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Newsletter—Week 3 of Term 3, July 28th 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 **Friendliness**
Our focus within the three areas are as follows
Attitude : Open & Welcoming
Awareness : Of The Feelings of Others
Action : Being Inclusive

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

We approach the end of August and it's "steady as she goes". COVID cases are minimal throughout the school but we do have many other illnesses going around. I continue to ask you to be vigilant in monitoring for symptoms, conservative in keeping kids at home and strict in reporting COVID cases to us. As a school, we will be flexible and adapt to the conditions that present.

In a months' time, Spring will be upon us where we open all of our windows and get outside and enjoy the warmth of a new season. In the meantime, we need to stay disciplined in looking after ourselves firstly, looking after our families and caring for our friends.

Well done to the many parents and carers who met with staff last week at our Conferences to ensure they were well aware of how their child/ren is or are progressing at school and in setting goals for the months ahead. Thanks to staff for their long hours of work.

School COVID Protocols

Thank you all so much for your patience and understanding in picking sick children up or keeping them at home. At the end of the day, **we need to look after our staff as much as possible because no staff means no school**

Here's the latest rules:

- Please let the office know if your child is considered a household contact.
- Household contacts are able to attend school if they test every day and wear a mask.
- We'll keep sending the kits home. Let us know if you need more.
- Isolate for 7 days if you're positive
- Keep the children home if they have **any symptoms**

Saint Mary MacKillop Feast Day & Cultural Immersion Day

Friday, August 5

- 9:30am Mass & Awards
– MacKillop Centre
11:30am Cultural Immersion
1pm – Free Sausage Sizzle and Drink
Canteen window only
2:30pm – Fire Carrier Commissioning
7pm – Winter Sleep-out

MONDAY, AUGUST 1 – PUPIL FREE DAY



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Afternoon Assembly : Monday at 2:45

Yr 6 Leaders & Class Prayer

August 1 : No Assembly

August 12 : Mathilda T, Chase L & Jorja H; Prep M & J

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

Dates to Remember

Friday July 29

Monday August 1

Friday August 5

Lightning Premiership - Yarrawonga

Pupil Free Day

Saint Mary MacKillop Feast Day

Cultural Immersion Day

St Vincent de Paul Winter Sleepout

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: 29th July & 12th August.

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 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



With the colder mornings jackets, beanies and scarves are the order of the day! Geelong scarves are more than acceptable!

Reconciliation

On Tuesday 26th of July five students from the Middle School celebrated the Second Rite of Reconciliation. It was a wonderful celebration and the students will now prepare for their Confirmation and First Eucharist later this term! A special thanks to Colleen and Agnes who on behalf of the parish provided some light refreshments for the congregation after the celebration.

In Term 4 we will prepare another group to begin the Sacramental Program. If you wish to have your child participate in this, the only requirement is that your child is Baptised. If you wish for your child to be Baptised so they can participate, please don't hesitate to contact me and we can discuss.
Liam Booth.



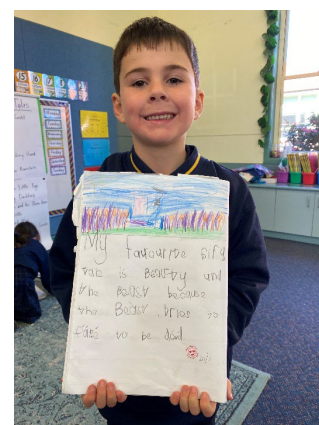
Preps

It is hard to believe that our students are already working through Week 3 of Term 3! This is an exciting time for our students as they really begin to use their growing skill sets to produce wonderful learning tasks on a weekly basis.

100 Days at School

The Prep students will be celebrating their 100th day of school on Wednesday the 3rd of August. The children will participate in games, craft and many more enjoyable activities throughout the day to mark this special occasion. To keep with the theme of 100 days, we ask that the students come to school as if they were 100 years old!

In addition to our celebration, we would like to invite families to attend a provided BBQ lunch from 12:45pm-1:30pm under our school's new sheltered area beside the Mary MacKillop Centre. If you are able to attend please send your child's teacher a message on Seesaw so that we are able to cater for numbers accordingly.



Literacy

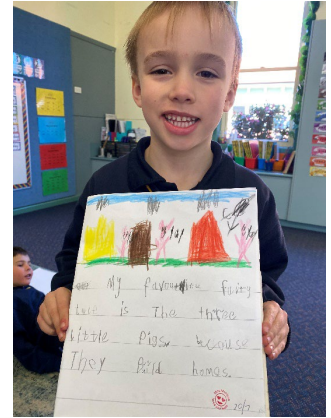
In Reading, our students have been working hard to build stamina as they now know how to sound out and decode challenging words. It is great to see our students improving their confidence here, as they are developing a self-awareness of being able to read, and how to improve their reading also.

In Writing, our students have been learning all about Fairy Tales. This topic is brilliant for our students as there are many wonderful features, settings and characters in Fairy Tales. Furthermore, Fairy Tales help our young students

to understand the world around them. They also allow for children to understand and role play things before experiencing them in the real world.

Numeracy

In Math, our students began the term revisiting Place Value and now we are going to focus our attention towards Addition and then Subtraction. This term we are able to extend our students through working with larger numbers, up to 100 and even beyond. Did you know that we structure our Math lesson around Whole Part Whole? This means that we all begin together with a clear focus shared and discussed (Whole), then we break off into targeted learning groups (part), and finally we return together to reflect upon and share our learnings (Whole). This is a great way for us to cater for all of our students and their individual learning styles and needs etc. We can give extra support to those who need it, and we can also extend students who need to be challenged more.



Religion

In Religion, the children have been learning about ways in which 'We Can Talk to God' and looking at how 'God Knows Us and Loves Us.' During these topics we have been discussing ways in which we can talk to God through prayer as well as looking at what makes our family special and God's unconditional love for us.

Inquiry

For Term 3 our topic is Creativity (Topsy Turvy Tales) and Discovery (The Bridge and Beyond). These are interesting and fun topics, and already our students have been busy learning new information here during our weekly Inquiry lessons. Our students will be experimenting with building techniques as they participate in crafty activities throughout this Term. They will also learn new words that describe different materials. We will be exploring, discussing and learning about the following:

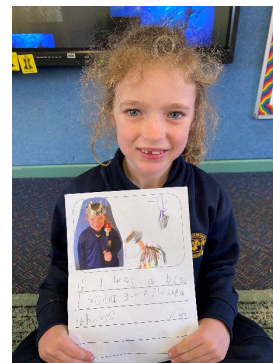
- How can we be creative and imaginative?
- What can we learn from Fairy Tales?
- How can we design and make things using different materials?
- How do we construct a display or mini puppet performance?

Specialist

Art/Library/Sport/Music – Tuesday

Sport – Friday

We ask that children continue to wear their sports uniform to school on Tuesdays and Fridays.



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As always, please feel free to contact us via seesaw if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your continued support!

Rachel, David & Jane.

Juniors

Literacy

In Literacy we have been looking at Narratives in both Reading and Writing. We analyse the components of this Genre by looking at the Setting, Problem and the Resolution. We are reading "Alice in Wonderland" to our children daily. Please ensure children arrive punctually, particularly on their Reading Day.



Nightly Reading Hints

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 Numeracy we have been working on Fractions where students have investigated halves, quarters, fifths and equivalent fractions. Students have used shapes, collections of objects, numbers, colours and skittles to develop their understanding. We are now looking forward to re visiting Time and improve our ability to tell the time to o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to.

Religion

In Religion, we have been learning about Jesus in Scripture. Throughout the unit students will share Bible stories about Jesus. Students will be encouraged to relate the stories to our own lives and how we can live like Jesus.

Inquiry

This term our Inquiry unit is Light and Sound. We look forward to investigating the relationship between Light and Sound. Students are encouraged to broaden that understanding of how and where we use light and sound. Throughout the term students will participate in various activities and experiments relating to light and sound.



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Specialist

Students continue to have specialist classes on Wednesdays.

Sport uniforms will also be needed on Fridays.

Wednesdays

Junior East: PE/Library

Junior West: LOTE/ART

Thursdays

Junior East: Music

Fridays

Junior West: Sport

Please send us a message on SeeSaw if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child.
We continue to work together to provide the best learning environment for your child.

Jordyn, Joanie, Sara, Carolyn, Ally, Bern, Georgia and Sylvia.

Middles

Welcome back to another term of Living and Learning in the Middle School!!

We are settled in our daily routines and when we are challenged, we demonstrate resilience and push on!

Numeracy

We continue to consolidate our 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. This is part of our daily maths routine.

Our focus in Maths has been on Money and Financial matters. This is an area where we can link our knowledge of place value, adding, subtracting and multiplying to complete tasks and problem solving activities.

It is real life connections in our use of money that enable our students to count, order and arrange coins and notes.

We have really focused on values, amounts and change as well as diving deeper into budgeting and financial planning!!

In the Measurement strand, we have focused on Volume and Capacity. We have done this through exploring Millilitres and Litres, as well as Centimetres and Metres Cubed. The hands-on experiences to discover and consolidate these concepts are enjoyed by all!!



Literacy

Our focus in Reading is exploring informative texts; We have investigated the elements and structure of each text and can identify these in our reading. We have focused on comprehension strategies such as locating important information, locating directly stated information, identifying specialized vocabulary and paraphrasing the important information.

We continue using our Inquiry theme within our Reading and Writing by exposing students to texts connected to the Solar System.

Students have enjoyed researching the planets of the Solar System and all the wonderful new knowledge that comes with this.

It is such an inquisitive area, where the "wonderings" of the students are only limited to their imagination!! We use our whole school "Writing Process" to guide our work in writing, allowing for structured learning experiences. Other specific areas we have focused on are handwriting, grammar, punctuation and building vocabulary.

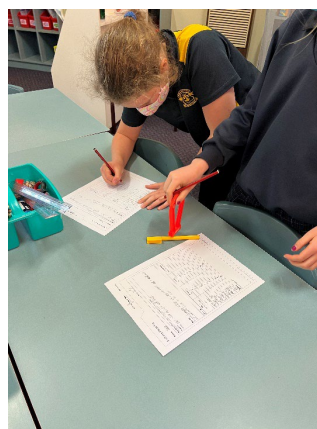
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We congratulate all our Middles on presenting their speeches and special mention to Jasper and Lenny who presented theirs to the Lion's Club on Wednesday afternoon.

Inquiry

In our Inquiry Learning, we are continuing our focus on "The Solar System and Forces". We will focus on the main aspects of the solar system, as well as forces; Gravity, Friction and Magnets.

We have conducted many experiments to prove and challenge these particular forces, which again has had the curious minds going into overdrive!!



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**.

Please feel free to contact us via seesaw if you have any questions or concerns.

Mark, Ebony, Kelly, Makayla, Deb, Amanda & Clayton.



Seniors

"We are the standard!"

It is great to be back at school for Term 3, as we await the arrival of Spring and the longer days ahead. We continue to work hard on maintaining our behaviour standards and consolidating our daily routines.

Literacy

In Literacy, we continue to support our students at their point of need in reading, writing and spelling. Our integrated learning has seen us focusing on electricity, light and some famous scientists during Reading. We have also begun Explanation writing. We congratulate all our Seniors on presenting their speeches and special mention to Georgia and Samuel who presented theirs to the Lion's Club on Wednesday afternoon. We continue to encourage our Seniors to read each night and have their diary signed.

Numeracy

So far this term, we have been busy deepening our understanding of Fractions, Decimals and Percentages. It has been great to explore how these concepts actually impact us in our daily lives. Next, we will be

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connecting these topics to Money. As usual we continue to urge our Seniors to keep practising their times-tables at home, as this is a skill that underpins everything in Maths.

Production

Our Senior production is well and truly into rehearsals. The children are busy learning their lines (and we encourage them to continue to do so!!) The children not immediately involved are going to be a great support to the production students by helping with props, backgrounds and marketing later in the term. A date and time of the performance will be announced closer to the end of term.

Science

This term in Inquiry, we are learning about chemical and physical science. Students have been exploring the different States of Matter and conducting experiments to investigate the properties of solids, liquids and gases. As well, students who are not involved in the Production have been looking at the science behind volcanoes with Mr Booth and Mr Tyndall. Over the course of the term they will be looking at why volcanoes erupt, how they form, and they will even be building their own erupting volcanoes. We can't wait to see how they go!

Religious Education

This term we have begun looking at the three monotheistic religions and each of their traditions and symbols. Over the next few weeks the students will explore how Christianity has its roots in Judaism.

Lightning Premiership

We are gearing up for our Lightning Premiership in Yarrawonga, this coming Friday. It's hard to believe that it's the first since 2019! First matches will be around 10am, and as usual parents are welcome to attend and cheer us on!

- Football & Netball will be played at Victoria Park, off Dunlop Street.
- Softball will be played at Sacred Heart Primary School, off Woods Road.
- Soccer will be played at Yarrawonga College Oval, on the corner of Gilmore & Dunlop Street.

Sandhurst Arts on Show

Our Grade 6s have been working hard over the last few months to perfect their dance moves and learn several songs for the annual Sandhurst Arts on Show. The performance will take place at St Augustine's Kyabram on August 30th. The day will also involve workshops allowing students to practise their crafts. More information will be shared closer to the date.

Specialist Updates

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

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.

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

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

Art



The Prep children created symmetrical butterfly masks using great folding and cutting skills. We were inspired by a book we read called Butterfly, We're expecting you. The butterfly represents a symbol for flying free, of change, hope and endurance. We are drawn to its beauty, its lightness and its mystery.



Library

This term we celebrate Bookweek. Our theme this year is

“Dreaming with Eyes Open”

In library and art classes we will be exploring some of the outstanding children's books published in 2021. As part of our celebrations, in week eight (29th Aug- 2nd Sept) we will conduct a book fair and a book character dress up day. On Wednesday 14th September we also have a whole school incursion titled “Pick a Peck of Pickled Poems” Watch the newsletters. I will remind everyone of upcoming events as we approach them. Our beautiful Ally, from our 1/2 classroom, has created this incredible display depicting our “Dreaming with Eyes Open” theme in her own time during the school holidays. Thanks, Ally!



Public Speaking Competition

On Tuesday 27 of July a select few students from Middles and Senior classes, competed in the annual Lions Club Public Speaking Competition. Both Middles and Seniors had been refining their public speaking skills leading up to the competition. On the day the selected students had the opportunity to present their skills to their peers and members of the Lions Club. Congratulations to Jasper & Georgia who move through to the next round with others schools in the region in the coming weeks.



Vinnies School Sleepout

On Friday 5 August 2022 the Year 6 students will be taking up the challenge to sleep rough to raise money for St Vincent De Paul. The challenge is to sleep in the cold, with only a sleeping bag and cardboard box for a night. To support, please donate online using the QR Code and click "Give Now". Any small amount helps.

Thanks for your support in advance.

Year 6 Students



Student of the Week

Sen S **Remi Storer**

For her excellent attitude to school, and for being a positive and responsible classmate. It's a pleasure having you in our class!

Jessica Osborne

For demonstrating her leadership capabilities in being willing and ready to help others in need. Keep it up Jess!

Sen B **Lilith Voigt**

For always being polite and friendly towards her classmates and teachers. Keep it up Lilith!

Jess Laidlaw

For always applying herself to the task and taking pride in the presentation of her work. Well done Jess.

Sen K **Shontae Jubber-Surth**

For her commitment to making school a priority for Term 3. Great start to the term!

Molly O'Callaghan

For the commitment she displays towards her learning and school in general. Great stuff.

Sen T **Jorja Hibberson**

For settling into week 1 well. Jorja has come back to school with a positive attitude and has approached her learning with enthusiasm.

Georgia Robertson

For always being a productive member of our classroom and always demonstrating a kind and caring nature towards others.

Mid H **Mitch Altoft**

For his hard work, resilience and leadership in maths.

Zavier Mulloy

For his hard work in number patterns and rounding money!

Mid M **Lilith Beaton**

For her eager participation in class and sharing ideas!

Mia Power

For engaging in her small group work with a positive attitude.

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Mid N

Toby Hansen

For his great presentation last term on travelling to the Northern Territory for public speaking

Jess Green

For completing a fantastic week of home reading and homework. Great Job, Jess!

Mid O

Indi Rodda

For the creativity and pride she puts into all her work. You should be proud!

Brooklyn Few

For stepping up in the classroom, showing independence and looking out for others.

Jun S

Wil Foulstone

For being confident in his ability and giving all tasks his best. You can do anything Wil!

Stryder Voigt

For his amazing 'Fantastic Beasts' inspired narrative. Very imaginative Stryder, well done!

Jun A

Caylee Rawson

For the detail she puts into her planning so that she can produce amazing stories.

Charity-Lee Cameron

For gaining confidence to share her writing with others

Jun N

Jobe Morris

For settling back in Term 3 beautifully and setting a good example.

Benji Dunstone

Congratulations on showing such determination with your Narrative writing task. You CAN do it Benji!!

Jun W

Mason Green

For all the hard work he has been putting into his Writing. Well done Mason keep up the good work.

Lincoln Voigt

For the wonderful work he has been putting into writing his sentences during our Thursday Spelling activity, and his willingness to share his work with the rest of the class.

Prep M

Ayla Ricardo

For encouraging others to do their best and being a helpful member of our class.

Summer Bau

For her trying her best with all writing tasks. You are a star Summer!

Prep J

Deegan Pargetter

For an excellent first week at St Joseph's Primary School. You have settled in beautifully. Awesome effort Deegan!

Olive Trimble

For an excellent week of living and learning at St Joseph's Primary School. Awesome effort Olive!

Principal's Award

Term 3

Week 2: Kayleesha Parravicini

Week 3: Mia Weygood

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 2

Generosity: Lainey Alexander, Isla Luxford, Harlow Bale, Flynn Keane, Bella Curtis, Bella Curtis, Norah Keane, Jemma Davies, Eva Russo, Jasmine Farrant, Blaze Schulz, Sol Frost, Justin Hendy, Myla Stuart and Seb Garner.

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

Friendliness: Tahlia Hampton-Dailey, Skylar Wilson, Maisie Carr, Zara Morris, Zoe Altoft, Willa Schulz, Jasper Brown, Noah Mountney, Callan O'Dwyer, Addi Stuart, Bailey Mangles, Charlotte Hall, Noah Carr and Carter Few.

Canteen

July

29th Narelle Miller

August

1st Pupil Free day

2nd Volunteer

3rd Volunteer

4th Sarah Burkitt

5th Sheree Lawless

8th Fiona McPherson

9th Volunteer

10th Sarah Trimble

11th Volunteer

12th Helen Osborne

15th Volunteer

16th Volunteer

17th Volunteer

18th Julia Campbell

19th Kim McPherson

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 and Donna know in advance, so they are aware that they have 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.

Please note that Canteen is closed for lunch orders on Friday the 5th August; a free sausage sizzle is available instead for the students. The window at lunch time shall still be open.

Outside School Hours Care

Welcome to term 3 the time is certainly flying. As we farewelled Matilda, we welcome Ally, Ally already works at the school so most of the children know her; it's great to have another crafty brain on board. At the moment we are discussing what sort of project that we can all work on together may be along the Christmas theme so stayed tuned. We had another great holiday program with heaps of children enjoying their break. We had our usual baking days with cakes, biscuits, sport activities, building cup towers, beauty, hair and nail shops. We all went home looking great! (HaHa.) Now we are back to our usual activities.

Sue, Ash and Ally



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Community Notices



AUSKICK PLUS PROGRAM
Kialla ALL GIRLS AUSKICK
4.30 PM - 5.30 PM - MONDAY'S
STARTING : 8TH AUGUST 2022
Kialla Park Rec Reserve

REGISTER TODAY

Registration link or via QR Code:
<https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/8a2c1e>

AGES 5-12 - GREAT PROGRAM FOR KIDS WHO LOVE AUSSIE RULES
PROGRAM FACILITATED BY AFL VICTORIA STAFF



Ruby Wyatt-Carter
ph: 0487 519 805
ABN: 81 792 740 515
Current Working With Children Check



Numurkah based guitar teacher
for beginners aged 6+.
After school hours on Tuesday

**We are
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SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS

Casual
\$34.4958 per hour
+ 10.5% Superannuation

Skip the application process

Phone Kim Bullen, People Business Partner 03 5871 9222 to book in an interview.

*Pre-recruitment screening is a requirement for all our positions

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<https://recruitment.moira.vic.gov.au/>

School Crossing Locations
Cobram, Yarrawonga, Katamatite,
Strathmerton Wunghnu and Numurkah



Stir-fry Hokkien Noodles

Prep time: 20 mins
Cooking time: 10 minutes
Serves: 5

Ingredients:

- 500g Hokkien noodles
- 15ml vegetable oil
- 1 lightly beaten egg
- ½ teaspoon minced garlic
- ½ teaspoon minced ginger
- 250g chicken breast
- ¼ sliced red capsicum
- ¼ shredded cabbage
- ¼ sliced zucchini
- 60g grated carrot
- 100ml salt-reduced soy sauce

Method:

- Step 1:** Soak noodles in boiling water for 5 minutes, then drain and set aside.
- Step 2:** Heat oil in a large wok over medium heat. Stir-fry egg until cooked and set aside.
- Step 3:** Add the garlic, ginger, capsicum and chicken. Cook for 3-5 minutes.
- Step 4:** Add the cabbage, mushrooms, zucchini and carrot and cook for a further 5 minutes.
- Step 5:** Slowly add the Hokkien noodles a little at a time so they don't stick together. Cook for 5 minutes and add in the egg. Finish with soy sauce.



Recipe Tip's

- Use pasta or couscous leftover from last night's dinner
- Roast some veggies while cooking dinner for something extra special, or use canned or frozen veggies for something quick

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