



MacKillop Express

St. Joseph's Primary School, Numurkah



Year 6 Leaders

Principal's Message

Ruth Hartnett-Carr

Dear Families, As we reach the halfway point of the term, I am reminded of St Mary MacKillop's words: "Never see a need without doing something about it." This spirit of noticing, responding, and serving continues to guide our work at St Joseph's. It is evident in our classrooms, in the generosity of our families, and in the way our students support one another each day.

Our school feels settled and purposeful. Routines are firmly in place, learning is humming along, and our Kitchen Garden program continues to flourish. It is a beautiful example of hands-on learning grounded in care, stewardship, and community. These daily moments reflect the simple, practical love that Mary MacKillop modelled so well.

We are also very much looking forward to our St Joseph's Fun Run this Sunday. Everyone is warmly invited to join us for what promises to be a fantastic community event. Days like this strengthen the sense of connection and joy that is at the heart of our Josephite tradition.

I would like to update families on some important changes to communication at St Joseph's.

To ensure we meet consent requirements and uphold the dignity and safety of every child, live streaming will no longer take place. Additionally, Seesaw is no longer active, and staff will not be using it going forward, allowing our staff to disconnect.

From this point on, all communication from teachers will be via email, and within work hours. This refinement allows our staff to devote their energy to what matters most — high quality, evidence based teaching and consistent instructional practice across the school. In the spirit of Mary MacKillop's commitment to education, our focus remains firmly on ensuring every child receives the best possible learning experience.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and for the many ways you contribute to a vibrant school community. As we continue through the term, may we find inspiration in Mary MacKillop's example of compassion, courage, and service.

"Be a gift of love and compassion for one another"

St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Ruth Hartnett-Carr



Car Park Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures

Morning Routine

Drop Off Options

Car Park - Park in the Middle and bring your child/ren into class

OR

Use a **Kiss and Drop Zone** - Front of school or Bus Lane in the Church Car Park

Please do not drop off or park in the bus space in the mornings.

Afternoon Routine

Pick Up Options

Car Park - Park in the Middle and come to collect your child/ren.

Children are not to walk into the Car Park unescorted. (Do not park in Bus Lane)

Park on the Street

School side - all spaces available as Bus Bay applies to morning only

Far side - Use the children's crossing.

Not doing this tells all children that this is ok! It is not ok!!!

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: 27th Feb & 13th Mar.

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.

If you are paying your fees in full, yearly fees are due by 2nd April 2026.

EFTPOS and CENTREPAY are also a payment option. Please enquire at the office.

If you are eligible for the Camp Sports Excursion Fund (CSEF) please complete an application & hand into the office.

(healthcare/pension card required). If you applied last year and your circumstances haven't changed, eg number of children attending school is the same, then you don't need to complete the application again.

If you have any queries or concerns about your payment commitments, please do not hesitate to come in and speak to Ruth. If you are wanting to amend your payment options please do so ASAP.

The Term Planner can be viewed from the school website under news & events \ newsletters

If you have any queries, please call the office on 5862 1804.

BUSES Just a reminder for families of students who travel home on the bus:

If your child/children will not be travelling home on the bus, please contact the office. This helps avoid confusion, as we currently have several students giving mixed messages to staff, which is resulting in children not being where they should be at the end of the school day.

All bus travellers received Bus Travel Terms and conditions 2026 which need to be signed and returned to the school by Friday 27th February.

Thank you for your support in keeping everyone safe and organised.



2026

St. Joseph's School Numurkah

Calendar Dates

27 JANUARY - 2 APRIL

TERM ONE



Week 1	Tuesday	January 27	Staff Commence Day 1
	Thursday	January 29	Bulletin
	Friday	January 30	First Day - Grade's 1 - 6
	Friday	January 30	Swimming Practice Grade 3 - 6

Week 2	Monday	February 2	First Day - Prep Students
	Monday	February 2	Swim Practice Year 3-6
	Wednesday	February 4	Prep Rest Day
	Wednesday	February 4	Final Swim Practice Year 3-6
	Friday	February 6	Swimming Carnival

Week 3	Monday	February 9	Assembly: Senior S & N
	Wednesday	February 11	Prep Rest Day
	Wednesday	February 11	P&F
	Thursday	February 12	Full Newsletter

Week 4	Monday	February 16	Assembly: Middle AA & T
	Tuesday	February 17	Shrove Tuesday
	Wednesday	February 18	Ash Wednesday
	Wednesday	February 18	Prep Rest Day
	Wednesday	February 18	Parent / Teacher / Student Conferences
	Friday	February 20	Beginning of Year Liturgy & Leaders Induction

Week 5	Monday	February 23	Assembly: Middle A & P
	Wednesday	February 25	Prep Rest Day
	Wednesday	February 25	School Advisory Board
	Thursday	February 26	Bulletin
	Sunday	March 1	17th Annual Numurkah Fun Run

Week 6	Monday	March 2	Assembly: Junior H & M
	Wednesday	March 4	Last Prep Rest Day

Week 7	Monday	March 9	Labour Day Holiday
	Wednesday	March 11	NAPLAN
	Thursday	March 12	Full Newsletter

Week 8	Monday	March 16	Assembly: Junior C & W
	Wednesday	March 18	P&F AGM
	Friday	March 20	St Joseph's Feast Day Mass and Celebration

Week 9	Monday	March 23	Pupil Free Day
	Thursday	March 26	Bulletin

Week 10	Monday	March 30	Assembly: Senior JS & M
	Thursday	April 2	Last Day of Term 1
	Thursday	April 2	Stations of the Cross Paraliturgy

LOOKING AHEAD

Term 2
School Photos
Tuesday May 12th (Week 4)

* A reminder that winter uniform orders can take a little longer than usual, especially girls' kilts, so early ordering is encouraged.

Updated Calendar



Division Swimming

Mr Merkel

On Tuesday 17th February, we took a team of 13 swimmers to Shepparton to compete against the best from our area. With the top two places advancing to the Zone Finals in Wangaratta, competition was strong, with some events having close to 20 entries. Our students competed bravely and some swam significantly faster than previously at our School Carnival. In the end, only Leo Martin was successful in advancing to the next stage with a win in his Backstroke Event. The team and their final placings were:

Girls –

April Caccianiga (7th) Evie Clurey (3rd & 4th)
Olive Trimble (8th)

Harper Gledhill (5th) Erin Nugent (6th)
Lexi Rees (8th & 6th)

Bridget Simmons (8th) Audrey Martin (7th & 7th)
Lily Frederickson (7th)

Boys -

Leo Martin (5th & 1st) Oliver Tilley (4th & 4th)
Carter Booth (14th & 10th)

Jack Robertson (7th & 4th)

9/10 Girls Relay - 3rd Mixed Medley Relay – 3rd.

As always, our team behaved impeccably and vigorously supported their team mates throughout the day.

Well done and good luck Leo!



CANTEEN

Full Canteen is now open on Wednesday through to Fridays. The new menu is attached for Term 1 & a copy will be on the website. If you haven't already signed up for online ordering the instructions on doing so are below. We are looking for volunteers to assist Crystal and Sherrin in preparing the lunches. If you are available to help out one day a month can you please contact the office to nominate your preferred day. Any queries please contact Crystal Trimby or Sherrin Patching at school on 58621804.

February

27th Rachael Hitchcock

March

4th Sheree Lawless

5th **Volunteer**

6th Gayle Morgan

11th **Volunteer**

12th **Volunteer**

13th Helen Osborne

18th **Volunteer**

19th **Volunteer**

20th Gayle Morgan

25th **Volunteer**

26th **Volunteer**

27th **Volunteer**

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Katunga Football Netball Club Training and Registrations

The Katunga Football Netball Club advises that **training has commenced and registrations are now open.**

For the latest updates on training nights, times, and to complete registrations, please visit www.katungafnc.com.au or follow us on Facebook: **Katunga Football Netball Club.**



Football Training

- **Seniors:** Tuesdays & Thursdays ~ 6:15pm start
- **Thirds:** Tuesdays & Thursdays ~ 5:15pm start
- **Fourths:** Tuesdays & Thursdays ~ 5:00pm start
- **Fifths:** Thursdays only ~ 5:00pm start
- **Auskick:** 5:00pm start, commencing **Thursday 30 April**

Netball Training

- **Seniors:** Tuesdays & Thursdays ~ 6:15pm start
- **17/U's, 15/U's, 13/U's:** Thursday only ~ 5:00pm start
- **11/U's:** 5:00pm start, commencing **Thursday 5 March**
- **NetSetGo:** 5:00pm start, commencing **Thursday 30 April**

For further information please contact Rachael Howden on 0400 877 409 or katungafnc@outlook.com.

**TWILIGHT TOWNIES
BAREFOOT BOWLS**

178 Melville Street Numurkah
Town Bowls Club

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
MARCH 4, 11, 18 & 25TH
TIME: 6-9PM**

\$10 A HEAD INCLUDES SAUSAGE SIZZLE
PRIZES FOR 1ST AND LAST

BAR OPEN AND DRINKS AT HAPPY HOUR PRICES.
FORMAT IS ONE GAME OF FOURS WITH 10 ENDS TO BE PLAYED
SUBJECT TO NUMBERS
SINGLE OR TEAM ENTRIES WELCOME, BOWLS SUPPLIED.

PLEASE PHONE KAY TO ENTER
0448 221 448
NO LATER THAN FEB 27

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NUMURKAH FUN RUN



2026



SUNDAY 1ST MARCH
RUNNERS • SENIORS • WALKERS • KIDS • ELITE
EVERYONE WELCOME



Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/mrrd4uwr> **OR Contact:** St Joseph's 03 5862 1804

GREAT PRIZES PLUS

- First 200 Entries receive dry fit singlet • Family BBQ

TEAM EVENT

- 5km races • Minimum 4 entries
- Fastest four across the line.

Events: 10 km run & 5 km run or walk

Kids: Grade 2 & Under - 300m, Grade 3-6 - 1km

Venue: St. Joseph's PS Numurkah

Cost: \$50 Adults - U/16s 5km \$10 or \$40 with singlet.

START TIMES

9am 5 & 10 Km events - 10.15am 300m & 1 Km events

Pre-registration by Thursday 26th Feb 4pm

Entries accepted on the morning additional \$10

Kids: 300m & 1km events - no rego required, \$2 on the morning



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