

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

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Newsletter—Week 7 of Term 4, 21 November 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 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



Remembrance Day November 11

Our Senior School Students
represented St Joseph's at last
Monday's November 11
Remembrance Day Ceremony at
the Town Memorial. Special
mentions to Rahni O'Callaghan,
Emily Osborne and Mitchell Altoft
who had formal duties
to complete.









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

2025 Class Structure

Last evening our School Advisory Council met and ratified our class structure for 2025 (no surprises). We are working to finalise the teaching line-up which will be announced on December 10 as part of our Orientation Day.

3 Classes of Preps (3x15 children)

4 Classes of Juniors (4x16 children)

4 Classes of Middles (4x18 children)

4 Classes of Seniors (4x16 children)

Afternoon Assembly: Monday at 2:45

Yr 6 Leaders & Class Prayer

Nov 20 : Xavier, Callan O, Lenny K & Aiden P; Jun O&M Nov 27 : Toby H, Chayse M, Emily O & Zavier M; Jun W&P

ALL WELCOME!

2024 Prep/Junior Swimming Program

Our P-2 Swim Program dates are as follows: Week 8 Mon Nov 25, Wed Nov 27, Fri Nov 29 Week 9 Mon Dec 2, Wed Dec 4, Fri Dec 6

Dates to Remember

Thur/Fri Nov 21/22 Jun Sleepover & Activities Day

Mon Nov 25 P-2 swimming Starts Wed Dec 4 **Twilight Sports** Tue Dec 10 P-6 Orientation Day Fri Dec 13 **End of Year Mass** Tue Dec 17 Yr 6 Graduation

Wed Dec 18 Last Day for Children - 3.15pm Finish

Office News

TWILIGHT SPORTS Wednesday, Dec 4

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 2024.

Fortnightly Direct Debit: For any outstanding balances, we will process Direct Debits in November & December.

Monthly Direct Debit will take place 18/12/24 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

2025 School Fees

This is the Annual Fee Schedule for 2025 approved by last night's meeting of the School Advisory Council. It is set to rise below the CPI. We have had to increase Excursion fees in the Middles and Seniors to cover rising costs. We have allocated a \$75 Technology levy per Student, where previously it was \$100 per family. New laptops and i.pads will be purchased in the next few years.

> Materials Subject Levy \$ 124 per pupil **Technology Levy** 75 per pupil

> **Capital Fee** \$ 200 per family

> > Family Fee made up as follows:

Gardening/Maintenance Levy \$ 60 per family Diocesan Land Fund levy 50 per family Recurrent Fees \$1,205 per family TOTAL FAMILY FEE \$1,315 per family

> **EXCURSION LEVIES - 2025** P/1/2 \$125 Yr 3/4 \$226 Yr 5/6 \$400



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 students developing independence and confidence as they continue to use their learnt knowledge and skills, such as sounding our challenging words, 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.

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. We have been 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.

Swimming

Next week we begin swimming lessons. We will be going to the indoor pool on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of Week 8 & 9. This experience is an excellent opportunity for the children, and we are really looking forward to it.

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

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 and we will be participating in Advent Liturgies. Read below for more information.

Sleepover and Fun Day

Our much anticipated Year 2 sleepover is coming up on Thursday November 21st. This sleepover will give children the experience of an Overnight Camp, within the safe confines of the school environment, preparing them for their Overnight Off-site Camp in Grade 3. It will also give them a fun time to spend with their friends before leaving the 'early years' area of the school.

Thursday Timetable

6pm - Arrive at school already showered and in clean casual clothes and runners.

 \bullet Grade 2's to set up beds in the Mary MacKillop Centre. 6:15pm - Outdoor activities 7pm - Dinner outside on the oval 8pm - Getting ready for bed

8:30pm - Movie and bed

Friday Timetable (onsite):

8am - Breakfast with Grade 1s 9am - 11am - SkillZone Activities 11am - 11:30 - Recess (provided) 11:30am - 1:30pm - SkillZone Activities 1:30 - Sausage Sizzle Lunch 2pm - Grade 2 Pick-Up (If you are planning to pick your child up at lunch, please let your teacher know prior to the day, thank you.) 2:15pm - 3:15pm - Chilled out Activities Afternoon

Inquiry

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). In the coming weeks students will be designing their own marionet puppet. If you have small boxes, not much bigger than the hand, we would love for you to bring these in. Thanks in advance.

Literacy Block

Students are currently finishing publishing their own version of the Gruffalo. So keep an eye out for them coming home after we present them to the Preps. 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 in both Reading and Writing.

Religion

As part of our study into growth/change/grief and loss, we have discussed feelings and ways in which we can look after our feelings. Students were very excited to create their own gardens and love checking in daily to see how much their seeds have grown. We are beginning the Unit on Advent.





Swimming Lessons

In weeks 8 and 9 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.

Specialists for Term 3

Students have specialist classes on Wednesdays. 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: PE/LIBRARY Junior East: LOTE and Art

Friday WEEKS 1-5 Junior West: MUSIC Junior East: PE



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

Middles

As we reach Week 7 of Term 4, the Middles are diving into the final stretch of the year with enthusiasm and focus! With only a few weeks to go, we're balancing engaging learning opportunities with fun and meaningful celebrations.

What We're Learning

Here's what the Middles are exploring to finish the term:

- **Mathematics:** Multiplication and division are our focus, with an emphasis on solving real-world problems.
- Writing: Letter writing takes centre stage as students craft thoughtful Christmas-themed letters.
- **Inquiry:** Through Design and Technology, we are fostering creativity by planning and constructing projects.
- **Religion:** As part of our Advent preparation, we are reflecting on the "Community of Believers" and the values of hope, peace, joy, and love.

Celebrating Sporting Achievements

We are so proud of our Middles students who have represented our school in recent sporting events!

- **Jack Robertson** competed in the **State Athletics Championship** in the 200m sprint and triple jump. Jack placed 6th in his 200m heat and achieved 13th place in triple jump—a remarkable accomplishment at this level!
- **Zara and Jobe Morris** competed at the **district representative level** in swimming, showcasing their talents across all events in the Olympic pool at MSAC.
- **Audrey Martin** shone at the **regional level** in swimming, competing in the Butterfly and Backstroke events with incredible skill and determination.
- **Lily Frederickson** excelled in multiple disciplines, competing in **Cross Country** and the **800m** at the regional level, as well as in the **Zone Swimming Championships** in Freestyle and Breaststroke.
- Zarli Burkitt represented our school proudly at the Regional Cross Country Championships, showcasing her endurance and dedication.

• **Avarni Peterson** achieved fantastic results, making it to the **Zone Championships** for High Jump and Triple Jump—a testament to her hard work and talent.

Congratulations to Jack, Zara, Jobe, Audrey, Lily, Zarli, and Avarni for their hard work, determination, and outstanding achievements!

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for these exciting dates:

- Advent Liturgy: This Friday, we'll reflect on the season of Advent and its significance.
- Twilight Sports December 4: A fun evening of athletic activities and community connection.
- End of Year Mass December 13: A special time to come together in faith and gratitude.
- Middles Celebration Day December 17: A day full of fun activities to celebrate a fantastic year.
- Last Day of School December 18: Time to say our goodbyes and welcome the holidays.

Looking Ahead

The Middles have shown incredible resilience and enthusiasm this term, and we're proud of their efforts. The coming weeks will be filled with opportunities to learn, celebrate, and reflect on a wonderful year together.

Thank you for your continued support of our students and school community.

Warm regards,

The Middles Team

Seniors

Super job on the FlashMob 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 'Footloose' by Kenny Loggins. Well done teachers for leading the way with this cool dance!

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!















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 also continued their novel study about "Once" and have continued to dissect the interesting characters and plotlines in the story. We have been using this story as the basis for our information report about Poland, where the story is set.

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 which has been put to them by the NSW Department of Sport. Students are analysing data about Camp Borambola to decide which activity should be removed, and what should be added in its place.

Inquiry

Last week we presented our fantastic Board-Games for the Middle School students to test. So much effort and thought went into their creation, and we hope that they are also a hit at home! Our Seniors also took on the role of PE teachers when they held a Tabloid Sports event for the local Kinder kids. It was impressive to see our students step outside of their comfort zone and take on a leadership role for those younger children.

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.

Upcoming Excursions

As we head towards Christmas, we look to finish our year off with a celebration on Tuesday 3rd December.

- Grade 6's will head to Shepparton for a big day of activities at FunPlanet and Aquamoves.
- 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 Tuesday 17th December, we will celebrate and say farewell to our Grade 6 students as they graduate from Primary School. More details will be announced closer to the date.

Thank you,

Adam, Jez, Jody, Alli, Trevor, Dom, Ray, Karlene, Sam, Di and Clayton.

Library

Bookclub issue #8 is the final Bookclub for this year. Orders are due back by tomorrow, Friday 22nd November.

There will be no further borrowing from the library this year. Children have until December 1st to finish reading books already borrowed. Then all books need to be returned in order for me to begin a stocktake. Thanks to everyone for your support with all our library activities throughout the year.

Have a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

Mary

PE

T20 Blast School Cup

The Grade 5 & 6 boys and girls cricket teams recently competed in the divisional round at Mooroopna. The boys team played with great enthusiasm and determination but unfortunately did not secure a win in any of their matches. Despite the tough competition, the boys gave their best efforts in every game, demonstrating resilience and team spirit throughout. The girls team had a more successful outing, winning 1 out of their 3 games, which was enough to secure their place in the next round of the tournament. The girls displayed impressive skill and teamwork, particularly in their victorious match, where their batting and fielding stood out. Well done to all players for their outstanding sportsmanship!

Student of the Week

Sen S Jemma Davies

For your kind nature and positive, upbeat attitude. Jem, you always have a smile on your face and a funny story to tell. Keep up the great work!

Blaze Schulz

For giving everything a red hot go at camp and approaching every activity with a positive and determined attitude.

Sen T/H Maisie Hill

Well done on fitting into our school and learning our class routines so quickly. We are very impressed by the way you have taken initiative to ensure you are organised and we love the positive attitude you have towards your learning.

Brooklyn Few

For the kindness you showed towards others at camp. We are so proud of the nurturing and supportive leader you have grown to be.

Sen T Tess McCracken

For her awesome effort at Regional Cricket. You showed such great sportsmanship and teamwork. Well done.

Noah Watson

For his excellent attitude on camp! You were always willing to give everything a crack and supported everyone around you. Well done mate!

Sen M Sophia McPherson

For her outstanding effort at the State Athletics Carnival in Melbourne. You should be so proud of yourself.

Jasmine Farrent

For her effort and resilience. On the 5/6 Camp, Jasmine pushed herself in every activity. She participated with great enthusiasm and was able to climb to the top of the rock wall, kayak, ride multiple laps of the BMX track and complete the Mud Run. Well done on making it to the top of the rock wall Jasmine!

Mid A Henry Bau

For consistently demonstrating kindness and selflessness by always putting others first and leading by example in all that you do. Well done Henry!

Freddie Hill

For making a smooth and positive start in the Middles at St Joseph's, and for being a respectful, responsible and valued member of our class.

Mid B Maya Curtis

For showing increasing confidence in all subjects and always having a go to do her best, keep it up Maya!

Mid L Carter Booth

His outstanding effort and positive attitude towards learning! Carter has shown incredible dedication in his work and consistently brings a positive outlook to his learning. Congratulations, Carter keep up the amazing work!

Georgia Brassil

For showing incredible dedication to her learning by working extremely hard and taking great pride in her writing. Well done, Georgia you should be very proud!

Middle M/K Dougal Alexander

For your work in Sounds-Write with Tay. Keep up the hard work!

Willa Schulz.

For being such a positive and friendly class member of Middle South. We love how inclusive of everyone you are and that you always try your best.

Jun O Phoebe Mulcahy

For giving everything a go and coming to school with a positive attitude. Keep it up!

Joel Brennan

For his easy going attitude and being a great friend to all.

Jun M Axel Hoiles

For displaying great determination and dedication to all of your learning. Axel, you should be very proud of your efforts. Keep up the great work.

Tanisha Maharaj

For the positive way you have approached the second semester. The growth you have made is not due to luck but thanks to your hard work.

Awesome stuff Tanisha.

Jun P Elijah Watson

For consistently setting the standards of our classroom through what he says and what he does. You're an excellent leader. Well done Elijah.

Poppy Graham

For always demonstrating kindness towards others and offering support where needed. You light up our classroom every day Poppy! Well done.

Jun W Evah Tweed

For the excellent effort she has been putting into her work during our Literacy block. Keep up the good work Evah.

Georgie Robertson

For her excellent work on her Gruffalo story, you were able to include an amazing amount of creativity to your writing. Well done Georgie!

<u>Prep N</u> Rhett Wilson

For having a positive attitude towards his learning and being a friendly peer, well done Rhett.

Amelia Ginnane

For always displaying a positive attitude towards her learning and working hard to achieve her best! Well done Ameila,

Prep J Harrison Green

For working well to improve his general organisational skills. Excellent Harrison!

Leah Salter

For trying hard in Sounds-Write to improve her sound knowledge and to write neatly. Well done Leah and keep up the great work!



Principal's Award

Term 4

Week 6: Alex Chmiel

Week 7: Ruby Laidlaw

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:

Dustyn McKellar, Beau Rossborough, April Caccianiga, Dylan McPherson, Elias Pettigrove, Lainey Alexander, Jobe Morris, Theo Harber, Charlotte Wells, Zac Mongan, Toby Hansen, Isabella Brassil and Gabe Waters-Beaton

Canteen

22nd Tammie Rees

25th CLOSED

26th CLOSED

27th Volunteer

28th Volunteer

29th Volunteer

December

2nd Closed

3rd Closed

4th Sheree Lawless

5th Gayle Morgan

6th Kim Thompson

9th Closed

10th Closed

11th Volunteer

12th Volunteer

13th Helen Osborne

16th Closed

17th Closed

18th Volunteer

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 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.

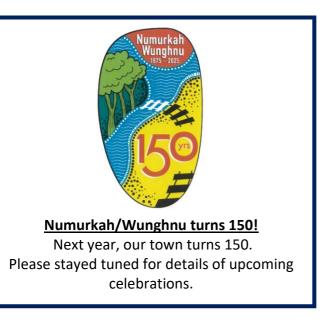
OSHC News

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.

Sue, Tash, Shannon, James & Jaime.

Community Notices











GIRLS AGED 10-14

U14S GIRLS 2025

Compulsory Online Netball Club Registrations

The Katunga Football Netball Club invites all new and past players to participate in our 2025 season. This year we will once again require online expression of interest to play for ALL netballers to assist coaches for grade selections and trials.



All intending senior players MUST register their interest to play by no later than 20 November 2024 and junior applications closing 8 January 2025. Registrations after these dates, will only be considered under extenuating circumstances. Individual cases will be considered by the selection panel in conjunction with the executive committee whose decision is final.

Please share with any new players who may be wishing to join the KFNC.

Please complete the online Club Registration Survey which you will find on our website at www.katungafnc.com.au/netball.

Senior Trial Dates

Monday 25 November, Thursday 28 November and Monday 2 December.

For further information please contact Stacey Weeks on 0401 362 908 or Sheralee Newman on 0497 756 772 or email katungafnc@outlook.com.

You're invited to the ...





Original School for First Victorian Foundation established in Numurkah by Mary MacKillop herself in 1890.

OPENING of the MARY MACKILLOP
INDIGENOUS GARDENS

HISTORIC TRAIL

at Numurkah on Sunday 1st December 2024



Open-air Mass 10.30am celebrated by Bishop Shane Mackinlay Blessing of Trail followed by Lunch

RSVP by 11th November to 0408 579 904 or numurkah@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

ST JOHN'S OSHC VACATION CARE

When?

Tuesday, Wednesdays & Thursday from the 7th January until the 23rd January 2025, 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 18th 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.



