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Newsletter—Week 7 of Term 4, 17 November 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 **Flexibility**
Our focus within the three areas are as follows
Attitude : Open to Change
Awareness : That Things May Change Unexpectedly
Action : Be Flexible / Open To Change

Exciting times in and around our school as we set sail for End of Year.
On behalf of our School Advisory Council, I'd like to announce that all is in place for our Senior School Renovation. Basically, it means the wall between Mr Booth and Mr Stirton's rooms will be knocked out as well as having three office / small learning areas built in. New carpets, a/c and furnishings and provision for IT will be the icing on the cake.
The project starts on Monday, November 28 with Diverse Builders having the refurbishment ready for us by Day 1, 2023.
We will make the following changes to Home Rooms in managing this disruption for the last three weeks of school :
* Middle South will move to Middle North and utilise the Music/LOTE room.
* Seniors will take over Middle South as well as the Art Room and Library. They will be grouped as Year 5 & Year 6s for this period.

Announcements and the Team Line Up will be in the next Newsletter. Our Whole School Orientation Day is Tuesday, December 13

This is a most enjoyable yet extremely busy and sometimes exhausting time of year.
Take Care of Yourself and Your Family.

Live Life To The Fullest In Christ

Paul Arnel - Principal

FOR SALE

Our School Board Table and Chairs ! This beautiful wooden table comes with its 12 seats. It does fold in to seat 6-8.
Bids go to our School Council Chair, Rach O'Dwyer. Text your name and bid to her on 0409 866903. Highest bid at 4pm Friday, Nov 25 wins.
The Seniors Students Tables and Chairs are also going ! \$5 for a desk and two chairs ! Discounts for multiple purchases. Contact Dom.

FREE

Our Senior School Carpet is up for grabs. It's in very good condition. Might suit the games room, man cave, rumpus room etc
Let me know what you want and we'll stake your claim. Pick up day is Sunday, Nov 27.

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Dates to Remember

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Fri Nov 18	Daniel Morcombe Walk 2 School
Thu Dec 1	Twilight Sports
Friday Dec 9	End of Year Mass
Tue Dec 13	P-6 Orientation Day (new date)
Wed Dec 14	Yr 6 Graduation
Thu Dec 15	Last Day for Children - 3.15pm Finish

Afternoon Assembly : Monday at 2:45

Yr 6 Leaders & Class Prayer

Nov 21 : Audrey L, Mia W & Charlotte H; Mid H & M

Nov 28 : Samuel B, Xavier P & Daniel S; Student Leaders

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

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCChZR2nKzF_2muZt

Remembrance Day November 11

Our Senior School Students represented St Joseph's at the November 11 Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Town Memorial. Special mentions to Cadell Black, Audrey Lukies, Molly O'Callaghan and Mathilda Trimble who had formal duties to complete. The remainder of the school participated in a smaller ceremony back at school



Daniel Morcombe Day & Walk to School

Please see the Flier that went home yesterday for full details –

* students wear a “splash of red for Daniel” and bring a gold coin as a donation.

* Walking School Buses

The meeting points for the walk are:

1 .Peter Hill Power – Corner of Saxton St and the GV Highway – 8:25am depart

2. The Skate Park - 8:25am depart

3. The Corner of Toorak and Mae Street - 8:25am depart

4. The Corner of Wattle Drive and Brooke Court - 8.15am depart

There will be Staff at each point so join in along the way.

*Breakfast on Arrival (Toast & Cereal)

*Daniel Morcombe's “Keeping Kids Safe” Program will be a classroom focus for the day

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PRIVACY POLICY

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

SCHOOL FEES:

If any family would like to commence having their fees directly debited fortnightly or monthly this can be done at any time! **If you are wanting to amend your fee payment options for next year please do so ASAP otherwise we will assume your payment arrangements to stay the same for 2023.**

Next Fortnightly/Monthly Debits: There are 2 more fortnightly Direct Debits on the 18/11/22 & 2/12/22 and on the 18/12/22 for Monthly Direct Debits to tidy up any outstanding balances.

Please finalise any outstanding Term or Yearly payments before the 29th 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

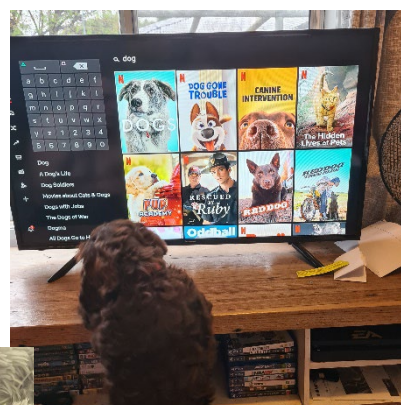


Giving Tree

As we begin advent, we begin our time thinking of giving to others. Part of this is our annual Vinnies Christmas Appeal. Stay tuned for more details to come in the coming weeks.

Frankie's Corner

Frankie has been continuing her training whilst Mrs Whitford has been at school.



Preps

As Term 4 continues, it is hard to believe that our students are getting so close to the end of their Foundation year of school. They have been so busy recently, with an amazing term of learning, and we continue to see so much growth and development.

Literacy

In Reading, it is wonderful to see our students developing independence and confidence as they continue to use their learnt knowledge and skills, such as sounding our challenging words and aiming to improve fluency. It is very important that the children practice their reading at home each day to consolidate what they are learning at school and that they continue to have their diaries signed. In Writing, we are encouraging our students to develop positive habits. This includes a daily routine of the children checking for appropriate punctuation, applying their letter/sound knowledge in order to sound out unknown words, to use their learnt common words, and to reread for meaning. We are seeing a great improvement across the board for writing which is fantastic, so a huge well done to all of our students here!

Numeracy

In Numeracy, the children have continued their daily counting to 100 or higher and skip counting by 10's, 5's and 2's. They have also been challenged with the task of adding and subtracting using double digit numbers where appropriate. They have been using concrete materials to solve these problem and they have also been working well to solve worded and real life equations. We have been so impressed with our student's general improvement in Maths and their ability to solve problems, especially using mental strategies which places them in an excellent position as they are soon to enter Year 1 of their schooling.

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. This week the children have been introduced to the story of the birth of Jesus, which they will perform to families towards the end of the term.

Inquiry

In Inquiry, our students have continued their learning around 'Native Australian Animals.' They have been learning to identify a variety of Australian Animals, as becoming experts on their own animal of focus. Students have been learning about their animal's features, habitat and exploring what they need to survive.

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



Juniors

We would like to congratulate all Junior students on their participation in our Pevan & Sarah excursion, Grade 2 Sleepover and Activities Day. It has been a busy few weeks but we are so grateful that we were able to celebrate our year in such a special and fun way.



Literacy

In Literacy, we have been creating narrative pieces of writing. Students have enjoyed imagining what a day in the life of Frankie would be as she gets up to mischief while Mrs Whitford is at school. We have been working on including more detail in our sentences and developing our editing skills.

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. We are coming to the end of our spelling program for the year so not long to go.

Numeracy

In Numeracy, we have been focusing on Multiplication and Division. Students have been using a range of concrete materials, mental strategies and arrays to solve sum. We have also been developing our understanding of the relationship between multiplication and division. Students have shown amazing growth in their mathematical knowledge.

Religion

In Religion, we are about to start looking at Advent and getting ready for Jesus. Students will explore that Advent is a time of waiting and preparation, and build on traditions our families have in the lead up to Christmas.

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Inquiry

This term our Inquiry unit is 'Through Generations'. We continue to explore how our community, families, toys, clothes and more have changed over time. Students have so far enjoyed seeing how toys differ from the ones they know and love today.

Specialist

Students continue to have specialist classes on Wednesdays. Sport uniforms will also be needed on Fridays.

Wednesdays

Junior West: PE/Library

Junior East: LOTE/ART

Thursdays

Junior West: Music

Fridays

Junior East: 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, Tan, Ally, Bern, Georgia and Sylvia.

Middles



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On Wednesday the 2nd of November to Thursday the 3rd of November the Middles went on camp to Valley Homestead!

Once we got there, we got put into our cabins and headed off to the first activity. Some of the activities we did included archery and gaga ball, vertical challenge and free fall slide and last but not least the rock wall. After each group had done two activities we got to have some free time until dinner. For dinner we enjoyed chicken burgers and hash browns and I'm pretty sure almost everyone was going back for seconds.

Then we went down to the campfire for Milo and marshmallows but unfortunately there weren't enough marshmallows to go round! While we were having some Milo by the fire, we sang some songs which were "home among the gumtrees" and "rip rip woodchip".

The next day we had cereal and toast for breakfast, got all of our belongings out of our cabins ready to go and headed off to our last activity.

After the last activity we played tug of war teachers versus students (students won!). Then we packed up and headed home. We had a great time at camp but I think we're all glad to be back home.

Rahni O



Seniors

“We are the standard!”

Camp Borambola

What an amazing few days we shared together at Camp Borambola. Our students showed their amazing perseverance, positive attitudes and ability to adapt to challenging situations. We are so proud of all our Seniors! Scan the QR code below to enjoy a video of our camp adventures!



Last week all the Seniors went to Camp Borambola. The camp was located in NSW, near Wagga Wagga. We left school at 7am and arrived at 11.34am followed by lunch and our first activities. The activities were very enjoyable, with professionally trained staff. We had 11 activities including Kayaking, BMX Riding and Fencing with a night activity after dinner. The food was very tasty with delicious homemade meals, including chicken schnitzel on the first night. Everyone was racing up for seconds of the bread. After each of the activities we had free time in the pool. Everyone was bursting with excitement for the mud run and everyone smelt so bad after. On the third day we would say the activities were the most enjoyable on that day, and soon after lunch we had to leave to head home but not before another school had arrived. We got home at 5:30pm. And a lot of parents were very angry for being a half hour late. We think we speak on behalf of everyone when we say we were tired. With the bunks not being very comfortable everyone was pleased to be back in their own bed.

by Mathilda Trimble & Cadell Black

Literacy

In Literacy we are focusing on preparing our Grade 6's for Graduation and our Grade 5's for Leadership roles. We are also revising our reading comprehension strategies and spelling focus from throughout the year. We have also written a camp recount.

Inquiry

In these last few weeks of Term, we are learning about Christmas and special holidays of countries around the world. We have begun by looking at our own family traditions, before moving onto Finland, France, the United States of America and Brazil. To wrap up the year, students will be researching a country of their choice and presenting their information through different methods.

Numeracy

We are busy revising many of the concepts covered throughout the year, such as our written addition, subtraction, multiplication and division processes, as well as measurement and geometry topics. At the same time, students are completing a Statistics and Probability Project, where they are creating their own survey question to ask their peers, before recording the results in a variety of ways.

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Sport

Congratulations to our students who competed at the Regionals Athletics Carnival in Albury. They all did a super job representing St Joseph's and we are very proud of their accomplishments. We would also like to wish Georgia Robertson all the best this coming weekend as she will be representing Victoria at the National Athletics Carnival in Brisbane. She will be competing in the 200m and relay, good luck Georgia!

Upcoming Excursions

We will finish our year off with a celebration day on Wednesday 7th December. Grade 6's will head to Funfields and Grade 5's will share a day out together in Cobram/Barooga. More information/permission to come via PAM.

Thank you,
Adam, Jez, Dom, Sue, Liam, Loreena, Rav, Karlene and Di

Sustainability



Another year has flown by and many people have contributed to sustainability in our school.

Our school Sustainability leaders have been Charlotte and Sol. Their roles involve speaking at school assemblies to award the Golden Wheely Bin to various classes for evidence of sustainability. The leaders are supported by Clayton in speech writing now that we are all gathering again. Sol and Charlotte have led the recycling of food scraps to our

compost and others in the senior area have also contributed.

Wendy Johnson has redesigned our classroom bins, changing the bin sizes to reflect better practice and the bins have been relabelled clearly by Wendy. Wendy does a super job cleaning our school, thanks.

It is great to see our gardens springing back, thanks to Di and Karlene who take groups. Chris Bethell also spent time clearing the garden beds for the new planting plans, thank you. Donations of plants have been made by families at times through the year. We gratefully receive these gifts.

Helen Osborne continues to manage the aluminium can collection and second hand uniforms, another person busy behind the scenes to contribute to sustainable practices in our school.

There are probably others I have forgotten to mention. Thanks to all who think about our environment and act. It is the myriad of little things that all make a difference.

Library

The end of the year is fast approaching and that means stocktake time in the library. Due to school renovations, this year stocktake will be carried out a little earlier than usual so I am asking everyone to return their library books as soon as possible. There will be no new borrowing from now on. Please help your child/ren search for any library books at home and have them return them to school.

Thanks for your assistance in doing this.

Orders for Bookclub issue #8 are due back at school this Friday, November 18th.

Mary

Art

On Friday 11th November at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Bendigo, The Mary Mackillop Exhibition was held, showcasing artworks across the Sandhurst Diocese.

10 of our students' art work was exhibited along with other students from Primary and Secondary School in our Diocese.

There are two sections art work can be entered.

Spiritual Award- The theme of the art work was "Go Tell the Good News!!"

General Art Award.

Congratulations to the following talented students who had their art selected.

Spiritual Award

Kate Dyson, Matilda Bannon, Isabelle Hangan, Leni Edis, Kayleesha Parravacini.

General Art Award

Dustin Newham, Tilly Schreenan, Hazel Alston, Jessica Osborne, Jamieson Shelton.

The Art Exhibition can be viewed online, [-ceosand.catholic.edu.au](http://ceosand.catholic.edu.au)

or at the Cathedral till Sunday 27th November.

You can also vote for the People's Choice Award.



Student of the Week

Sen S **Cadell Black**

For his creative narrative writing about forgiveness. I am loving the effort and detail you are putting in your work! Keep it up Cadell!

All of Senior S

For their positive, have-a-go attitude while at Camp Borambola. You should all be proud of how you supported and challenged each other. Well done!

Sen B **Kate Dyson**

For working so hard to put detail and descriptive language into her writing piece, well done!

Toby Bell

For setting a great example at camp and challenging yourself and others to give everything a red hot go!

Sen K **Bailey Power**

For showing initiative and using his classroom time wisely to complete his homework. Great work!

Castiel White

For his persistence and determination to learn new skills on camp. It was great to witness it.

Sen T **Poppy Dobson**

For always being a productive member of senior T and always putting in 100% effort into everything she does. Great effort Poppy.

Mia Weygood

For her fantastic attitude and effort at Camp Borambola! You did such a good Job Mia, well done!

Mid H **Will Feltham**

For his creative and vivid "Sizzling Start" in his Pyramid of Giza narrative!

Tess McCracken

For her well-structured and descriptive recount about camp!

Mid M **Callan O'Dwyer**

For engaging in our narrative writing process with creativity and enthusiasm!

Matilda Ruscoe

For embracing all that camp offered with a positive attitude and for mastering the rock climbing wall. Top efforts!

Mid N **Lenny Gledhill**

For showing leadership in our classroom by helping out and supporting his classmates.

Cobie Patching

For her commitment to her school work and her fabulous attitude towards learning! Keep up the great work Cobie and Happy Birthday for today!

Mid O

Kara Gundrill

For stepping out of her comfort zone and mentoring other students in the class during maths.

Logan Jasper

For his resilience and adaptation to learning with a broken arm. It was great to see it didn't hold you back!

Jun S

Elsie Browning

For being an independent learner and accepting new challenges. Well done Elsie!

Angelo Giunta - For challenging himself in Math and always having a positive 'can do' attitude.

Jun A

Zara Morris

For asking to be our class receptionist to help improve her public speaking. You have been amazing! Congratulations Zara!

Charity-Lee Cameron

For making great choices in the playground and choosing to play with people who make her happy.

Jun N

Zoe Bartle

For continuing to develop her writing skills and working independently. Congratulations on taking more risks!

Archer Harbor

For his positive attitude towards writing and doing a great plan for his story about Myron the guinea pig

Jun W

Georgia Brassil

For her fabulous work in Writing, collaborating with her partner and making excellent connections. Great work Georgia!

Avarni Peterson

For her positive attitude towards Maths and her willingness to have a go even when she is unsure. Well done Avarni!

Prep M

August Alston

For his enthusiastic attitude and effort toward writing tasks. Well done August!

Leo Martin

For tackling all learning tasks with perseverance and optimism. Well done Leo!

Prep J

Olive Trimble

For her positive approach towards all learning tasks and for always giving her best. Well done Olive!

Mia Thompson

For a wonderful week of giving her best during all learning tasks. Awesome effort Mia!

Principal's Award

Term 4

Week 6: Matilda Bannon & Harrison Bannon

Week 7: Jorja Hibberson

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 6

Trustworthines:

Nash John, Lewis Robertson, Audrey Martin, Bridget Simmons, Ethan Brown, Charlotte McPherson, Tyler Burkitt, Toby Hansen, Emily Osborne, Nathanael Hubbard, Matthew Fredrich, Phoebe Miller, Lilith Voigt, and Remi Storer.

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

Flexibility:

Eden Feltham, Harper Gledhill, Sienna Mulcahy, Myah Shelton, Bella Curtis, Alex McLeod, Axel Ramadge, Isla Culton, Nicholas Hughes, Darcy Oswald, Daniel Schreenan, Landon Muller, Audrey Lukies and Chase Littlejohn.

Canteen

November

18th Volunteer

21st Volunteer

22nd Volunteer

23rd Volunteer

24th Rachel Robertson

25th Kim Thompson

28th Volunteer

29th Volunteer

30th Helen Osborne

December

1st Sarah Burkitt

2nd Sheree Lawless

5th Volunteer

6th Volunteer

7th Helen Osborne

8th Volunteer

9th Helen Osborne

12th Fiona McPherson

13th Volunteer

14th Volunteer

15th Julia Campbell

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 or 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.

Lost Property

Please help me find my way Home!

We have numerous drink bottles, containers, jumpers, various jackets (some are very expensive) and other items from camp that need to find their way home. Please call in to see if any of the items belong to you. Make sure your child's items are clearly labelled with your child's name so that they can be returned. All items will be donated to St Vincent De Paul and school uniform items to the Second hand uniform shop at the end of the term.



OSHC News

We are really on the final countdown; only 4 weeks of school left. I am sad to say I'm losing my partner in crime Ash. Ash has picked up more shifts at the kinder next year. You will be missed.

We are now seeking Expressions of Interest for the position, 10 hours per week part time, 3.15-5.15pm, please see Paul Arnel.

The start of December, we will be starting our Christmas craft, so if anyone has any old Christmas decorations they don't want I will be happy to take them off your hands. We will also have our Christmas colouring competition with some prizes for the neatest. If you would like to bring your children into the holiday program, please book them in early so you don't miss out on a spot. I hope you all have a great Christmas and I hope to see you all again next year.

Sue, Ash, Julie, Ally and Mon

Community Notices

ST. BRENDAN'S ADULT FAITH EDUCATION PRESENTS

TUESDAY
22
NOVEMBER

**HOLY MASS,
HEARTY MEALS
& Heavenly Ministry**

An evening with
FR. ADI INDRA

- 6:00 PM Holy Mass at St. Brendan's Church with Choir
- 7:00 PM Pub meals available from the menu at Terminus Hotel, Shepparton
- 7:30 PM Talk from Fr. Adi on 'The Role of the Priest' at Terminus Hotel (Pippins Room)

All Welcome!

No RSVP Needed | \$5 cash per person to cover venue cost
For more information, contact Winona on 0432 865 933



Thank you to our fundraising partner Ritchies Community Benefit program. This year we have received \$2093 from the program. Thank you also to those community members have shopped at Ritchies as part of this program. You can download the App by scanning the QR code below or search for Ritchies in the Apple App store or Google Play



World Diabetes Day is fast approaching, and many Lions clubs are getting ready to log their steps as we prepare to Lap the Map to raise awareness for the Diabetes Epidemic.

On November 27th, we aim to walk a combined distance that exceeds Australia's circumference (25,760 kms).

27th November
11am - 1pm
\$ Gold coin donation
Lions Community Park
McNamara Drive
Walk, run, ride or scoot

Gold Coin Donation

25,760km

You can choose to walk, run, scoot or ride any time in the morning on Sunday 27th November and then between 11-1pm register and meet up with Lions Club to record your km's. Alternatively if you want to join others, there will be a number of courses you can choose from, 2.5km, 5km, 7.5km or 10km and the start time will be 11:15am. Timing and placing will not be awards as we simply want people moving.

BBQ available from midday for raising awareness and funds for Diabetes Day

Any questions feel free to email:
keithnicoll@bigpond.com or leannarawson1@hotmail.com

Safer online gaming

Online games can be lots of fun for your child while helping them learn and make friends.

But there can be risks, like seeing violent content, being bullied, or being contacted by strangers.

Thankfully, there are things you can do to help your child stay safe when they are playing games online.

Help your child

Use the settings on your child's device and on the game to block unsuitable content and stop them buying things in the game.

They should also make up a screen name to keep their real name private and use a password that is hard to guess.

Positive gaming experiences

Learn about the games your child likes by playing with them. It will also help you identify possible risks. You can also:

- talk to your kids about who they are gaming with and what games they play.
- gaming can be very rewarding, try to find other ways for them to have positive experiences.
- talk to your child if you are concerned about their gaming. You can also get help from a counsellor at [Kids Helpline](#) or [Parentline](#).

Dealing with issues

Let your child know that they can tell you if anything worries them or makes them uncomfortable, like if someone says inappropriate things or asks them for private information like their address.

Let your child know that bullying, racism, or abuse is never okay, and that they can report it. Use [The eSafety Guide](#) to learn how to report online abuse. If the gaming platform doesn't help, [contact eSafety](#) to help find the right support.



For more information about how to keep your family safe online, search for [eSafety Parents](#) on our website.