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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

A Parting Reflection by our much loved Long-Serving Teacher and Curriculum Specialist Kelly Newman

In the last few Newsletters, we have been sharing results that have been gathered by Data Analyst, Stephen Russell. As a staff we were super proud to be told that what we are doing is making a real difference to the students we teach.

The students at St Joseph's are achieving results that are well above the expected outcome as predicted by a school's SES (Socio Economic Status).



We ask why this is the case and what are we doing that is having such a positive impact on our students? We can look at our Learning and Teaching Philosophy, in particular the Framework that underpins everything we do. The Four Pillars are :

Knowing The Learner

Getting to know the student's family, their strengths, challenges and interests that allows us to know what is impacting on the child's learning.

Building Positive Relationships

Building positive relationships that are the cornerstone of everything we do. Students are more likely to take risks with their learning if they feel supported, cared for and encouraged by their peers and their teachers.

Purposeful Learning

When learning is purposeful, students are at the centre. They are provided with opportunities to make connections and transfer their learning to different situations. Programs are designed and implemented that support and allow for this.

Purposeful Teaching

Purposeful teaching uses differentiated teaching strategies, data, observations and assessments. Purposeful teaching requires us to know what students know, need and want to know and what they will require to advance their skills and show growth.



St Joseph's aspires to create a Learning Environment that encompasses all of this, **but more importantly decisions are made to support this Philosophy.**



Our students are very lucky to have small classes **our average class size is 17**. We then support each Learning Area with **extra staff**. Each classroom pair has a **Learning Support Officer** (or two) and each Area has an **extra teacher**. This allows us to really hone in on student needs and then plan and teach accordingly. **Teaching is differentiated, students are taught at their point of need**. They are given the opportunity to work collaboratively, work with different teachers, they are extended where needed or intervention is provided to help them catch up.

We reflected on the other ways the 'whole child' is cared for at St Joseph's. Much time and effort goes into supporting students that are identified as having particular learning needs. Staff undergo Professional Development in order to understand different diagnoses. Ruth Hartnett-Carr works closely with families in this area and is a wealth of knowledge. Extra meetings with caregivers are provided and she liaises with the Catholic Education Office to access testing and support. We are very fortunate to have a Well Being Officer, Lainey Sutton. Lainey works closely with students that need some extra care and runs Social Skills Programs to support this. The students really are at the centre of all we do.



We often hear Mr Arnel say, "When opportunity knocks you should take it ! Don't go to bed thinking If only or having regrets". Students at St Joseph's are encouraged to have a go and try different things, whether it is on the sporting field, in math competitions or in the arts. It is wonderful to see them thrive in their area of talent or interest or find out new things about themselves. Staff and Students are encouraged to be Leaders, to take their turn to step up and experience and develop the skills associated with this.



On a personal note, it has been a great privilege to work within the St Joseph's Community. As I finish off my time here, I can honestly say that this School and its Staff have the best interest of the students at its core. It is a school that has high expectations, but most of all it is a School that has a heart. I really do believe Mary MacKillop would be very proud of what we have achieved, but most importantly she would be grateful for the opportunities that are provided and for the love and care that every single one of our students is shown.

Thank you for trusting us with your treasures. They really are in good hands! **Kelly Newman**

Classroom Staff Line-Up 2024 / Orientation Day

Our Line-up for 2024 is almost final so I publish the team in a special "Last Edition" of our Newsletter next week.
Our Orientation Session is 11:30 to 1pm, Tuesday, December 12.



End of Year Celebrations

Twilight Sports – 5-7pm, Thursday, November 30th - 4:45pm Gather 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 8 (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 2024 will also be announced.

Graduation – 6:00pm Thursday, December 14

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

Avenue of Honour – 2:45pm Friday, Decemebr 15

- We farewell our Yr 6 Graduates

Students Last day – 3.15 pm finish Friday, December 15

Live Life To The Fullest In Christ

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Paul'.

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

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 11th**.

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

Student of the Week

Sen S **Seb Garner**

For being such a reliable class member and always offering a helping hand in our classroom. You're a champion Seb!

Chayse Maher

For the happy, have-a-go attitude he brings to our classroom. We're loving the engagement and positivity, Chayse!

Sen B **Gabe Waters-Beaton**

For always being such a kind and considerate member of our classroom. Well done Gabe.

Summa Neyland

For her fantastic leadership and positive attitude that she displays in the classroom. Well done Summa.

Sen H/A **Tilly Schreenan**

For her consistent focus and dedication to her school work. Fantastic Tilly!

Emily Osborne

For her quality writing, and efforts working in small groups, always trying her best. Super job Emily!

Sen T **Leni Edis**

For consistently being a productive and valued member of the classroom. Keep up the great work!

Macie Gilmour

For her wonderful effort at the T20 Blast Cricket in Mooroopna. And even pulling off a Hat-trick! Well done Macie.

Mid H **Willa Schulz**

For using connections to create entertaining 100 Word stories!

Sophia McPherson

Each day by your actions and words, you live the message of St Mary MacKillop; "Never see a need without doing something about it".

Mid K/H **Jae Ponting**

For a wonderful effort identifying the vowel sounds in words. Well done for always giving your best Jae.

Avarni Peterson

For using counting strategies effectively and believing in herself.

Mid N **Mikayla Penny**

For being an "All Round Star" in our classroom. Thank you for your attitude and your willingness to give everything your best go!

Indi Rodda

For a great year of work. Congratulations on all the efforts you have made being helpful, friendly and a leader to the Middles.

Mid S **Jack Robertson**

For his happy and positive approach to all aspects of school life.

Mia Muller

For her willingness to help others that are struggling, particularly during Maths lessons. Well done Mia!

Jun N **Taylor Mongon**

For his confidence in our Sounds Write sessions and always being a great role model in our class.

Isla Harris and Sophie Kilpatrick

For being kind and caring members of our class and showing great enthusiasm when participating in activities. Well done girls.

Jun P Phoebe Mulcahy

For striving to improve her fluency during reading and continuing to make efforts to develop her social skills. Well done Phoebe!

Charity Cameron

For her fantastic participation in our classroom discussions and assisting others where possible. Well done!

Jun O August Alston

For the way he is applying himself to all learning tasks and contributing to class discussions. I love seeing you try your best!

Mia Thompson

For the effort she has been putting into SoundsWrite. Your sounding out and handwriting have both improved.

Jun W Skylar Wilson

For being a kind and helpful member of our class who is always willing to include others in her games. Well one Skylar!

Jack Hicks

For the excellent effort he has been putting into his Polar Express project and working well with others.

Prep M Evie Clurey

For her improved Number and Place Value knowledge. Terrific effort Evie!

Evah Tweed

For her excellent participation and attentive listening during our swimming lessons. Well done Evah!

Prep J Axel Hoiles

For his wonderful classroom participation and taking greater care with his tasks. Well done Axel!

Florence Culton

For being a kind and caring student who always demonstrates a positive attitude towards her learning. Well done Flossie!



Principal's Award

Term 4

Week 8: Castiel White

Week 9: Kayli Henderson

***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 8 Flexibility:

Bede Brown, Logan Burkitt, Ayla Ricardo, Leland Alexander, Norah Keane, Harry Handford, Owen Chmiel, Maisie Carr, Alex McLeod, Zoe Bartle, Toby Hansen, Ruby Laidlaw, Eric Alexander and Chayse Maher.

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.



Canteen

December

1st Tammy Rees

4th Closed

5th Closed

6th Sheree Lawless

7th Gayle Morgan

8th Helen Osborne

11th Closed

12th Closed

13th Holly Brennan

14th **Volunteer**

15th Helen Osborne

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.

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.

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 2024. 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.

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.



Parish News

SEEKING 'BABY JESUS' As many of you know, every year St John's Parish has a beautiful Christmas Eve celebration with a 'real' baby Jesus! Last year, Harley Alexander performed the role just perfectly. Does your family have a baby, or do you know a family who has a baby, just a few months old, or due before Christmas, who might be able to participate in our celebration this year? It's only for half an hour or less at 7.40pm on Christmas Eve.

Call Kerry on 0408 579 904.



ST JOHN'S OSHC VACATION CARE

When?

Tuesday, Wednesdays & Thursday from the 8th January until the 25th January 2024, 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.





YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
WUNGHNU COMMUNITY

Christmas PARTY

SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2023
6PM - 8PM • GEORGE GRAHAM PARK

FREE BBQ • LIVE ENTERTAINMENT • RAFFLES • BYO CHAIR
SPECIAL VISIT FROM SANTA

KIDS!
THIS YEAR WE HAVE DECIDED TO HOST
'WUNGHNU WHEELS'
BRING YOUR BEST DECORATED WHEELS
1ST, 2ND, 3RD PRIZES FOR UNDER 7, UNDER 13
ANYTHING YOU CAN RIDE OR DRIVE! BIKES, TRIKES, SCOOTERS, WHEELCHAIRS, BATTERY OPERATED CARS / TRUCKS.

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Numurkah Carols by Candlelight

Friday 22nd December.

All St Joseph's students are invited to be part of the nativity during Numurkah's Carols by Candlelight Friday 22nd December 2023.

On the night of the performance (22nd Dec) students are asked to meet Mrs Hall at 6.50 at the rotunda in Newman Square.

6 pm BBQ

7 pm Carols begin.

Please return the slip sent home as a hard copy if your child would like to participate.

Louise Hall

Prep Excursion

