



MacKillop Express

St. Joseph's Primary School, Numurkah



Lots of Socks for Down Syndrome Awareness

Principal's Message

Ruth Hartnett-Carr

As we enter the last two weeks of the term, it is a timely moment to reflect on a busy and rewarding period of learning. It has been a wonderful term, with a clear lifting of learning across the school and many rich experiences taking place throughout the curriculum.

In these final weeks of Lent, we are reminded to slow down, reflect and act with compassion and generosity. Pope Leo reminds us that our faith is shown through our actions, particularly in the way we care for and respect one another as a community.

Students have also shown great enthusiasm in engaging with Harmony Day and World Down Syndrome Day, celebrating diversity, inclusion and the uniqueness of every individual. We now look forward to raising awareness next Thursday in support of the Royal Children's Hospital, a cause that holds special meaning for many of our families. Children are asked to come wearing Purple, as we stand in solidarity with those

children and their families who the Royal Children's Hospital has supported.

Thank you to our staff and families for your continued support. As we approach the end of term, I encourage everyone to take time to celebrate the learning and connections that have made this term such a positive one.

Just a reminder that the term finishes next Thursday 2nd April at 2:15pm.

Easter blessings to you and your family as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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

St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Ruth Hartnett-Carr



Office News

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: March 27 & April 10.

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**.

EETPOS and CENTREPAY are another 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

Communication in Partnership

At our school, communication is an essential part of building strong, respectful partnerships between school and home. Guided by our shared values and commitment to the wellbeing and learning of every child, we continue to streamline our communication processes to ensure families receive clear, timely and meaningful information.

All staff members can be contacted via their school email addresses, which remain the preferred way to communicate questions, share information or seek support. Email allows us to respond with care and ensures communication is respectful, transparent and well recorded.

We kindly remind parents and carers to regularly check their junk or spam email folders, as school messages may occasionally be filtered by email providers. Adding the school's email address to your safe sender list can help ensure you don't miss important communication.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together, in the spirit of partnership and faith, to support the learning and wellbeing of every child in our care.

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Seek Peace and Pursue it!

Farewell to Fr. Jophin

You are all invited to gather at the Shamrock Hotel on Friday 10th April at 6.30pm. Paying your own way - ordering your own meals. Dessert will be provided.

RSVP numbers via email to admin@sjnumurkah.catholic.edu.au by Thursday 2nd April.

Dates to Remember

- Friday March 27 (Tomorrow): Return Raffle Tickets as this will be drawn on Monday Seniors - CARITAS Walk for Water
- Wednesday April 1: Middles CARITAS Zooper Dooper Fundraiser begins
- Thursday April 2: Wear Purple for Royal Children's Good Friday Appeal
Last day of Term 1; 2.15pm finish, buses will run 1 hour earlier
- Friday April 3: Good Friday
- Saturday April 4: Holy Saturday
- Sunday April 5: Easter Sunday
- Monday April 6: Easter Monday
- Monday April 20: Pupil Free Day
- Tuesday April 21: Students return for Term 2



MIDDLE'S CARITAS FUNDRAISER

THIS YEAR OUR MIDDLE'S WILL BE SELLING ZOOPER DOOPER'S TO RAISE MONEY FOR CARITAS.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 1ST - PREPS AND JUNIORS
THURSDAY APRIL 2ND - MIDDLES AND SENIORS

\$1 PER ZOOPER DOOPER.

ALL PROCEEDS GOING TO CARITAS




PROJECT COMPASSION
FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS



St Joseph's
Primary School
Numurkah

CARITAS EASTER RAFFLE

\$1 A TICKET

Extra tickets available at the front office. We kindly ask you return tickets and raffle donations by Friday 27th March

Drawn Monday 30th March

PROJECT COMPASSION



Sports Report

Leo Martin - Regional Swimming

Congratulations and fantastic effort to Leo Martin for competing at Wangaratta for Regional Swimming. Leo competed in the 50m Backstroke event where he swam against very strong swimmers in the region. Leo came away in 7th place; the experience has made him stronger for next year. Well done Leo!



CARITAS

Please Return CARITAS boxes by next Wednesday April 1 so that we can count up our donations. A reminder that all raffie tickets donations for our Easter Egg Raffle needs to be returned to school by Friday March 27th, ready for our draw on Monday. Tomorrow, Friday 27th the Seniors will walk together down the main street to the creek. This walk is designed to raise awareness of the daily challenges faced by millions of people around the world who must walk long distances to access clean water. Through this experience, students are leaning about empathy, dignity and the importance of standing in solidarity with others. Donations can be made through <https://bit.ly/4rQKCWz> On Wednesday April 1st and Thursday April 2nd, the Middles shall be selling Zooper Doopers for \$1. All proceeds shall go to CARITAS



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Triple A Social Skills

Saint Mary MacKillop said,

"Never See a Need Without Doing Something About It!"

At St Joseph's, we Need to:

Have a positive **Attitude**, be **Aware** in all situations and take **Action**, especially when it matters

Our next fortnight's Triple A Social Skill is:

Empathy

Our focus within the three areas are as follows

Attitude: Sensitive and consider those around you

Awareness: Aware of the feelings of others

Action: Think before you act, look after others and be generous

Attitude * Awareness * Action

Weeks 9 & 10

NUMURKAH GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL
FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday 10 AM - 1 PM
28.03.26
NEWMAN SQUARE

GOLD COIN DONATION FOR ACTIVITIES

- FIRETRUCKS - SES -
- RAFFLE - FACE PAINTING -
- BBQ - SLUSHIES -

Give for the Kids

Your support will help kids like 3 year old Alissa and 6 year old Oliver, who have both received life saving care at The Royal Children's Hospital.

PROUDLY SUPPORTING
good Friday appeal
THE ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

NUMURKAH
LEGO CLUB

EVERY SATURDAY - 2:00PM - 3:30PM
NUMURKAH VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE
99 MELVILLE STREET

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME - AN OLDER SIBLING, PARENT OR CARER MUST ACCOMPANY CHILDREN UNDER 12!
GOLD COIN ENTRY



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Registrations Open!

You asked ~ we listened!
Extended season of 15 weeks!!



Every Thursday night
30 April – 6 August



5 – 6pm



Ages 5 – 10 years old

Please contact katungafnc@outlook.com for further information.

Register today

www.katungafnc.com.au/registrations



GOOD CLEAN FUN

PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK

NUMURKAH AUSKICK

Numurkah Showgrounds

Thursday's 5pm-6pm



Contact - Tommy Buzza 0400 354 116



Join us for fun filled community days of activities across the region, connect with local groups and clubs, and enjoy the benefits of being active.

EVENT: Free Community Fun and Activities

VENUE: Numurkah Apex Park

DATE: Friday April 17

TIME: 10am - 12pm



PALS
PROVIDING ALL
LIVING SUPPORTS



NUMURKAH NET SET GO TERM 2

Mondays • 4:30pm

Starts Monday 20th April • Come & Try Night!

Perfect for beginners and young players wanting to build skills, confidence, and have fun in a supportive environment.

Ages 5-10 year olds

Contact: Kim Thompson – 0427 623 018

Bring a friend and give it a go! ❤️❤️



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