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Wed, May 12

7.30pm

All Welcome

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Newsletter—Week 3 of Term 2, May 6th 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 Self-Discipline

Our focus within the three areas are as follows

Attitude: Independent Attitude

Awareness: That I can Be Responsible For My Own Actions

Action: Owning My Choices

School Board Wed, May 19

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Sunday is Mother's Day

This is a time to recognise the importance of the role that our Mother has in our lives. Whether she lives at home or away or has passed on, our Mum is our Mum. To our boys and girls, make sure you take extra care of your Mother/s or the one who is the Mother Figure in your life. As a school we celebrate Mother's Day tomorrow with our Breaky, School Video and Prep Prayer.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy tests for Year 3 & 5 students will be held next week at our school. The tests are Australia wide and provide parents and teachers with information about children's performance in Literacy and Numeracy. This information can be used to support teaching and learning programs and improve student performance. Later in the year, those involved will receive a personal report that will describe his/her performance in reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. I remind you that this is a "one-off" piece of assessment that adds to the overall picture of our children's progress.

ANZAC DAY - 2021





Well done to the many families who joined our Community in continuing to make ANZAC Day an important part of our Australian Tradition.

Dates to Remember

Friday May 7 Mother's Day Breakfast & Stall

School Cross Country

Tues-Thurs May 11-13 NAPLAN

Wed May 19 School Open Day

Sunday May 23 Community Open Day – Enrolments Open

Monday May 24 Pupil Free Day

Tuesday May 25 PSG Meetings Commence (Weeks 6 & 7)

Thank you to Mick & Rebecca Handford from Murray Valley Tree Maintenance for donating the mulch for our gardens.

Afternoon Assembly: Monday at 2:45

Yr 6 Leaders & Class Prayer

May 10 : Brock J, Claire B & Tom H; Prep M &N May 17 : Lucas S, Mason H & Timmy; Mid H & O You can watch it live by tuning into our YouTube

channel.

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

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

Monday, May 24 Pupil Free Day

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: 7th & 21st May.

Monthly Debits 18th of each month.

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 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. Applications are closing soon.

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

Welcome back to Term Two! The children have now completed their first, very busy, term of school and are familiar with the classroom routines. This term is such an exciting time for growth and development and we are looking forward to working with you closely to support your child.

Mother's Day Prayer & Assembly

On Friday morning (7th of May) and Monday afternoon (10th of May) we will be sharing a special prayer for Mother's Day. If you would like to come along, please join us in the MacKillop Centre Friday morning and/or Monday afternoon from 2:45pm.

We would like to wish all Mother and Mother figures a Happy Mother's Day this Sunday. We hope that you enjoy your special day with your loved ones.

Excursion

Last Friday we had a wonderful time on our very first school excursion to Shepparton! The children were very excited to take the bus to Riverlinks Eastbank where we watched an amazing production of the 'Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We then enjoyed lunch and a run around at Kidstown before returning to school in the afternoon. What a terrific day!

Literacy

In Literacy, we are very enthusiastic about learning the SMART Spelling words and sentences of the week and are enjoying the activities we do to support this.

We would love to have parent helpers during our morning Literacy blocks as it allows the classroom teachers to work closely with their focus group and provides more support for each child. If you are available, please see your child's classroom teacher.

Numeracy

In Numeracy, we are continuing to count daily. This includes counting forwards and backwards as well as skip counting by 2's, 5's and 10's. The children have been learning about Subtraction using concrete materials and real life scenarios to help problem solve. This week the children have started our topic on Sharing. The children are focusing on making equal groups.

Inquiry

In Inquiry, we have been learning about living vs. nonliving things and their basic needs. In the coming weeks the children will begin to look at the life cycles of plants and animals through some exciting class projects.

Religion

In Religion, we have been learning about the ways in which we can talk to God through prayer. We have discovered that prayer can take many forms and is something that we can do at any time and in any place.

Important Reminders

Mother's Day Assembly - Friday morning (7th of May) and Monday afternoon (10th of May).

Art/Library/Sport/Music - Tuesday.

Sport Uniform - Tuesday and Friday.

Labelled Uniform - Now that the weather is beginning to cool, we ask that all jumpers are clearly labelled.

We welcome Em Pruden into our living and learning space. Miss Pruden will be on a teaching placement in the

Prep room for the next four weeks and will be working closely with our children. We are looking forward to a wonderful term together.

Tanya, Rach and Jane.















Juniors

This term is flying. That is probably a reflection on how happy we all are at school! We wish all Mothers, Grandmothers and Carers a Happy Mother's Day this Sunday. We hope you are spoilt and appreciated for the amazing way you care for your child/children. Enjoy your day and we are telling the children that Mother's Day lasts **all day**!!!

Literacy

We are very excited this term as we feel we are meeting the needs of all children. Our aim is to challenge each child and give him/her the opportunity to succeed. We are doing this by grouping the whole Junior level into ability groups rather than Junior East and Junior West. Some children are moving around the school during this time which promotes flexibility, responsibility and independence. Please ask your child about their Literacy block at school.

We are building on expression, comprehension, rereading and chunking skills in Reading and Recounts, Procedures, Punctuation and Word Building in Writing. Children are engaged and working well.







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 have just finished our unit of Pattern and Shape, where our students learnt all about basic 2 and 3 Dimensional shapes. Some 2D shapes focused upon include the circle, square, rectangle, triangle and hexagon, whilst 3D shapes included the cube, sphere, triangular prism, cone and the pyramid. In addition, our students had a go at making 3D shapes which was a rather fun challenge for many. You may have seen pictures of some of our results on Seesaw.



Beginning this week our focus for Numeracy will be Multiplication and Division. Students will engage ideas and language such as equal groups (recognising that the number in each group is the same), understanding arrays, and understanding sharing and grouping. Attached are some photos of children working through Ten Frames this week, as a warm up activity during our Maths session. Firstly, students needed to create the equation using counters, then they needed to write their discovered answer.







Religion

In Religion we are currently focusing the unit on 'We All Pray in Different Ways'. Students are exploring the special ways we talk and respond to God within our daily lives. We are also enjoying reading and creating different types of prayer such as, prayers of praise, thanks, forgiveness and petition. We looked at the importance of the Church within our community as it is a special place for the community to gather, celebrate and pray.

Specialists

Students have specialist classes on **Wednesdays**. 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 West: LOTE/ART Junior East: PE/LIBRARY

Shepparton Excursion

Today we enjoyed a day full of fun in Shepparton. We visited Riverlinks Eastbank to view the production 'The Midnight Gang' before heading to KidsTown for lunch and a play. It was wonderful for the children to experience The Arts in a different way. We look forward to sharing more information about the day with you in the next newsletter.

Seesaw

Please send us a message on SeeSaw if you need clarity with regard to our routine. Also send photos or comments of experiences your child has partaken in whilst at home. This will promote oral language development as well as build relationships within the classroom.

We thank you for your support and open communication. Jordyn, Joanie, Kim, Ali, Dave, Bern and Ally.

Middles

As we welcome all students and families back for Term 2, we continue to work our way through living and learning in the Middle School!

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, respectful and aware of the other students, that will be reading or doing other quiet work.
- Lunch orders should be placed in tubs at this time.

After Lunchtime Routine

To settle back into the classroom from the lunch break, we have a set routine of Meditation and silent and/or teacher reading. This enables the students to settle from the hustle and bustle of lunchtime and be prepared for the learning opportunities of that afternoon. In our meditation, we use the "Smiling Minds Meditation" This is a program developed specifically for primary and high school students. There are many types of meditations in the program, ie concentration, awareness, settling, reflecting, before sleep, etc. If you would like to use it at home or just know more about it, Google "Smiling Minds Meditation". We like to alternate the other part of the settling time, between quiet silent reading and a teacher read novel. Books that have been listened to so far include; "Secret Seven", "Treasure Island" and "Frankie Fish".

Homework Routine

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.

Literacy

We are focusing our teaching and learning the comprehension strategy of "Making Predictions" This is a very important strategy, to become effective readers. We make predictions before, during and after our reading. Students have been exploring the ways we do this and what can help us in making these predictions. We will move onto another comprehension strategy "Activating Prior Knowledge / Making Connections" This is a particularly important strategy, as it draws upon what the students already know, have seen or have experienced. This is so they can learn about characters, settings and themes as well as discuss the texts they read more deeply.

We have also been working on how readers and writers express and develop Ideas, both when we read and write texts. Discussions and activities have focused on making sentences more vivid and descriptive, using illustrations more effectively in the storytelling process and also students discussing and sharing their own thoughts and ideas on what they are reading. This has complemented our focus on making predictions very well!

Our text type focus has been on creating narrative & persuasive texts. We have looked closely at the purpose, structure and language features of these texts. We have looked at each of these texts through the eyes of being both a writer (author) and also a reader.

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 sounds are revisited.

Numeracy

We have been focusing on the following maths concepts;

- Addition and subtraction effective mental and written strategies and looking at the connection between adding and subtracting.
- Multiplication and division becoming familiar and using multiplication facts (times tables) and looking at the connection between multiplying and dividing.
- Length focusing on units of measurement and how and what we use to measure, appropriate measuring and converting units; ie cm to m.
- Chance and Data gathering, representing and making meaning from data.

Like Literacy, we use a range of assessment strategies to form our groupings, so we can target the area and specific level or need and meet the students there, with the aim of individual growth.

Religion

Our current focus is on the Parables of Jesus. We have been looking at why Jesus told parables and what they meant in his time, but also what they mean in 2021. A particular focus has been on the parables of "The Sower" and "The Mustard Seed".

Inquiry Learning

We continue our social and emotional focus. Students will complete their "Islands" this week!

AAA - Attitude + Action + Awareness

Well Done to the Middle School students who are consistently, as our patron and founder, Mary MacKillop said, "Never See a need without doing something about it".

Specialist Timetable - Week 1 - 5

Tuesday	Friday
Middle O - Art & LOTE	Middle O - PE
Middle H – LOTE & Art	Middle H - PE
Middle W – PE & Library	Middle W - LOTE
Middle B – Library & PE	Middle B - LOTE

If you need to contact your teacher, email and SeeSaw App is the best way, for more pressing issues, please call the school to make an appointment.

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Regards Mark, Makayla, Sara, Liam, Deb, Karlene, Amanda & Clayton.

Seniors

We always say what a busy term, but it is true, there are so many things happening in the Senior School at the moment!

In Class - In Religion we are looking closely at the bible and important 'Sacred Stories'. We continue to work on narratives in Literacy and the grammar demands of this genre, such as the use of talking marks, commas and paragraphs. We look at our word choices and where we can 'bump it up' to make our writing more interesting (good or fabulous/said or demanded, big or gigantic). In Maths, Multiplication and Division is our current focus, we have learnt strategies for mental computation, algorithms and have worked on improving our times table recall.

Year 6 Anzac Day

Congratulations to those students who read at our local ANZAC Day commemorations. James, Tahlia, Tom H, Timmy and Zoe represented St Joseph's so well and we were very proud of their efforts. It was great to see so many of our student leaders willingly put their hands up and volunteer to read and be part of such a special celebration.

Moving into Teen Years Online Program

The Senior students have started an online program called 'Moving into Teen Years' that will run over the next three weeks. The program is being facilitated by a group called 'Interrelate', a national company based in Sydney that focuses on educating students on healthy relationships and bodies as they move into their teen years. The program is being facilitated completely online under the supervision of the classroom teachers with the students able to engage and interact via chat features.





It's the first time the program has been run at the school and shows just how far technology has come in order to facilitate this program. It is hoped that this program will be run every two years to help transition the senior students into their teenage years.

Thank you to all of our families who logged on and joined the zoom meeting last week with Glenys from Interrelate. This was a great opportunity to share what will be discussed in the student lessons and to ask questions that you may have about the program. The student books will come home after these sessions which will be a great starting point for a discussion at home.



All Year Six students were invited to attend a transition day today at St Mary's. This is a great opportunity to have a look around the school and catch up with some of our past students. Our students will get to do a range of activities, such as technology, food, sport and science.



Winter School Sports

After all inter-school sports being cancelled in 2020, the students were super excited to have their first game yesterday against Numurkah Primary School. We have stressed to the students that the Year Sixers take priority during winter sports. When we play smaller schools there may only be a small group of Year 5's involved, depending on numbers. This is one of those special Year Six experiences.

Cross Country

We look forward to our Cross Country tomorrow. Good luck to all our students, both runners and those willing to come along and earn a point for their team.

Lunch Clubs

It was great to see students leading lunchtime clubs and mentoring younger students in a variety of activities. On Monday, Tom G, Mason, Nathan and Jack ran a drawing club in the Library and next week Skye, Tahlia, Claire and Layla will be running a fitness club.

Mother's Day Breaky

We look forward to seeing lots of our gorgeous Mums and Grandmas at breaky tomorrow, please drop by the classrooms and say hello.

Naplan

Next week is Naplan week, we adhere to the Government's timetable. We have had a look at what the questions might look like by using past tests and ask our students to try their best.

Diary signing/Homework

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. Homework consists of a maths sheet and spelling activities. Thank you,

Senior School Staff

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

State Championships – Swimming

Big congratulations to Georgia Robertson who competed at the State School Swimming championships in Melbourne recently. Georgia competed in the Under 10's 50 m Backstroke coming 7th in the State! When speaking to Georgia, she said that she had lots of fun at the competition, and grateful that she was able to get the experience hopefully for future championships. Georgia is a champion in the making.

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Student of the Week

<u>Sen S</u> Jensen James

For such a settled and positive start to Term 2. Awesome work!

Sienna Lawless

For her fantastic use of description in her Narrative Writing. It is such a pleasure to read! Well done.

Sen M Timmy Oswald

For the tremendous leadership he displays in and around the classroom. Great work.

Chase Rodda

For always coming to school with a smile on his face and greeting his teachers.

Sen H Ivy O'Dwyer

For her sweet caring nature and her will to always give everything a "red hot go".

Bailey Mangles

For the improvement in his organisational skills and his very funny sense of humour.

Sen N Pheobe Razga

For accepting the challenge of extending herself in Mathematics.

Penny Alston

For her friendly and positive manner in the classroom.

Mid H Toby Hansen

For setting a great example of focus and concentration during meditation.

Steele Rosemeier

For having such a settled start to Term 2 and his confidence to share his Lego creations.

Mid O Will Feltham

For his fabulous efforts across all areas. It has been great to see you trying so hard to be the best you can!

Carter Few

For his enthusiasm in sharing about his passions and giving everything a go.

Mid W Isabella Brasil

For being a kind and considerate member of our class who is always ready to lend a helping hand. Well done Isabella.

Ruby Laidlaw

For working hard and showing good progress in our Addition and Subtraction unit in Maths. Keep up the good work Ruby.

Mid B Dakota Schulz

For being a fantastic leader in our class and always contributing to discussions.

Jhi Arnold

For working hard on his Maths and always accepting a challenge. Well done Jhi!

Jun S Zoe Bartle

For her enthusiastic and determined participation in our AFL clinic.

Jessica Green

For being a welcoming and helpful class member.

Jun H Ryan Feltham

For being a responsible leader in our class and working hard to complete all tasks.

Alexander McLeod

For always having a smiling face and an interesting story to tell.

Jun A Sienna Mulcahy

For working hard to improve her Literacy skills.

Elsie Browning

For her kindness to others and her fun loving nature.

Jun J Talia Agnew

For excellent work during maths patterns activities, and also for aiming to complete set work. Brilliant Talia!

Harlen Few

For excellent work during reading activities and for excellent shape results during Maths.

Prep M Violet Richardson

For working hard and listening carefully. Keep up the great effort Violet.

Harry Mountney

For having a positive attitude towards school and learning and trying his best. Well done Harry!

<u>Prep N</u> Andrew Morgan

For participating in our excursion with enthusiasm, well done Andrew.

Mason Green

For having a positive attitude towards writing, for trying harder and doing his best work. Well done!

LOTE Jasmine Farrant

Congratulations on being a star at Italian.

Principal's Award

Term 2

Week 2: James Altoft

Week 3: Layla Newham

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 that we focus on each week. At St Joseph's we need to have a positive Attitude, need to have Awareness & need to take Action

Congratulations to the following students who received this social skill award in Term 2:

Week 2 Service: Poppy Patching, Charlotte Farrant, Louie O'Callaghan, Dylan Said, Max Boase, Mia Power, Zen Frost, Nate Agnew, Jemma Davies, Leni Edis, Claire Bergamin, Nathan McGregor, Tom Hooker & Matilda Bannon.

Week 3 Self Disclipine: Oliver Tilley, Caleb Campbell, Nathanael Hubbard, Zara Morris, Lexi Rees, Lola Feldtmann, Elizabeth Trimble, Kara Gundrill, Pippa Routley, Bailey Hawthorn, Peter Bau, Jack Green, Mason Hughes & Xavier Prior.

Canteen

May

7th Michelle Razga, Kimberly McPherson

10th Volunteer

11th Christy Culton

12th Volunteer

13th Helen Osborne

14th Volunteer

17th Natasha Stell. Donna Jensen

18th Volunteer

19th Narelle Schreenan

20th Volunteer

21st Kimberly McPherson

24th Kate McGregor

25th Volunteer

26th Volunteer

27th Helen Osborne

28th Narelle Miller

31st Donna Jensen

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

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Mother's Day Stall FRIDAY 7th MAY

If you wish your child to purchase a gift please send \$5.00 with your child to be handed to their

classroom teacher.

No money will be taken at the stall. Grandparents gifts available at the end of the stall, also for \$5 each.



There are a number of Lost Property items in the Sick Bay, please come & check if they belong to you. **PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL JUMPERS, HATS AND CONTAINERS ARE CLEARLY LABELLED**. We can only return named items. All Lost Property will be donated to 2nd Hand Uniforms or St Vincent de Paul on the last day of Term.



Community Notices



CLEARING SALE ST JOHNS PARISH

SUNDAY 16TH MAY AT 11.30 GROUNDS IN FRONT OF PRESBYTERY

Furniture from the Parish House

Church Pew, 2 Rolltop desks, 4 x wardrobes, 1 Teak dressing table, 1 Antique dressing table, 1 Cedar chest draws, Dressing table, 2 Small leadlight tables, Hall Stand, Fire Screen Fender, Fire tools, 2 Lounge chairs, Lamp, tables, Coffee table, Foldup beds, Qty Assorted chairs, Stools, Bedside drawers, Various lamps, Qty Paintings/pictures, Ironing board, Laundry trolley, Electric organ, Overhead projector stand, Pianola – Has radio inset, Large collection of pianola rolls, Assorted picture frames, 33 rpm records (Opera etc.), 2 x Ceiling roses,

Window frames & Screens (Some double glazed), Heavy duty stair/balcony railing

Electrical Goods

Whirlpool Fridge/Freezer, Hisense Bar Fridge, Ivac Vacuum cleaner, Yamaha portable piano & Stand YPR 9 Touch, Sensitive Keys, Stereo, 2 x Speakers, Simpson top load washing machine, Hoover clothes dryer, Vax handheld vacuum cleaner

Office Equipment (Donated)

Desks & Drawers, 2 x Large office desks, 2 x lockable sets of draws on rollers ,2 x stainless steel carts on wheels, Photocopiers: Samsung EXPRESS C460FW, OKI MC362, Brother MFC 9330CDW Logitech keyboard & Mouse, Label Makers: Dymo Label Manager (Connect to PC or Mac, In Box) Dymo Label manager 150, 1 Dymo Letratag, 1 Dymo Embossing label maker, 1 Dymo Letratag, 1 Packet Dymo refills, Hole Punches: A CARL No 124 4 Hole Punch, REXEL R8003 2 Hole Punch (Large), 1 x 2 Hole Punch SUPERMARK SQ8840, 1 x A4 hole punch Rapid FC20/4

Sundry office equipment: (Staplers, clips, desk trays, folders, calculators, etc)

Phone – 1 UNIDEN Phone Premium DECT with extension phone

Plus sundry items

Comments: Surplus furniture, electrical goods and donated items all to be cleared.

ALL FUNDS RAISED GO DIRECTLY TO THE PARISH

This will be a covid safe event and Covid protocols will be in place.

Cuppa available

Payment day of Sale, Eftpos Available, GST Does Not Apply

Full list on Website with Photos

McNamara's are providing services at no cost.

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