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Bulletin—Week 9 of Term 4, 1st December 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 **Celebrating**

Our focus within the three areas are as follows

Attitude : Enjoyment and Fun

Awareness : Appreciating Achievements of Yourself & Others

Action : Participating In Regular Celebrations

Classroom Staff Line-Up 2023 / 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, Tuesday, December 13. The following is the team for 2023. Special welcome to Emma Keane, Taylor Hills and Sam Carnie who come on board in LSO roles.

PREP (36 kids—2x18)

Rach Morrison* and Dave Jenner with LSO Emma Keane

JUNIORS (64 kids—4x16)

Tanya Neyland* and James Pruden with LSOs Bern Thorp/Jane Garner
Sara Whitford and Makayla O'Callaghan with LSO Alli Kiesskalt
Joanie Arnel – +1 & Georgia Griffin – Literacy Support

MIDDLES (64 kids—4x16)

Mark Harmer* and Eb Morrison/Ali Harber 4/1 with LSO Amanda Lukies
Jordyn Sutton and Kelly Newman with LSO Taylor Hills & Clayton Patching
Sue Blizzard – +1

SENIORS (80 kids—4x20)

Adam Stirton* and Jeremy Tyndall with LSOs Di Thorne/Sam Carnie
Liam Booth and Loreena Keane/Virginia Hughes ½ s with LSO Karlene
Bethell Ray Goldsack and Dom Izzard - +1s

Specialist, Admin and Ancillary Staff remain the same. We again welcome James Pruden to our teaching ranks as well the return of Ali Harber.

*Area Leader

Afternoon Assembly : Monday at 2:45

Yr 6 Leaders & Class Prayer

Dec 5 : School Captains; Student Leaders

Dec 12 : Student Leaders; Prep Nativity

ALL WELCOME !

SENIOR SCHOOL REFURBISHMENT

Our Renovation is underway with work commencing Monday. Exciting times as we see this area transformed into an exciting new Learning Space.

Twilight Sports Tonight – 4.45 arrival for a 5pm Start



End of Year Celebrations

Twilight Sports – 5-7pm, Thursday, December 1 - **TONIGHT.**

- Kids wear their Team Colours and join in two hours of fun and activity for all our children. BBQ Tea available. Social night for families to attend.

School End of Year Mass – 9:30am Friday, December 9 (All Families Welcome)

- This Mass celebrates the End of our School Year. We are all present to take time to give thanks for our community. School Captains for 2023 will also be announced.

Graduation – 6:00pm Wednesday, December 14

- This Ceremony celebrates the Living and Learning of our Year 6 Graduates in their time here at St Joseph's.

Parish Christmas Celebrations

- Christmas Eve Mass – Carols at 7:30pm, Mass at 8pm
- Christmas Morning Mass – 10:30am

Students Last day – 3.15 pm finish Thursday, December 15

Office News

PRIVACY POLICY

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

SCHOOL FEES:

If you wish to change your current payment arrangements please contact the office. 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

Congratulation to Mathilda Trimble for receiving the Fred Hollows Humanitarian Award for showing outstanding care and compassion in our community.



Giving Tree

As the season of Advent has begun, we again turn our hearts and thoughts toward those less fortunate than us by asking families to donate a wrapped gift. Gifts will be passed on to St Vincent de Paul who will distribute them to local families in need. Please fill in and attach a gift tag with the gender and approximate age the gift would be suitable for (e.g. 7yr old girl).

These gifts need to be placed under the Giving Tree located in the Mary MacKillop Centre by **Monday, December 12th**.



In this spirit of generosity, we kindly thank The Black Family for their kind donation of our beautiful Christmas tree.

(Please go to their Facebook page for further information about their Christmas Tree Farm in Naring.)



We also thank Numurkah NewsXpress for the donation towards our gift cards.



Student of the Week

Sen S **Zeph Rossborough**

For always demonstrating a friendly and positive attitude and being a kind and caring classmate to all. Well done Zeph!

Bailey Harmer

For approaching his Mathematics with more positivity. It is great to see you having a go and extending yourself. Keep it up!

Sen B **Olivia Ponting**

For showing more initiative in the classroom and setting a great example, well done!

Myla Stuart

For doing a fantastic job on her Statistics and Probability Project poster, well done Myla!

Sen K **Charlie Jenner**

For being a supportive and friendly class member. Charlie, your happy personality continues to be infectious.

Penny Alston

For her wonderful sense of humour and easy going nature. You always put a smile on our faces Penny!

Sen T **Mason Alexander**

For always showing initiative in the classroom and going out of his way to keep our classroom clean and tidy.

Georgia Robertson

For her incredible effort at the National Athletics Carnival in Brisbane. We are all so proud of you Georgia. Well done!

Mid H **Hazel Alston**

For her creative questioning to interpret data.

Mitch Altoft

Demonstrating resilience, when challenged with difficult maths concepts!

Mid M **Everly Smyth**

For her consistently happy demeanour and willingness to help others wherever possible. You are one of a kind!

Sophia McPherson

For continually being a respectful and responsible class member. Thanks Sophia!

Mid N **Isabella Brassil**

For working cooperatively on her Inquiry project about Brazil.

Isla Culton

For the effort she has made this year to improve her spelling skills. Well done Isla you have come a long way!

Mid O **Tully Hojnacki**

For his effective use of vocabulary in his narrative writing. Your words had a big impact on the reader.

Alex Chmiel

For the effort he has put into our testing this term. It is great to see all your achievements and hard work!

Jun S

Wil Foulstone

For his brilliant 'Adventures of Frankie' writing.
Amazing Wil!

Ryan Feltham

For his improved concentration and completion of learning tasks.

Jun A

Nate Duffett

For the kindness and generosity he shows others.
Thanks Nate for being a Jesus-like person.

Koby Boxtel

For the joy he brings to our classroom each and every day. You are a ray of sunshine even on cloudy days!

Jun N

Evie Teasdale

For having a positive attitude towards reading and writing and showing great progress. Well done Evie

Emma Reade

For being an enthusiastic and productive member of our classroom and for always demonstrating a kind and caring nature towards others. Well done Emma!

Jun W

Mason Green

For approaching his learning with a more positive attitude. Keep it up Mason!

Owen Chmiel

For approaching his learning with a positive attitude and for always giving his best to everything he does. Well done Owen.

Prep M

Oliver Mason

For returning to school with a positive attitude and a big smile on your face! Well done Ollie!

Jorja Power

For tackling each day with a positive attitude and a smile on her face! Well done Jorja.

Prep J

Phoebe Mulcahy

For a wonderful week of giving her best during all learning tasks and working hard to improve her reading skills. Awesome effort Phoebe!

Lainey Alexander

For a wonderful week of giving her best during all learning tasks and working hard to improve her writing skills. Brilliant effort Lainey!

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

Flexibility:

Deegan Pargetter, Elijah Watson, Harlow Bale, Oliver Tilley, Jack Glass, Eden Doncon, Brooklyn Few, Chayse Maher, Xavier Hall, Ishaan Maharaj, Sol Frost, Jack Keane, Toby Bell and Noah Carr.

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

Celebrating:

Brydie Lawless, Ayla Ricardo, Edward Trimble, Charity-Lee Cameron, Charlie Venville-Stevens, Alex McLeod, Jemma Davies, Toby Hansen, Dustin Stell, Addi Stuart, Jorja Sprunt, Tanner McKellar, Georgia Higgins and Mathilda Trimble.

Principal's Award

Term 4

Week 8: Molly O'Callaghan

Week 9: Xavier Prior

Living out the values of

Saint Mary MacKillop

through what they say and what they do.



Canteen

December

2nd Sheree Lawless

5th Volunteer

6th Volunteer

7th Volunteer

8th Volunteer

9th Helen Osborne

12th Fiona McPherson

13th Volunteer

14th Volunteer

15th Julia Campbell

**No HOT food and
smoothies fruit cup etc.**

last 3 days of school 13, 14 & 15 Dec.

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

Thank you to all those parents who have given up their days off or time to help run the canteen. We are very lucky to have a canteen that operates every day of the week, providing healthy food options for our students. We are only able to do this with the help from our parents. Thank you to Marcella & Donna

Parent Helpers

Thank you to all our parents/guardians/grandparents that give up their time so freely during the year to help in the classrooms, covering books in the library, Casserole Bank, cooking BBQ's for special events, Mother/Father's day stall, Fun Runs, P & F & School Board. It is the school community involvement that helps make our school such a great school.

LOST PROPERTY

There are a number of Lost Property items in the Sick Bay, please come & check if they belong to you. 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.



OSHC

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

We will be sorting out bookings in the last week of January for Before and After School Care for 2023. 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.

Dear Parents,

Many of you will be familiar with attending the Children's Mass on Christmas Eve at 6pm in the Mackillop Centre. Unfortunately, that Mass won't be possible this year as Fr Jophin needs to celebrate the 6pm Mass in Nathalia.



This letter is to inform and invite you to our Parish Celebration in the church on Christmas Eve which begins with Carols at 7.30pm followed by Mass at 8pm.



At the conclusion of the Carols, just prior to the start of our Parish Mass at 8pm, we have the tradition of inviting the parents of a new baby to place their baby in the empty manger reminding us that Jesus came into our world as a vulnerable, dependent little human. Some young children have always attended the parish Mass so the baby & parents have been accompanied by angels and sometimes shepherds and kings.

So this year we extend the invitation to all children attending to come dressed as angels, shepherds, kings or other, and join in that procession. They would then sit by the manger for a couple of songs before returning to their parents.

At this stage, we are still seeking 'baby Jesus'!

If you know of a baby in your own family, or the family of friends, we could invite, please let me know on 0408 579 904. The baby may be from newborn to 5 months and we only require their presence for approximately 20 minutes although, of course, the family is very welcome for the duration of Mass.



I am speaking with the older children at school to ask if they would like to join the choir. If your child has volunteered for the choir, you will have an additional note requesting your confirmation.

With thanks for your interest & support,
Kerry (Stone)
Chair, St John's Parish Pastoral Council
&
Parish Music Manager

PS: The Parish have just purchased a beautiful new nativity set for St John's Church with bequest money from 2 generous ladies, Grace McMullan & Margaret Cardwell. Do come and visit the Church to see it in the week before Christmas.

ST JOHN'S OSHC VACATION CARE

When?

Tuesday, Wednesdays & Thursday from the 3rd January until the 19th 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 15th 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.

