



MacKillop News

St. Joseph's Primary School, Numurkah



2027 ENROLMENTS ARE OPEN, CLOSING 30th JUNE



Principal's Message

Ruth Hartnett-Carr

This week, we celebrated a very special milestone in the faith journey of nine of our students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. It was a beautifully personal and prayerful experience for the children and families, marked by reflection, forgiveness and a deep sense of God's love and mercy. We thank Anna Andrews for the care, dedication and thoughtful preparation she has given to the children to ensure they were ready to receive this sacrament with understanding and reverence.

Next week, we will farewell Jordyn Sutton as she commences her maternity leave. We thank Jordyn for her contribution to our school community and wish her every blessing as she begins this next chapter. We look forward to sharing in her joy and welcoming her back in the future.

As we enter the final weeks of term, we are noticing that many of our children are understandably feeling tired after a busy and productive semester. This is a natural part of a busy and productive term, and we encourage families to support children with good

routines, rest and reassurance as we bring learning to a strong and positive close. Our focus is to support them to finish the term and finish it well by taking pride in their efforts, showing care for one another and continuing to do their best in all that they do.

In this time, we are reminded of the Gospel value of perseverance. Just as we are called to keep going, even when things feel challenging, we encourage our students to remain committed and focused, knowing that their efforts matter. Through encouragement, kindness, and resilience, we can help one another cross the finish line together.

May we continue to care for one another in the spirit of St Joseph and Mary MacKillop.

"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: 19th June & 3rd July

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 or each term, yearly and term 2 fees are now due.

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 as of the 20th April please complete a CSEF application if you haven't already done so. Applications close June 19.

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 updated Term Planner is attached and can be viewed from the school website under news & events \ newsletters

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

Vale Wendy Johnson

It is with deep sadness that I acknowledge the passing of Wendy Johnson, a much loved member of our St Joseph's community. Wendy was a devoted staff member and a former parent who quietly and faithfully served our school over many years. Wendy's contribution to St Joseph's was both wide ranging and deeply impactful. As a cleaner, she worked tirelessly behind the scenes, ensuring our learning spaces were welcoming and cared for each day. Much of her work went unseen, yet it was

essential to the life of our school. In this way, Wendy embodied the Josephite charism of living with humility, service and a deep commitment to doing the ordinary extraordinarily well.

Her connection to St Joseph's extended well beyond her cleaning role. As a parent in the late 1990s and into the 2000s, Wendy generously gave her time and energy to many aspects of school life. She sewed stoles for our sacramental celebrations of Confirmation and First Communion, helped with cooking and gardening programs and was a tireless fundraiser. Wendy supported teachers in classrooms, accompanied students on excursions and coached school netball teams both in local competitions and on sports days. Through her actions, she nurtured community, joy and belonging.

Wendy also played an important role in keeping the story and spirit of Mary MacKillop alive within our school. Like Mary, she lived a quiet faithfulness—never seeking recognition, but always responding to the needs before her with generosity and love. Her life reminds us of Mary MacKillop's words: "Never see a need without doing something about it." This was Wendy's way.

As we give thanks for Wendy's life, we hold her family and all who knew and loved her in our thoughts and prayers. May she rest in peace, and may her legacy of service continue to inspire us.



Faith and Formation

Anna Andrews

On Tuesday 16th June, nine of our students took an important step in their faith journey and received the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. This special occasion provided an opportunity for students to reflect, seek forgiveness and experience God's love and mercy in a meaningful way.

We keep Bede, Evie C, Max, Finn, Nash, Willow, Georgie, Willah and Evie V in our prayers as they prepare to become fully initiated into the Catholic church, through the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion in Term 3.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

As the colder months set in, we are once again supporting the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. We ask families to donate blankets and warm clothing to help those in need. Items will be collected and presented at our final assembly on Monday 23rd June. Your generosity makes a meaningful difference to our wider community.

Thank you for your continued support of these important moments in our school community.



Seek Peace and Pursue it!

Canteen

A reminder that the canteen is open **Wednesday, Thursday & Fridays only.**

If you are unable to attend on your day, can you please arrange a swap with someone else or as last resort let Crystal or Sherrin 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 contact the canteen or the office.

June

- 24th **Volunteer**
- 25th **Volunteer**
- 26th Rachael Hitchcock

July

- 15th **Volunteer**
- 16th **Volunteer**
- 17th Gayle Morgan
- 22nd **Volunteer**
- 23rd **Volunteer**
- 24th **Volunteer**

Community Notices

can HUB
GALLERY AT THE LIBRARY
 A NUMURKAH LIBRARY & CAN HUB PARTNERSHIP
Invitation



OUR NEW MAIN EXHIBITOR **Bev Williams**
 'The Art of Observation'
OPENING EVENT FRI 26TH JUNE 6-8PM
 Numurkah Library, 18 McCaskill st. Numurkah. Artist's talk, supper provided



Pop-up Museum Dinosaurs & Fossils



Cobram Library
Thursday 2nd July
10:30am - 2:30pm

Each session runs for half an hour starting from 10:30am



Bookings encouraged

Scan the QR code or go to www.gvlibraries.com.au/museums-victoria to book a time slot for your Pop-up Museum experience.

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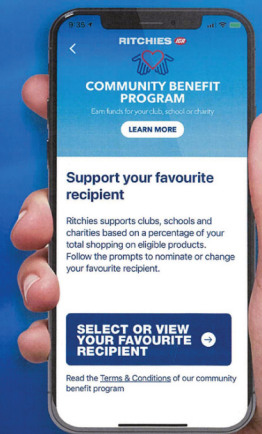
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GIRLS CRICKET

NEW GIRLS ONLY COMPETITION
EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

SEASON 2026/27

The Apprenticeship Factory
cricketshopperton@gmail.com




A NUMURKAH LIBRARY & CAN HUB PARTNERSHIP

ART & CRAFT WORKSHOPS

Linocut printing for beginners

SATURDAY
27th June
10-12noon

Numurkah Library
18 McCaskill St. Numurkah

You will learn the basics of linocut printing. Cut stamps and print your own little gift bags and tags.

All tools & materials provided.

Info: 0434 354 846

Tickets: Discount on Humanitix, scan QR code






Early Learning Victoria Numurkah Open Day

Early Learning Victoria Numurkah (co-located with Numurkah Primary School) is hosting an open day

Date: 20th of June 2026
Time: 10:00AM to 1:00PM
Address: 10 to 12 Callander St
Numurkah

If you are thinking about enrolling your child or looking to grow your career in Early Childhood Education, come along to tour the centre and speak to one of our skilled and experienced educators




Scan the QR code to find out more!

www.earlylearning.vic.gov.au




COME & TRY PONY CLUB AT NUMURKAH!

Give pony club a go!



- FUN GAMES & ACTIVITIES
- RIDING INSTRUCTION
- MAKE NEW FRIENDS
- LEARN ABOUT HORSE CARE & PONY CLUB LIFE

Open to everyone! Whether you're new to horses or already riding, all ages and abilities are welcome.

Come along and discover the fun, friendship and learning that Pony Club is all about!
We can't wait to meet you!

VENUE: Numurkah Pony Club Grounds, Floridan Park and Reserve.

DATE: Sunday 21 June 2026

TIME: 10:00am - 2:00pm

PCV APPROVED: This event is run under Pony Club Victoria insurance and safety guidelines.

PCV COME TRY FEE WILL APPLY

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT OUR D.C. *Tamzin Bourchier* 0427 342 828

HELMET & EQUIPMENT REQUIRED
For your safety, the following must be worn:

- PCV approved helmet (AS/NZS 3838)
- Riding boots or jodhpurs with boots
- Long pants

All gear must be in good condition and worn correctly.

FRIENDSHIP ♥ HORSEMANSHIP ♥ FUN JOIN THE NUMURKAH PONY CLUB FAMILY! ♥



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Australian Dental Health

The School Dental Consent Forms are due back by Monday 22nd June ready for their visit in August. Please return any paper copies to school before Monday. You can still complete the form online using the QR code right up until The Dental Van Visit on August 17.

If you require another form, please collect one from the office.

Dates to Remember

Monday June 22: Dental Permission forms returned

Friday June 26: Last day of term, school finishes at 2.15pm, buses will run 1 hour earlier

Monday July 13: Term 3 begins

Wednesday July 29: Parent/student/Teacher conferences

Tuesday August 4: 101 Days of Prep!

Wednesday August 5: Pupil Free Day

OSHC News

Bookings for Vacation Care are now open. Please make bookings via the Xplor Home app. If you haven't used St John's Parish OSHC before, please see the school website under OSHC enrolments to register before the end of term. Please call the office if you require any assistance.

SCHOOL DENTAL CONSENT FORM

Free Check-up & Dental Care at School - No Out of Pocket Cost



Scan and Complete in 5 minutes!

What We Offer at Schools

- ✓ Full dental check-up
- ✓ Teeth cleaning
- ✓ X-Rays
- ✓ Dental Report
- ✓ Fluoride treatment
- ✓ Protective tooth sealants
- ✓ Fillings (if required - we will call you first)
- ✓ Pro-Bono Checkups for Selected grades

No Out of Pocket Cost to you = \$0

We will check if your child is eligible through Medicare Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CBDS). If your child is not eligible, we also offer Pro-Bono checks to selected grades.

What You Need To Do

1. Fill out this form with your child's details.
2. Return it to the school.
3. We will check eligibility for you.

Who Can Sign

Parent or Legal Guardian
Mature Minor (who can understand treatment options)

Do I Need to Be There?

No. It's done at school during school hours. Most kids do great with our team!

Need Help?

Call us on (03) 9323 9607
Visit www.adhv.com.au/dental/treatment

A healthy smile starts with early care.

Let's work together to prevent tooth decay before it starts.

(03) 9323 9607

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www.adhv.com.au

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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:

Assertiveness

Our focus within the three areas are as follows

Attitude: Confident in myself without being bossy.

Awareness: I can stand up for others and speak up for myself.

Action: Use my voice honestly and respectfully and show confident body language.

Weeks 9 & 10



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