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Newsletter—Week 10 of Term 4, 12 December 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 **Celebration**
Our focus within the three areas are as follows
Attitude : Enjoyment & Fun
Awareness : Appreciating Achievements of Yourself & Others
Action : Participating In Regular Celebrations

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

We are nearing our year's end and it's a time to celebrate all of our wonderful achievements both in and out of the classroom. As a school, we continue to flourish and enjoy the best in Catholic Education. It is important we recognise and celebrate all that is good about who we are and what we have. Our Community End of Year and Christmas Celebrations are as follows :

End of Year Christmas Celebrations

School End of Year Mass – 9:30am Friday, December 13(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 Leaders for 2025 will also be announced.

Graduation Mass – 6:30pm Tuesday, December 17 (Yr 6 Families only)

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

Christmas Carols – From 6pm BBQ Friday, December 20

- Our School Choir gathers for the Town Carols By Candlelight.
Boys and girls still have the opportunity to join in for practice.

Christmas Celebrations – All Welcome

- Carols - Church 7:30pm Parish and Christmas Eve Mass – Church 8pm
- Christmas Day Masses – Strathmerton 9am and Numurkah 10:30am

This closes out our year so I wish you all well in this time ahead. Look after yourself, then look after those around you. Thank you for your interest and support as we work as one in teaching our children to be good people and working to be our best.

Students Last Day 3.15pm Finish Wednesday Dec 18

Students First Day 2025 - Years 1-6 Thursday Jan 30

Prep Friday Jan 31



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Afternoon Assembly : Monday at 2:45

Yr 6 Leaders & Class Prayer

Dec 16 : PREPS - Rahni, Jasper, Mitchell & Emily
ALL WELCOME !

Live Life To The Fullest In Christ



Paul Arnel - Principal

Dates to Remember

Monday	December 16	Student Reports Out
Tuesday	December 17	Graduation Mass
Wednesday	December 18	Last Day for Children 3:15pm finish

2025 Dates

Thursday	January 30	Years 1-6 First Day
Friday	January 31	Prep First Day

Avenue of Honour

2.45pm Wednesday December 18
We farewell our Year 6 Graduates

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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 you fee payment options for next year please do so ASAP otherwise we will assume your payment arrangements to stay the same for 2025.**

Next Fortnightly/Monthly Debits:

Final Fortnight catch up Direct Debit 13th December.

Final Monthly catch up Direct Debit 18th December

Statements were emailed at the end of November for any outstanding balance. **Fees are now due**

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

Camp Sports Excursion Fund CSEF is available again next year. If you applied this year you won't have to reapply.

Any new card holders can obtain an Application form from the office.

Significant savings for eligible card holders with the Governments School Bonus & CESL Discounts.

Health Care Card HCC 2025 update

For Primary School families

Catholic Education Sandhurst Ltd (CESL) is pleased to inform Primary School families holding a valid Health Care Card (HCC) that you are eligible for a significant reduction in School fees for the upcoming year, including all fees and levies.


We understand that many families have varying circumstances and in response to the rising cost of living expenses, we are committed to supporting those who need additional assistance.

Please be assured that this support is provided to ensure all students have the opportunity to thrive in our school community. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please contact the school office.

3 simple steps

- 1 provide a copy of your HCC to the school office
- 2 complete a Camps, Sports & Excursions Form (CSEF)
- 3 set up a direct debit arrangement at the school

If you've already submitted your HCC, completed the CSEF form, and have a direct debit in place, no further action is needed – the discount will be applied automatically.



Reversed Eating Program

It has been decided and supported by the School Council and School Leadership that the Reversed Eating Program trialed in Term 4 2024 will be made permanent in 2025. In other words, the 'Play First, Eat Last' model, which has been a success in lots of other schools in our area will be integrated into the St Joseph's living and learning routines from Day 1 2025.

After many discussions and reflections, we have decided to go ahead with the program for the following reasons:

- It gave reluctant and distracted students time to eat their food
- It settled students as they entered the classroom for learning
- It provided time and space for staff to focus on the wellbeing of students coming off the yard
- It reduced the amount of rubbish on the yard
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Practical considerations:

- Change of language will be made from 'Recess/Lunch' to 'Eating Times'. Students will be encouraged to make their own choice on what they eat during eating times. Therefore, lunch can be eaten during recess if wanted.
- There will be two snack breaks between the main eating times 10:00am and 12:30pm.
- Students are encouraged to use a cooler bag to keep their food cool and safe.
- If students have an alternate program or need special consideration due to other circumstances adjustment can be made to eating times in consultation with classroom teacher.
- Canteen will be run as normal with students having some access to the window to purchase items.

More information will be made available closer to the start of the 2025 school year.

Preps

Congratulations to everyone on a wonderful year of living and learning at St Joseph's. We are so proud of everything the Preps have achieved this year.

We have been very busy the last couple of weeks. The children have continued to consolidate their learning in preparation for Grade One. With a particular focus on Reading, Writing and Number.

Swimming Lessons were a huge success. The children did an excellent job joining in, listening to their teachers and learning new skills. It was amazing to see their confidence in the pool grow over the fortnight.

Thank you to parents for all your support in making sure your child was ready for each session.

This week we have been celebrating the year together. Yesterday we enjoyed our final excursion together to Rebound. Please enjoy the photos of our celebration.

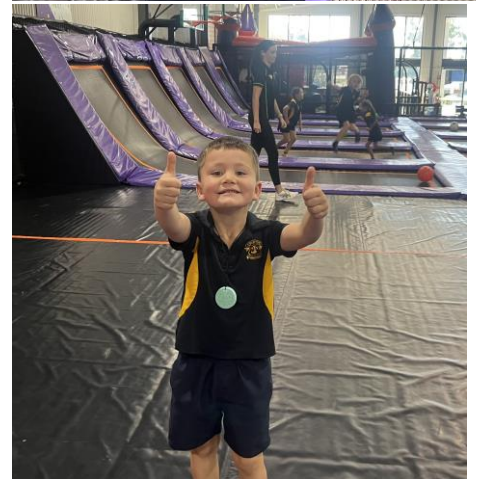
On Monday the Preps will present the last assembly of the year. Everyone is welcome to join us in the MacKillop Centre at 2.45pm



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Thank you to everyone for an amazing year. We wish you a happy and safe holiday.

The Prep Team!



Juniors

Thank you for a fabulous year. We are saddened to be in our final weeks as the Junior 2024 cohort. There is so much to celebrate as a team and individuals. We are proud of all of the achievements and growth seen in each student this year.

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Check out some photos from our time this Term.

Sleepover and Fun Day Our Year 2 sleepover was a fantastic night with many smiles and great memories made. We followed up with the Junior Fun Day with Skillzone the next day.



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Religion

This term we have been lucky enough to attend 3 Parish Masses on Friday mornings. Some students helped with Readings and spoke beautifully. It was lovely to see Parish members sitting amongst the children and commend our students on their reverence in the Church.

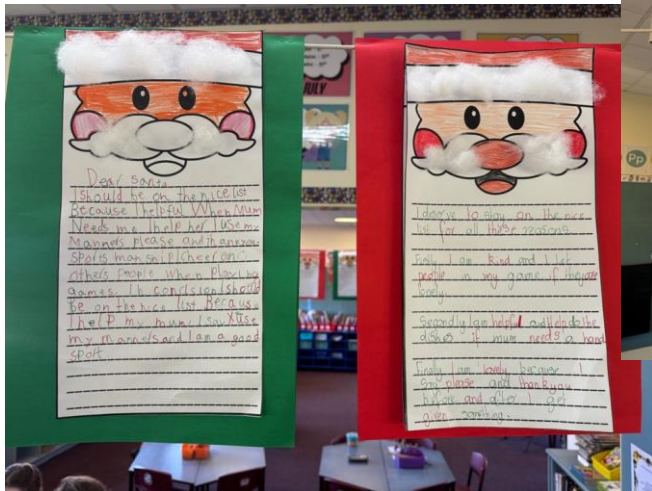


Swimming Lessons

Students participated eagerly in Swimming Lessons and in just 6 lessons there was a great improvement in their confidence and skills in the water.



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We wish everyone a wonderful and restful holidays.
Makayla, Jai, Sara, James, Loreena, Joanie, Anna, Ally, Bern and Jane.
Our final celebrations will be on Tuesday 17th December



Middles

As we approach the end of another incredible year at St. Joseph's Primary School, we want to take a moment to reflect on and celebrate the achievements, growth, and joy we've shared in the Middles throughout 2024.

This year has been full of highlights, including our exciting school camp, where many students made their camp debut, the inspiring public speaking competition, the camaraderie of Athletics Day and Swimming Sports, and the continual success of our renowned literacy and numeracy programs.

A Season of Giving

On **Monday, 16th December**, we will head down to **Karinya Retirement Lodge** to deliver personalized Christmas cards that our students have worked hard to create. Following the writing process, each student crafted a card with heartfelt messages for the residents. This visit is a wonderful way to share the joy of Christmas and connect with our community.

Celebration Day – Tuesday, 17th December

On **Tuesday, 17th December**, we will continue the celebrations with our **Middles Celebration Day!** From **9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**, Skillzone will host a variety of fun and engaging activities, including:

- Inflatable soccer pitch
- Slip and slide
- Ball games
- Other exciting group games

In the afternoon, we'll wind down by watching a movie together.

What to Bring:

- **Wear:** Sports uniform
- **Pack:** A change of clothes and a towel for the slip and slide

Students will finish the school year on **Wednesday, 18th December**.

Thank You and Looking Forward

We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to all parents and carers for your ongoing support throughout this wonderful year. A special thanks to our incredible teachers and LSOs who have gone above and beyond to ensure your child receives the best education and care.

It's been a joy to witness your children's growth and achievements, and we look forward to welcoming you back in 2025 for another fantastic year of learning and fun.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a safe, happy holiday season.

Warm regards,

The Middles Team 🎄





Seniors

Literacy

In Literacy, we have completed our information reports about Poland and begun to tidy up and prepare our writing for publication. Some of our students have looked at creating their own pamphlets, posters, and non-fiction books. We have been blown away by the outstanding standard of which students have published their work, with some even creating their own illustrations!

Numeracy

In the final weeks of this term, we have been finalising our Statistics and Probability projects and publishing our findings. Some students have created unique bar and column graphs to represent their data, while others have stretched their thinking to organise their data into pie charts.

We have also started dipping our toes into the Ochre Maths Curriculum in preparation for Magnify Sandhurst next year and trialed some activities to revise our understanding of the Order of Operations.

Leadership Presentations

Our Grade 5 students have finished up their focus on Leadership and compiled their understandings in the creation of their presentations for Leadership in 2025. Some students created speeches to deliver in front of their peers, while others have created slideshow presentations or videos to show of their talents and skills. All students presented their work on Tuesday in front of their peers and staff; we will find out their roles at our End of Year Mass on Friday. We congratulate all our children for their hard work over the past few weeks!

Religion and Inquiry

We have continued to journey around the world and explore how other countries celebrate this festive season. Students have investigated the traditions of Finland, the United States, France, South Africa, Brazil, England and the Netherlands, before designing their own presentation to display all of their new learning.

Celebration Days

Tuesday 3rd December, our Senior students celebrated a wonderful year of living and learning with an exciting day of activities.

- Our Grade 5s, journeyed to Cobram/Barooga for a morning of Mini-Golf and a relaxing afternoon of watching Moana 2 at the Cinemas.
- Our Grade 6s, ventured to Shepparton for a fun morning at Fun Planet playing arcades, Lazer-Tag and Dodgems, before a relaxing afternoon swim at Aquamoves.

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Graduation and End of Year Events

As we head towards Christmas, we look to finish our year off with celebrations for our Graduating Class.

- Graduation will be held on Tuesday 17th December in our Mary MacKillop Centre. Families are invited to arrive for photos from 6pm, before the ceremony starts at 6:30pm.
- Our annual Avenue of Honour will be held on Wednesday 18th December, from 2:45pm. Parents and families are welcome to gather in the Quad to help us farewell our Graduates.

Finally, we wish all of our families a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New-Years. For our Graduating Class, we wish them the best of luck as they move into the next chapter of their lives. And for our Grade 5 students, we look forward to welcoming them back in 2025 as the leaders of our school.

Thank you,

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





F.I.R.E Carrier

2024 continued the tradition of St. Joseph's Primary School being a F.I.R.E (Friends Igniting Reconciliation through Education) Carrier school being led proudly by Cobie and Josh with great assistance from the leadership team of Logan J, Chayse M, Toby H and Eric A. As F.I.R.E Carriers, we were able to lead our school recognising and promoting indigenous culture into many facets of our schooling education, these included leading incursions with students celebrating time of recognition through NAIDOC Week, Reconciliation Week and national indigenous literacy day engaging in programs in and out of the school, we shared and embraced the opportunities to hear and tell stories and yarns of local culture and history along with hands on experiences with artefacts and tools. As a school we celebrated our dreamtime games with sporting matches against St. Francis Nathalia and St. Joseph's Cobram as part of the senior school sports and spent time on land at Winton Wetlands celebrating the history, cultural significance and local art on show. A big part of our program is linking all aspects of indigenous culture to our catholic ethos that we celebrate everyday here at St. Joseph's, as a school we are proud to introduce indigenous inspired prayer cloths in four liturgy colours in Green - "Ordinary Time". Red - God's Love, blood, fire, and celebrations of Martyrs. White/Gold - Purity, Light, Glory, and Joy. Violet/Purple - Penance, Sacrifice, and Preparation further bridging these connections. This is a first of its kind within our Sandhurst Diocese with other schools keen to replicate the role we have held proudly as F.I.R.E Carriers at our amazing school. As a team we thank you for time, engagement and support throughout the year, as a school community you have made this year fantastic.

Josh, Cobie, Eric, Toby, Logan and Chayse.



Twilight Sports

After a week of heavy rain, our school oval presented perfectly, and we completed our Twilight Sports Event on Wednesday under beautiful sunny skies.

With all staff on deck, and the majority of students returning to school for a 5pm start, an evening of fun and activity was had by all. Each year level rotated through a variety of events at 15 minute intervals and accumulated points for their House team along the way. The evening was filled with laughter and camaraderie, and it was great to see so many parents and family members adding to the success of the night. After the last whistle was blown, the points were tallied and Rohan (600) came out on top for the second year in a row, followed by McCarthy (576), Cremin (563) and O'Connor (539).

In the much anticipated relay, the staff team displayed early dominance before the parents took over, only to drop the baton with the lead at the last change. This allowed the students to push in front and Tyler Burkitt was able to hold off a fast finishing Mr Morrison to give the students a hard fought and well earned Relay victory.

Thankyou to all the staff who gave up their time and the students / families who supported the evening to ensure a successful evening for all. A huge thank you to the P&F and helpers for the magnificent BBQ.



Student of the Week

Sen S **Eric Alexander**

For maintaining a good standard of work and continuing to give your best effort. Well done on finishing strong Eric!

Sen T/H **Logan Jasper**

For an exceptional finish to your Grade Six year. We are so proud of how far you have come Logan. You are a polite and friendly boy who always gives his best!

Sen T **Peyton Lee**

For continuously being a respectful and responsible student. You set the standard each day Peyton. Keep it up!

Sen M **Zach Mongan**

Zach, you have been a respectful student all year. It has been great to see you grow in confidence and progress. You are a great example of a quiet achiever. Well done, Zach.

Mid A **Talia Agnew**

For showing tremendous growth. It has been such a joy to see you become an even more accepting and thoughtful person. Your humour and quick wit have brought so much energy and fun to our class. Best of luck in the Seniors next year, you're going to shine!

Mid B **Edward Trimble**

For his excellent attitude in writing over the past few weeks. You're kicking goals mate, well done!

Mid L **Audrey Martin**

Demonstrating outstanding leadership and responsibility! Your dedication to helping around the classroom and supporting others sets a great example for your peers. Thank you for all you do Audrey!

Middle M/K **Caleb Campbell**

For showing dedication to your Inquiry project about Cars and Technology. Well done!

Jun O **Reuben Brown**

For his participation in Swimming and Twilight Sports. I love watching you engage with peers with such a big smile on your face. You are a valued member of our class.

Jun M **Leo Martin**

For the way he read during mass on Friday. The pride that you displayed during your reading Leo was great to see. Keep up this great work for the rest of year Leo.

Jun P **Dylan McPherson**

For consistently demonstrating kindness and support towards others. You are such a caring and compassionate friend Dylan. Well done!

Jun W **Zac Aldridge**

For the excellent way he approached and participated in our Swimming lessons last week. You listened to the instructors and were a wonderful leader in your group. Well done Zac.

Prep N **Prep N**

For the way everyone participated in Swimming Lessons. You all did your best, had fun and grew in confidence. Well done!

Prep J **Olivia Smith**

For trying hard in Sounds-Write to improve her skills and for writing neatly. Excellent work Olivia!

Principal's Award

Term 4

Week 10: Nicholas Hughes

Living out the values of

Saint Mary MacKillop

through what they say and what they do



Triple A Social Skill

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 10

Celebration:

Toby McPherson, Zeke Lyons, Blayze Penny, Elijah Watson, Charlie Boler, Ava Rees, Mikayla Penny, Maisie Carr, Eden Doncon, Poppy Patching, Lilith Beaton, Ruby Laidlaw, Isla Culton and Zen Frost.

Canteen

December

13th Helen Osborne

16th Closed

17th Closed

18th **Volunteers**

We would love your help in the Canteen!

Please consider Volunteering next year. The Students love to see their Mum/Dad/carer in the Canteen. 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.

A reminder that on Wednesday 18th December is our Roast Lamb & Gravy rolls. Please have your orders in by Tuesday 17th.

OSHC

What a great year we have had in 2024 our numbers have certainly grown up which is great (hectic) . The kids have been busy with their craft, cooking, and generally just playing games with their friends. Sadly we are losing Shannon she is going to be an LSO in the Middles I will miss her keeping the cupboards tidy.

Now we look forward to our holiday program starting on the 7th Jan. Please make your bookings now so that we can plan staff & activities.

Thanks to everyone that had their kids with us this year, we hope you have a Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in 2025.

Sue, Shannon, James, Tash and Jamie

Parish News

RE: CHRISTMAS 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

All families are invited to our Parish Celebration in the church on Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24th December, 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.

All children attending are invited to come dressed as angels, shepherds, kings or other, and join in the procession which follows the presentation of the baby. They can 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. As you can see from our images, the baby may be from newborn to about 5 months old. We only require their presence for approximately 20 minutes although, of course, the family is very welcome for the duration of Mass.



I have spoken with the Middle and Senior children at school to ask if they would like to join the Christmas choir. If your child has volunteered for the choir, you will have an additional note requesting your confirmation of their attendance at both holiday practices and on Christmas Eve.

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



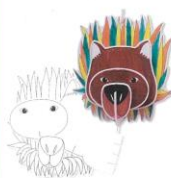
COMMUNITY NOTICES

Numurkah Library Holiday Program



Pirate Parrots
Wednesday 8th Jan,
2:00pm

Bouncy Frog
Wednesday 15th Jan,
11:00am



3D Koalas & Wombats
Wednesday 22nd Jan,
2:00pm

Bookings essential as places are limited.

Phone 1300 374 765 or email numurkah@gvlibraries.com.au.

Go to gvlibraries.com.au/holidays to find the complete holiday program.

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Numurkah Carols by Candlelight

Friday 20th December.

St Joseph's students have been practicing for carol nativity during Numurkah's Carols by Candlelight. On the night of the performance (20th Dec) students will be performing later in the event, when it is dark (for the candle effect). They will be called up over the microphone when they are required.


The students can choose to be angels or shepherds. They may wear something from home or choose on the night something from our costume box.

From 6 pm Family BBQ, Face Painting, Santa.

7 pm Carols begin.



Yours sincerely,
Louise Hall

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Numurkah Wunghnu 150 yrs 1875-2025

Please join us in celebrating Numurkah & Wunghnu Township's Sesquicentenary throughout 2025

The name **NUMURKAH** is thought to be taken from an Aboriginal word meaning war shield, although an early newspaper reported that a local Aboriginal elder translated Numurkah as "little plains".


The name **WUNGHNU** is thought to be taken from an Aboriginal word meaning boomerang, named after the fact that the creek partly enclosed the town in a boomerang-shaped bend.

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Also, a thank-you to other community groups and individuals for their contributions to the "150th".

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Events & Activities listed in this Program may be subject to change. Refer to Historical Society Website for updates.



Program of Main Events

SECOND WEEKEND IN FEBRUARY 2025 NUMURKAH

Saturday 8th February: "150th Lunch & Heritage Activities Day" (FREE ENTRY)

- Melville St: 10.30am, Cobb & Co Coach & Town Crier travelling towards Showground
- Showgrounds: commencing at 11.00am, heritage displays, demonstrations and entertainment (Food & Drinks Vans on site)
- Working horses (including Clydesdales), Wagons & Buggies, Cobb & Co Coach rides, Vintage Cars
- Outdoor screen - early Numurkah & Wunghnu photos
- Town Band, Bush Band, Organ Grinders, Bush Poet
- Old trades & crafts demonstrations & displays: including leatherwork, sewing/quilting, buttons, shearing, combs, cricket-bat making, rope-making, wood chopping, blacksmithing, woodwork, laundry activity, basket weaving
- Old-fashioned school & games
- Wildlife display
- Formalities & Grand Parade @ 12.00pm
- Shamrock Hotel, commencing at 6.30pm, Rotary hosted, Dinner (further details including booking arrangements on our website)

Sunday 9th February: "Gather Round" Day (FREE ENTRY)

- History Tour options: Melville St CBD or Cemetery walk from 9.30am
- Apex Park: 11.30am, Combined Church Service (BYO Choirs)
- Rotary Park: from 11.30am, Picnic Lunch (BYO Lunch or Rotary/Lions BBQ) (BYO Chairs or Picnic Rug)
- Organ Grinders Demonstration
- Outdoor screen - early Numurkah & Wunghnu photos
- Take the opportunity to wander around the newly painted train, tractors and check out the old farm implements in the Frank Farwood Pavilion
- Opening of Time Capsule @ 12.30pm, near the train
- Around the Town: 2.00pm, Open sessions at venues of interest: Historical Society Museum, Dubouque Schools, Fire Station, RSL, Band Hall, Numurkah Singers "Shed"

EASTER WEEKEND 2025 NUMURKAH

Saturday 19th April: "Looking Around" Day

- Around the Town: 1.00pm, Venues of interest open to the public: Historical Society Museum, Schools, Fire Station, RSL, Band Hall, Numurkah Singers "Shed"

Sunday 20th April: "Tour" Day

- Walking Tour of Melville St / Scavenger Hunt-Car Rally for families either around the town and/or up the main street
- Bus Tour of Numurkah & district / Cemetery Walk

LAST WEEKEND IN MARCH 2025 WUNGHNU

Saturday 29th March & Sunday 30th March GV Vintage Tractor & Machinery Weekend & 150th Celebrations

- Wunghnu Recreation Reserve, Tractor & Machinery Event as usual, including Federation Car Club, Carriage Driving Club
- Static Display of early Wunghnu photos and memorabilia
- Walking History Tour of Wunghnu

Monday 21st April: "Historical Society" Day

- Museum Open Day, BBQ Lunch / Display of Historical Books from the Society's Collection


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Still located on the site of the early Shamrock Hotels




Program of associated events throughout the year

EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR


Some of these events are part of Numurkah's yearly calendar during 2025. They may have some "150th" theme associated with them.

Sunday 2nd March: Numurkah Fun Run
Friday 7th March: NCN Health open day and memorial wall opening (Numurkah Hospital)
Friday 7th to Sunday 10th March: Rotary Art Show & Historical Photo Display
Friday 25th April: ANZAC Day Services / RSL Hall Display / Historical Society War Display
May/June (TBC): Numurkah Singers Annual Production
Sunday 3rd August: Ladies Lions High Tea (Band & Singers Entertainment / Fashions from the Past)
Friday 8th August: Mary MacKillop Garden Open Day
Sunday 31st August: Antique Appraisals (organised by Friends of the Library)
August/September (TBC): Numurkah Wunghnu Bowls Tournament
Saturday 4th October: Kinnairds Wetland Walk & Talk (organised by Friends of the Library)
Sunday 19th October: Show Us Ya Wheels (including some vintage and classic cars)
Wednesday 22nd October: Numurkah Show (with a heritage theme)
Sunday 23rd November: Burying of new Time Capsule (Rotary Park)


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A brief history of the early Numurkah District

PRE-COLONIAL TIMES

- Indigenous people have occupied Australia for 60,000 years or more.
- People of the Bangerang Clan (sometimes spelled Pangerang), occupied the wedge of land between the Goulburn and Murray Rivers, and into New South Wales.
- Bangerang people are now considered part of the wider Yorta Yorta Nation.
- We acknowledge them as the traditional custodians of this land.

SQUATTERS

- By the early 1840s, squatters had claimed most of the land in the district.
- Initially, squatters often had no legal rights to the land, but they became recognised by the colonial government as owning the land by being the first (and often the only) European settlers in the area.
- The "claimed land" in our area, like many other areas, became substantial "pastoral runs".
- Some of the local "runs" included: Cobram, Moira, Strathmerlon East, Strathmerlon West (Ulupna), Kaarimba and Tallygaroopna.

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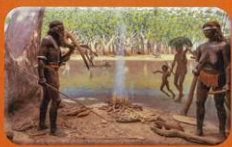


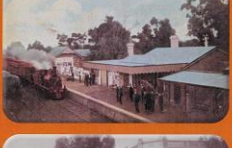

- The Land Act of 1869 was the start of a major change in the selection and use of land in Victoria, following the Gold Rush of the 1850s and 1860s.
- During the 1870s (after the Land Act became law), huge areas of virtually untouched bushland and plains, once held by squatters, became flourishing acres to be selected.
- Almost any male over 18 and any single woman over 18 could apply for a licence for "surveyed land" up to 320 acres.
- During the selection period, the Numurkah district became renowned for its quality wheat on the newly selected land.

DEVELOPMENT OF TOWNS TO SERVICE THE FARMING COMMUNITY

- After the pastoral runs were made available for farm selection, the townships of Numurkah (on the banks of the Baala Creek, now named Broken Creek) and Wunghnu (on the banks of the Nine Mile Creek) were gazetted by the Victorian Government on the **8th FEBRUARY 1875**. Surveying of the initial streets & blocks by Alfred Leachy took place soon after that.

THE COMING OF THE RAILWAY

- Up until 1881, the rail line from Melbourne stopped at Shepparton, but in September 1881, a new line was opened through to Wunghnu and Numurkah. For the next 7 years, Numurkah was the terminus for the rail line.
- Both towns grew quickly after that with more permanent buildings being established and many businesses established to service the townspeople and farming community. Businesses included: Hotels, Cordial Factories, Butchers, Bakers, Blacksmiths, Drapery & General Merchants, Stock & Station Agents, Flour Mills and Banks.
- Shire Councils, Schools, Churches, Mechanics Institutes, Sporting clubs and other community organisations also took shape.

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.

