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Newsletter—Week 9 of Term 4, 2nd December 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 **Celebrating**

Our focus within the three areas are as follows

Attitude : Enjoyment and Fun

Awareness : Appreciating Achievements of Yourself & Others

Dear Families

We are closing in on the End of Year and we are Celebrating in an appropriate way to minimise the risks and maximise the fun. It's all happening – Finally, which is absolutely fantastic !!!

Congratulations to the boys and girls who received their First Communion and were Confirmed into our Church last Friday evening. It has been two years in the making !!!



Our Preppies had a Big Morning Out in Shepparton; afterwards enjoyed a film at the MacKillop Cinema



Our Seniors went to Fun Fields in Melbourne for a Magic Day of Fun



Students Last day – 3.15 pm finish Wednesday, December 15



Year 6 Graduation – Tuesday, December 14

Our Year 6 Graduation will be on the evening of Tuesday, December 14. Plan A is to celebrate the event on the oval, using the new Shade Structure on the MacKillop Centre as the centrepiece. Families are invited to come along with deckchairs, a picnic rug and a picnic tea and spread out covid safe on the grass. Kick off will be 6:30pm. More details for our Year 6 Families as the night gets closer.

Live Life To The Fullest In Christ



Paul Arnel

Orientation Day

Staff have placed the boys and girls in classes thoughtfully and these will be announced prior to our Orientation Session which is 11:30 to 1pm next Tuesday, December 7.

Giving Tree



Our Giving Tree is set up in the foyer and ready to receive presents for children who are less fortunate in our community. Presents need to be wrapped with a tag attached indicating if the gift is appropriate for a boy or girl and an approximate age. Thank you to the Black Family for kindly donating the Tree.



Office News

PRIVACY POLICY

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www.sjnumurkah.catholic.edu.au.

SCHOOL FEES:

If you wish to change your current payment arrangements please contact the office. Unless notified, we will presume your current payment arrangement for next year will stay the same. Fortnightly payments will commence in February next year. You will receive a statement at the beginning of the year.

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

Have you registered yet with PAM?

You will have received an email to set up your PAM (Parent Access Module) account.

Please follow the steps outlined in the email, and don't forget to verify your email address.

You can use the below link to set up your account.

<https://pam.sjnumurkah.catholic.edu.au/>

Your username is your email address, and then select forgot Password to set up.

Please contact the office 5862 1804 or email admin@sjnumurkah.catholic.edu.au if you require further assistance.

Preps

This year has been challenging, yet memorable. Whilst we have had many interruptions with remote learning, we congratulate you and the students on your ability to be flexible and resilient with the changes that have come our way.

Excursion

Today we were lucky enough to be able to celebrate our year together with an excursion to Shepparton. We hope to share photos of our special day with you on Seesaw. Stay tuned!



Literacy

Our Literacy Program has been well supported both at school and at home. We are pleased with the results we have achieved and ask children to read over the holidays to maintain the wonderful levels they have acquired. We will continue to read and complete Smart spelling homework until week 11. During this week we will collect the children's reader folders and pass them on to their Grade One teachers in preparation for next year.



Numeracy

In Maths we have continued to count daily past 100 and complete our skip counting. We are proud of the confident counters we have in the Prep room. We have covered lots of topics over the year and hope the children can continue to solve real life problems over the holidays.



Religion

The Prep's have been busy preparing for our Nativity Play, which will be live streamed on Friday 10th December. Every child has a part in the play and we look forward to sharing this with everyone. A note has been sent home with further information regarding this celebration.

Numurkah Carols by Candlelight

On Friday 17th December, Numurkah is having a Carols by Candlelight celebration. We are inviting any Preps who are available and wish to attend to complete the form sent home this week. The children have been practising these songs each day at school and are doing a wonderful job!



Specialist

By now Library books have been collected as there is no more borrowing. If you have any Library books at home please return ASAP.

Uniform & Water Bottles

We ask that all children wear their summer school uniform. Children must bring their hats to school. No Hat – No Play. Due to COVID safe rules, all children must bring a labelled water bottle to school.



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

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 informational reports. Exploring this type of text 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. The past two weeks, students have been researching a natural weather disaster or weather forecasts. Each student has written a report and will present an oral presentation this week.

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.

Numeracy

Recently in Maths our students have been learning all about Chance and Data, and the four processes of Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division. Recently our students have been conducting a series of class surveys in order to collect and share data in the form of a graph. Topics investigated include Eye Colour, how many Letters In Our Names and Favourite Fruits. We have also been focusing on Place Value and practicing our skills and understanding through dice games such as Number Dice. This game involves rolling 3 or 4 dice and then creating the largest number possible. It's a brilliant way for our students to be thinking carefully about the value of each digit in larger numbers. Well done to all of our students for their recent mathematical efforts.

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 ask your child about the weather amazing weather reports they have written and presented

Celebration Week

This year has yet again been filled with challenges and new experiences. We congratulate all boys and girls on the way they have handled these periods of Remote Learning and uncertainty. As we conclude our year we are choosing to focus on the good and enjoy the things we can do safely.

Next week we will have two days of celebration. We begin our week on Monday December 6th with a visit from SkillZone. Students will participate in a range of fun outdoor activities. Monday will be a casual clothes day. We then will finish our week on a high with an excursion to Shepparton.

Notes in regards to both days will be sent home asap.

We thank you for your support and open communication.

Jordyn, Joanie, Loreena, Dave, Bern and Ally.

Middles

THANK YOU & CONGRATULATIONS!!

As we bring another year to a close, we would like to thank students and families, for the hard work and resilience shown, through another challenging year.

Congratulations for making every post a winner, through uncertainty and Remote Learning!

The enthusiasm and effort from each student has not waived one bit and that is testament to their positive attitude, action and awareness of the challenges and importance of learning. It is also a sign of the wonderful relationships the families of St Joseph have with their school.

CELEBRATION DAY - THURSDAY 9th December.

To celebrate the end of 2021, the Middle School will be heading to Echuca for a fun day of adventure activities at Murray Life Adventures Camp. Information and permission slip (to be returned Tuesday 7th) has gone home this week.

SACRAMENTS - CONFIRMATION & EUCHARIST

Congratulations to the Grade 3 & 4 students who on Friday 26th November, received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. The journey has been two years in the making for some of these students! Receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist are an important part of the faith journey. Photos were sent out individually to families.

A big thank you to Mr Booth and Mr Izzard who organised the evening and also to the Middle School teachers for preparing the students at school.

We wish the current Grade 4 students all the best as they enter the Senior School next year!!
As for the Grade 3 students, we will see you all again!!!

Have a Holy and safe Christmas holidays. Mark, Makayla, Deb, Sara, Liam, Clayton, Amanda & Karlene.



Seniors

Literacy and Inquiry

Over the last few weeks our Grade 5s have been working on creating their speeches for the roles as School Leaders. Students will be presenting their speeches to their peers in the coming week. At the same time, our Grade 6s have been writing their student profiles, which will be compiled in their Graduation Books. It has been a special time for each child, reflecting on all the wonderful memories they have made at our school. We have finished off our focus on Australian History by exploring the journey to Federation, and learning about the key people who made it all possible.

Numeracy

During these past few weeks, we have been working on our Statistics and Probability projects, where we have created our own survey questions and displayed the data in different types of graphs including the delicious pie chart! As we get closer to the end of the year, we will be revising some Maths concepts covered this year, such as fractions/decimals, addition/subtraction, multiplication/division and place value.

Celebration Days – Funfields (**TODAY !!! – stay tuned for a Report**)

This year our **Grade 5s and 6s will be having their celebration day on Thursday 2nd December**. Our Senior School will be travelling down for a fun day out at Funfields Water Park. It will be a terrific chance to celebrate the perseverance and hard work of our students through this year, as well as a chance to farewell our Grade 6s.

Graduation

On Tuesday 14th December, we will celebrate and farewell our Grade 6 students as they graduate from Primary School. More details will be announced closer to the date.

Finally, we would like to give a massive thank you to all of our students and families for their hard work and perseverance through many, many rounds of remote learning this year. We would like to wish all of our families a very happy and safe Christmas together, and we look forward to seeing you all again in 2022.

Thank you,

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

Library

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

Thanks again,

Mary

Art

In Art, the Middle Areas made dragon eyes after reading Ella's Dragon. The students used model magic to create these amazing artworks!

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

Congratulations to all students on a fantastic year.



Student of the Week

Sen M

Brian Hansen

For always coming to school with a smile on his face and positive attitude. Well done!

Yolana Van Rijthoven

For her helpfulness around the classroom and the respect she shows her teachers. Well done!

Layla Newham

For her positive attitude towards school and care and respect she shows towards her peers. Great work.

Sen H

Cooper Weeks

For his outstanding performance during the senior performance. Cooper you were fantastic as "Lysander".

Xavier Tonkin

For being a champion during home learning. It was lovely to see your smiling face during our Meets.

Harry Bannon

For being a gentleman on the downball court. You are inclusive and kind to all that play.

Sen N

Charlotte Hall

Always trying her best and for being such a responsible Prep helper each morning! What a star!

Penny Alston

For the happy and vibrant manner in which she conducts herself daily.

Tom Graham

For approaching each day positively

Sen S

Daniel Schreenan

For his creativity and hard work backstage in supporting our Production. Thank you Dan!

Harry Smyth

For always being a polite, friendly and positive member of our class.

Jorja Hibberson

For approaching Mathematics with more positivity. It is great to see you trying to use different strategies.

Mid H

Kate Dyson

For being inclusive and welcoming, setting a great AAA example.

Georgia Robertson

For being inclusive, welcoming and always modelling our AAA values.

Charlie Jenner

For being a focused and hardworking student and a model for his peers.

Mid B

Elijah Tonkin

For always being a polite, friendly and positive member of our classroom. Keep up the good work!

Cohen Burrows

For always applying himself to the learning task and stepping up as a leader in our classroom.

Bailey Harmer

For his positive attitude towards learning and coming to school each day with a smile.

Mid O

Blade Turvey

For the way he has settled into living and learning in the Middle School. It is great to see you trying your best in Literacy!

Will Feltham

For his positive attitude towards reading and really having a go! It is great to see you reading more confidently.

Nate Agnew

For the way he has approached his learning this week. Your actions and attitude have been fantastic!

Mid W

Eve Boase

For her organization and positive attitude towards learning. You are a great role model!

Lilith Voigt

For the wonderful way she has settled into our school and the Middle area. Welcome Lilith!

Harry Oswald

For having a positive attitude in all areas of his learning and being respectful to all those around him. Well done Harry.

Jun J

Willa Schulz

For working well on all of her writing tasks, and for improving her reading skills. Brilliant effort Willa!

Caylee Rawson

For an excellent effort this week learning and practicing Division strategies. Brilliant Caylee and well done!

Matilda Ireland

For an excellent week of learning and also for displaying excellent organisational skills. Well done Matilda.

Jun H

Harley Ranken

For practising your reading and working so hard to learn your sounds.

Zara Morris

For extending your learning, especially in Literacy. Awesome work Zara!

Georgia Brassil

For your wonderful weather presentation. You are a fantastic mini-meteorologist!

Jun A

Sienna Mulcahy

For confidently participating in our Writing session with Jane. Your enthusiasm was contagious Sienna!

Elsie Browning

For using expression and humour when presenting her Oral Weather Report.

Eva Russo

For commencing tasks straight away and completing them on time. We are very proud of you Eva!

Jun S

Zoe Bartle

For being a happy and helpful member of our class. We love your happy smile Zo!

Sophia McPherson

For bringing 'Bad Dad' to life with her enthusiastic expression.

Edward Trimble

For his weather report on 'Floods'. Well done buddy!

PREP M

Caleb Campbell

For being kind to his classmates and including everyone in his games.

Poppy Patching

For the wonderful work ethic she has developed towards all learning tasks. Well done Poppy!

Charity-Lee Cameron

For always trying her best and being a wonderful friend to others. Well done Charity!

PREP N

Andrew Morgan

For doing a great job at listening and following instructions, Great work.

Zarli Burkitt

For working hard on all activities and presenting her work beautifully.

Charlotte Farrant

For being a wonderful leader in our class and presenting her work beautifully.

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 6

Trustworthiness:

Bridget Simmons, Angelo Giunta, Matilda Ireland, Hazel Alston, Zarliah Collins, Myah Shelton, Isabella Brasil, Sonny Dunstone, Callan O'Dwyer, Nick Hughes, Jamieson Shelton, Jack Keane, Caitlyn Hender, and Joel O'Dwyer.

Congratulations to the following students who received this social skill award in Week 7/8

Flexibility:

Norah Keane, Ben Hubbard, Harlen Few, Henry Bau, Lexi Rees, Bella Curtis, Mya Wayman, Tilly Schreenan, Samuel Altoft, Macie Gilmour, Jorja Hibberson, Andrew Barnden, Cooper Weeks and Izaak Hopkins.

Congratulations to the following students who received this social skill award in Week 9

Celebrating:

Wil Foulstone, Flynn Keane, Nate Duffett, Patrick Edis, Viaan Maharaj, Jobe Morris, Gabe Waters-Beaton, Dakota Schulz, Rahni O'Callaghan, Bailey Hawthorn, Eli Johns, Brian Hansen, Mason Hughes and Myla Stuart.

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



Parent Helpers

Again, this year has been quite different for our community. We still would like to acknowledge and thank all our parents/guardians/grandparents that give up their time so freely to help in the classrooms, covering books in the library, Casserole Bank, cooking BBQ's for special events, P & F, School Board and our annual Fun Run.

OSHC

We will be sorting out bookings in the last week of January for Before and After School Care for 2022. If you need to change your days and already know what days you will require, or no longer need the booking, you can log onto the My Family Lounge, call the office 5862 1804 or email dmurfett@sjnumurkah.catholic.edu.au. Places are limited so get in early if you require a permanent booking. We will assume if we haven't heard from you that you wish to continue the same as this year.

Vacation Care shall be running once again. Please see the attached flyer for dates, costs etc.

Canteen

No HOT food, smoothies, fruit cup etc. last 3 days of school 13, 14, & 15 Dec. Canteen will run on a basic menu of sandwiches, wraps & rolls.

Also the choices will be limited for window items as stocks run low at the end of the year.

It has been an unusual year with limited help in the canteen for Marcella. We thank her for efforts in running the canteen so smoothly on her own. We thank all those parents who have given up their days off or time to help run the canteen.

Community Notices



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ST JOHN'S OSHC VACATION CARE

When?

Tuesday, Wednesdays & Thursday from the 4th January until the 20th January 2022, 8am to 5pm.

What do we bring?

You will need to bring your own snacks, lunch & water bottle.

What activities will we do?

We will offer a range of activities including sporting games, craft, cooking, indoor games and many more!

Cost?

It will cost \$60 per child per day, less any child care subsidies you may receive.

Who is the program open to?

The Vacation Care program is open to all current St Joseph's students, that are aged 12 years and under, including the current Year 6s and the new Preps.

How do I register my child/ren?

If you are already using Before & After School Care, you can book via the My Family Lounge App as you would for any casual bookings, select Vacation Care.

If you have not used Before & After School Care, you will need to contact the school office on 5862 1804 before the 16th December. Once school closes, you can email your phone number to dmurfett@sjnumurkah.catholic.edu.au and we will respond via phone within 24 hours.

Bookings are now open.

