

# ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

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## Newsletter—Week 3 of Term 4, 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021

**All Classes Back  
Tomorrow –  
Friday Oct 22.**

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 Tolerance  
Our focus within the three areas are as follows  
Attitude : Accepting of Differences  
Awareness : That We Are All Different  
Action : Treating Others As You Would Like To Be Treated

### Retirement News

After nine years of devoted service to our Parish, School and Community, Fr Michael Grace has announced his retirement. He proudly turns 79 in February and will find his new home in Shepparton come the new year.

### Staff Recruits

It is my pleasure to welcome Jeremy Tyndall and Ruth Hartnett-Carr to our 2022 line-up. Jeremy returns to the area after completing his training in Melbourne. You may have seen him representing Australia in Basketball at the recent Paralympics in Japan. Ruth and her family come back to us after a stint in Townsville. Ruth will take up the huge Special Needs role and is expected to start in term two. And finally, Lou Hall has accepted the Music Position with Loreena Keane continuing in the classroom role. Virginia Hughes returns part time while Kim Boulton and Ali Harber continue on Maternity Leave.  
The class structure and line up will be published in our next newsletter.

Live Life To The Fullest In Christ

Paul Arnel

### Be At The Ready

We patiently await the announcements around what will be allowed for the remainder of the year. We have huge plans pending relaxation of current restrictions. So please stay vigilant and at the ready to get organised.

### Uniforms, Masks & Healthy Practices

With the return to “normal” school, we get back on board with wearing our correct uniform proudly, donning masks whilst indoors and making sure we act on healthy practices ie hand sanitising, social distancing, personal drink bottles, airy classrooms etc ...

**Melbourne Cup Long Weekend : Monday & Tuesday Nov 1 & 2**



# St Joseph's School - Newsletter

## Uniform & Presentation

We now change to Summer Uniform and ask that all of our children wear the prescribed uniform proudly in maintaining our high standards of presentation. This also includes hair styles and ties, jewellery and nail polish

— keep it neat, keep it simple !

Reminder - Shoes are to be ALL BLACK

### Summer Uniform – Boys

- Navy shorts & navy socks
- Blue and gold polo-shirt with logo
- Navy blue school windcheater
- Navy blue broad brimmed hat with gold logo (stiff brims)
- Black shoes/boots or all black runners

**NO HAT – NO PLAY**

### Summer Uniform – Girls

- School dress – small multi-check material, cuff & collar made from same material & navy buttons
- Navy shorts/skort and white socks
- Blue and gold polo-shirt with logo
- Navy blue school windcheater
- Navy blue broad brimmed hat with gold logo (stiff brims)
- Black shoes/boots or all black runners

## 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 next year, please contact the office to complete the appropriate form. Unless contacted, we will assume that anyone who currently direct debits their fees will continue to do so next year.

**Next Fortnightly Debits:** Oct 22 & Nov 5. If you wish to catch up on any outstanding amounts, please contact the office as we shall continue the fortnightly direct debits over the summer break.

**Monthly Debits** 18<sup>th</sup> November. (Last One)

Please ensure any outstanding balance are finalised by the 8<sup>th</sup> November.

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

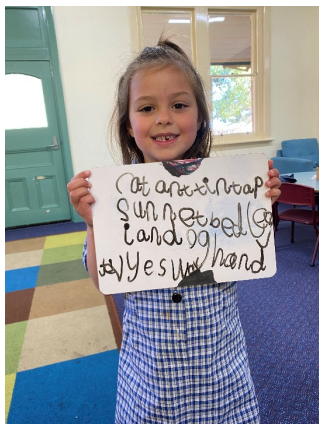
Welcome back to our fourth and final term for the year. What a buzz there has been around the classroom! It has been wonderful to be back onsite with the children and we look forward to finishing out the year with normal routine and consistency. We would like to thank everyone for continuing to follow the kiss and drop rules and adapting to the changes. This term we have welcomed Tim Arnel into the Prep Area as an extra teacher. Tim has been a wonderful addition to our living and learning routine.





## SMART Spelling & Reading

We encourage our students to continue to practice their SMART spelling words and read their reader with an adult each day. Once completed please write the title and a small comment in their reader diary. Please encourage your child to check their understanding of the book by asking questions about the text or having your child retell what they have read.



## Literacy & Inquiry

In Literacy our focus has been linked with Inquiry where we are looking at 'Terrific Tales.' The children have been learning about the features of a fairy tale, comparing and contrasting fairy tales and retelling fairy tales by looking at the beginning, middle and end. We have also re-started our reading groups. During this time all Prep students join together and then split into small ability groups.

## Numeracy

In Numeracy, the children have been consolidating their understanding of Number and Place Value. They have been focusing on reading numbers, writing numbers and ordering numbers. They will now revise number operations and strategies used to solve worded problems for addition, subtraction, multiplication and sharing.



## Religion

In Religion, the children have been learning about ways we can live like Jesus. They have been exploring how we can care for ourselves and others and sharing ways in which they can be kind to people just as Jesus showed us.

## Specialist

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





# St Joseph's School - Newsletter

## Uniform & Water Bottles

We ask that all children wear their summer school uniform. Children must bring their hats to school. Anyone without a hat will be asked to sit under the shade at recess and lunch. Due to COVID safe rules, all children must bring a labelled water bottle to school.

As always, please feel free to contact us via seesaw if you have any questions or concerns.  
Tanya, Rach, Tim and Jane.

## Juniors

### Literacy

In Literacy we are learning about non fiction texts, in particular information reports. Exploring this type of texts allows us to link our Literacy with Inquiry as we read, view, analyse and create pieces of writing based on the past, present and future weather. This week students are beginning to research a natural weather disaster of their choice and will create a written and/or oral report.

### Readers

We ask that all students please read to an adult every night. Once completed, please write the book 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

As a part of our school wide SMART Spelling program we have one spelling sound per week. On a Monday, students will be introduced to our new sound and each day they will complete spelling activities that aim to improve their sound knowledge and allow students to learn their words for that particular week. 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 Perimeter, Area, Capacity and Weight. Students have explored the relationship between perimeter and area by using a range of formal and informal measurements. Capacity has allowed us to venture outside by using water and sand to investigate the capacity of different containers.

Next week, we will begin to revisit Multiplication and Division. Students developed a good understanding of basic strategies to solve equations earlier in the year. Throughout this unit we will further develop these skills while assisting students to increase their use of mental strategies.





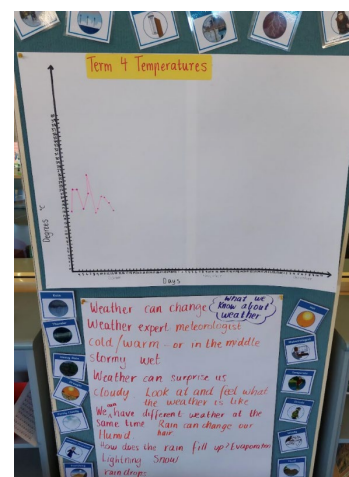
## I'm a Mini Meteorologist

Our Inquiry topic this term is 'I'm a Mini Meteorologist'. We are investigating the world of weather, by exploring the daily forecast, the wind, and natural disasters. We are encouraging students to be the class Meteorologist by delivering a morning weather report highlighting all the important details of the day. Please analyse and explore the weather daily with your child and discuss with them what we have learnt.



## Seesaw

Please send us a message on SeeSaw if you need clarity with regard to our routine. We also love seeing photos and comments of experiences your child has enjoyed at home. This will promote oral language development as well as build relationships between school and home.



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

## Middles

Welcome back!!  
We look forward to seeing everyone Friday!!

Again, we have embraced the Remote Learning experience with a positive attitude, an awareness of our own home and community and finally an action to get the job done!

Thank you so much to everyone who balanced family, work and life, as well as continuing the commitment and hard work of Remote Learning.

We hope and pray we can have a consistent routine at school, as we focus on Living and Learning for the remainder of Term 4.





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As we begin our return to full time onsite learning, just a few reminders...

- Bring their School Diary in each morning for the teacher to sign.
- 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.
- Hats are now to be worn on the yard at recess and lunch. Please have the student's name clearly marked.
- Drink bottles are also very important, as the weather is starting to heat up. Please have the student's name clearly marked.

Our goal in the Middle School is to be students who are consistently demonstrating the St Joseph's way of Attitude, Action and Awareness in all we do.... As our patron and founder, Mary MacKillop said...."Never see a need without doing something about it"

Mark, Makayla, Sara, Liam, Deb, Amanda, Karlene and Clayton.

## Seniors

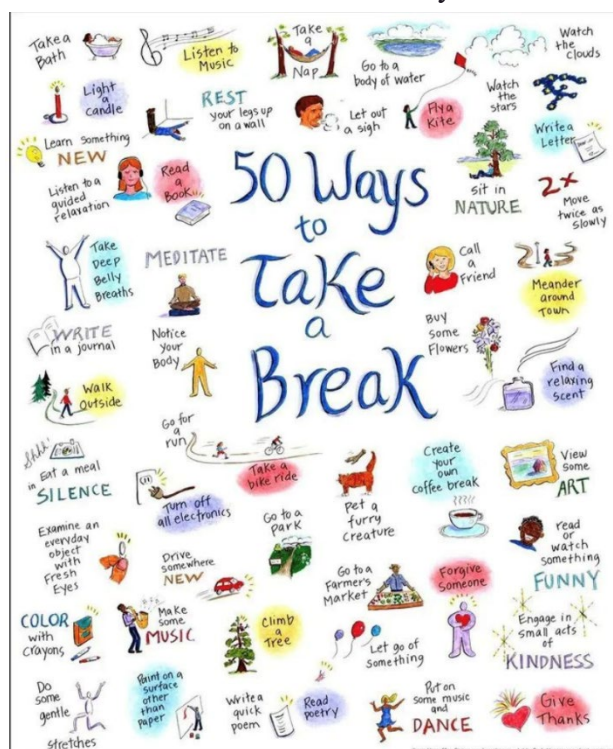
We hope you are healthy and doing well; we are thinking of you and missing our students more than ever! We want to thank our St Joseph's families for your patience, empathy, and unwavering support; this has been so appreciated by our Senior Team. We encourage parents to reach out to our teachers if your child has questions or needs assistance.

## Production

The date is yet to be set for the Senior Production. We are hoping to aim for week 5. More details will follow. The play is called “*A Kidsummer Night's Dream*”. It is an adaptation from Shakespeare’s play “A Midsummer Night's Dream”. We are hoping to have a full dress rehearsal on Monday 25th of October. Please get in contact with Mrs Morrison if you have any questions or concerns. Her email address is:  
emiechel@sjnumurkah.catholic.edu.au

## Literacy

In Literacy, we have begun exploring Australia's First Peoples. The richness and diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures in Australia is something we should all take pride in. We have been looking at paintings, watching videos and reading books to help us understand what life was like before and after colonisation.



# St Joseph's School - Newsletter

## Numeracy

In Numeracy, our focus has been on revision for Term 4 both onsite and remotely. We have covered addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, measurement and transformations. Once we commence back at school full time we will shift our focus to angles.

## Inquiry

Inquiry has been focused around the Production. This year every senior student has a role. We are enlisting the help of everyone to assist with props, design, lighting, back drops, advertising and sound. Mrs Morrison is thoroughly enjoying all the extra help and support.

We can't wait to welcome you back!

Adam, Kelly, Ebony, Dom, Sue, Di, Lou, and Ray

## Library

Hi, everyone.

Could all orders for Bookclub issue #7 please be returned to school or completed online by tomorrow, Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Thanks Mary

## Art

Jamie Marcetic artist from Shepparton. The middles looked at Jamie's art and used his ideas in their own creations of Wacky Creatures.



## Student of the Week

### Sen M

**Cadell Black**

*For his dedication to home learning.*

**Jack Green**

*For the respect he displays towards his peers and teachers. You are such a pleasure to teach!!*

### Sen H

**Hannah Kelly**

*For your great effort during home learning to complete work and be a regulator on our morning meets.*

**Preston Power**

*For coming back to school with a big smile on his face and a winning attitude.*

## **Sen N**

### **Toby Bell**

*For his positive attitude towards home learning. Well done Toby on your willingness to attend our google meets and for consistently completing set tasks.*

### **Claire Bergamin**

*For the reliable and steady way she approaches all tasks. You have been a wonderful leader Claire!*

## **Sen S**

### **Jamieson Shelton**

*For her outstanding effort and attitude towards home learning. It's been a pleasure reading your excellent writing each day!*

### **Matilda Bannon**

*For her positive attitude towards remote-learning. Great job Matilda for your willingness to lead our Google Meets.*

## **Mid H**

### **Dustin Newham**

*For his cleverness, creativity and enthusiasm in all aspects of Home Learning.*

### **Ash Curtis**

*For working hard and improving in his vertical addition.*

## **Mid B**

### **Kara Gundrill**

*For having such a brilliant work ethic and always leading by example in the classroom.*

### **Lenny Gledhill**

*For his persistent attitude towards all Remote Learning tasks. Keep up the great work Lenny!*

## **Mid O**

### **Remi Storer**

*For her commitment to remote learning and always trying her best with all tasks.*

### **Ishaan Maharaj**

*For confidently approaching his learning and always trying his best.*

## **Mid W**

### **Mia McCabe-Jackson**

*For her amazing attitude during our home learning especially in completing all the Maths tasks set. Well done Mia keep up the good work.*

### **Gabriel Waters-Beaton**

*For his fantastic attitude to his learning as we transition from Home to On Site Learning.*

## **Jun J**

### **Mia Power**

*For her wonderful effort this week during spelling, reading and writing tasks. Excellent work Mia!*

### **Harlen Few**

*For an excellent return to school this week, and for approaching all learning tasks in a positive manner. Great work Harlen!*

## **Jun H**

### **Ryan Feltham**

*For working super hard on his handwriting, spelling and reading even when it is difficult. Keep on building that positive attitude towards your learning Ryan!*

### **Maya Curtis**

*For confidently approaching writing tasks and also for being well organised. Awesome Maya!*

## **Jun A**

### **Dylan Said**

*For independently solving problems and showing pride when he does so.*

### **Blaze Schulz**

*For persevering and attaining the Subtraction Strategy of "Counting Up". Great effort, Blaze.*

## **Jun S**

### **Carter Booth**

*For starting Term 4 with a positive and determined attitude. Keep up the amazing work Carter!*

### **Louie O'Callaghan**

*For the outstanding effort he is putting into his writing. Well done Louie!*

## **PREP M**

### **Harlow Bale**

*For her wonderful start to school life at St Josephs! We love having your bubbly personality in our classroom.*

### **Charity-Lee Cameron**

*For a fantastic improvement with her handwriting and adding detail to her sentences. Great work Charity!*

## **PREP N**

### **Lincoln Voigt**

*For settling into our class beautifully and always using his manners.*

### **Isla Harris**

*For her excellent work in reading and writing and working hard at home.*



## 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 2 Tact:**  
Zarli Burkitt, Archer Harbor, Madeleine Harmer, Jack Robertson, Tess McCracken, Phoebe Keane, Isabella Razga, Alex Chmiel, Jorja Sprunt, Emily Osborne, Dylan Gazzard, Chase Rodda, Bailey Mangles and Lacey Schulz

**Congratulations to the following students who received this social skill award in Week 3 Tolerance:**

Billy Hicks, Dougal Alexander, Caylee Rawson, Jasmine Farrant, Kade Brennan, Ethan Brown, Summa Neyland, Poppy Dobson, Pippa Routley, Addi Stuart, Jensen James, Jessica Osborne, Jules Cook and Samuel Brown.

## OSHC - Before & After School Care

In Before & After School Care, the children are always busy with cooking, craft, indoor and outdoor games. As the weather is warming up, we ask that the children bring along and wear their hats. We also put a call out for any shoe boxes that you may have lying around, we can put them to good use so please drop them off to Sue or the office. As we head into the end of the year, the children will have an opportunity to make special gifts for their family.

Our numbers are growing in After School Care. So to assist us with planning, we remind families to please mark their **child as absent before 10am** on the day of absence via the My Family Lounge App, or contact the office to let us know.

We look forward to seeing you in our OSHC Program.

Sue & Ash

## Lost Property

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniforms or St Vincent de Paul on the last day of Term.



## Community Notices

### Compulsory Online **Netball** Club Registrations



The Katunga Football Netball Club invites all new and past players to participate in our 2022 season. This year we will once again require online registrations for ALL netballers to assist coaches for grade selections and trials.  
*Please note:* Trials for juniors may be held pending player numbers.

All intending junior and senior players **MUST** be registered by no later than **12 December 2021**. 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)

For further information please contact please contact Stacey Weeks on 0401 362 908 or Aimee Sidebottom 0400 734 831 or email [katungafnc@outlook.com](mailto:katungafnc@outlook.com).

## Junior Blasters @ Numurkah Youth Club Cricket Club

Commences Friday Oct 22nd at 5pm at Numurkah Recreation Reserve.

Please register online

<https://play.cricket.com.au/club/numurkah-cricket-club->

Any questions, please contact Adrienne Gledhill 0419 872 055



## ENROL NOW

Three-Year-Old and Four-Year-Old  
kindergarten

**Enrolments are now open for 2022.**

If you would like further information or wish  
to enrol your child for 2022, please contact

**NUMURKAH KINDERGARTEN**

18 McCaskill Street

download an application for enrolment

form from our website

[www.numurkah.kindergarten.vic.gov.au](http://www.numurkah.kindergarten.vic.gov.au)

or call 0358621569

## Numurkah Lawn Tennis Club Junior Tennis Program 2021-22

### HOT SHOTS PROGRAM

Fun Junior Hot Shots program  
5-10 y/o (Guide only, groups based on ability)  
5PM onwards  
30 minute sessions  
\$80 for the 12 week program  
Starts: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October

### SATURDAY MORNING COMPETITION

Rd 1 Starts the 6<sup>th</sup> Nov ( Pending Covid restrictions)  
8.45am Warm up, 9am Start  
Positions based on ability  
12 weeks of comp PLUS FINALS  
\$100 for entire comp inc. Full Junior Club M'Ship  
Come and practice anytime  
Training sessions will be Thursday nights 5-6pm.

### HOW DO I REGISTER TO PLAY?

All at the Numurkah Lawn Tennis Club:  
Registration for all Junior Tennis is on:  
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 9-11am  
Which will incorporate  
Practice and grading for new Saturday comp players  
And also  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 5-6pm

Registration forms available  
at all registration sessions

GET IN EARLY AS SPOTS WILL BE LIMITED.  
DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS

Private Lessons also available  
For inquiries please call Andrew Storer on  
0408621984, or Mark Mills on 0429307373



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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are writing to inform you that the school will be transitioning to an online management system called PAM (Parent Access Module) over the term, **with an aim of having all families using the system by the start of the 2022 school year.**

The purpose of moving to an online system like PAM is to continue improving and refining the communication and information sharing between the school and families. When PAM is fully operational and families are logged on to it, we hope it will make life a little easier, as well as being far more environmentally friendly with less paper work going home in the bottom of school bags!

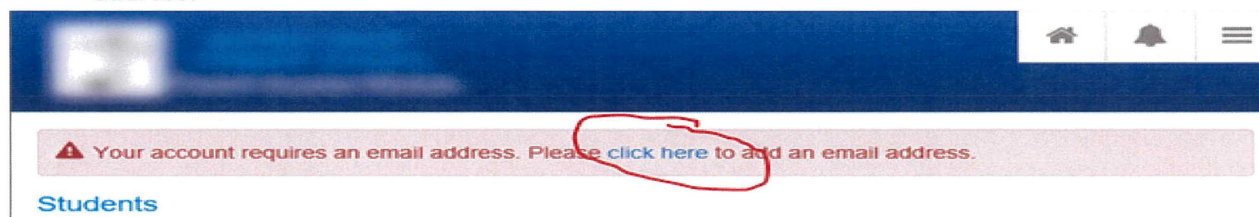
As the school and families transition to PAM, specific modules will be released so that families can:

- get the most up to date information and resources regarding what's happening at school
- inform the school of your child/s absence or late arrival
- update child/s medical medical information
- be informed if your child/ren have needed First Aid during a school day
- provide consent for excursions & school activities.

The first step in transitioning to PAM is to get families logged on and familiar with the system. More information will be provided over the term when different functions are released. Please follow the steps below to register and log in.

## Action Required

- an email would have been sent to you from **noreply@yourschooldomain** that contains instructions and a link for them to click on. Please check your JUNK or SPAM mailbox if you do not receive an email.
- click on the link in the email and follow the instructions to set your password and verify your email address:



- Once your email address has been verified, this email address can be used as the username for that account.
- If you would like to change your password at any point, you can go to the three-line, Main Menu icon and then select 'My Settings'. Enter details into the 'Change password' boxes. NOTE that an email address must be verified BEFORE any password change is attempted.
- Once you have successfully logged in, you can save PAM to your phone's home screen (process will differ depending on which phone you use). The PAM icon looks like this:



The staff continue to be amazed and excited by the possibilities of PAM and we look forward to providing you with further information and support about PAM throughout 2021/22. If you do have any questions about PAM, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office or your child/s classroom teacher. We would like to thank all parents who have connected to PAM and have patiently supported us, as we continue to learn to navigate this new management system and all that it provides.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dominic Izzard".

Dominic Izzard  
(Deputy Principal)