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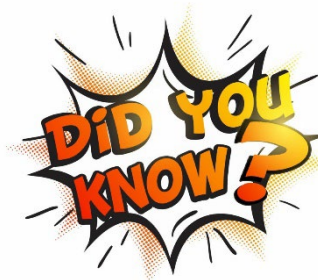
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## Newsletter—Week 7 of Term 4, 16 November 2023

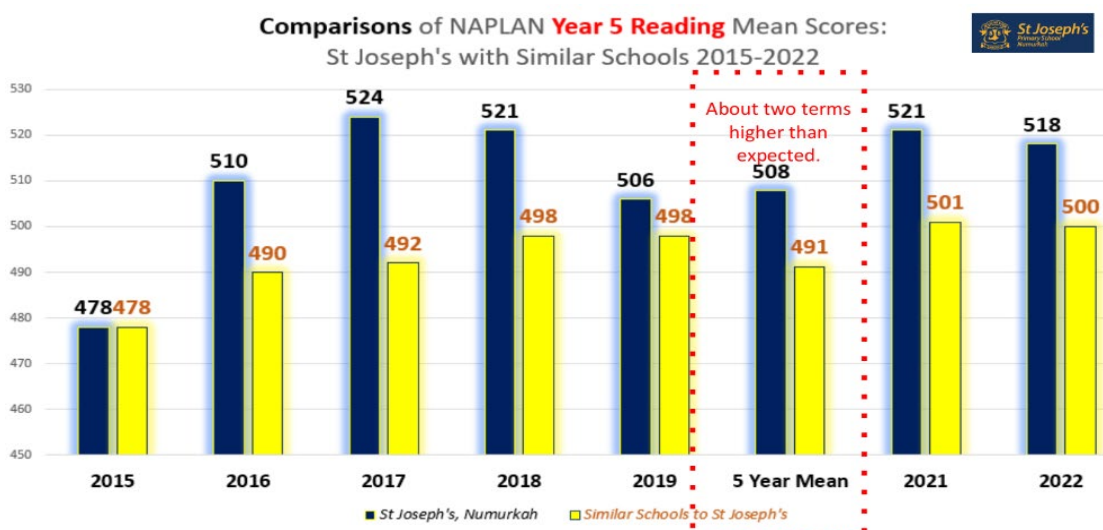
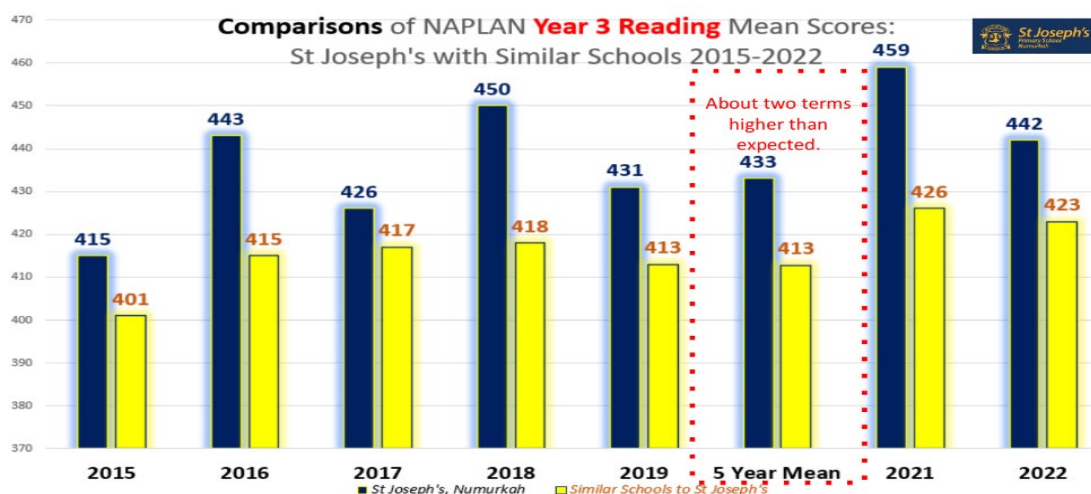


*"St Joseph's school is one of the top schools in country Victoria in improving student outcomes for learners." Stephen Russell (CES Data Coach)*

**Evidence suggests that St Joseph's is a:**

- strong functioning school, deeply connected with community
- school with a culture that encourages wellbeing & excellence
- school that changes life trajectories for learners
- high growth and achievement school in some areas

The teaching and learning approaches to Reading is another real strength at St Joseph's. For example, most of the mean achievement scores in NAPLAN (Reading) between 2015 up to 2022 show that the learners at St Joseph's are about 10-15 weeks higher than students in similar schools around Australia.



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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**

**Afternoon Assembly : Monday at 2:45**

**Yr 6 Leaders & Class Prayer**

**Nov 20 : Justin H, Lilith V, Jorja S & Carter F; Jun O&W**

**Nov 27 : Mathew F, Seb G, Nate S & Harry O; Jun N&P**

**ALL WELCOME !**



**Paul Arnel - Principal**

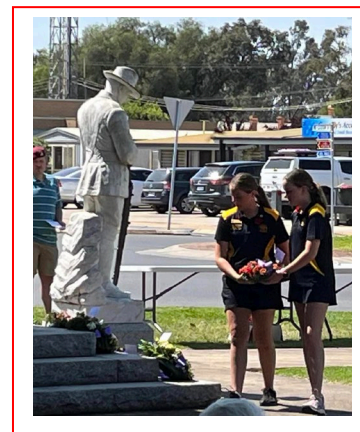


<u>Dates to Remember</u>	
Mon Nov 20	P-2 swimming Starts
Thu Nov 30	Twilight Sports
Friday Dec 8	End of Year Mass
Tue Dec 12	P-6 Orientation Day
Thu Dec 14	Yr 6 Graduation
Fri Dec 15	Last Day for Children



## **Remembrance Day November 11**

**Our Senior School Students represented St Joseph's at last Saturday's November 11 Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Town Memorial. Special mentions to Poppy Dobson and Leni Edis who had formal duties to complete.**



## **Office News**

### **PRIVACY POLICY**

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### **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 17/11/23 & 1/12/23 to tidy up any outstanding balances.

Monthly Direct Debits take place 17/11/23, and 18/12/23 to tidy up any outstanding balances.

Please finalise any outstanding Term or Yearly payments before the 29<sup>th</sup> 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***

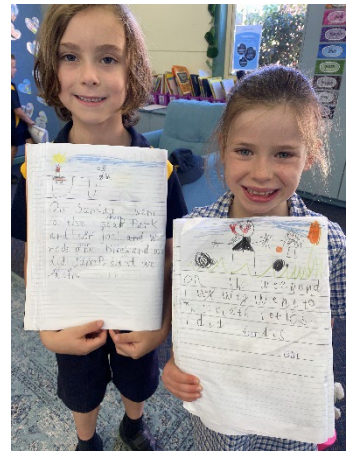
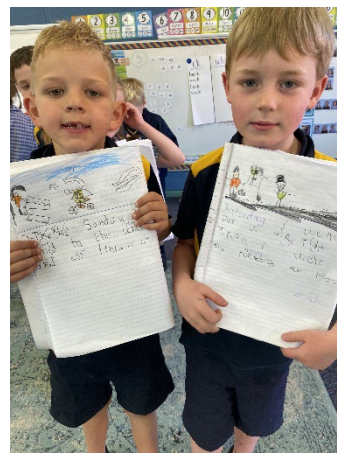
## Giving Tree

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.



## 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 positive growth and development. We have begun preparation for Grade 1 by participating in transition sessions and discussing this regularly in the classroom.



## Literacy

In Reading, it is wonderful to see our student's developing independence and confidence as they continue to use their learnt knowledge and skills, such as sounding out challenging words and aiming to improve fluency and expression. 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 have been focusing on Fairy Tales. Our students are learning all about how to use adjectives to describe characters. Our writing lessons also include a daily routine of the students checking for appropriate punctuation and applying their letter/sound knowledge in order to sound out unknown words, to use their learnt common words, and to re-read for meaning. We are seeing a great improvement in writing which is wonderful to see!



## **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. Next week, our Preps will begin learning about measurement, including comparing heavy and light objects, and also experimenting with capacity. 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 next year.

## **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 they have been introduced to the story of the birth of Jesus, which they will perform to families towards the end of the term.

## **Upcoming Dates**

**Week 8 & 10** - Swimming program (Monday, Wednesday, Friday)

**30th November** - Prep excursion to Twisted Science (Echuca)

**7th December** - Prep celebration day at GV Inflatable Nation and Kidstown (Shepparton)

**11th December** - Prep Nativity

With a busy few weeks ahead, please ensure you check SeeSaw regularly for any upcoming events and/or general information.

Thank you,  
The Prep Team!

## **Juniors**

### **Junior School**

Once again, we have some really exciting things happening over the coming weeks and we are looking forward to continuing to celebrate our amazing year together. Next week we start swimming lessons, Week 9 we are finishing the year with an excursion to Shepparton, and we will be participating in Advent Liturgies. Read below for more information.

## Sleepover and Fun Day



What a wonderful time we had together where terrific memories were made. Our Grade 2 students took on the challenge of the sleepover with this being the first night away from home for many. It was pleasing to see all the laughter, smiles and how the students supported each other.

Every child participated in the activities and often went out of their comfort zone. We are proud of all of them!

Well done to everyone for joining in and trying your best!

## Robotics

We had an Incursion where we learnt about Robotics. We used Makey Makey boards and our iPads to set up circuits in order to control games. This was a very exciting opportunity!

A small group of us were “Guinea Pigs” for Mr. Izzard’s new purchase and how lucky we were. Children will have a chance to use them in the next few weeks. These are another coding tool that students can use to explore movement and location.



## Literacy

In Literacy we are looking at Persuasive Writing. Children are given a statement, and they are required to share their opinion using emotive language. We have already had interesting debates on such things as “Teachers should wear uniforms” and “Fishing is fun”.

In our recent testing we have been pleased to see the progress of students. We can see some rich language being used in their writing and students have the confidence to sound out the spelling of unknown words.

## Numeracy

In Numeracy, we have been working on Multiplication and now we are looking at Division. We are investigating the connection between the two concepts and relating them to real life situations.

## Religion

We are beginning the Unit on Advent. We have been using Art and Literature as Tuning-in activities. It has been amazing the way children have gained and shared insights into the artists' and authors' intentions.



## Inquiry - Creativity

For our unit on Creativity, we have been exploring different ways we can create and be creative. We have loved seeing all students have a go at the different forms of showing their creativity (drawing, art, music, technology). We are currently exploring and comparing the movie and book of ‘The Polar Express’. Students will then add their own creative twist to the story. This Unit is so exciting! Wait until you see our final project! Keep an eye on the foyer windows!!

## Swimming/Excursion

In weeks 8 and 10 we will be doing swimming Lessons. Swimming will be a 30 min session on Monday/Wednesday and Friday. This is 6 sessions in total. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to build their confidence in the pool and have some fun with their peers. A note has been sent out on SIMON. If you have any further questions please speak to your child's teacher.

On Friday 1st of December (week 9) we will be going to Shepparton For an excursion. We will be going to the Shepparton Art Museum and Inflatable Nation. There will be more information to come.

# St Joseph's School - Newsletter

## Wednesdays.

Junior East: LOTE/ART

Junior West: PE/Library

## Fridays

Junior West: Music

Junior East: Sport

Please send us a message on SeeSaw if you have any questions/concerns and stories to share. We continue to work together to provide the best learning environment for your child. Tan, James, Joanie, Sara, Makayla, Georgia, Jane, Bern, Ally and Anna



It was the 1st of November and we had to be at school at 7.30 am. Yeah I said AM!!!!!!!

All of the Middle were gathered at the basketball court ready to say a morning prayer but most importantly to hop on the bus and go to camp kookaburra.

After Mr Arnel had said prayers to all of the Middle, they hopped on the bus one by one picking their seats with their friends. It was a long trip there but the middles made it to Camp Kookaburra at 11:00 am!

We all hopped off the bus with loads of excitement. We were welcomed by the two owners and their team. They were all very nice!

The Middles also got a tour of the camp, after the tour they were split into six groups.

On the first day each group had three activities. Some of the activities were; Low ropes, Archery and Rock Climbing, Flying Fox and Giant Swing.

Now it was time to find the cabins and who we would be bunking down with!

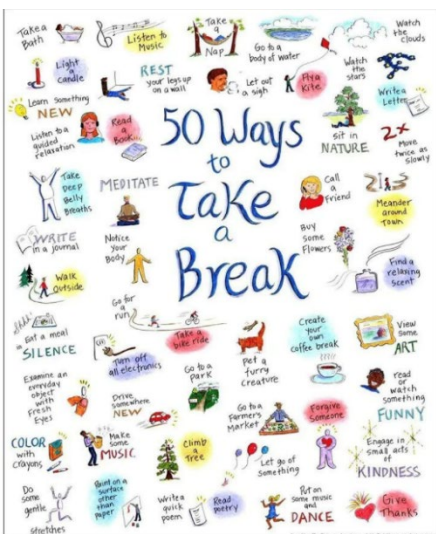
All of the kids had smiles on their faces, after they found out their cabins it was free time. Now if you think the activities were great, wait until you hear about our cabins. We were all in a cabin with our friends!!!!

Some of the things you could play were basketball, ga ga ball, volleyball and a games room. In the games room there was chess, ping pong and lots of other fun games to play. It was dinner time. They had pasta with some garlic bread and for dessert they had ice cream. After the kids all had a shower and got into their pajamas and brushed their teeth, you got invited to go and watch Peter Rabbit then it was bedtime. The next morning we continued with the activity rotations, but we were all very tired!! For breakfast we had pancakes with condiments like jam, butter and of course maple syrup and for drinks we had apple and orange juice. For dinner we had pasta and we even had dessert





## Seniors



*Super job on the Flash mob dance that unexpectedly took place at the start of lunch last week. The entire school were pleasantly surprised to see the grade 6's dance with style in the quadrangle to 'Like It Or Not' by Willa J. Well done Mr. Stirton for leading the way with this cool dance! (please note parents will have an opportunity to see their dance towards the end of the year)*

### Literacy

In Literacy, we are focusing on preparing our Grade 6's for Graduation where they are completing their student profiles, and our Grade 5's for Leadership roles and speeches. It has been a special time for each child, reflecting on all the wonderful memories they have made at our school, and looking forward to what's ahead. Students have been enjoying our novel 'Girl Underground' and have been dissecting the interesting characters in the story, and their text-to-self connections to Parliament

House from their camp earlier in the year. Jamal and Bibi, from their previous novel, are featured in this novel, where we learn more about Australian Detention Centres.

## Numeracy

We are busy revising many of the concepts covered throughout the year, such as our written addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division processes. At the same time, students are completing a Statistics and Probability Project, where they are creating their own survey questions to ask their peers, before recording the results in a graph. The students have also been working through their maths testing, one-on-one with their teachers, to see the areas of growth from this time last year.

## Inquiry

Last week we presented our awesome 'Cardboard Game Arcade' for the middle school students to test. What an awesome way to showcase such unique pieces of work. Their designs, creativity, teamwork, and level of fun were enjoyed by all!

## Religion

In these last weeks of Term, we are learning about Christmas and special holidays of countries around the world. We will be looking at our own family traditions, before moving on to traditions and celebrations around the world. To wrap up the year, students will be researching a country of their choice and presenting their information through different methods.



## Upcoming Excursions

We will finish our year off with a celebration day on Wednesday 6th December. Grade 6's will head to Funfields at Whittlesea, and Grade 5's will share a day out together in Cobram/Barooga with mini golf and a movie experience. It will be a terrific chance to celebrate the perseverance and hard work of our students through this year, as well as a chance to farewell our Grade 6s. More information/permission to come via PAM.

## Graduation

On Thursday 14th December, we will celebrate and farewell our Grade 6 students as they graduate from Primary School. More details will be announced closer to the date.

*Thank you,*

*Adam, Jez, Liam, Tim, Virginia, Ray, Karlene, Sam and Di.*

## Library

As the end of the year approaches, I ask that everyone prepares to return their library books in order for me to do a stocktake. This is the last week children will be able to borrow books from the library. If your child is reading a book, I encourage them to finish it before returning it.

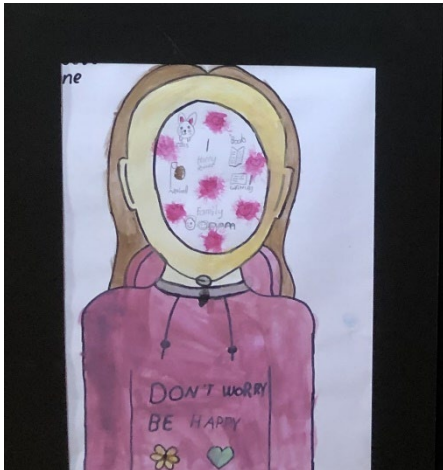
Orders for our final Bookclub, issue #8, are due back at school by Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> November.

Mary

## Art

I attended the Mary Mackillop Exhibition at the Cathedral in Bendigo, on Friday 10th Nov. There were many great art pieces from Primary and secondary students from schools all over our Diocese. Congratulations to 8 of our students who were selected to enter their art pieces - Jorja Sprunt, Elizabeth Trimble, Phoebe Keane, Zara Morris, Remi Storer, Georgia Robertson Taylah Duggan and Indi Rodda.

Carol Lawless, Art Teacher



### OFFICIAL OPENING AND AWARDS PRESENTATION

Friday 10 November 2023 | 6pm-8pm

Bookings: [trybooking.com/CFRCI](https://trybooking.com/CFRCI) or scan QR code

Livestream: [links.powerav.com.au/mbq](https://links.powerav.com.au/mbq)

Open for Viewing 10-25 November 2023 | Open Wed-Sat 10am-4pm

Sacred Heart Cathedral Bendigo

Online from Monday 13 November 2023

[ceosand.catholic.edu.au/mae](https://ceosand.catholic.edu.au/mae)

Vote for People's Choice Awards

until Sunday 26 November 2023

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## PE

### T20 Blast School Cup

With beautiful sunny skies above, we took a Senior Boys and Senior Girls cricket team to compete in a Round Robin Tournament at Mooroopna.

The action was fast and furious with plenty of skilled opponents to compete against.

The Boys team were very unlucky to lose their first two games with narrow margins but finished the day with a commanding win. The team was well led by Seb and Callan and played with great enthusiasm for the whole day. Despite falling short of qualifying for the next round, the team represented St. Joseph's proudly, and we look forward to having another crack at it next year.

The Senior Girls started with two impressive wins against strong opposition but fell short in their final two games. The girls played with great spirit and showcased some wonderful hitting, bowling and fielding skills. The overall standings were very close and the girls were successful in qualifying for the next round of competition which is to be held again at Mooroopna on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Already, their rapid improvement and focussed practice indicates they will again have a successful day out! Good luck girls.



### Student of the Week

**Sen S**      **Will Feltham**

*For a wonderful week of living and learning, and his efforts during the T20 Blast Cricket! Keep it up Will!*

**Sen B**      **Aiden Power**

*For showing more initiative in the classroom and working hard on his Leadership Speech, keep it up Aiden!*

**Sen H/A**      **Carter Few**

*For his improved attitude and focus toward all learning tasks in the classroom Well done Carter!*

**Sen T**      **Emma Cole**

*For consistently striving to be her best in all areas of learning. You work so hard Emma, well done!*

**Mid H**      **Ryan Feltham**

*For having an awesome camp experience; Going outside his comfort zone, making great choices and eating all his dinner!*

**Mid K/H**      **Darcy Oswald**

*For excellent behaviour and leadership on camp. Thank you for always being reliable and having a positive attitude!*

**Mid N Ethan Brown**

For his awesome attitude and resilience on Middle's Camp. You made the most of all of the opportunities offered. Well done Ethan!

**Mid S Dylan Said**

For his awesome attitude and resilience on Middle's Camp. We are so proud of you Dyl!

**Jun N Zara Trimby**

For the great leadership she is showing in our class and being a kind and caring friend, well done Zara.

**Jun P Eden Feltham**

For her positive attitude and willingness to have a go and do her best, during classroom activities. Well done Eden!

**Jun O Caleb Campbell**

For his excellent work in Sounds Write and being an excellent role model to the rest of the group. Well done Caleb.

**Jun W Summer Bau**

For the confident and happy personality she brings to our room and being a positive member of our class. Well done Summer !

**Prep M Ava Rees**

For her improved organisational skills. Terrific effort Ava!!

**Prep J Caleb Mason**

For showing a positive approach towards all areas of his learning. Brilliant effort Caleb!

## **Principal's Award**

Term 4

Week 7: Riley Baker

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**

**Trustworthiness:**

Poppy Graham, Evie Van de Berg, Archer Harbor, Evie Teasdale, Parker Patching, Dylan McPherson, Nathanael Hubbard, Bella Curtis, Elsie Browning, Viaan Maharaj, Nicholas Hughes, Summa Neyland, Rahni O'Callaghan and Harry Oswald.

## **Canteen**

17<sup>th</sup> Crystal Trimby

20<sup>th</sup> Closed

21<sup>st</sup> Closed

22<sup>nd</sup> Julia Campbell

23<sup>rd</sup> Rachel Robertson

24<sup>th</sup> Kim Thompson

27<sup>th</sup> Closed

28<sup>th</sup> Closed

29<sup>th</sup> Helen Osborne

30<sup>th</sup> **Volunteer**

**December**

1<sup>st</sup> Tammy Rees

4<sup>th</sup> Closed

5<sup>th</sup> Closed

6<sup>th</sup> Sheree Lawless

7<sup>th</sup> Gayle Morgan

8<sup>th</sup> Helen Osborne

11<sup>th</sup> Closed

12<sup>th</sup> Closed

13<sup>th</sup> Holly Brennan

14<sup>th</sup> Volunteer

15<sup>th</sup> 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.

## OSHC News

At 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, Georgia, Tash, Shay, Shannon & Eachan

## Community Notices

### NUMURKAH LAWN TENNIS CLUB

#### **Junior Tennis Program 2023-2024**

It's not too late to join the Saturday Morning Competition. 8.45am warm up for a 9am start.

Positions based on ability.

\$100 for entire comp including full

Junior Club Membership.

Come and practice anytime.

Training sessions will be on

Thursday nights 5-6pm.

For enquiries, please call

Andrew Storer 0408 621 984

Hot Shots Lessons also available, please call Mark Mills 0429 307 373



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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