

# ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

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# Newsletter—Week 7 of Term 1, March 11th 2021

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 <u>Assertiveness</u>

Our focus within the three areas are as follows

Attitude: Confident Without Being Bossy

Awareness: Of the Needs to Stand Up For Oneself and Others

**Action: Positive Voice and Body Language** 

#### **Dear Parents, Carers and Friends**

As we work through this time of Lent and close in on our Easter Break we can take time to reflect on this new year. After enduring the difficulties presented through Covid, have we learnt the obvious lessons? Our roles as parents, carers and teachers are often difficult but certainly most rewarding in the long term. As we ask of our children, we can set our own personal goals in working to be better at what we do and being better at who we are. Our children follow our example, not always our advice!

#### **Dates to Remember**

Sunday: Fun Run Registration from 8am for 9am start

Wednesday March 17: School Photos Wednesday March 17: School Board AGM

Friday March 19: St Joseph's Feast Day Celebrations
Thursday April 1: Last Day of Term 1 early finish 2.15pm

Monday April 19: Start of Term 2

#### St Joseph's Feast Day Celebrations

Our Patron's Feast Day is next Friday, March 19. We'll celebrate it with a School Mass then a day of activities. It will be a Casual Clothes day for a Gold Coin Donation to Caritas.

Our New Look Afternoon Assembly: Mondays at 2:45

Yr 6 Leaders & Class Prayer

March 15: Layla, Zac & Jensen; Jun S & A

March 22: Tahlia K, Tom G & Joel O; Jun H & J

And you can watch it live by tuning into our YouTube channel.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCChZRa2nKzF 2muZtn1eJqg

The link can also be found on our school website and is the same link for ALL Assemblies!

Parents/Carers of students who are involved in the assembly are welcome to join us on-site in the MacKillop Centre.

**FUN RUN – THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 14 - 9am START** 



# Office News

### **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: 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> March

Monthly Debits 18th of each month.

If your circumstances have changed and you are now eligible for a Health Care Card, please complete a CSEF application if you haven't already done so.

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**

Wow isn't the Term flying by! We have been so busy living and learning in the Prep room. The children are well and truly settled into our daily routines and are confident in our learning environment. We are very impressed with how easily the Preps have adjusted to our morning reading. It is wonderful to see them getting themselves organised, unpacking their bags and reading to an adult in the room or another child each morning. On your child's reading day, they change their readers and read to their teacher. This way the teacher gets to check in on progress and make sure your child is taking home the correct readers.

### **SMART Spelling**

We congratulate the children on their enthusiasm to complete Smart Spelling tasks each night. We will continue to keep you updated through Seesaw on our work and activities. This approach is teaching lifelong skills that your child will use throughout the rest of their schooling. If you have any questions or are unsure of the process and what to do at home, please come and see us. We are more than happy to run through the approach with you.

#### **Literacy and Morning Reading**

In Literacy, we have begun our reading rotations so if you are available to assist in the classroom please see us ASAP. Thank you to those parents who have been able to stay and listen to other children read in the mornings. We expect every child to read before school or upon arrival at school. The more parents we have to listen to children the easier this process is.

This week we asked children to get four readers and keep them for the week. This means children aren't changing their readers daily, they can revisit readers and become more familiar with books they have already seen. We will frequently monitor your child's progress.

One of the reasons for this is to build confidence, fluency and expression. If you have any questions about this please come and see us.

#### **Maths**

In Maths, we have been counting to 50 every day. The children have begun looking at skip counting by 10's and counting backwards from 20 and 10. We are looking at one more and one less and recognising written numbers. The children have been using cards and dice to assist them with this process. As well as our daily counting we have focused on patterns and measurement. Keep an eye out on Seesaw as we like to send home pictures of what the children are doing at school. We encourage your child to explain what he/she is doing in the pictures as this promotes the development of oral language.

#### **Inquiry**

In Inquiry, we have been learning about 'Fairness and Friendship.' We are looking at how we can work well together and appropriately manage conflict with our peers.

#### **Religion**

In Religion, we have looked at how we can be more like Jesus during this period of Lent. Children have been exploring the significance of Lent and Easter and are developing an awareness of the signs and symbols associated with this time.

#### **Caritas Fundraiser**

Each year we promote 'almsgiving' as part of Lent. This is when we reach out to help others. To support this, the Preps and Juniors are raising money for Caritas – Project Compassion. We ask that each family donate an Easter egg for the raffle prizes (baskets, toys, etc). We have also sent home some raffle tickets for you to purchase/sell (\$1 each). If you would like extra tickets, please see Donna at the office.

### **Seesaw**

Seesaw is a wonderful app we have been using to help keep you updated with anything that is happening and also share pictures from our daily learning at school. We love the interaction we have with families through seesaw and the way it enables us to easily communicate with you about school.

### **Specialist**

Art/Library - Tuesday

Sport – Tuesday & Friday

Please ensure all belongings are clearly labelled (water bottle, hat, jumper).

#### Assembly

We present our first Assembly Prayer on Monday of Week 10 (29<sup>th</sup> March). We invite all parents and carers to the Mary MacKillop center at 2:45pm to watch. If you are unable to make it, a link to an online stream of our Assembly Prayer will be sent home via seesaw.

#### **Buddies**

We would like to thank our buddies for helping us have a happy and memorable start to school life. It is exciting to see their relationships build and grow.

Thank you for your support this Term and we look forward to continuing working with you to ensure your child is a happy learner.

Rach, Tanya, Grace and Jane.

#### **Juniors**

#### Writing

We are currently focusing on Narratives within Writing. Students are enjoying the opportunity of creating illustrations that represent characters and settings. These illustrations have been the creative spark for students and are allowing them to write stories that include important and relevant information such as, who, what, when, where and why.





#### **Readers**

We ask that all students please read to an adult every night. Once completed please write the title and a small comment in their reader diary. Students will also be required to read every morning when they arrive at school before they go outside to play.

#### **SMART Spelling**

A SMART Spelling homework book is sent home each Monday. Students are encouraged to practise their words on a minimum of two nights by saying the word, sounding it out and writing it. We ask that this homework book returns to school every Friday.

#### **Numeracy**

We are currently halfway through our Addition and Subtraction unit. Students are working hard to challenge themselves and are developing new understanding of mental and concrete strategies to solve a wide range of addition and subtraction algorithms. A large focus within this unit is to develop quick mathematical knowledge of students such as Rainbow Facts, doubles, near doubles and halves. If possible it would be wonderful for families to work on this at home as well.

#### **Religion**

In Religion we are focusing on the Church season of 'Lent'. Throughout this unit students will focus on the prayerful aspects of Lent and the importance of prayer in Jesus' life. We are enabling students to look, know and find God within themselves and explore Jesus' words and actions.

#### **Inquiry**

This term in Inquiry we are investigating the unit 'Developing Our Learning Culture'. Throughout the last week we have been participating in team building activities that are encouraging students to learn how to effectively communicate and co-operate with others. We have also explored the importance of challenging our brain during Brain Gym sessions.





# **Specialist**

Students have specialist classes on <u>Wednesdays</u>. The children need to continue to wear their <u>sports</u> <u>uniform</u> every Wednesday and Friday. They also need to bring their Library bag each Wednesday.

Weeks 6-11 (Wednesday) Junior East: LOTE/ART Junior West: PE/LIBRARY

Please send us a message on SeeSaw if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child. Jordyn, Joanie, Kim, Ali, Dave, Bern and Alli.

#### **Middles**

As we continue to work our way through Term 1, routines and living and learning in the Middle School are in full swing!

#### Morning Routine.

An important part of the school day is the time between 8:30am - 8:55am. This is a time where teachers are listening to student reading or testing and making sure the room is settled before the start of the school day. Students are reminded to:

- Bring their School Diary in each morning for the teacher to sign.
- When they are in the room during this time, they are quiet and respectful of the other students, that will be reading or doing other work.
- Lunch orders should be placed in tubs at this time.

#### Homework Routine.

At this stage, homework consists of 20 minutes reading and the SMART Spelling Homework Tasks.

After school is an important time for family, sporting, musical and cultural interests.



#### **SMART Spelling.**

Many of you will be aware that this program is a whole school approach to spelling, through understanding sounds and letter / sound relationships.

Each Monday, teachers introduce the focus and the Homework Task Sheet is given to students. This sheet is designed to be flexible to suit the busy routines and lives of our families. Throughout the week, classrooms work on different activities that consolidate and reinforce the particular focus of the week. Approximately every five weeks, there is a revision week, where the previous focus sound is revisited.

#### **AAA - Attitude + Action + Awareness**

It has been wonderful to see so many Triple A awards being given out to the Middle School students, both from their behaviour and example in the classroom, to how they are conducting themselves in the yard. Well Done!! As our patron and founder, Mary MacKillop said...."Never See a need without doing something

about it"

# Specialist Timetable - Week 6 -10 Tuesday

Middle O - Library & PE Middle H - PE & Library Middle W - LOTE & Art Middle B - Art & Lote

#### **Friday**

Middle W - PE Middle B - PE Middle O - LOTE Middle H - LOTE









Please send us a message on SeeSaw if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child. Mark, Makayla, Sara, Liam, Deb, Karlene, Amanda & Clayton

### **Seniors**

Hello parents and guardians, can you believe we are already in week seven of our first term? Now that we are past the beginning of the school year, our senior students have settled into a regular learning routine. With just over two weeks left in our term there is still a lot of *Living and Learning* activities to get done before we take our first break.

### **CARITAS**

Everyone was very excited to be back from our COVID lockdown, knuckle down into our routines and learning. CARITAS theme this year is "Be More", where as a community, who believe that there are simple actions we can all take to "be more" for our world. We are turning Lent into a demonstration of faith, love and generosity. Students are encouraged to be a part of this by coming up with ways to help fundraise and raise awareness of the wonderful work of CARITAS.

Hannah has created a vending machine to raise money for CARITAS



#### *Inquiry*

Leadership has been our inquiry topic. We are excited to introduce Year 6 led clubs. Students will run lunchtime clubs to promote inclusion, social interaction and cross level interactions in an area of their own interest. An example is the Coding Club where grade 6's have built games using the coding platform SCRATCH and are going to teach the club members how to make their own games.







#### Literacy

In Literacy we have been investigating the Blue and Pink spelling rules. The Blue spelling rule is "When the second last letter makes the sound |a| |e| |i| |o| |u| double the last letter and add the vowel suffix" eg hop to hopping. The Pink spelling rule is "When a word ends in the graph y change the 'y' to 'i' and add the vowel suffix except when using ing", eg cry to cried, crying. We are looking for examples in our reading and being able to apply the spelling knowledge in dictation. Students are hot on the trail of becoming very persuasive in writing. They are learning the structure and persuasive devices to help them enforce their point of view.

#### **Numeracy**

Students are reinforcing and building on their prior knowledge of place value. This has involved lots of fun math based card and dice games, allowing students to apply and extend themselves.

#### Year 6 Leadership

At our opening school mass, we inducted all of our Grade Six students as leaders of our school. Congratulations to those students who were elected as leaders of a particular area listed below.

**School Captains -** Timmy Oswald and Zoe Hawthorn. Our Captains will work closely with Mr Arnel. They will be the face of our school, representing us, as a whole, at official events during the year.

**Triple A -** Tahlia-Skye Kosanke and Xavier Tonkin- Triple A Leaders will work with Liam Booth and promote our Triple A values through the Triple A awards and whole school rewards.

**Sustainability -** Andrew Barnden and Layla Newham - Sustainability Leaders are led by Deb Cairns and Di Thorne, they promote recycling and sustainability activities around our school.

**IT -** Zac Walter and Tom Hooker - IT Leaders report to Ray Goldsack and Louise Hall and are involved in securing ICT hardware, supporting students with ICT use and helping to implement Digital Technology initiatives.

**Sport -** Claire Bergamin and Joel O'Dwyer. Our sport house leaders work with Shane Merkel in preparing and maintaining sports equipment around the school. They also lead their sports house in organising war cries and team spirit activities during sporting events.

**Fire Carrier -** Skye Gundrill and James Altoft- Clayton Patching is supporting the Fire Carriers in helping them promote Indigenous Culture and history such as NAIDOC Week.

We remind all of our Year Six students that they are in a role of responsibility as senior leaders of our school. We look forward to working with them this year as responsible leaders and role models.

### **Zone/Regional Swimming**

We would like to congratulate the students who competed at the Zone swimming carnival recently, in particular Kirrily Hooper and Samuel Brown.

#### Coding Club

We are now running a Coding Club with the assistance of Mrs Hall and our IT leaders Tom Hooker and Zac Walter on Wednesday lunchtimes. This club is a part of the Digital Technologies initiatives being introduced this year.

### **Uniform Blitz**

As leaders of our school, the seniors are role models to all of the other students. It is therefore very important that our senior students are consistently wearing the correct uniform. We understand that things can cause this to be difficult, and if, for any reason, a student needs to be out of uniform please make sure that you send a signed note with them explaining why.

#### Key areas that we are noticing uniform violations are:

**Socks**, socks must be navy boys and white for girls with the exception of sports uniforms where everyone wears white socks; **Shoes**, school shoes need to be **all black**, no exceptions except for sports uniform runners; **Jewellery**, the only jewellery permitted at school are sleeper or stud earrings and a watch, no other jewellery is permitted for safety reasons; **Hair Accessories**, Any hair ties, ribbons, scrunchies or pins worn in the hair must be school colours (navy and/or gold); **Nail Polish**, there is to be no nail polish worn. We appreciate your assistance in ensuring our uniform policy (as set by the Parents & Friends) is followed.

#### Reminders

**Nightly Reading/ Homework -** Please make sure that your child continues to read each night, we understand that things can get busy in the afternoons with sporting and other family commitments. But reading for just ten or fifteen minutes each night has been shown to be very beneficial for a student's learning. Students get their spelling words each Monday and are required to complete 4 of the spelling activities during the week. They return their book on Friday.

**Diary signing -** Please also remember to sign your child's diary each night. The school diary is the key method of communication between a parent and teacher.

Thank you,

**Senior School Staff** 

Adam, Ebony, Dominic, Kelly, Lou, Ray, Di and Sarah.

### **Sports News**

What an amazing day of fun in the sun at the Zone Swimming! We were fortunate enough to have 4 students represent our school, all of whom participated with enthusiasm and good sportsmanship.

Congratulations to Georgia Robertson who is off to State Swimming in April. We wish her the best of luck.

A fantastic effort also to Summa Neyland, Samuel Brown & Kirrily Hooper.





# St John's Parish OSHC News

It has been a great start to the Before & After School Program. The children have been enjoying going outside playing games, planting, weeding and harvesting our fruit and vegetables in the Veggie garden The Children have also been busy with Easter Craft with baskets & rabbits. We are also running an Easter colouring competition.

#### **VACATION CARE**

Vacation Care shall be running again during the next school holidays, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays 8am to 4pm. Bookings are now open. The cost shall remain the same, \$60.00 per day with Child Care subsidies also provided.



If you are current users of the program, then you can book via the My Family Lounge App, or contact the school office.

If you wish to start using the program, please contact the office for enrolment information.

We look forward to seeing you soon. Sue, Ash & Donna

















### Student of the Week

### **Sen S** Dylan Simmons

For always being a polite member of our classroom and always using his manners. Top work Dylan!

#### **Sen M** Sophie Rosemeier

For coming in each morning with a positive attitude for the day ahead.

#### Sen H Chase LttileJohn

For taking on everything with pride. You are a joy for everyone around you.

#### Sen N Lacey Schulz

For always being ready to learn and for being a kind and respectful class member.

#### Mid H Seb Garner

For being focused, quiet and a wonderful model for his peers during meditation, demonstrating "Awareness" of himself and others.

#### Mid O Samuel Altoft

For the way he is confidently approaching the challenges of Year 4.

### Mid W Isabella Razga

For always being a happy, kind and considerate member of our classroom. You are a fabulous role model to all. Well done Isabella.

#### Mid B Phoebe Miller

For her focus and persistence in Math. Keep up the good work Phoebe!

#### Jun S Peyton Lee

For participating in our Brain Gym session with such determination and enthusiasm.

#### Jun H Isla Culton

For her excellent presentation of her trip to Sovereign Hill and for settling into our class routines well.

### Jun A Avarni Peterson

For having a go at all tasks and realising that she is a star!

#### Jun J Owen Chmiel

For working well to be organised and prepared for the tasks ahead this week, and also for improved effort during handwriting tasks. Brilliant work Owen!

#### <u>Prep M</u> Zoe Altoft

For working hard and listening carefully at all times. Keep up the great work!

### <u>Prep N</u> Chase Wilson

For his positive attitude towards completing activities.

# Principal's Award

Term 1

Week 5: Brian Hansen

Week 6 : Bella Wayman

Living out the values of

Saint Mary MacKillop

through what they say and what they do.

# Triple A Social Skill Award

This is awarded to students in each class who display excellence in the Triple A Social Skill of Leadership.

Attitude: Proud & Confident Awareness: Of the Examples I Set

Action: Being a positive role model

Congratulations to the following students who received this social skill award:

Poppy Patching, Billy Hicks, Sophia McPherson, Viaan Maharaj, Georgia Brassil, Caylee Rawson, Georgia Robertson, Remi Storer, Elijah Tonkin, Eve Boase, James Altoft, Zoe Hawthorn, Tahlia-Skye Kosanke and Konnar Stell.

#### Canteen

#### March

12<sup>th</sup> Volunteer

15th Natasha Stell, Donna Jensen

16<sup>th</sup> Christy Culton

17<sup>th</sup> Narelle Schreenan

18th Volunteer

19th Kim McPherson

22<sup>nd</sup> Kate McGregor

23<sup>rd</sup> Volunteer

24<sup>th</sup> Volunteer

25th Rachel Robertson

26<sup>th</sup> Volunteer

29th Donna Jensen

30<sup>th</sup> Kate McGregor

31<sup>st</sup> Volunteer

### April

1st Haylee Schulz

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.

#### POSITION VACANT HEALTHY SCHOOL OFFICER

Karen has resigned from her position as Healthy School Officer to spend more time with her family. We thank her for all her hard work and fantastic service in managing the canteen for the last 4 years.

As a result, there is now an opportunity for a dynamic person with a passion for health, a knowledge of nutrition and an ability to work as part of our committed school team. The position is for the remainder of the school year with the possibility of ongoing. The position is for 5 hours per day, Monday-Friday of the school year 9.30am-2.30pm. The successful applicant will need to demonstrate:

- □ A passion for health and nutrition
- Cooking skills
- □ Initiative and independence
- □ Effective organisational and management skills
- ☐ A willingness to be an effective team member
  The successful applicant will have at least these basic requirements:
- □ Working With Children Check (or willingness to acquire one)
- □ Food Handlers Certificate (or willingness to acquire one)

Basic Duties:

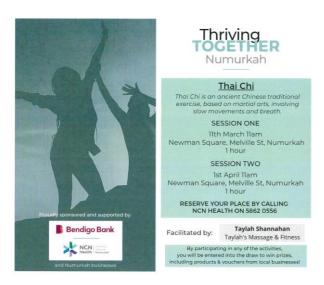
- ☐ Canteen Management menu planning, student orders, rosters, cleaning, stock control, money management, food safety monitoring
- ☐ Preparation of Healthy, Fresh Food cooking and or preparation of fresh food menu

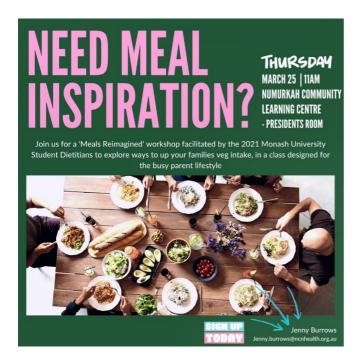
Interested persons can contact the Principal to discuss the positions in greater detail or send a written application including experience and the names of at least two referees to

Mr. Paul Arnel - Principal St. Joseph's Primary School 16 Tocumwal Rd. Numurkah 3636 Phone: (03) 5862 1804

parnel@sjnumurkah.catholic.edu.au

# **Community Notices**







#### Katunga Football Netball Club Registration Nights / Training Dates / Auskick and NetSetGo

The Katunga Football Netball Club wishes to advise that our Registration sessions will be held at the following times:-

- Thursday 25 February 5-7:30pm
- Sunday 28 February 9-11:30am
- Thursday 4 March 5-7:30pm
- Thursday 18 March 5-7:30pm

Unfortunately due to excessive numbers, registrations to play netball for 2021 are now closed, unless you have just moved to the area. Netballers are advised that they are still required to attend the registration nights to complete appropriate club paperwork and fees.

It's imperative that all online registrations are completed asap to be covered for insurance and club registrations and payment details to be completed on one of the above session or submitted and paid electronically. Please visit our website <a href="www.katungafnc.sportingpulse.net">www.katungafnc.sportingpulse.net</a> for further information, online registration links, club membership form and payment sheet.

#### **Football Training**

Seniors – Tuesday and Thursday - 6:15pm start

Thirds – currently training Thursdays - 5:15pm start

Fourths – Commencing Thursday 4 March at 5pm

Fifths – Commencing Thursday 18 March at 5pm

#### **Netball Training**

Seniors - Tuesday and Thursday - 6:00pm start

17/Unders – Tuesday and Thursday - 5pm

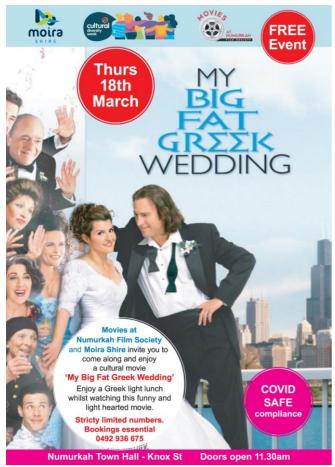
15/Unders - Tuesday and Thursday - 5pm

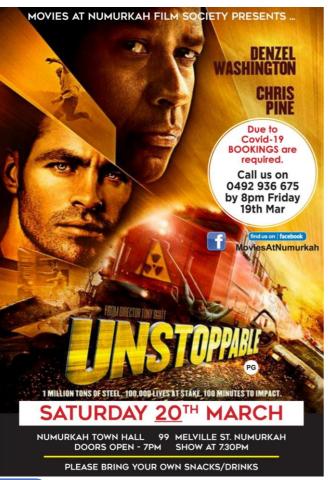
13/Unders - Tuesday and Thursday - 5pm

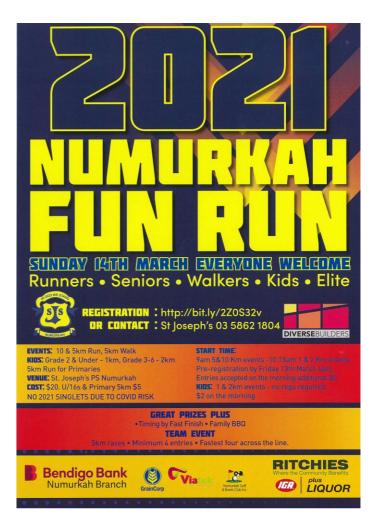
11/Unders - Commencing Thursday 11 March at 5pm

AusKick and NetSetGo will again run this year during Term 2. Details on registering will be available towards the end of Term 1. Please keep an eye on our website, FaceBook page or TeamApp.

For further information please contact Rachael Howden on 0400 877 409 or <a href="mailto:katungafnc@outlook.com">katungafnc@outlook.com</a>.









Life has been tough for many people in our community during the pandemic.

You can help by donating a pre-loved bag filled with essentials & luxury items, that will make someone feel cared for.

Leave the care-packs at one of the Food is Free Numurkah locations.



Check out the handy guide for the items that can be included in each bag you make!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT NICOLE ON 0458 972 416