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## Newsletter—Week 10 of Term 4, 10 December 2020 The Final Edition !

Dear Families and Friends

This is the final edition of our Newsletters as we put 2020 behind us. It has certainly been an incredible year, one that we will never forget, one that has been another test of resilience and determination for us and our community. I only have admiration for each of you as families as we adapted our work, education and home lives through the many weeks and months of remote learning. Every person has a story to tell and hopefully, these will become distant memories. But surely we have come to greatly value our family, our friends and our health. This might be something to celebrate over Christmas.

**Live Life To The Fullest In Christ**

Paul Arnel – Principal

To Our Staff – On behalf of All at St Joseph's, I thank you for your commitment, care and dedication in making this year work for us.

### Graduating Class of 2020

And for the Class of 2020, I congratulate and thank each of you for the manner in which you have lead us through the year. You have done beautifully in maintaining our culture of attitude, awareness and action.

The Graduation will be held in the MacKillop Centre on Monday Night and live streamed into the Dining Rooms at The Shamrock, The Telegraph and Family Homes. We will farewell the students with our Traditional Avenue of Honour at 2:45pm on Wednesday. All families are welcome on-site.

### Staff Farewells

I also take time to farewell the following staff who leave us at year's end –

**Jen Hamilton** : Jen has been a loyal team member for the past 7 years. She takes up a position in Wangaratta.

**Dee Fernandez** : Dee heads to St Joseph's Jerilderee after two years in our Junior School.

**Rose McGregor** : Rose has done it all for us and after achieving a Bachelor of Education, moves on to greener pastures

Thanks to **Miranda Taylor** for another stint with us. She moves to the north coast of NSW.

### Christmas Church Celebrations – To be confirmed

- **Parish Christmas Celebrations – All Welcome**  
**Christmas Eve Children's Mass – Mary MacKillop Centre 6pm**  
**Carols - Church 7:30pm Parish and Christmas Eve Mass – Church 8pm**  
**Christmas Day Masses – Strathmerton 9am and Numurkah 10:30am**

**Wednesday December 16 Last Day for Children 3.15pm Finish**



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- Student Reports out today. Please contact your child's teacher if you wish to catch up
- 2021 Year 6 Student Captains and Leaders announced at the start of 2021.

## Dates to Remember

Thursday  
Monday  
Wednesday

December 10  
December 14  
December 16

Student Reports Out  
Graduation 6.30pm  
Last Day for Children  
3:15pm finish

## 2021 Dates

Thursday  
Friday

January 28  
January 29

Individual Assessment  
P-6 Day One 2021

## **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) so give Donna a call at the office if you are interested. Sue McKellar will be in charge.

**Day One for Prep to Year 6 2021**  
**Friday, January 29**

## **Saint Mary MacKillop Awards**

At this week's Remote Assembly, we presented our Saint Mary MacKillop Awards. Our founder said

**"Never see a need without doing something about it"**

We formally recognise boys and girls who are living examples of who Saint Mary MacKillop would want us to be. This is about the type of person these children are growing to be, for those who put others before themselves. We congratulate all of our 2021 Saint Mary MacKillop Award recipients.





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## 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 have been sent home with the students.

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*

*Camp Sports Excursion Fund CSEF is available again next year. If you applied this year you won't have to reapply. Any new card holders can obtain an Application form from the office.*

*Beginning of Year Literacy assessments will take place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021 for children in Grade 1-6.*

*Please refer to instructions attached to make a booking.*



## Preps

This year has been a most challenging and memorable year and we congratulate both our children and parents for the way they have handled these extraordinary times.

### Buddies

We are so thankful for the kindness and friendliness shown to our Prep children by their Year 6 Buddies. The relationships formed will stay in the memories of our children for a life time. We also thank the Grade 6 teachers for their enthusiasm to continue the Buddy Program throughout the year.



Flying kites with our buddies in "Kite" week.

### Literacy

Our Literacy Program has been well supported both at school and at home. We are pleased with the results we have achieved and ask children to read over the holidays to maintain the wonderful levels they have acquired.



We wrapped presents for "tape" week.

### Sports Carnival

Last week we participated in the Junior Athletics Carnival. The children participated well and showed terrific sportsmanship.



### Swimming

We finished our Term with terrific swimming lessons.



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Finally, we have had an amazing year and would like to thank everyone for the support you have given us. Communication has been fantastic as well as most helpful. We will continue to watch your child shine in their future years at St. Joseph's. Preps, please pop in to see us next year!

Enjoy the holidays, rest up and have a Happy and Holy Christmas.

Warm regards,

Joanie, Tan, Grace and Jane

## Juniors



Last week all students participated in our F-2 Athletics Carnival. It was fantastic to see our students give all events their best and display good sportsmanship with others.



## Swimming

Throughout the last two weeks all Junior students participated in our Swimming Program. During the four sessions students were given the opportunity to learn new skills and further develop their confidence in and around water. We were very proud of the positive participation of all students.

## Grade 2 Sleepover & Grade 1/2 Activity Day

We are looking forward to celebrating the year tonight with our Grade 2 sleepover and Junior Activity Day on Friday. We are pleased that we have been able to have these special events despite the difficult year we have had.

Finally, congratulations to our families on their amazing effort this term and throughout the year. It has been one like no other! We wish our wonderful students all the best as they continue living and learning at St Josephs in 2021!

Many thanks,

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

## Middles

On behalf of Mark, Sara, Jen, Makayla, Deb, Amy and Amanda we would like to say a huge thank you to all our families!

"Never see a need without doing something about it"

2020 presented us with challenges and needs not seen before and as a school community we faced these challenges with resilience, perseverance and enthusiasm. Your support throughout 2020 and in particular, approximately 17 weeks of Home Learning is appreciated and valued. We could not have continued to Live and Learn the St Joseph's way without your support.



## Reports

These important documents will go home this afternoon. They are a reflection and indication of your child's progress throughout 2020.

## Transition

There were lots of smiles and enthusiasm on Tuesday, when students found out who their 2021 classmates, teacher and support staff are to be. It is exciting to look forward to 2021!!

## Middle School Celebration Day - Tuesday 15th December.

On Tuesday 15th December, we will be having a day to celebrate 2020 in the Middle School. Notes went home today with the details, as well as electronically on the SeeSaw App.

Thank you again....and have a Happy and Holy Christmas!!

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

## Seniors

### Literacy

Over the last few weeks our Grade Five students began preparing their captain speeches. Each child wrote a speech and presented it to our current Year 4/5 students. Everyone did a fantastic job and we are proud of their efforts. While captain speeches were being prepared, our Year Six students were writing their graduation profiles. It was a special time for our students, reflecting on all the wonderful memories they have made at our school. We finished the term off by writing Christmas cards to local businesses and wishing them a wonderful Christmas with their family.



### Numeracy

These past few weeks, we have completed our Statistics and Probability projects, where we have created our own survey questions and displayed the data in different types of graphs including the delicious pie chart! As we get closer to the end of the year, we have been revising some Maths concepts covered this year, such as fractions and decimals, addition/subtraction and multiplication/division. We have practised these through our game, "The Amazing Race", which was a hoot!

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## Inquiry

Over the past few weeks we have been putting our construction hats on to create our very own Cardboard Arcade games! We have taken inspiration from games like Pinball, Hoops, Whack-A-Mole, and many others. We look forward to sharing these with the other classes at school on Friday.

## Celebration Days

This year our **Grade 5s and 6s will be having their celebration day on Tuesday 14th**. Our Grade 6s will be walking down to spend the day at the Numurkah Outdoor Pool, which will be a terrific chance to celebrate the past seven years of Primary School. Our Grade 5s will have their celebration day at school.

Finally, we would like to give a massive thank you to all of our students and families for their hard work and perseverance through many different rounds of remote learning. We would like to wish all of each of our families a very happy and safe Christmas together, and we look forward to seeing you all again in 2021.

Thank you,

**Senior School Staff**

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

## Library

Thank you to everyone who has returned their library books. If you still have books at home/school, could you please return them this week.

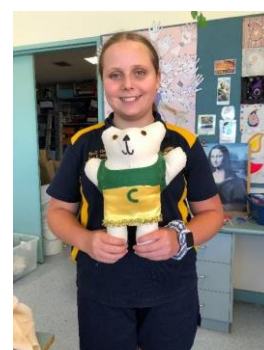
Thanks, again

Mary

## Art

Each year in Term 4 the Grade 6 children make and decorate a Graduation Bear with an outfit they had to design and make.

Congratulations to all the Gr 6 students on a fantastic year.





## OSHC

A reminder that Vacation Care bookings are now open. If you currently use the Before or After School Care, then you are able to book via the My Family Lounge App.

**If you have not used the service before, we recommend that you contact the school office before the end of term on 5862 1804.** Once school closes you can email [dmurfett@sjnumurkah.catholic.edu.au](mailto:dmurfett@sjnumurkah.catholic.edu.au) and we will respond within 24 hours.

To all of the before and after school care families of 2020, I just want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. We have done lots of great things this year in our program and have many more wonderful things to do next year including new craft opportunities and some new inclusive games to get the children mixing with each other to develop their social skills.

We look forward to seeing many of you in the New Year and until then all the best.

Rose & Ash

## Canteen

*No HOT food and smoothies, fruit cup and tacos etc for the last 3 days of school 14, 15 & 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. Also the choices will be limited for window items as stocks run low at the end of the year.*

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### ST JOHN'S CHURCH 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

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

We pray that you all have a wonderful Christmas and cherish this special time with your families.



## TOURISM IN THE TIME OF COVID-19

NCN Health is excited to welcome back visitors from around Victoria and interstate this summer with a strong focus on keeping the community safe.

Part of our COVID Safe plan for tourism includes health promotion and education for visitors to our region and providing free COVID-19 swab testing to anyone with symptoms.

### What can the community do?

We all have a role to play in protecting our communities from COVID-19, while still enjoying a festive Christmas season.

**Lead by example** - always follow the public health advice staying 1.5m away from others, regularly washing and sanitizing your hands and if you feel unwell with symptoms of COVID-19 isolate in your home or accommodation and arrange to get tested.

**Encourage your visitors to be proactive** - if you notice a family or friend has any of the following symptoms: fever, chills or sweats, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, loss of the sense of taste, loss of the sense of smell, or fatigue or tiredness for no identified reason, suggest they take it seriously and arrange to get a COVID-19 swab test at NCN Health or contact their GP.

### To organise a COVID-19 test contact us:

- NCN Health Nathalia 5866 9444
- NCN Health Cobram 5871 0777
- NCN Health Numurkah 5862 0555

Ensure family and friends isolate until the results are returned. The time it takes to get your COVID-19 results back can vary depending on the demand for testing, however they usually take between 1-3 days.

For more information please call the Coronavirus Hotline 1800 675 398 or go to Department of Human Services website: <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus>



Numurkah Lions Club Inc.

## MARKET

South Bank of Broken Creek  
Numurkah

**SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 8.00 am -12.00 noon**

- ❖ Cottage Craft
- ❖ Produce
- ❖ New and Second Hand Goods
- ❖ Something for everyone

**Enquiries: 0459322496**

*Another Lions Club Project*

## Compulsory Online Netball Club Registrations

The Katunga Football Netball Club invites all new and past players to participate in our 2021 season.

All intending junior players **MUST** be registered by no later than **31 December 2020**. Only under extenuating circumstances, individual cases will be considered by the selection panel in conjunction with the executive committee whose decision is final.

Please share with any new players who may be wishing to join the KFNC.

Please complete the online Club Registration Survey which you will find on our website at [www.katungafnc.sportingpulse.net](http://www.katungafnc.sportingpulse.net)

Details will be provided to all registered players early in the new year regarding training commencement.

For further information or for any senior players wishing to join the club please contact Stacey Weeks on 0401 362 908 or Aimee Sidebottom 0400 734 831 or email [katungafnc@outlook.com](mailto:katungafnc@outlook.com).







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Dear Parents

Students from Prep to Grade 6 commence school on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Staff will return Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and spend **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January** working with children from Grade 1 to Grade 6 in their initial Literacy assessments. Please find below the booking code to book online. **Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code)** and follow these simple instructions. You can now book interviews at times that suit *your family best*.

**BOOKINGS CLOSE Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 2pm**

School event code  
ydacz

Enter THIS school event code. ydacz then follow the 3 simple steps.

1 Enter your details

2 Choose teachers

3 Choose times

When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately. You can return to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

**Please note this is not a full school day, students are not required to wear school uniform, and students are only required to attend school for duration of their assessment. Due to the length of assessments, we ask that you provide a water bottle and a piece of fruit for your child to bring with them. Normal school resumes on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021.**

For parents who don't have access to the internet please find attached booking form for your completion, and return to the office at your earliest convenience.

Five children can be accepted per block. Your teachers will contact you separately if the timeslots are full.

For parents with more than one child and would like them to be in the same time slot please ensure you get online to make your bookings or alternatively return booking form ASAP. If you know that your child will not be available on this day could you please advise the office at your earliest opportunity.

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Donna or Gayle on 5862 1804.

Regards

Paul Arnel  
Principal

Beginning of the Year or Assessment - Thursday 28th January 2021

FAMILY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ For booking confirmation

BLOCK	STUDENT NAME	YEAR LEVEL 2021	TEACHER 2021
8.30am - 10.30am			
11am - 1pm			
1.30pm - 3.30pm			

**\*\* As there is only 5 places in each timeslot please indicate if you have a second preference or time that would not be suitable by crossing it out.**

EXAMPLE

FAMILY NAME: Smith

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ For booking confirmation

BLOCK	STUDENT NAME	YEAR LEVEL 2021	TEACHER 2021
8.30am - 10.30am	Sam / Sally / Steve	6 / 3 / 2 /	Ms Sutton/Mr Harmer/Mr Stirton
11am - 1pm			
1.30pm - 3.30pm			