

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

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Newsletter—Week 3 of Term 2, May 12th 2022

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 Advisory Board Meeting Wed, May 18

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Friday was a tremendous celebration for our Mothers, Grandmothers and even Great Grandmothers with our Breakfast, Prep Prayerful Celebration and then the Cross Country to enjoy. We emphasise that this is a time to recognise the importance of the role that our Mother or Mother figure has in our lives. Whether she lives at home or away or has passed on, our Mum is our Mum. The morning was a huge hit with an absolute full house and more.

Special note of thanks to Kate Bell who has been part of the M.D. Stall for 13 years !!!





Monday May 16 Dates to Remember

Pupil Free Day

Tuesday May 17 School Photos & School Open Day

Sunday May 22 Community Open Day

Friday June 10 Pupil Free Day

Monday June 13 Queen's Birthday Holiday



Monday, May 16 Pupil Free Day Tuesday, May 17 School Photos

(Full Winter Uniform, students are to bring runners if they have PE)

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.

2023 Enrolments Open

Incredibly, it's time to start preparations for 2023. For current families, enrolment forms are available at the office. Still feel free to drop in and enjoy a tour though as it's great to take in the sights of the school and especially allow your starter to see the classes in action. For prospective families, we will conduct tours at Tuesday's Open Day & Sunday Week's Community Open Day (11am – 1pm). We also happily show families around at any other time after making an appointment.

Afternoon Assembly: Monday at 2:45
Yr 6 Leaders & Class Prayer
May 16: Pupil free day – no assembly
May 23: Daniel S, Harrison S & Preston P: Seniors
You can watch it live by tuning into our YouTube channel.
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCChZRa2nKzF_2mu
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The link can also be found on our school website and is the same link for ALL Assemblies!

Parents/Carers are welcome to join us in the MacKillop Centre.



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: 20th May & 3rd June

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 all of our students and families! The students have had a great start to Term Two and have settled back into school routines nicely. We would like to congratulate the children on their wonderful prayer and performance at the Mother's Day breakfast and their terrific efforts at cross country. It was fantastic to see so many family members in attendance.



Literacy

In Literacy, the Prep students are continuing to work hard on their reading, writing and comprehension skills. We have been so impressed with how far they have come in such a short period of time and it's wonderful to see growth beginning to occur on a weekly basis. Well done to our parents and families for your ongoing support here also. Our students have been very enthusiastic about learning the SMART Spelling words and sentences of the week and are enjoying the activities we do to support this. Prep students will continue to develop their letter formation skills through tracing and fine motor activities. In addition, our Preps will continue to learn the structure of a sentence and will be encouraged to "have a go" and write sentences independently that include the use of finger spaces and ending punctuation. We are looking forward to continuing our great work here!



Numeracy

In Numeracy, we have been continuing our ongoing number work, including counting and number formation. We have also begun to learn more about the 100 chart and how our number system works. Our students have been engaged in activities that encourage them to identify number patterns, the teen numbers, half or 100, and also how to count by 10's, 5's etc. We completed our first block of formal addition and we are currently working through our subtraction tasks. Our students are now able to identify basic math's symbols such as the addition, subtraction and equals sign.





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.

Inquiry

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

Important Reminders

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 so that lost items can be located easily.

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.

Thank you, The Prep Team!

Juniors

This Term has begun with great excitement and enthusiasm. We have already taken part in fantastic activities such as the Cross Country and Mother's Day Craft and Stall. We hope our Mums and Carers were given thanks and gratitude on Sunday. Our children took great pride in writing about their mum and mother figure.

We are also fortunate to welcome two extra staff members to our team. Sylvia Smit has joined Junior West as a Learning Support Officer, as has James Pruden, our Student Teacher for 4 weeks.

Literacy

In Literacy we have been looking at different Reading Strategies. We started with Predicting, then Making Connections and next was Visualising. In week 4 we are looking at different Questioning techniques. In Writing we are looking at the Genre of Procedure and this will involve experiments which are sure to develop vocabulary and understanding of the reason for Procedure Writing. Our Spelling continues to build skills such as sounding out, seeing patterns, blending and segmenting. We use karate chops to create syllables. Investigating words is helping children to understand why words are spelt the way they are.



Visit by an Author

On Friday we were visited by an Author who has taught at our school. Miranda Taylor has written a delightful book called "Isn't It Crazy...." Our very own Nathanial Hubbard was the reason that Miranda was inspired to write this book. It is full of animal facts and warm humour. A beautiful read!

Nightly Reading

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.



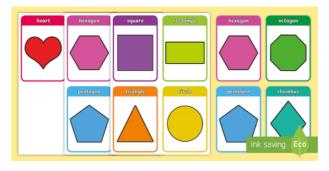
When reading at home together, before reading, predict the story, look through the illustrations using the language in the book, stop half way and share what you think might happen next, check your predictions at the end. Finally ask your child to retell the story checking comprehension.

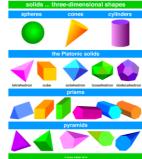
SMART Spelling

We are finding that many children are not completing their Spelling homework. We are only asking for children to do 2 nights a week. We check on Fridays. We congratulate those children who regularly complete their work. We continue to challenge all children.

Numeracy

In Maths we have been working on time with a focus on days of the week, months, and times of the day. We have been encouraging the children to tell the o'clock and half past times on the clock. This week we are looking at 2D and 3D shapes and their features and in the





weeks to come we change our focus to multiplication. In multiplication we are learning about arrays, this is where our skip counting is really helpful. You can help your child by practicing skip counting especially by 2's, 5's and 10's.

Religion

In Religion, we have been discussing Pentecost. Students have been exploring the role of the Holy Spirit in the mission of the Church and reflected on the event of Pentecost and the beginning of the Church. They have also been discovering the ways that Jesus guides and assists us in their daily life.

Inquiry

This term our Inquiry focus is Stimulating Science!! We will be carrying out lots of experiments to engage our minds as well as having lots of fun in the process. We will be asking lots of questions, making predictions and following instructions as well as discussing and reflecting on our work after the experiments are completed. This topic will also link beautifully into our Writing focus which is Procedure Writing. Fun times ahead!!

Specialist

Students continue to have specialist classes on <u>Wednesdays</u>. Junior West also need to wear their Sports uniform as well as bring their Library bag each <u>Friday</u>.

Wednesdays.

Junior West: LOTE/ART Junior East: PE/Library

Thursdays

Junior East: Music

Fridays

Junior West: Library/ Sport

Please send us a message on SeeSaw if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child. Jordyn, Joanie, Sara, Tan, Ally, Bern, Georgia and Sylvia.

Middles

Term Two has started with a flurry of activity, enjoyable learning experiences and opportunities for all our students. One of the outstanding qualities that our students are demonstrating is the skill of resilience. When the chips don't fall our way or our routines are interrupted, all of the Middle school adapted with a flexible attitude, enthusiastic action and awareness of their surroundings. Well done!

We have worked hard to establish routines, which are so important to the learning experiences of each of our students. To know and understand the structure of the day, what is happening and where / what they are going to do, allows students to be confident and comfortable to go about their Living and Learning at St Josephs.

NUMERACY

The focus of Term 2 is consolidating core numeracy knowledge, skills and strategies. This is focused on identifying numbers, ordering / rearranging numbers to make them bigger or smaller, place value, number patterns, and addition and subtraction strategies. It is important to consolidate this core knowledge, as it is necessary to apply it in other areas of Maths, such as Operations (Multiplication Division, Addition, Subtraction) Measurement and Statistics and Probability. We will now expand and apply our knowledge and understanding of this core numeracy, across other concepts in maths; Length, time, area and volume/capacity.

LITERACY

Our focus in Reading is exploring Narratives, Persuasive and Informative texts; We have investigated the elements and structure of each text and can identify these in our reading and apply them

when creating texts. Our Reading is connected to our Writing, through developing our written texts, using familiar themes found in our reading. The theme for Literacy in Term 2 is connected to our Inquiry focus of; "Australia - History". We will focus on the many aspects of what has influenced Australian culture and spirit.

We use our whole school "Writing Process" to guide our work in writing, allowing for structured learning experiences. Other areas we have focused on are handwriting, grammar, punctuation and vocabulary.

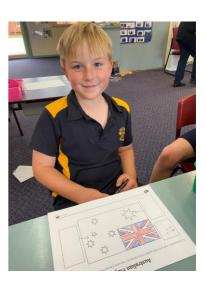
INQUIRY

In our Inquiry Learning, we are focusing on areas that have made Australian culture it is today! We will be investigating and exploring the following; Australian states and territories, capital cities, man-made and natural features, flags, emblems/symbols, coat of arms, bushrangers, explorers, ANZAC spirit, gold rush and Numurkah.









Cross Country - Congratulations to each and every Middle School student who participated in the recent Cross Country. A fantastic effort!!

In the Middle School, we have a real focus on the values of St Mary MacKillop, which guide us in all aspects of our daily lives;

"NEVER SEE A NEED WITHOUT DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT"

At St Joseph's we..

Need to have a Positive Attitude

Need to be Active.

Need to take Action.

Homework

Reading - Students should **read for 15 - 20 minutes each night** to develop confidence, accuracy, fluency, expression and use of reading and literacy strategies. Home reading is also vital in helping students to build vocabulary and comprehension. A parent / carer signature is required each night, as returning Student diaries each morning to the teacher is an important part of the morning routine, as well as monitoring student progress.

SMART Spelling - At St Joseph's we have a P-6 focus on spelling using the SMART Spelling Program. Students will have a list of spelling words to learn each week, which will focus on a particular sound. Students are encouraged to spend time practising these words at home and completing their tasks, to assist with their spelling development. It is also beneficial for students to regularly revise words they have previously learnt.

Mark, Ebony, Virginia, Kelly, Makayla, Deb, Clayton and Amanda.

Seniors

"We are the standard!"

Literacy

We continue to focus on our SMART Spelling each week and expect our students to practise their words each night. In Reading we are developing our vocabulary and reading "My Place" in connection with our Inquiry unit. In writing we are looking forward to beginning our historical narratives. We continue to encourage our Seniors to read each night and have their diary signed. We also expect everyone to read for 5 minutes each morning before school begins or read to their teacher.

Numeracy

This term we have begun looking at Multiplication and Division in our Numeracy groups. We are working on using a variety of strategies to help us work with two or more digit multiplication and division equations. Students are encouraged to practice multiplication facts at home as extra homework if required. We will finish this unit in the next two weeks and move onto a new focus.

Inquiry This term our Inquiry focus is the Evolution of Australia. We are looking at how different parts of our lives have changed and evolved over time. We have compiled a variety of objects from the past and present, to showcase how our lives have changed in the past 100 years. We hope this display will inspire creative thinking about these objects and what life was like in the "olden days". If families have any items of interest to share please feel free to send them along. As well, in class we've been exploring what communications, transportation, food and clothing have been like in the past and what they might be like in the future. Additionally, to complement our



learning, we will be travelling to Echuca next Thursday for a historical excursion where we will learn about the Port of Echuca and the evolution of Holden cars.

NAPLAN

We have finally come to the end of another round of NAPLAN testing. We would like to give a massive congratulation to all of our Grade 5s who've worked incredibly well during this time. It is just a snapshot of one day in their learning journey, and not reflective of their many other qualities.

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COVID

We continue to encourage healthy practices in our classes by sanitising, wearing masks if necessary and maintaining good ventilation. If you require any more RAT's for home testing, please let your classroom teacher know by SeeSaw.



Cross Country

Well done to our Seniors who participated in our School Cross country last Friday. Good luck to those representing in Divisional Cross Country this coming Friday!







ABLAZE with Father Rob Galea

Last Thursday we had the opportunity to attend ABLAZE which was a dynamic learning experience led by Sandhurst's world-renowned performer, Fr Rob Galea, together with local and national speakers. It explored the diocesan theme for 2022 "Tell the Good News." The students had a wonderful time and enjoyed the event. We are keen to bring Fr Rob's passion back to our school lives and "use our platform" for change.





Winter School Sport

Footy

Last Friday was our opening game of footy against our cross town rivals Numurkah Primary School. After a hard fought four quarters the team unfortunately went down to the primary school losing 8.5 to 5.6. Plenty of lead changes made for an exciting game, but Numurkah came home strong in the final term to clinch the victory. Well done to all the boys and girls who played, we look forward to the next game against Nathalia Primary School.

Netball

We had two fantastic games against Numurkah Primary School. The Blue Team drew 12-12 and the Gold Team won 14-2. All the players showed sportsmanship and listened well to the umpires. We continue working on our ball skills and learning the requirements of each position. Well done Netballers!

Softball

Last Friday was an exciting start for our Softball teams, as they played against Numurkah Primary. It was a great chance for all of the students to put their skills into practice, and learn new ways to play. Both teams demonstrated their sportsmanship, cheering and supporting each other. Well done to all of the boys and girls who stepped outside of their comfort-zone to play, and we look forward to our next match!

Specialist Updates

Weeks 1-5	Weeks 6-9
Tuesday Senior K/I & Senior T - PE Senior S & Senior B - LOTE	Tuesday Senior K/I & Senior T - LOTE Senior S & Senior B - PE
Wednesday Senior S & Senior B - PE & Library Senior K/I & Senior T - Art & LOTE	<u>Wednesday</u> Senior S & Senior B - Art & LOTE Senior K/I & Senior T - PE & Library

Uniform

We expect our Senior students to wear their full winter uniform with pride. If something comes up and they are unable to, please write a note in their diary or send through a message.

Thank you,

Senior School Staff

Adam, Liam, Loreena, Dom, Jeremy, Karlene, Sue and Ray.

Cross Country

Under cool but clear skies our School Cross Country was held in conjunction with our very popular Mothers' Day Breakfast. With plenty of vocal support provided by students, families and friends, our Prep, 1 & 2 students acquitted themselves wonderfully to attempt and complete their 500m (preps) and 1km (Grade 1&2) courses.

The beaming smiles on so many faces was testament to the success of the morning. Some wonderful individual performances and close finishes were on show and we look forward to seeing the students' progress into the longer distance races in coming years.

The individual winners were:

Lewis Robertson & Harper Gledhill (Prep), Benjamin Hubbard & Zarli Burkitt (Grade 1) and Jobe Morris & Lola Feldtman (Grade 2).

In the afternoon the Middle and Senior students walked to the Showgrounds to complete a 2km or 3km run (depending on age) around the oval and along the creek & golf club before finishing in front of the Football Clubrooms. Some fast times were recorded, whilst others took the opportunity to enjoy the track in the company of friends.

The individual winners were:

Blaze Schulz & Jessica Green (9 years), Alex Chmiel & Kara Gundrill (10 years), Jack Keane & Georgia Robertson (11 years) and Mason Alexander & Jess Laidlaw (12 years)

In all, 13 students have been selected to represent St. Josephs at the Division Cross Country Event to be held in Shepparton on Friday 13th May. We wish the following students all the best as they endeavour to qualify for the next level of Zone races.

9/10 Years: Alex Chmiel, Tyler Burkitt, Jasper Brown, Jessica Green.

11 Years: Jack Keane, Hayden Feltham, Georgia Robertson, Summa Neyland, Eve Boase

12 Years: Mason Alexander, Chase Rodda, Daniel Schreenan, Jess Laidlaw.















Student of the Week

Sen S Bailey Harmer

For his inquisitive attitude and improved focus during our reading hour. Keep it up Bails!

Jhi Arnold

For having a positive attitude towards his learning and striving to improve his handwriting. Keep it up!

Sen B Audrey Lukies

for being a dependable, hardworking student who leads by example. You set a wonderful standard for all Audrey!

Jaiden McKellar

For having a positive attitude in class and working hard in Literacy. Keep it up!

Sen K Castiel White

For his respectful and polite manner in the classroom towards his peers and teachers. Keep it up. It's a pleasure having you in our class.

Charlie Jenner

For his happy and enthusiastic nature in the classroom. You always brighten up the classroom.

Sen T Hannah Kelly

For her excellent attitude on our senior transition day and having a go during all the activities.

Bailey Mangles

A great return to Term 2. You have put in a lot of effort.

Mid H Nathanael Hubbard

For his enthusiastic and detailed retelling of the stories he reads.

Hazel Alston

For her wonderful, creative and detailed ideas in her story writing.

Mid M Jasmine Farrant

For her focus and dedication in improving her Numeracy and Literacy skills. Awesome effort Jasmine!

Logan Higgins

For his attention in class, easy going nature and happy demeanour at school.

Mid N Gabe Waters-Beaton

For the participation and effort he is putting into his schooling. What a great start to Term 2, Gabe!

Noah Mountney

For his determination and focus in the classroom. Great effort Noah you are working really hard!

Mid O Noah Watson

For his fantastic ideas in writing and trying really hard in Literacy with Mrs Newman.

Mia Muller

For the way she approaches problem solving in Maths. Keep up the great work!

Jun S Max Boase

For his improved learning choices and being a good role model for his peers.

Zarli Burkitt

For challenging herself and always giving her best to all tasks. You're a star Zarli!

Jun A Zara Trimby

For seeking challenges to extend her learning. Keep the desire to learn always Zara.

Sophie Kilpatrick

For her enthusiasm to improve her reading and writing skills. Her results are very pleasing! Wonderful to see Soph!

Jun N Charlie Stevens Venville

For being a friendly classmate and working really hard on his spelling words.

Poppy Patching

For completing tasks on time and always trying her best! Keep it up Poppy!

Jun W Billy Hicks

For continuing to challenge himself and always doing his best, you are a wonderful role model in our classroom Billy!

Jackson Higgins

For his wonderful efforts in getting to school on time and completing his morning reading routine. Well done Jackson keep up the good work!

Prep M Elijah Watson

For reading confidently and clearly at our Prep assembly. You are a star Elijah!

Skylar Wilson

For being a kind and caring friend who always has a beautiful smile on her face.

<u>Prep J</u> Tahlia Hampton-Dailey

For a wonderful start at St Joseph's Primary School. You have settled in well and made new friends. Well done Tahlia!

Reuben Brown

For a wonderful start to Term 2 and for working beautifully during Math's sessions. Well done Reuben!

Principal's Award

Term 2

Week 2: Ben Osler

Week 3: Chase Littlejohn

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: Brydie Lawless, Ayla Ricardo, Lyncoln Voigt, Harlen Few, Ethan Brown, Dougal

Alexander, Kara Gundrill, Aiden Power, Matilda Ruscoe, Lenny Keane, Jorja Sprunt, Emma Cole, Georgia Higgins and Samuel Brown.

Week 3 Self Disclipine: Harry Handford, Harper Gledhill, Avarni Peterson, Bridget Simmons, Matilda Ireland, Eden Doncon, Isaac Manicdao, Toby Hansen, Zen Frost, Will Feltham, Elijah Tonkin, Konnar Stell, Taylah Duggan and Jessica Osborne.

Canteen

May

13th Volunteer

16th Pupil Free Day

17th Volunteer

18th Volunteer

19th Julia Campbell

20th Kimberly McPherson

23rd Volunteer

24th Volunteer

25th Volunteer

26th Rachel Robertson

27th Kim Thompson

30th Volunteer

31st Volunteer

June

1st Volunteer

2nd Sarah Burkitt

3rd Sheree Lawless

6th Volunteer

7th Volunteer

8th Sarah Trimble

9th Volunteer

10th Volunteer

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.

A Big Thank You to Donna Jensen for stepping in Marcella's shoes for the week.

Outside School Hours Care

What fun we have been having in our outside School Hours Care programs. The children made some gorgeous presents for Mother's Day What a wonderful time we had at the school holiday program this time around we had a full house most days which was fantastic. The children had plenty of exciting things to do and make. The girls had a hairdressing salon where they dyed each other's hair plus a beauty salon I think we all had our nails painted boys included. We also had cooking a photo booth with props, outdoor games, dancing competition's. Next school holiday's program we will be doing scrapbooking and card making with Kerry Regho so make sure you book in early.

Sue, Ash, Matilda and Rosie





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.

Mother's Day



Cross Country



Community Notices





As part of the Ritchies Community Benefit



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The President, Committee and Members of the above Sub-branch wish to convey their appreciation for your assistance prior to Anzac Day, by organising the sale of Anzac Tokens at your School.

The money received by our volunteers goes directly to the wellbeing of veterans and their dependants.

The total amount raised by your School was \$163.00 Receipt No. 124430 is enclosed.

Kinds regards Geration.

Gerard Watson Assistant Secretary







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KATUNGA



Saturday 4th June @ 7pm

Tickets on the night \$35 Under 18's Free Supper included

Guest Speakers:

Dan Eddy **Dustin Fletcher** Shelley O'Donnell





Ex Katunga junior, now highly acclaimed football author Dan Eddy will be the compere of the night and will share his story about his mental health issues and diagnosis with Asperger's Syndrome. Dan has gone on to become one of the most prolific Australian non fiction authors publishing 12 highly regarded books including "King Richard- the story of Essendon legend Dick Reynolds", "Crimmo- the Peter Crimmins story", "Larrikins and Legends", "the Norm Smith medallists" and "the Skills of Australian football" to name just a few. Dan has also recently launched his new book "A Football Genius: The Peter Hudson Story".















the Australian Football League. Dustin Fletcher played 400 games for the Essendon Football Club and was recently inducted into the EFC hall of fame as a legend of the club. Dustin's 400 games stands as the fifth highest in VFL/ AFL history. He is one of the best ever defenders to have played the game and was a key player in the 1993 and 2000 premierships. Dustin's career longevity in the game of 22 years and 58 days is the all time league record. He played his 400th AFL game in round 9 - 2015 at age of 40 years and 23 days which makes him the second oldest player by age in AFL/VFL history!



Netball Hall of Fame inductee and former Australian Vice-Captain Shelley O'Donnell will join Dan and Dustin.

A prolific Centre, O'Donnell's record both playing and coaching speaks for itself. She formed part of the World Cup winning Australian teams in 1991,1995 and 1999 the latter as Vice-Captain.

In an international career spanning 10 years O'Donnell represented her country on 84 occasions, further to this she was also the inaugural captain of the Melbourne Kestrels between 1997-2000.