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Newsletter—Week 3 of Term 2, May 2nd 2024

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 **Self-Discipline**
Our focus within the three areas are as follows
Attitude : Independent Attitude
Awareness : That I can Be Responsible For My Own Actions
Action : Owing My Choices

2025 Enrolments Open

Incredibly, it's time to start preparations for 2025. For current families, Prep enrolment forms are available at the office. And for current and prospective families, we will conduct tours at Wednesday's Open Day (May 15) & Sunday's Community Open Day (May 19, 11am – 1pm). We also happily show families around at any other time after making an appointment.



Jasper, Mitchell, Rhani & Emily represented the school during the ANZAC Day Service.

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends
We have quite a number of extra activities thrown in on top of our most important Living and Learning routines. Well done to all involved in the ANZAC Day commemorations, it was another proud day. Our 3-6 students participate in their Cross Country tomorrow with the representative team going to Shep next Friday for the Division Event. We also celebrate Mother's Day with Breaky in the MacKillop Centre next Friday from 8:15am. Our Preps will present a Special Tribute Prayer then we move outside to enjoy the P-2 Cross Country around our oval. It's the Littlies introduction to the Senior Event.
What A Week !!!

Staffing Update

- *Georgia Griffin is now on Maternity Leave. Loreena Keane steps up to full time for the term. Eb Morrison rejoins the team after mid-year.
- *Al Dietrich returns to SMOTA at the end of week 5. Jody Tilley steps up to four days with Ali Harber starting off the week on Mondays.
- *Dom Izzard returns from Leave on May 20.

Reminder: Monday, May 13 Pupil Free Day

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Dates to Remember

Friday May 3	3-6 Cross Country
Friday May 10	Mother's Day Breakfast from 8.15am
	P-2 Cross Country
Tuesday May 14	School Photos
Wednesday May 15	School Open Day
Monday May 13	Pupil Free Day – Staff PD
Sunday May 19	Community Open Day 11am – 1pm
Friday May 31	Pupil Free Day – Staff PD
Monday June 10	Queen's Birthday Holiday



Live Life To The Fullest In Christ

Paul Arnel

Afternoon Assembly : Monday at 2:45

Yr 6 Leaders & Class Prayer

May 6 : Logan, Gabe, Matilda, Tyler & Bella; Middle B&K

May 13 : No Assembly

Parents/Carers are welcome to join in the MacKillop Centre.

Mother's Day Breakfast and Stall

Friday 10th May from 8.15am

Please see note that was sent home today with details.

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: 3rd & 17th May

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 your circumstances have changed and you are now eligible for a Health Care Card, please complete a CSEF application if you haven't already done so. Applications are close in June. (We have already processed those who have previously applied.)

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

St Joseph's Primary School

Numurkah

Photo Day 2024

Date: Tuesday 14th May

To Order Photos:

Order via the MSP Portal.

Order your School Photos before midnight Monday 20th May.

Late Orders can be accepted after 21st May by Ordering online via the MSP Portal or by contacting 03 5482 3190. All late orders incur an extra \$20 for postage and handling.

Family Photos – Please order online prior to photo day with the unique shootkey on the bottom half of your eldest child's photo form




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Preps

Welcome back to all of our students and families! The students have had a great start to Term 2 and have settled back into school routines nicely. Our living and learning at St Joseph's continues to thrive, and as always we are proud of each and every one of our amazing Prep students!

Literacy

We have been so impressed and pleased with our students in regard to their continued improvement when reading, writing, speaking and listening. With the beginning of Term 2 commencing, we have continued our Sounds Write focus and have been introducing our students to new letter sounds and skills accordingly. It is wonderful that we are now beginning to see the Prep students transfer their learnt skills to their learning activities whether it be when reading or writing. It has also been noticeable the improvement of our students' stamina abilities, as they are now able to concentrate for longer periods of time than at the beginning of the year. Our students appear to be happy and thriving in our positive and supportive learning environment. Well done to everyone here!



Numeracy

In Numeracy, we have been continuing our ongoing number work, including counting and number formation. We have also begun to learn more about the 100 chart and how our number system works. Recently our Prep students have been engaged in activities that encourage them to develop their skills and knowledge of the teen numbers, and numbers up to 100. We are now beginning to focus upon skip counting by 10s, 5s and 2s. Our main focus for Maths over the next couple of weeks will be Addition and Subtraction. This will involve our students using a variety of materials such as counters, MAB blocks, and unifix blocks to count, add numbers together, and problem solve simple equations. Our students will also learn how to identify and use basic math's symbols such as the addition, subtraction and equals sign.

Religion

In Religion, students have been focusing on the unit 'I am special, so are you.' Students have been exploring what makes them unique and thanking God for the life given to us. Students are developing a sense of respect, wonder and appreciation of diversity.

Inquiry

In Inquiry, our new unit is 'History.' So far we have looked at ANZAC day and the importance of this special day. In the coming weeks we will look at the history of our country and explore what it would have been like to live in the 'olden days' (not when Mr Jenner was growing up!)

Specialist

Tuesday	Art, Library and Music/Sport
Friday	Sport

We ask that the students come to school dressed in their sports uniform on both Tuesdays and Fridays.

Uniform

During this time of change we ask that you use a commonsense approach. The correct winter uniform includes the school polo shirt, navy pants/skirt, navy jumper and all black shoes. Please ensure jumpers are clearly labelled.

Mother's Day

On Friday 10th of May, we will be celebrating Mother's Day with a breakfast followed by an assembly prayer presented by the Preps. After the assembly everyone is welcome to stay and support the children as they complete their first Cross Country Event (on the oval.) More information will be coming soon. Children will also have the opportunity to buy a present at the Mother's Day stall: please see note was sent home today.

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

Juniors

The Junior Team has jumped straight back into our routines from Term 1. We have a jam packed program for this term with lots of exploring, creating, learning and of course a little bit of fun!

Inquiry - ANZAC Day

This term we are exploring 'History' and all things past and present. To start our term, we focused on ANZAC Day and learning about why this is an important part of our calendar each year. We read lots of stories about Anzac's and studied the text "Anzac Ted". We enjoyed writing a letter to Ted to thank him for his service, even creating a new medal in recognition of his service. Students also experienced some cooking and explored following a procedure to make Anzac Biscuits which of course they got to taste test afterwards. A big Thankyou to Mrs Thorp who brought in family medals and shared her experience having a family member who has been to War.



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We were proud of the students' Anzac lanterns and the effort they all put in. These were a beautiful memento that we were able to use for a prayer session before sending home.



Historical Society

We are now redirecting our Inquiry to past and present. To engage students and get them thinking/wondering about the topic, we took a guided tour of the Numurkah Historical Society. Here is what some students had to say about the experience...

“It was awesome” - Olive T

“My favourite thing was the stinky jail and getting closed inside” - Leo

“It was very interesting because there was lots of really old stuff” - Reuben

“It was a little weird because there were things in strange places” - Elias

“The mannequins made me feel a little uncomfortable”

“I liked the fake food and the kitchen” - Mac

“I saw one of the plates that is in my MaMa’s kitchen” - Isla





An old non mobile



An old electric blanket



A talented piano player -no hands!

We highly recommend a visit!

Literacy

In Literacy we have been busy working through the sounds in our 'Sounds Write' groups. The children will continue to bring home decodable readers that support the sounds they are learning in class. These books may be easy for the children and that is ok. Books that are easy provide confidence and allow children to



Students planning their letters

focus on other strategies such as fluency and expression. It is also exposure to words with their spelling focus for the week.

This term we are reading a whole class novel "The Enchanted Wood". We will be looking at a range of reading strategies and comprehension skills while unpacking the elements of the text.

We are continuing with letter writing as our text type, this time writing to residents from the local nursing homes and children's own great grandparents. They are all so engaged.

Numeracy

Each daily Maths session begins with counting and number warm ups. This is an integral skill that all students need a strong understanding of so that they can apply it to other areas within Mathematics. Our focus is on time and we are looking at analogue and digital clocks.

Religion

We have continued our learning about the Easter story and Holy Week, following on with Pentecost and the beginning of the Church. Students are exploring the Holy Spirit and how this can help us to live like Jesus.

Homework

A reminder that children have a phonics book with weekly focus words for children to practice at home. We encourage children to write these words at least twice a week. We also ask that students read each night and parents/carers record it in their reader diary. This year our Reading Logs have daily questions related to The Resilience Project.



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Specialist

Students have specialist classes on **Wednesdays**. The children need to continue to wear their **sports uniform** every Wednesday and Friday. They also need to bring their Library bag each Wednesday.

Wednesday WEEKS 1-5

Junior West: LOTE/ART

Junior East: PE/LIBRARY

Fridays WEEKS 1-5

Junior West: PE

Junior East: MUSIC

Coming up this term

10th - Mother's Day Breakfast/Stall & Junior Cross Country

6th - Junior Excursion to Wangaratta Performing Arts

The weather has taken a turn and is chilly, especially in the mornings. We ask that all children wear a jumper to school as we are switching over to full winter uniform. Please double check that all jumpers in your child's wardrobe are clearly named, as we find a lot of these laying around the room as the day warms up.

Please send us a message on SeeSaw if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child. Makayla, Jai, Sara, James, Joanie, Anna, Ally, Bern and Jane.

Middles

We are thrilled to embark on a bustling term of living and learning at St Joseph's, especially in the Middles! We've dived three weeks deep into what promises to be an exhilarating eleven-week journey filled with exciting activities alongside our core learning routines.

Literacy

Our literacy sessions have kicked off with our customary routine. Each morning, we dedicate the first hour to SoundsWrite/Reading, followed by an hour of Writing. With a spelling focus aligned to our school-wide SoundsWrite program, students are delving into imaginative writing and fairytales. As the term progresses, we'll delve into planning, composing, and delivering speeches for the Junior Public Speaking Competition, where students will share tales of their favourite fairytale or book character. We encourage students to read nightly to enhance their confidence, fluency, and literacy skills. Parent/carer signatures in diaries are required each night, and diaries should be returned to teachers every morning.

Numeracy

In Numeracy, our focus is on building a strong foundation in Place Value. Students are exploring larger numbers using a variety of concrete materials and mental strategies. Our inclusive numeracy program ensures that every student is both supported and challenged through small group work.

Inquiry

Our inquiry unit looks into Australian History, where students will research and investigate genuine artifacts from World War 1 and World War 2, generously provided by the Australian War Memorial. On May 10th, we'll embark on a virtual excursion to the Australian War Memorial, where students will receive a guided tour and engage in interactive learning experiences.



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Homework

Every Monday, students will receive Literacy/SoundsWrite homework to reinforce learning from the week. This may include spelling practice and literacy tasks provided by teachers. We kindly ask that homework books be returned each Friday. Please don't hesitate to reach out via SeeSaw if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress.



Farewell (for now)

Lastly, we bid farewell to Mrs. Griffin as she embarks on maternity leave. We extend our warmest wishes for a happy and safe arrival of her newest family member.

Tim, Liam, Loreena, Bre, Amanda, Taylor, Kloe & Laura



Seniors

Term 2 in the Senior School has kicked off as busy as ever! With many exciting events coming up this term, we look toward our Senior students to maintain their behaviour standards and represent themselves positively. Some of the big ticket items this term include Winter Sports, Meals on Wheels, Sandhurst Arts on Show, and excursions alongside our daily living and learning routines.

Maths

Recently we have been focusing on the operations of multiplication and division. Students have been provided with opportunities of explicit instruction, hands-on activities such as manipulatives and interactive games to help consolidate their understanding of these operations. Real-world problems have been investigated and students have used these to collaborate and develop their mathematical knowledge and skills.

English

We have continued our novel study on "Wonder" and continue to dive into the rich personal and social learning opportunities within the text. It has been great listening to student discussions around the characters and their experiences, and unpacking this through their writing. Later in the term, our focus changes to exploring our Speaking and Listening skills through the annual Lions Public Speaking Competition.

Inquiry

We have been exploring our local history with the assistance of Jeff Blackley from the Numurkah Historical Society. Students have learned about First Nations connections to our area, Squatters and the Squatter Run, Shepherd Huts, the Proclamation of the town, Irrigation & Soldier Settlement & the coming of the railway. We were fortunate to have a Melville Street tour, comparing the current buildings v their old facades with Jeff also. Students have been enjoying making historical connections within their local area and discussing the differences over the decades and how changes have influenced our lifestyles.



Winter Sports

Last Friday, we began our Winter Sports journey, competing against Cobram Primary at the local showgrounds. The Seniors did a fantastic job playing in great spirit. The netballers did extremely well and managed two wins. The softball team also did an excellent job and brought home a win. The footballers had their work cut out for them facing a strong Cobram side, but unfortunately went down by a



few goals. Our next match will be on Friday 3rd May against Katunga Primary. More information about where and when will be sent via Seesaw.

Grade 6 Transition Program

Next Thursday (**9th May**) marks the beginning of our Grade 6 transition program, with students travelling to St Mary's of the Angels. The day will include a series of activities including lessons in Science, Textiles, Wood, Food and Music. During these activities, students will have the opportunity to meet peers from other schools and familiarise themselves with the College.

Later in the term, Grade 6s will again travel to St Mary's to attend a showing of their College Production, "Big Fish". More information on this will be provided via PAM.

Homework

Homework will be handed out each Friday and collected the following Friday. If students need help with their homework, there will be a Homework Club run each Wednesday lunchtime in Senior North (S/DT) classroom.

If a student is away when homework is handed out, it is their responsibility to collect it.

In the Senior School our homework expectations are:

<u>Reading / Diary</u>	<u>Maths</u>	<u>Literacy</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nightly reading for 15 minutes Daily GEM task in diary Parent / carer signature <p><i>Collected each morning.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Differentiated worksheet Continued practice of times-tables <p><i>Collected Fridays</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Handwriting or reading comprehension practice worksheet <p><i>Collected Fridays</i></p>

Thank you,
Senior School Staff

Adam, Ali, Al, Jody, Jeremy, Trevor, Di, Sam, Karlene, Ray and Clayton.

Student of the Week

Sen S **Jess Green**

For the positivity and sunshine she brings to our class everyday. We love your willingness to help with routines and keeping our classroom organised! You are a superstar Jess!

Blaze Schulz

For an outstanding week of living and learning in our Senior School. We have loved your engaged and positive attitude, and your consistency with your diary. You are a champion Blaze!!

Sen D/T **Kael Arho**

Working diligently to complete your home reading & GEM tasks this week. Also, the effort you have put into your short burst writing in English has been fabulous. Keep up the positive approach to your learning Kael

Bindi Lahn

For your wonderful approach to netball on Friday. A positive attitude goes a long way; your effort on court showed growing confidence. Well done Bindi.

Sen T

Callan O'Dwyer

For consistently leading by example in and out of the classroom. You have had an excellent start to the year, Keep up the great work!

Toby Hansen

For having a great week of living and learning! It was excellent to see you engaged during our Literacy time. Keep up the good work mate!

Sen M

Zachary Mongan

For being a respectful and courteous student. Zack completes his work and participates in school activities with minimum fuss. Keep up the good work Zac

Matilda Ruscoe

You continue to present your work at a high level of neatness and accuracy. Your literacy book is a great example for others to follow.

Mid A

Matilda Ireland

For treating others the way that she would want to be treated. Keep it up Tilly!

Sienna Mulcahy

For being you. You have such a positive attitude which is infectious to your classmates.

Mid L

Carter Booth

For the excellent way he has started Term 2! Carter is always ready to learn with a friendly smile on his face. He quietly offers support to those around him. Keep up the wonderful work Carter!

Lexi Rees

For the kind and caring way, she plays and speaks with her peers. We are so lucky to have you in our class. Thank you for being a kind friend to all!

Mid B

Ethan Brown

For his insightful contributions to our class discussions about Anzac Day

Zoe Altoft

For always being a helpful, positive, and caring member of Middle South. We appreciate how you go about your living and learning at St Joseph's Zoe!

Mid G/K

Nate Duffet

Making such a positive start to Term 2. Keep up the great work Nate!

Stryder Voigt

For Making some great choices in his learning time. Keep believing in yourself Stryder!

Jun O

Tommy Simmons

For trying really hard in writing this week. It is great to see you focusing and using your sounds.

Olive Trimble

For a fabulous week trying her best at everything and contributing to class discussions.

Jun M

Eli Pettigrove

For making a great start to term 2 and settling back into routine seamlessly. Top effort Eli!

Charlie Boler

For working independently during reading groups and working really hard in sounds write last week. keep up the great work Charlie.

Jun P

Archer Tilley

For leading by example with our classroom expectations. A terrific start to Term 2. Well done Archer.

Dylan McPherson

For her consistency in all curriculum focuses and the wonderful attitude she demonstrates in our classroom. Well done Dylan.

Jun W

Zac Aldridge

For his excellent recount to the class about his trip to France. We loved hearing all about your adventure Zac!

Evah Tweed

For being a kind and respectful student who is always willing to help those in need with a cuddle or a kind word. We are lucky to have you as part of our classroom Evah!

Prep N

Zeke Lyons

For having a wonderful start to the term. Well done on coming back to school with such a positive attitude and working hard to complete activities. What a superstar!

Amelia Ginnane

For being a kind friend to others and working hard in our Literacy sessions. Amelia always strives to do her best, well done!

Prep J

Lily Baker

For showing a positive attitude towards all learning areas and always trying her best. Excellent work Lily!

Leah Salter

For an improved approach to all writing tasks. Great work Leah!



Principal's Award

Term 2

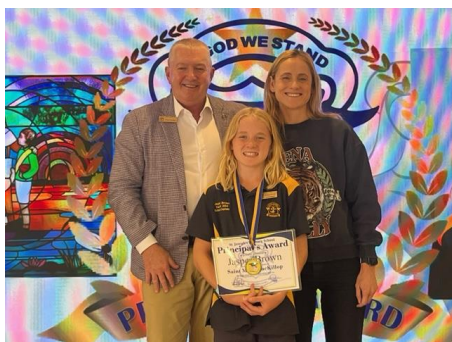
Week 2: Blake Button

Week 3: Jasper Brown

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 the social skill award in Week 8 Assertiveness:

Lucia Baker, Jacan Wendleman, Blayze Penny, Poppy Graham, Mia Thompson, Ava Rees, Zarli Burkitt, Caylee Rawson, Char McPherson, Talia Agnew, Jasmine Farrant, Alex Chmiel, Isabella Brassil and Jemma Davies.

Lost Property



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

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL JUMPERS, HATS AND CONTAINERS ARE CLEARLY LABELLED.

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.

Canteen

May

3rd Kim Thompson

6th CLOSED

7th CLOSED

8th Volunteer

9th Volunteer

10th Helen Osborne

13th CLOSED

14th CLOSED

15th Volunteer

16th Gayle Morgan

17th Crystal Trimby

20th CLOSED

21st CLOSED

22nd Volunteer

23rd Elodie Aldridge

24th Tammie Rees

If you are unable to attend on your day, can you please arrange a swap with someone else or as last resort let Marcella know in advance, so she is aware that she has no helper that day.



LIFT THE LID WALK

The Rotary Club of Numurkah is hosting *Lift The Lid* 5km walk for mental health research and awareness

Sunday May 19, 9.30 am

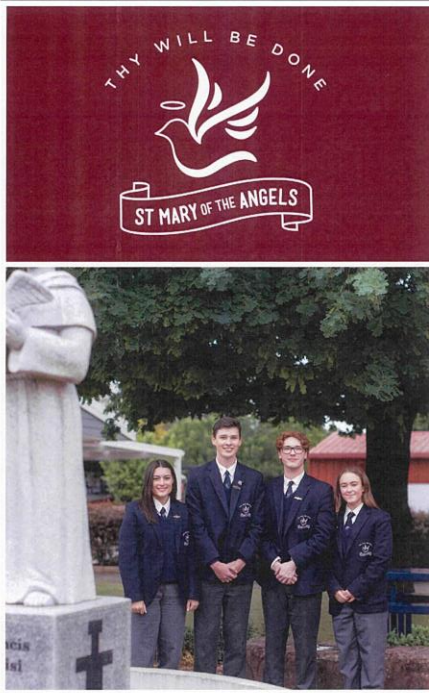
Starting Louis Hamon Gardens
into Numurkah Showgrounds.

Family friendly event, BBQ lunch
health information and guest speaker.
Dogs on leads welcome!

Register via the link or QR Code
liftthelid.com.au/numurkah

Early bird registration before May 2nd is \$30 and includes a
free T-shirt. Children under 15 FREE!





Come and explore your opportunities

OPEN DAY

Wednesday, 15th May 2024

Book via the QR Code

Enrolment Closing Date: Friday, 28th June 2024

Scholarships are now available

Scholarship Application Closing Date:

Friday, 31st May 2024

INFORMATION EVENINGS:

St Mary of the Angels, NATHALIA
Monday, 29th April - 7.30pm

St Joseph's Primary School, COBRAM
Wednesday, 1st May - 7.30pm

St Joseph's Primary School, NUMURKAH
Monday, 6th May - 7.30pm

Tocumwal Golf Club, TOCUMWAL
Wednesday, 8th May - 7.30pm

For an enrolment pack, or an Open Day session booking:
Ph: 03 5866 2222 or visit www.smota.vic.edu.au



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MUSICAL PERFORMANCES
at St Mary of the Angels'
St Clare Auditorium,
Chapel Street, Nathalia

Thursday 23rd May, 7.00 pm
Friday 24th May, 7.00pm
Saturday 25th May, 2.00 & 7.00 pm

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