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Newsletter—Week 9 of Term 2, 17th June 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 **Listening**

Our focus within the three areas are as follows

Attitude : Showing Respect for others when they are speaking

Awareness : Of what a Good Listener is & Looks Like.

Action : Listening Well

Dear Parents, Carers, Families and Friends

We now close in on our mid-year break. It has again been a period of uncertainty but as usual, we take stock and do what needs to be done to pull through. I hope you can spend quality time with your family over the holiday. I will also be taking a period of Long Service Leave. Dom Izzard will be in charge.

FRIDAY 25th JUNE - WINTER APPEAL LITURGY

At 1pm next Friday we will gather for Prayer in the MacKillop Centre as a whole school community to celebrate our half year together. In the lead up, we ask each family to send along New or Clean 2nd Hand Items of bedding eg sheets, doonas, blankets as part of the St Vinnies Winter Appeal. We will present our collection as part of the service

Staffing – Second Semester

- Kim Boulton finishes up next week and goes on Maternity Leave. We welcome Loreena Keane back to staff. She will replace Kim on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in Junior H.
- Alli Harber goes on Maternity Leave at the end of Week 5. Loreena will take over Junior H full time from this point.
- Joanie Arnel goes on Long Service Leave for the first 4 weeks of term 3. We welcome Tim Arnel to our staff for the remainder of the year. He will take the class on Tuesday and Wednesday whilst Loreena will do the Monday, Thursday and Friday.
- I will be on Long Service Leave for the first half of term 3. Dom Izzard will be Acting Principal. Tim Arnel will take Dom's class on Thursdays and Fridays. Kelly Newman will be Acting DP.

Last Day of Term 2 25 June 2021 2.15pm finish



Dates To Remember

Fri 25 June - Sacred Heart Liturgy & Winter Appeal 1pm
- Last Day of Term 2 2.15pm finish
(Please note Buses will run an hour earlier)
Mon 12 July – Start of Term 3

Afternoon Assembly : Monday at 2:45

Yr 6 Leaders & Class Prayer

June 21: Sienna, Nash & Cooper– Sen M & H

You can watch it live by tuning into our YouTube channel.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCChZR2nKzF_2muZtn1eJqg

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

Live Life To The Fullest In Christ



Paul Arnel

Office News

Launching St Joseph's PS Numurkah official Facebook page

St Joseph's now has an exciting and informative Facebook page called '**St Joseph's PS Numurkah**'. The aim of the page is to inform, promote and connect with current families and local communities. We would encourage everyone to follow the page using the following links.

<https://www.facebook.com/stjosephspsnumurkah>



We have updated our Media Release Form on our Enrolment Application Form to incorporate social media accounts. If you have any queries, or wish to change your permissions for your child/en, please contact our office. Below is the updated Media Release Permission on the Enrolment form.

Media Release Form

I hereby give permission for my child/ren's name and photo to be used in St Joseph's School Numurkah publications, media releases and promotional campaigns, including the School Newsletter, local newspapers, promotional material, web pages and social media accounts, in accordance with the Privacy Policy of the School. I understand that my right to decline is protected under the School's Privacy Policy and is supported by not signing this release form.

PRIVACY POLICY

For access please visit our website. www.sjnumurkah.catholic.edu.au.

SCHOOL FEES:

If any family would like to commence having their fees directly debited fortnightly or monthly this can be done at any time!

Next Fortnightly Debits: June 18th & July 2nd

Monthly Debits take place on the 18th of each month up to and including November.

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 you have any queries or concerns about your payment commitments please do not hesitate to come in and speak to Paul. If you are wanting to amend your payment options please do so ASAP.

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

PREP

We are almost at the end of Term Two and the time has absolutely flown by! The children have been busy learning and are very deserving of the upcoming break. We would like to take this time to congratulate all our families for their support, hard work and dedication to Remote Learning. It has been wonderful to have the children back in the classroom to finish out the Term together.

SMART Spelling & Reading

We encourage our students to continue to practice their SMART spelling words and read their reader with an adult each day. This will greatly support their reading and writing progress and will reinforce what we are learning at school.

Literacy & Inquiry

Our Literacy and Inquiry has been closely linked this term through our unit 'Living and Non Living Things.' The children have enjoyed learning about life cycles and discovering what living things need to survive. We were fortunate enough to further develop our understanding through the hatching of the chickens and planting of the bean seeds in our own classroom. The children have enjoyed gathering information on this topic and celebrated their learning by creating an Information Report on chickens. Over the next two weeks the children will be creating a diorama for a living thing of choice that includes the things they need to survive. We ask that each child please bring a cardboard box to school to complete this activity.



Numeracy

Over the past 2 weeks we have been focusing on Place Value and looking closely at numbers in the teens. The children have looked at bundling to 10 and using MAB blocks to make numbers. We continue to count daily to 100 or even higher. The children are practicing skip counting by 10's, 5's and 2's. For the final 2 weeks of Term we will be looking at money. The children will explore what money is, what we use it for and what the value of different coins and notes are. If you have any special coins or money from different countries that you would like to send along, it would be great to be able to share and talk about this.



Religion

In Religion we have finished our topic on Prayer and are now looking at 'God Knows Us and Loves Us.' During this topic we look at families and what makes a family. We also look at God's unconditional love for us.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child, please come and see us!
Tanya, Rach and Jane.

JUNIORS

Literacy

In Literacy we are continuing to meet the needs of all students. We are doing this by grouping the whole Junior level into ability groups rather than seeing the Junior level as Junior East and Junior West. We are currently exploring different forms of poetry such as, colour poems, shape poems and acrostic poems. As we look at each type of poem, students are deconstructing the writing process into planning, composing and publishing. Students are thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to write, publish and share their beautiful writing.

Writing in the Spotlight

Pink

Pink is a colour both boys and girls like.
Pink is a colour that describes fairy floss.
Toffee apples are shiny and pink.
Pink can be makeup you can buy in shops
all over the country.
Hair ties can be pink and fluffy.
Pink are roses.
Written by Sophia.



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

Recently in Maths, our students have been learning all about Fractions. These learning experiences have included a variety of activities including naming, identifying and creating fractions. One such activity challenged our students to find pictures of objects, and then to cut and paste them into fractions on a poster, as you can see in the attached photos. Next the students were asked to explore, discuss and share their findings, demonstrating an understanding of what a half, quarter, whole and more complex fractions look like on their poster.



Religion

In Religion we are currently looking at 'Jesus in Scripture'. Students are developing their awareness that the Bible is a special book for us and that it includes stories about Jesus as well as stories that Jesus told. Reading and responding to Gospel stories allows students to see that Jesus is our teacher and that he can guide us in making good choices and decisions.

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

A learning walk with the Middles.



Enjoy the break with your family,

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

SENIORS

What an incredible term we've had together! We are so proud of how well the children and families have adapted to the many changes we've had in the last few weeks.

In Class - In Religion we are looking closely at the bible and important 'Sacred Stories'. In Literacy, the students are working on their Public Speaking performance and the topic is based around Sustainability. We are learning about how to summarise texts using our own words. In Maths, Division is the current concept we are learning about. We have been continuing to focus on different strategies for mental computation, algorithms and have worked on improving our times table recall to support us in dividing bigger numbers.

Festival of the Sacred - Over the past few weeks we have been working on our dancing skills in preparation for the Festival of the Sacred. We have received a lot of support from the professional dancers from ASPA and the professional Mrs Hall, Mr Merkel and Mr Harber. We can't wait to show off our performances to the whole school later this term.

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.



Production - It's that time again! We are all gearing up for our Senior Production. This year, our production will be "A Kidsummer Night's Dream." The students have just completed their auditions and the students were given their roles on Tuesday, which they are very excited about. We will begin rehearsals next term and can't wait to show everyone our talents.

Uniforms - Just a reminder we are now in the midst of winter, therefore it is an expectation that all children wear the winter uniform, including their jumpers when outside. If your child wishes to wear a beanie it must be a school beanie.

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, writing task, spelling activities and nightly reading.

Thank you,

Senior School Staff

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

Sporting Schools Funding

Over the last 5 years we have been extremely fortunate to receive ongoing funding as part of the Sporting Schools grants program. The money has been used to run a variety of sporting programs as well as purchase sporting equipment.

In Term 2 2021 our funding is being used to provide **Grade 5/6 students** with a Golf Unit and the **Grade 3/4 students** are undertaking a TenPin Bowling Program which will culminate with a visit to Starbowl in Shepparton for a game on the lanes.

Thanks to the coaches Steffi Vogel (golf) and Melissa Thompson (Bowling) who have been giving the students great support as they develop new skills.



St John's Parish OSHC News

This Term in After School Care, the children have been helping to make sausage rolls, pumpkin soup and cookies, which they have then enjoyed eating as their afternoon snack.



Even though the weather is getting cooler, the children still love to get outside and play football, basketball and netball. The children have been doing lots of craft weaving, sewing with felt and beads. The children are always coming up with new ideas of what they would like to do. We have also made an indigenous display where the children helped make the indigenous canvas.

If anyone has any old toasters, printers, computers etc that the children can pull apart, we would appreciate them. You can drop them off at the OSHC Program or at the office.



VACATION CARE

This term in Vacation Care, we are giving the children the opportunity to learn to sew. We will be running sewing on Tuesday 29th June and Thursday 8th July. The children can make a cushion or a bunting. We will also have a football and netball clinic with some up and coming local stars. Also the children will have the opportunity to cook, craft and play games.

Bookings are now open for Vacation Care, which shall be running again during the school holidays Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays 8am to 4pm. The cost shall remain the same, \$60.00 per day with Child Care subsidies also provided. Children will need to bring their own lunch, snacks and water bottle.

If your child is already enrolled in the Before & After School Care Program, then you can book via the My Family Lounge App just like Before and After School Care.

If you have not used the program before, then you will need to enrol your child/ren. If you have never used the My Family Lounge, you will need to register and request a booking. Once your request has been accepted, (usually within 48 hours) you will need to complete an enrolment for each child. Please note that this will need to be completed on a desktop computer as not all functions work on a tablet or phone. Once completed, please click on the submit tab as this will send your information to our system. You will need to acknowledge that you are using our service via your MyGov account to receive any Child Care Subsidies. This may also include completing details regarding your employment and/or personal family situation. You will now be able to download the My Family Lounge App to manage your bookings.

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

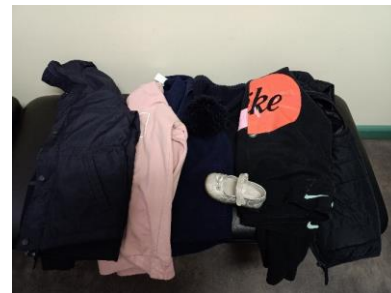
Looking forward to seeing you in Before, After or Vacation Care.

Sue and Ash.

Lost Property



Lots of jumpers, drink bottles & containers etc still in lost property. Please come & check for any lost items by Friday 25th June. At the end of the term any containers still in lost property shall be donated to Vinnies.



Canteen

June

18th Kimberley McPherson

21st Natasha Stell, Donna Jensen

22nd Volunteer

23rd Volunteer

24th Rachel Robertson

25th Volunteer

July

12th Volunteer

13th Volunteer

14th Volunteer

15th Volunteer

16th Kimberley McPherson

19th Natasha Stell, Donna Jensen

20th Volunteer

21st Narelle Schreenan

22nd Rachel Robertson

23rd Volunteer



If you are unable to attend on your day, can you please arrange a swap with someone else or as a last resort let Marcella know in advance, so she is aware that she has no helper that day. If you are unable to commit to a permanent day each month but are available to help out when you see a volunteer required, please call Marcella 0409 622 589.

Student of the Week

Prep M **Eden Doncon**

For her wonderful efforts during home learning. You are a star Eden!

Prep N **Parker Patching**

For the enthusiasm you show towards learning and working hard on the presentations of his handwriting.

Jun S **Edward Trimble**

For being our expert while learning about Zones of Regulation and sharing his strategies with his classmates.

Jun J **Madeleine Harmer**

For a wonderful learning attitude and for an excellent approach to her writing.

Jun H **Hazel Alston**

For her amazing persuasive writing and being an excellent leader in our classroom.

Jun A **Mia Muller**

For using descriptive language and well-structured sentences in her writing.

Mid W **Tyler Burkitt**

For always giving his best in everything that he does. Keep up the good work Tyler.

Can you spare a maximum of 2 hours once a month?

We would appreciate your help in the canteen, and your child/ren love to see you helping out in the canteen too. Marcella does all the hard work, she just needs your help to assist her between 12–2pm. Please see the office or call Marcella 0409 622 589 for more details and what days we need volunteers for.

Mid O **Noah Mountney**
For working hard in Literacy and adding more detail to his stories. Well done Noah!

Mid H **Macie Gilmour**
For sharing her thoughts and ideas in small groups and contributing to whole class discussion.

Mid O **Eric Alexander**
For taking on new challenges with a great attitude and trying his best!

Sen M **Isabella Mulchay**
For giving things ago even when they seem challenging and hard. Keep it up!

Sen N **Erin Mc Pherson**
For working hard to improve her reading fluency at home and at school

Sen H **Xavier Tonkin**
For leading by example with your positive attitude, awareness and action around the school. You are an amazing Triple A leader!

Sen S **Audrey Lukies**
For her outstanding commitment to her nightly reading and VIPs. Great work Auds!

Principal's Award

Term 2

Week 8 :Brock Jenner

Living out the values of

Saint Mary MacKillop

through what they say and what they do.

Triple A Social Skill Award

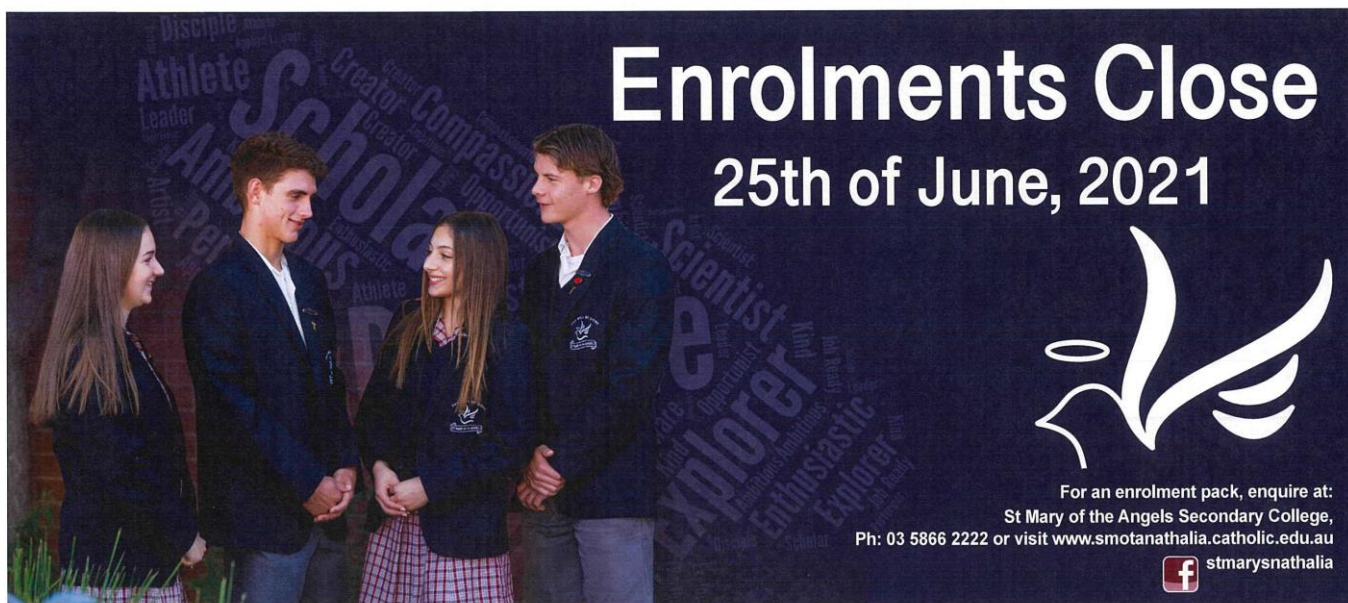
This is awarded to students in each class who display excellence in the Triple A Social Skill that we focus on each week. At St Joseph's we need to have a positive **Attitude**, need to have **Awareness** & need to take **Action**.

Congratulations to the following students who received this social skill award in Week 8

Sportmanship: Marli Lyons, Zoe Altoft, Owen Chmiel, Patrick Edis, Darcy Oswald, Jobe Morris, Harry Oswald, Alex Chmiel, Rahni O'Callaghan, Georgia Robertson, Brock Jenner, Layla Newham, Cooper Weeks and Lacey Schulz


Community Notices


Come and explore your opportunities



Enrolments Close

25th of June, 2021



For an enrolment pack, enquire at:
St Mary of the Angels Secondary College,
Ph: 03 5866 2222 or visit www.smotanathalia.catholic.edu.au
 [stmarysnathalia](https://www.facebook.com/stmarysnathalia)