow Friday Oct 23

Melbourne Cup Long Weekend : Monday & Tuesday Nov 2 & 3



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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 next year, please contact the office to complete the appropriate form. Unless contacted, we will assume that anyone who currently direct debits their fees will continue to do so next year.

Next Fortnightly Debits: Oct 30 & Nov 6. Please note that we will catch up on direct debits that were stopped due to COVID-19 on the 6th Nov.

Monthly Debits 18th November. (Last One)

Please ensure any outstanding balance are finalise by the 8th November.

CSEF The Federal Government has extended the CSEF funding to eligible families. If your circumstances have changed, and you are eligible for a Health Care Card by the 5th October 2020, please contact the office to complete a CSEF Application form by the 20th November 2020.

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

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

Preps

Prep Term 4 Week 3

What a wonderful feeling to be back together as a school community. The happiness we saw on the first day of Term 4 will be etched in our memories forever. To celebrate our return we will be going to Kyabram Fauna Park on Thursday 29th October. We hope to provide another positive memory of the Prep Year for our children. The Education Centre will be open for us and a guided tour will be provided. A note will be sent home soon.



Home/School Learning

A sincere thanks to all our parents who provided such wonderful support to our children during this extraordinary time, and continue to do so. We are very grateful for the support you gave us as teachers and the continued open communication we receive.



Maths

We have completed Math testing which now directs our teaching. We are focusing on Counting, Place Value, Addition and Subtraction and Sharing/Grouping.

Religion and Inquiry

Our focus is on Friendship and Kindness. Lots of Social Scenarios are addressed and then related to the Gospel teachings of Jesus.



Things/Dates to remember

Assembly-Monday Prep H and Prep N

Library/Art/Sport- Tuesday (sport uniform)

Excursion- Thursday 29th October (sport uniform)

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to continuing working with you to ensure your child is a happy learner. Stay safe and well.

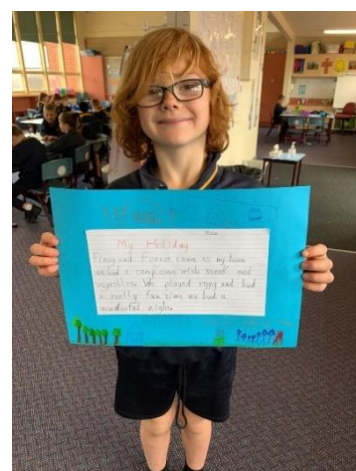
Joanie, Tanya, Grace and Jane

Juniors

Writing

In Writing, students are enjoying the opportunity to use their imagination to create 'Imaginative Narratives' in response to visual, written and auditory prompts. All students have been working hard at ensuring their writing includes important information such as 'Who? What? When? Where?'

During writing we are continuing to focus on correct letter formation and presentation when using dotted thirds. We encourage students to practise their handwriting at home if possible.



Reading/Homework

We continue to uphold the expectation with home readers, diaries and spelling homework. We ask that students read each night, have their diary signed at home and return their reader folder to school each day. As some children are reading longer books they may only read a chapter or a few pages each night. Their spelling sheet is optional as an extra opportunity to practise for their spelling test on Friday.

Numeracy

In Numeracy, students are learning about multiplication! We have played games like Doubles Around the World, Teddy Steal, I Have / Who Has and Mastermind! Our students have practised strategies like doubling, skip counting and counting on. So far this term we have used student whiteboards, counters, teddies, dice, computers, our fingers and even magic beans to show what we know! At this stage, each child is given the opportunity during class to learn about arrays (like rows in a movie theatre) as well as 'groups of' and number sentences. We have delighted in watching our children share their understandings with each other and celebrate their achievements with the whole class. When did you finally learn all your times tables? Which was your favourite?



Religion

In Religion, students are exploring the different ways we celebrate God in our life; through the world around us, through people and in a unique way through the Sacraments of the Church. Students will also develop an understanding that each person is unique and a special sign of God's love.

Inquiry

Our topic this term has been Celebrating Diversity. We have been discussing different cultural traditions, traits that are similar and different within our families and classmates. We have explored what diversity means and how we are all unique and special in our own way. If you have any particular traditional clothing, books or items you'd like to share via photograph or send in to class, we would love to discuss them with our group.

Specialist

The children need to continue to wear their **sports uniform** every Wednesday and Friday. They also need to bring their Library bag each Wednesday.

Weeks 1-5 (Wednesday)

Junior East: LOTE/ART

Junior West: PE/LIBRARY

Assembly Dates 9

Junior East - Week 6

Junior West - Week 9

We are always happy to help and invite you to call and/or message us if you have any issues.

Rach, Jordyn, Dee, Alli, Kelly, Virginia, Karlene and Naomi.

Middles

Welcome back!

We are excited to have the opportunity to continue to live and learn, on a face to face basis for term 4!! We continue to be so impressed and amazed with the work that all families have done over two sessions of Remote Learning in 2020.

Every family is different and we all have routines, commitments as well as juggling life / work and remote schooling. Well done to all families, the work and effort you have done and continue to do is greatly appreciated and valued by all of us.

The students have been amazing in settling back into routine. They are enjoying the structure and routine of school, which creates a wonderful learning environment.

Literacy

Our focus in reading to begin Term 4, was to revise the concepts covered during Remote Learning. The purpose of this was to gauge the knowledge and understanding of the students from the remote learning experience. It was a great opportunity to both consolidate and build upon that knowledge. Our focus shifted to focusing on the comprehension strategy "Author's Purpose." Each day, the students experience "Modelled Reading" from the teacher, who demonstrates or "models" the skills, strategies and practices of how to read effectively. We unpack our texts through questioning, discussion in pairs, small groups and as a whole class. We have also been able to incorporate our literacy rotations earlier than we perhaps expected, as the students have responded so well to being back at school. In small groups, our literacy rotations target particular areas of literacy, where in Term 4, the students experience;

- Guided Reading - Small group instructional reading, with teacher.
- Focus Activity - Comprehension Strategy, a closer look at the comprehension strategy.
- Independent Reading - Students read independently their own text or a "comprehension card".
- Sunshine Online - Students are engaged on the Sunshine Online Program, listening and responding to texts.

Writing

Our writing focus has been to continue to work through the writing process (drafting, editing, revising, publishing) to complete a narrative text. Our focus in writing will continue over term 4 to include imaginative, informative and persuasive texts. Writing is the sum of its parts and the explicit teaching of the "little things" such as sentence structure, grammar, punctuation, paragraphing all contributing to the learning and writing process. Mrs Cairns has been leading the grammar, punctuation and handwriting learning, with a focus on nouns, verbs and cursive writing.

Numeracy

Our focus in Maths, was to initially revise the operations of addition/subtraction and multiplication/division concepts covered in Remote Learning and build upon that. We have now shifted focus to fractions and decimals. Students are placed in ability groupings, to ensure the learning is targeted and personalised toward their individual need and growth.

Some reminders

- Homework: SMART Spelling focus.
Practice multiplication facts. (www.timestables.com) + chart resources.
Nightly Reading (Grade 3 - 20mins, Grade 4 - 30+mins.)
- Camp Howqua.....Notes went home Tuesday.
- Diary: Getting back into the routine of having students' diaries signed!!

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- Communication: We have found SeeSaw to be such a simple, yet effective app to communicate and celebrate achievement over the course of Remote Learning. We will continue to use it, to showcase the individual and classroom achievements.

Thank you for all the hard work you do at home with your child. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher (email, Seesaw) if there is any way we can serve you.

Mark, Makayla, Jen, Sara, Deb, Amanda, Amy.

Seniors

It was wonderful to have all our Seniors back at the start of Term 4. The high energy has certainly continued over the last three weeks. Our Grade 5/6 students have been making the most of what our Senior School has to offer. We look forward to sharing some of these details with you in the coming weeks!

In Literacy, the students have been focusing on Persuasive Writing. We are covering a range of topics some of which include; changing a rule or law, or deciding if country or city living is better?

In Maths, we have had a weekly rotation of the following revision topics: Angles, Area and Perimeter, Fractions, Volume and Capacity. Ray has been extending a number of students in the Extension Math Group, covering a range of topics.

Our Focus in Religious Education for the first two weeks was on the 10 Year Anniversary of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop's canonisation. Our students learnt about the journey of Mary MacKillop and discovered the connection between her first school in Penola and our school here in Numurkah. Fr Michael O'Conner invited Mary to Numurkah in late 1889 and opened the first Victorian school in 1890.

CAMP!

We are all excited for our trip to Camp Howqua in Week 5! Permission slips and medical forms have been sent out. We ask that you please return these by next Thursday 29th of October.

Adam, Ebony, Kim, Liam, Louise, Sue, Di & Ray.



Art

It is so great to be back in the Art room with all the children after a term of Home Learning. Our first activity back, was a whole school one, where each child created a paper chain which was then joined and hung throughout our school - signifying us being back together as a whole! Each link represents a child -We are all in this together.

The Seniors, Middles and Juniors used some Math in the activity. $\pi = 3.14159265359 \dots$ π has 1,000 digits after the 3. Each number corresponded to a colour, ie 0=Brown 1 = White; so working as a team the children followed the π numbers creating as long a chain as possible in the lesson.

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It was great to see and hear the tactics that were used to make the longest length!

Below is some of our students Art Work from Learning at Home.



Thanks, Carol.

Numurkah Kitchen Rules

Numurkah Secondary College Partnered up with St Joseph's and Numurkah Primary School for a "Numurkah Kitchen Rules" competition. Our aspiring young mini chefs were given a Mystery Bag of ingredients, apron and chef's hat to produce a spectacular treat. Congratulations to all the entrants, and special mention to the winner Rahni Lawless for her entry "Radical Rainbow Balls".



All entries were awarded with a small prize of kitchen utensil and special treat bag.

Student of the Week

Sen B

Clare Rae

For continuing to apply herself in Numeracy, especially last week on the topic of Angles. Well done!

Mia Duggan

For her brilliant attention to detail and taking such pride in her work. Fantastic effort Mia!

Sen H

Alexander Robertson

For thriving in mathematics!!!!

Jobe Garner

For a fantastic start back to school. You are amazing!!!

Sen M

Holly Cornall- Doyle

For being a terrific role model within the senior school

Nathan McGregor

For his happy and settled approach to Term 4.

Sen S Tom Graham

For your positive commitment to your independent reading each morning in class.

Fantastic work Tom!

Oliver Ruscoe

For returning to school with a terrific and positive attitude. Keep it up Olly.

Mid H Jhi Arnold

For displaying a positive attitude and applying himself to the Macqlit program, Jhi you can and have produced some lovely neat handwriting.

Remi Storer

For entering the classroom every morning with a smile and returning to term 4 with a positive and happy attitude.

Mid M Isabelle Hangan

For her enthusiasm and persistence towards learning her multiplication facts!!

Harry Smyth

For his improved focus in writing and spelling.

Mid O Tanner McKellar

For his improved focus in Maths and giving it a go when it is challenging!

Cohen Burrows

For his improvement in maths and applying himself during our testing.

Mid W Phoebe Miller

For being a kind and responsible class member, who always tries her best.

Sophie Moore

For the wonderful way she has settled into our classroom and school. Welcome Sophie!!

Jun F Axel Ramadge

For his positive growth mindset and 'I Can Do It' attitude towards his reading! Super effort Axel!

Zen Frost

For singing his heart out during our religion song this week! What a wonderful role model!

Jun H Mitchell Altoft

For his lightning fast and accurate maths skills.

Jasper Brown

For striving for excellence, being resilient and giving his all during home learning.

Jun M Toby Hansen

For improving his attention to detail with all writing tasks.

Sophia McPherson

For her friendly nature and taking great pride in the presentation of her work. Great job Soph!

Jun S Blaze Schulz

For his increased confidence when reading longer texts.

Dustin Stell

For beginning Term 4 so positively and taking pride in all areas of his work. Well done Dustin!

PREP A Owen Chmiel

For his determination to improve his reading skills.

Ryan Feltham

For a positive start to our school. Welcome Ryan!

PREP H Harlen Few

For the fantastic risks that he has been taking in his reading and writing.

Dylan Said

For his confidence in returning to school after remote learning. Well done on a great start back!

PREP N Harley Rankin

For his growing confidence in all areas of his learning, particularly reading.

William Moore

For having a happy and positive start to school life at St. Josephs.

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**St. Joseph's Primary
School Numurkah**



Exciting News!

Our Fundraising Partner Ritchies IGA, are launching their new Ritchies Card, incorporating the Community Benefit Program and this will not only benefit our School, but also all our members.

The program now has an App for both IOS and Android smart devices. For those members who don't have a smart phone, or would like a physical card, this option is also available and can be linked to the App.

Every month, St. Joseph's Primary School will receive 0.5%* of our members' spend in Ritchies Stores PLUS our members will receive special offers and member only specials via the App.

*T&C's apply see <https://www.ritchies.com.au/ritchiescardterms>

Featuring monthly promotions, cheaper prices for you, Collect and Win, as well as games and lots more fun things to do, this is a great opportunity to support our School.

You can download the Apps by scanning the QR codes below - or search for Ritchies in the Apple App Store or Google Play.



Your Club President
John Smith



Community Notices

Numurkah Lawn Tennis Club Junior Tennis Program 2020-21

THURSDAY NIGHTS

Fun Junior Hot Shots program
5-10 y/o (Guide only, groups based on ability)
5PM onwards
30 minute sessions
\$80 for the 12 week program
Starts: Thursday 29th October

SATURDAY MORNING COMPETITION

24th Oct. Rd 1 Starts
8.45am Warm up, 9am Start
Positions based on ability
12 weeks of comp PLUS FINALS
\$100 for entire comp inc. Full Junior Club M'Ship
Come and practice anytime
Training sessions will be Thursday nights 5-6pm.

HOW DO I REGISTER TO PLAY?

All at the Numurkah Lawn Tennis Club:
Registration for all Junior Tennis is on:
Saturday 17th October 9-11am
Which will incorporate
Practice and grading for new Saturday comp players
And also
Thursday 22nd October 5-6pm

Registration forms available
at all registration sessions

GET IN EARLY AS SPOTS WILL BE LIMITED.

Private Lessons also available
For inquiries please call Andrew Storer on
0408621984, or Mark Mills on 0429307373

OSHC - Before & After School Care

We are currently considering providing Vacation Care. The program will be open to all school families regardless if it is work related. A survey was sent home last week and is available on the school's website. In order to help us ascertain if there is a need for Vacation Care, please complete the survey and return it to school by Friday October 30.

VACATION CARE

Woolworths CRICKET BLAST

HAVE A BLAST!

GET INTO WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST. IT'S A FUN AND ACTIVE PROGRAM FOR KIDS OF ALL ABILITIES - WHETHER IT'S YOUR FIRST TIME WITH A BAT OR YOU'RE A BACKYARD CRICKET STAR!

Numurkah Cricket Club
Fridays 5pm, starting October 30th
Contact Adrienne Gledhill 0419 872 055 for information
Sign up online at:
www.playcricket.com.au



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PLAY CRICKET

OFFICIAL KIDS PROGRAM



NETBALL & RUGBY

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JUNIOR CRICKET IS BACK!

Numurkah Youth Club Cricket Club juniors are ready to start training.

The season is set to begin November 7th, all going to plan. The teams are Under 16s, 14s, 12s & 10s.

Training for Under 10s to be announced shortly.

All other teams training will be on Wednesdays, 4.30 pm at the Numurkah Recreation Reserve.

For more information, please contact:

Jason Verhoeven 0419 346 876 for Under 16s, 14s & 12s.

Adrienne Gledhill 0419 872 055 for Under 10s.



Footy Colours Day

