

# ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

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## Newsletter—Week 7 of Term 4, 19 November 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 **Flexibility**

Our focus within the three areas are as follows

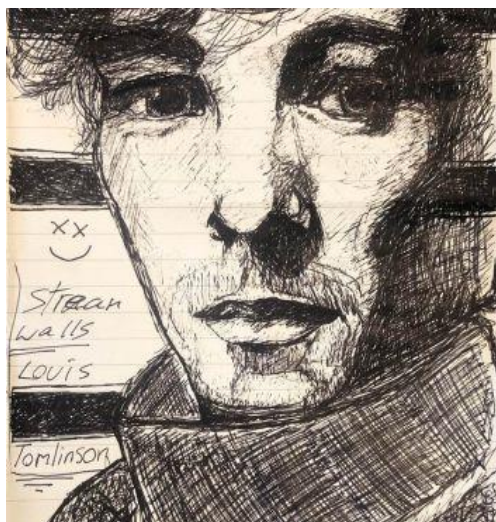
**Attitude** : Open to Change

**Awareness** : That Things May Change Unexpectedly

**Action** : Be Flexible / Open To Change

Exciting times continue in and around our school as we set sail for End of Year. The Good Things keep coming as we adapt our program to suit the COVID Restrictions. Make sure you tune into our On-line Assembly as we provide updates. Here's what's happening in and around St Joseph's :

Senior Camp   Middle Camp   Prep Excursion   2021 Prep Jump Start   Yr 6 Transition  
Yr 6 Graduation   Junior Incursion   Yr 2 Sleepover   Seniors Cricket  
Mary MacKillop Awards   Orientation Day   Junior Swimming   and more to come !



A Big Congratulations to Amalia Hargreaves for her entry in the MacKillop Art Exhibition. Amalia's Portrait was awarded the winner in the Spiritual Art Years 3-6 Category. Amalia's entry can be viewed online <https://www.ceosand.catholic.edu.au> along with other winning entries. A special mention to Skye Gundrill & Charlie Cornall-Doyle where their entries were Highly Commended.

You can Vote for the People's Choice Award by visiting the website before 29 November 2020.



*Celebrating Art-Making at Home, at School, Apart, Together*

Exhibition Launch and Awards Announcement

**Live Now**

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<http://ceosand.catholic.edu.au>

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Live Life To The Fullest In Christ



Paul Arnel - Principal

## Vacation Care

I have the pleasure of announcing another initiative that will surely further our service to you. During the Christmas Holiday we will be opening Vacation Care. The Program will run on the Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday of the three weeks starting January 5. Basically, it is for School Families (next year's Preps and this year's Yr 6s inclusive) and first bookings will be taken from those that returned the Expression of Interest form. Sue McKellar will be in charge.

## Dates to Remember

|                       |                            |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Thursday November 26  | P-2 Athletics              |
| Friday November 27    | 3-6 Athletics              |
| Monday November 30    | P-2 Swim Program Commences |
| Tuesday December 8    | 1-6 Orientation Day        |
| Thursday December 10  | Year 2 Sleepover           |
| Friday December 11    | Junior Incursion           |
| Monday December 14    | Graduation Mass            |
| Wednesday December 16 | Last Day for Children      |

## PSG MEETINGS

Program Support Group Meetings are for those students who have a personal learning program. This week we are organising a time to catch up with our families for a PSG Meeting (week 8 and week 9). Unfortunately, we are still impacted by what we can do in this Covid climate and are unable to meet face to face. We are proposing that we catch up via a 'Google Meet' (video conference) or if you would prefer the other option is to catch up with your child's classroom teacher via a phone call. A letter will be coming home this week with further information.

**P-2 Swimming Starts Monday, November 30**

## Office News

### 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! **If you are wanting to amend your fee payment options for next year, please do so ASAP otherwise we will assume your payment arrangements to stay the same for 2021.**

**Next Fortnightly/Monthly Debits:** All Direct Debits have been completed. Statements for outstanding balances will be sent home with the students, please finalise any outstanding balance before the 4<sup>th</sup> December.

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

This Term is flying by. We had a wonderful excursion to Kyabram Fauna Park and children conducted themselves beautifully. We are very proud of them and the owner of the park congratulated us on their manners, friendliness and curiosity.



Classroom session



Friendly animals



Trip home

## Buddies

We are celebrating our friendships by presenting an item for the end of the year. Stay tuned.

## Literacy

We have been using different Writing Genres such as Letter Writing, Procedures and our usual Recounts. Children are being asked to answer the questions of Who? Where? When? What doing? Like/How? and Why? This helps children write more detailed and descriptive writing. Reading groups are progressing very well and our Oral Language skills are developing at a pleasing rate. Literacy block is a very busy and exciting part of our day.

This week is “light” week. We tracked our shadows and special features around our school. We had fun watching the tree “move”!!!!

## Maths

We have been using the results from our testing to drive our teaching. Children are being supported and extended in the areas of Division, Multiplication and Subtraction over the next few weeks.



## 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. We are now preparing a Unit on Advent where we are getting ready for the birth of Jesus.

## Things/Dates to remember

Assembly-Monday Prep A and their Buddies

Library/Art/Sport– Tuesday (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

### Homework & Spelling

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.

### Literacy

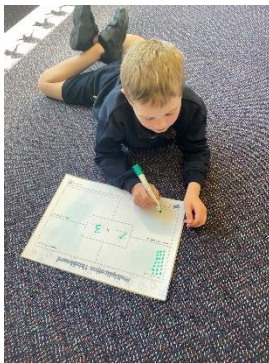
In Reading, students are working through weekly comprehension cards where we encourage them to read the information twice through to be able to more easily find the answers they require. We continue to focus on our punctuation, practising where we need capitals, fullstops, commas, question marks and exclamation marks. Summarising is another skill we are developing with our guided reading groups.

In Writing, we have been continuing to write narratives and focussing on important information such as 'Who? What? When? Where? All students have been excited to create their own story where they draw inspiration from illustrations of fictional characters such as Sponge Bob Square Pants and Bluey.



### Numeracy

In Numeracy, students are focussing on Chance and Data. They are developing their ability to collect and evaluate data in formal and informal ways. Students are exploring the range of vocabulary such as likely, unlikely, definite, impossible that is used when describing an event or situation.



### Religion

In Religion, students have begun learning about The First Christmas. Students will explore the key people and events described in the Christmas Narrative. They will be encouraged to relate their experiences of giving, receiving and celebrating to this important liturgical event.

### Inquiry

In Inquiry, students have been focusing on Celebrating Diversity. We have been learning about Torres Strait Islanders, Chinese and Indian cultures. They have explored the differences and similarities between our culture and others. Particularly looking at family life, food and education.

### Specialist Classes

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

## Wednesday Specialist (Week 6-11)

Junior West - Art & LOTE

Junior East - Sport & Library

## F-2 Athletics

Next Thursday the Junior and Prep children will be participating in school athletics. The students are asked to wear their sports uniform with a splash of their team colour. Unfortunately, this will be another school activity affected by Covid restrictions. We will take lots of photos and share on our seesaw app, so parents can still be a part of the day, albeit remotely.

## Swimming

We are very happy to announce that our swimming program can happen this year! This will begin in Week 9. A letter will be sent home next week with further information.

## Grade 2 Sleepover & Activities

We are very happy to inform you that we will be having our Grade 2 sleepover during week 10. The sleepover will be held on Thursday December 10th, the night prior to the Junior Activity Day. A note will be sent home soon outlining all information in regards to Grade 2 sleepover and the Junior Activity Day. We look forward to a night/day of fun with all students and thankfully to be able to conclude our year in such a positive way.

## Hats

Please ensure students have their names clearly marked inside their hats and if possible leave them in their lockers at school to ensure they remain here for the following day at play.

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

Students from Middles Reflection of Camp Howqua:

"I loved camp! I enjoyed the horse riding and my horse was named Nellie. It was great staying in a cabin with my friends" Jess Laidlaw.

"I enjoyed the bus trip and sleeping in a cabin with my friends" Landon Muller.

"On camp I rode a horse called Image, she was very calm" Poppy Dobson.

"On camp, I enjoyed archery, as it was competitive and that helped me concentrate better" Samuel Altoft.

"I learned not to be scared of heights. I really liked horse riding, as I've got experience with horses" Taylah Duggan.

"I liked the mud run because there were so many challenges. The high ropes was another one I liked, because I learnt and felt what it was like not to be scared of heights" Tanner McKellar.

"I loved high ropes, it was so much fun" Eve Boase

"My favourite part about camp was the wedginator water slide, it was out of this world" Samuel Brown

"Survivor was very fun and very muddy" Phoebe Razga

"The best thing about camp was high ropes" Remi Storer

"The best thing about camp was getting over my fear of high ropes" Myla Stewart





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## Seniors

Seniors had an amazing time at Camp Howqua. They were a credit to the school taking on all challenges with energy and enthusiasm. We cannot speak more highly of how they conducted themselves away.



### Literacy

In Literacy, we have been focusing on the Art of persuasion. Students have been creating advertisements using persuasive devices such as rhetorical questions and evaluative language to persuade their audience. Can you afford to miss it?

### Numeracy

Numeracy has been lots of fun as we have been completing our Statistics and Probability projects, where we have created our own survey questions. They loved collecting the data from the Senior collective and are now working on different types of graphs to help represent the information.

### Specialist Classes

In Sport and PE, we've been getting ready for the Athletic Sports which is coming up. Students have been tweaking their skills to give 100% effort on sports day.

### Inquiry

We are about to start our Cardboard Arcade inquiry unit. Students will design and build a working arcade game. Please start collecting cardboard and other bits and pieces to help with our construction.

The grade 6's were very excited to perform their Flash Mob dance to the school last week. It was recorded and will be shared during their very special graduation night.

Adam, Liam, Ebony, Kim, Lou, Sue, Di and Ray.



## Library

As of this Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> November, there will be no further borrowing from the school library for this year. As I will be conducting a stocktake, could ALL library books please be returned as soon as possible.

Orders for Bookclub issue #8 are due back at school or should be lodged via LOOP, by this Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> November.

Mary

## PE

### 2020 Athletics Carnival.

This Year, despite obvious obstacles and setbacks we will be able to conduct a whole school Athletics Carnival to be held over two days. Unfortunately, it will be a **STUDENTS ONLY** event as we look with optimism to returning to some normality in 2021.

The focus, once again will be on participation and “giving it your best shot”.

### Preps, Grade 1 & 2

The Sports Carnival for Prep through to Grade 2 will take place on **Thursday November 26<sup>th</sup>** on the School Oval from **11.30am – 1.30pm**. This will be a great opportunity for the younger students to participate in modified events and gain experience, in readiness for the main Carnival in the coming years.

### Grades 3,4,5 & 6

The Sports Carnival for Grade 3 – 6 will take place on **Friday November 27<sup>th</sup>** on the School Oval from **9.15am – 1.30pm**.

*Sports Uniform is to be worn with a dash of colour. eg. Ribbons, Zinc, Mascots, Socks etc.  
Please ensure that your child has a drink bottle.*

**CREMIN**

**ROHAN**

**O'CONNOR**

**MCCARTHY**

## ART

We have been busy in the Art room creating lots of spectacular artwork.

### Grade 6 - Making their Graduation Bears



### NAIDOC WEEK

For Naidoc Week Celebration, our talented Preps and Juniors watched a dreamtime story –“The Rainbow Serpent”. They created their own rainbow serpent by threading beads onto a pipe cleaner.





## NAIDOC WEEK

Whole School collaborative Art for Naidoc Week.- Each student coloured in part of the Mural.



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Grade 4 & 5 studied an Aboriginal Artist - Auntie Frances Nicholson - and created spatter paintings, using her art as inspiration.



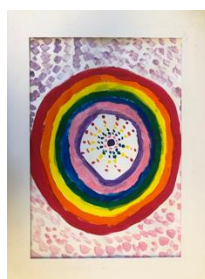
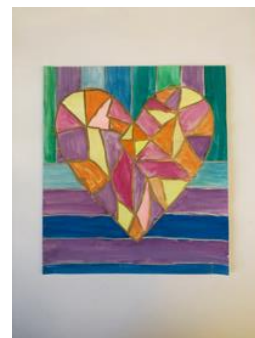
## Mary MacKillop Art Exhibition

Each year, Primary and Secondary Schools in the Sandhurst Diocese are invited to enter student's art work. We are able to send 5 artworks in the General section and three in the spiritual. As you can see on the front page of the Newsletter, Amalia Hargreaves was awarded the winner in the Spiritual Art Years 3-6 Category for her Portrait. Congratulations to all our budding artists who had their art selected, especially to the following Students! An amazing Effort.



Charli Cornall Doyle  
Highly Commended  
Spiritual Section

Skye Gundrill  
Highly Commended  
Spiritual Section



Tahlia-Skye Kosanke. Carmen Cole

Jess Laidlaw

Kiarna Arnold

Erin McPherson

## Sustainability

The year is coming quickly to an end and we have much to celebrate. Despite all we have had to endure, the garden has continued to produce strawberries, carrots and other goodies. Amy and Di have been busy combating weeds and sharing the wonder of growth in the vegie patch with groups of students. Helen Osbourne has been a great source of new plants, a new batch of pumpkin seedlings arrived last week for the next project. Alex and Tayla have done a super job as sustainability captains. They have been keeping the wheels of recycling happening with paper and fruit collection continuing through the year. Thanks to all contributors to a more sustainable life.

### Student of the Week

#### **Sen B      Rahni Lawless**

*For her outstanding effort with her persuasive writing task this week, great work Rahni!*

#### **Lucas Hendy**

*For challenging himself and completing all of the activities on offer at Howqua Camp.*

#### **Sen H      Lucas Stedman**

*For his creative homophone rap for spelling*

#### **Sienna Bosse**

*For being an absolute champion at camp.*

*I loved your positive attitude and enthusiasm to everything!*

#### **Sen M      Jade Hester**

*For always trying her best and persisting when challenged.*

#### **Curtis McKellar**

*For persisting when challenged at camp and always being a helpful friend.*

#### **Sen S      Laura Bergamin**

*For her outstanding attitude in our Grade 6 Flash Mob practices! Fantastic dance moves!*

#### **Caitlyn Hender**

*For your positive attitude towards all of the experiences on our Howqua Camp. Great work conquering the Flying Fox!*

#### **Mid H      Charlotte Hall**

*For her willingness to give everything a go while at Camp Howqua. Riding a horse, going down the flying fox and sliding down the waterslide, well done Charlotte.*

#### **Mid M      Nate Agnew**

*For demonstrating a positive action and attitude at Camp Howqua.*

#### **Mid O      Shontae Jubber Surth**

*For stepping out of her comfort zone on the high ropes at Camp Howqua.*

#### **Mid W      Harry Oswald**

*For his fabulous positive can do attitude during our Middle area camp.*

#### **Jun F      Everly Smyth**

*For her superb Spongebob story. You have shown a clear sequence of ideas with an entertaining ending! Well done Everly!*

#### **Noah Mountney**

*For his kind actions, awareness of our school rules and positive attitude in the playground.*

#### **Jun H      Mia Power**

*For her outstanding writing piece. You worked hard and didn't give up until you were proud! Well done!*

#### **Ash Curtis**

*For showing us his knowledge of homophones through dramatic acting skills. Very impressive Ash!*

#### **Jun M      Cobie Patching**

*For the outstanding effort she is putting into all writing tasks. Well done Cobie!*

#### **Hazel Alston**

*For her excellent work ethic and taking great pride in the presentation of her work. Well done Hazel!*

#### **Jun S      Nathanael Hubbard**

*For his Explorer Sponge Himalayan Adventure narrative. Fantastic writing Nathanael!*

#### **Addi Stuart**

*For having a positive and determined attitude towards all learning tasks.*



## **PREP A** Lexi Rees

*For always participating in class discussions.*

## **Ethan Brown**

*For kindly inviting others into his circle of friends.*

## **PREP H** Willa Schulz

*For always looking out for others and being an inclusive member of our classroom.*

## **Matilda Sands**

*For her positive attitude to reading in the morning, keep up the good work.*

## **PREP N** Myah Shelton

*For the work she is doing at school and home to improve her reading skills. Well done Myah!*

## **Kobe Boxtel**

*For being a good friend to others.*

## **Specialist - LOTE** Zac Walter

*For outstanding contribution to the Languages Film Festival. Well done Prime Minister!*

## Lost Property

### **Please help me find my way Home!**

We have numerous drink bottles, containers, jumpers and other items that need to find their way home. Please call in to see if any of the items belong to you. Make sure your child's items are clearly labelled with your child's name so that they can be returned. All items will be donated to St Vincent De Paul and school uniform items to the Second hand uniform shop at the end of the term.



## Community Notices



Nominations are now open for the 2021 Moira Shire Council Australia Day Awards. These awards celebrate ordinary people and groups making an extraordinary contribution to our local community and during these trying times, it is more important than ever to recognise those efforts and achievements. There are five categories – **Citizen; Young Citizen; Community Event; Community Organisation; and Arts, Culture and/or Environment Project.**

From model citizens, active community groups, organisations running fantastic programs to young champions – we want to recognise them all.

Nominations can be made online via our website.

If you require assistance in completing your application form, please contact us.

Australia Day

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#LIONSLAPTHEMAP

# Lap the map for Diabetes

JOIN YOUR LOCAL NUMURKAH LIONS CLUB IN RAISING AWARENESS AND FUNDS FOR WORLD DIABETES DAY.

**2.4KM WALK**

**NOVEMBER 23 2020**

All funds raised will go towards prevention, awareness and research in the fight against diabetes.

**6:00PM - WALK COMMENCES AT LIONS PARK, MCNAMARA DRIVE NUMURKAH**

LIONS BBQ TEA WILL BE AVAILABLE AND ALL PROCEEDS GOING TO DIABETES AWARENESS

Clubs will be reporting the length of their walks and are aiming to have a combined distance travelled that will exceed Australia's circumference (25,760 kms).

For further information, please contact Ian on 0429 058 009

### **St John's Parish Numurkah**

Our parish church is open again for weekend mass. Measures are in place to accommodate the social distancing guidelines.

The mass times are as follows:

Saturday – 6:30pm

Sunday – 10:30am

(Numbers are limited to 20 so please contact Fr. Michael to book)

Parents are encouraged to join our Facebook page '[St John the Baptist Church Numurkah](#)'

We pray that all the final weeks of the 2020 school year are most memorable.





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