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# MacKillop Express

St. Joseph's Primary School, Numurkah



## Principal's Message

Ruth Hartnett-Carr

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope the holiday break provided an opportunity for rest, connection and time to enjoy the simple joys that Winter brings.

There is something particularly beautiful about winter in Numurkah. Crisp mornings, mist rising across the paddocks, bare trees silhouetted against brilliant blue skies and the warmth of community remind us that even in the colder months there is much to appreciate. As I greet students each morning, I am reminded how fortunate we are to live and learn in such a wonderful part of the world.

It has been a delight to welcome our children back to St Joseph's this week. They have settled into their learning with remarkable ease, appearing well rested, refreshed and ready for the term ahead. Classrooms have quickly become places of curiosity, engagement and joyful learning once again and it is wonderful to see the enthusiasm and confidence with which students have returned.

As a Josephite school, we continue to be inspired by the example of St Mary MacKillop, who encouraged us to "find

happiness in making others happy." Her spirit reminds us that faith is lived through everyday actions; through kindness, service, courage and care for one another. This term, we will continue to nurture these values within our community, encouraging our students to notice those around them, offer a helping hand and recognise God's presence in both the ordinary and extraordinary moments of life.

Winter also invites us to slow down and reflect. In the midst of busy school days, may we take time to appreciate the blessings that surround us: our families, our friendships, our learning and the strong sense of belonging we share at St Joseph's.

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

*St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop*

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# 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: 17th & 31st July**

**Monthly Debits 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

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

## Dates to Remember

Monday July 20: P&F Meeting 7pm all welcome

### Wednesday July 29: Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

## Tuesday August 4: 101 Days of Prep

**Wednesday August 5: Pupil Free Day**

## Friday August 7: Saint Mary MacKillop Feast Day

## Wednesday August 12: Whole School Incursion

### Monday August 17: Dental Van Visit

## What is cooking in Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden this week?



## 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:

## Sportmanship

Our focus within the three areas are as follows

**Attitude:** *Positive attitude and play fairly*

Awareness: Others abilities and show empathy to others winning or losing.

**Action:** Be a gracious winner, humble loser and follow the rules

## Weeks 1 & 2

## WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS SUNDAY 26TH JULY

The World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly is celebrated each year on the Sunday closest to the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, Jesus' grandparents.

As in previous years, St John's Parish & St Joseph's School are planning a celebration which includes 10.30am Mass with Childrens Liturgy & a Blessing for Grandparents. The children are creating paintings/drawings of a grandparent or elderly friend for the Art Exhibition in the Church which opens that day with a special Morning Tea provided.

You're encouraged to let all grandparents know about the event. Grandparents are invited to bring a grandchild! Children are invited to bring a grandparent!



YOU'RE INVITED to the  
World Day  
for Grandparents  
and the Elderly  
2026 Celebration

ON: SUNDAY 26th JULY AT: St John's Church



Art Exhibition by the  
children of St Joseph's School  
featuring 'GRANDPARENTS'

Begins with **Mass at 10.30am**  
(including a Blessing for Grandparents)

Followed by **Special Morning Tea & Art Exhibition**

**GRANDPARENTS** are invited to bring a grandchild!

**CHILDREN** are invited to bring a grandparent!  
(or elderly friend)



## PARISH MASS TIMES



### NUMURKAH:

**Sunday 10:30am**

**Wednesday 9:15am**

**Friday 9:15am**, followed by Reconciliation

### NATHALIA:

**Sunday 9:00am**

**Tuesday 9:15am** followed by Reconciliation

**Thursday 12:30pm**

### STRATHMERTON:

**1st, 3rd, & 5th Saturdays at 6.00pm**



## 2026 CIRCUS QUIRKUS

Circus Quirkus is a one-hour, animal-free, contemporary take on your favourite, traditional circuses of ages past, with an eclectic and entertaining mix of Circus acts from all over the world.

Enjoy a relaxed theatre experience with a casual attitude toward audience noise and movement in an accessible, inclusive environment where everyone is welcome and free to be themselves without restriction or judgement.

One hour show. Suitable for all ages and accessible for people...

- with diverse abilities and backgrounds (wheelchair accessible)
- who might require a more flexible and inclusive environment when attending the theatre (sensory and neurodiverse friendly).
- who are facing hardship.
- who are without access or opportunity to attend live theatre.

\*Featuring moving and flashing lights, and upbeat, sometimes dramatic music.

**ALL TICKETS ARE COMPLIMENTARY**, including parent, sibling and carer tickets. Thanks to sponsorship from local businesses.

\*Bookings from schools, organisations, carers and families are all welcome.



Scan the QR Code to visit the shows website and watch highlights from previous shows...



### VISY COMMUNITY STADIUM

1-19 Parkside Drive, Shepparton, VIC

| SHOW DATE             | SHOWTIME           |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| FRIDAY 31st JULY 2026 | 6.00 PM to 7.00 PM |

To book tickets, please email your name, preferred showtimes and ticket numbers to...

[meredithnewman@showintent.com.au](mailto:meredithnewman@showintent.com.au)

or call / text 0404-367-782



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### 3 AND 4 YEAR OLD FREE KINDER

For a tour of our facilities and learn about our programs please contact us and we can organise a time for a tour of our service

- ✓ Outdoor Activities
- ✓ Bush Kinder
- ✓ Play based Program
- ✓ Early Childhood Teachers

### ENROLL NOW

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## IT'S DISCO TIME!!!

Numurkah Junior Soccer club is hosting a Disco for Primary School aged kids



Where: Numurkah Show Grounds Club Rooms

When: Friday 24th July (\*New Date\*)

Time: 5:30—8pm

Entry Cost: \$15- per child, \$45- Family

Adult Supervision provided

All Children must be signed in and out by Parent/ Guardian, **NO Exceptions**

Chill out and Activity room on site

Hot food, Drinks, Snacks and Lollies can be purchased on the night

Lucky door and Best dancer prizes to be won

Club Sponsors



## ERONI'S CIRCUS

Numurkah Showgrounds

Adults \$35 ea

Children \$25 ea (ages 3-14)

Fri 7th August 7pm

Sat 8th Aug 7pm

Sun 9th Aug 1pm

Ringside extra \$5 each doors open 1 hour before the show, door sales only, no pre booking

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Scan for show times & locations



Seek Peace and Pursue it!

# Canteen Menu Term 3 2026

**CLEARLY WRITE NAME AND CLASS ON PAPER BAG ORDERS AND PLACE IN CLASSROOM TUBS**

**PLEASE ENSURE ALL GLUTEN FREE OR DAIRY/LACTOSE FREE ORDERS ARE CLEARLY MARKED**

**SANDWICHES - White or Multigrain ROLLS - White, Multigrain or Wholemeal WRAP - White**

**GLUTEN FREE OPTION (rolls/sandwiches/Wraps) 50c extra**

|                      |        |                    |        |
|----------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|
| Butter or DF spread  | \$2.00 | Chicken (real BBQ) | \$4.00 |
| Salad (no meat)      | \$5.00 | Chicken & Cheese   | \$4.50 |
| Chicken & Salad      | \$7.00 | Vegemite           | \$2.50 |
| Ham                  | \$4.00 | Egg                | \$4.00 |
| Ham & Cheese         | \$4.50 | Egg and lettuce    | \$4.50 |
| Ham & Salad          | \$7.00 | Cheese             | \$2.50 |
| Ham, Cheese & Tomato | \$5.00 |                    |        |

**Please note on order if you choose to have your sandwich toasted.**

**Ham or Chicken & Salad Bowl** \$6.00

Salad options lettuce, cheese, cucumber, carrot, tomato & beetroot

**Salad Only Bowl** \$4.50

**Fresh Fruit Cups** (with or without Greek yoghurt) \$3.50

**Shez's Granola Bowls** with Greek Yoghurt and Mixed Berries \$4.50

**Smoothies** Choc banana, Mixed Berry & Banana or Tropical \$3.50

**Plain Milk** 200ml \$2.50

**Water** 500ml \$2.00

## **HOT FOOD OPTIONS**

**WEDNESDAY:** Dim Sims, steamed or oven baked \$1.00 each

**THURSDAY:** Chicken Schnitzel Roll with coleslaw, gravy & cheese \$6.00

**FRIDAY:** Pizza – Ham, Cheese and Pineapple \$6.00

Ham and Cheese \$5.50

Cheese \$5.00

BBQ Chicken – Chicken, Cheese, Pineapple and BBQ sauce \$6.00

## **WINDOW ITEMS THAT CAN BE PURCHASED DURING RECESS**

Plain Chips and Popcorn GF/NF \$0.50

Frozen Pineapple GF/DF \$0.50

True Fruit Bars GF/NF \$1.00

Home Baked Treat (type changes without notice ) limit of 2. \$0.50

Homemade Icy Pole GF/NF –Tropical, Watermelon/Pineapple, Raspberry/Orange and Choc Banana \$1.00

# 2026

St. Joseph's School Numurkah

## Calendar Dates

13 JULY - 18 SEPTEMBER

## TERM

## THREE



|        |           |           |                                            |
|--------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------------------------|
| Week 1 | Monday    | July 13   | First Day - Term Three                     |
|        | Thursday  | July 16   | Mackillop Express (Bulletin)               |
| Week 2 | Monday    | July 20   | Assembly: Senior S & N                     |
|        | Monday    | July 20   | P&F Meeting @ 7PM                          |
| Week 3 | Monday    | July 27   | Assembly: Senior M & H                     |
|        | Wednesday | July 29   | Parent Student Teacher Conferences         |
|        | Thursday  | July 30   | Mackillop News (Full Newsletter)           |
|        | Friday    | July 31   | Lightning Premiership Seniors @ Yarrawonga |
| Week 4 | Monday    | August 3  | Assembly: Middle AA & T                    |
|        | Tuesday   | August 4  | 101 Days of Prep!                          |
|        | Wednesday | August 5  | Staff Spirituality Day<br>Pupil Free Day   |
|        | Friday    | August 7  | Feast Day Mass + Mary Mackillop Awards     |
| Week 5 | Saturday  | August 8  | St. Mary of the Cross Mackillop Feast Day  |
|        | Monday    | August 10 | Assembly: Middle A & P                     |
|        | Wednesday | August 12 | Drumming Up African Culture Incursion      |
|        | Thursday  | August 13 | Mackillop Express (Bulletin)               |
| Week 6 | Saturday  | August 15 | Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary      |
|        | Monday    | August 17 | Assembly: Junior H & M                     |
|        | Monday    | August 17 | Dental Van Visit                           |
|        | Monday    | August 17 | School Advisory Council @ 7PM              |

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| Week 7  | Monday    | August 24    | Assembly: Junior C & W                                  |
|         | Monday    | August 24    | P&F Meeting @ 7PM                                       |
|         | Thursday  | August 27    | Fizzics Education Incursion                             |
|         | Thursday  | August 27    | Prep Community Reading Day                              |
|         | Thursday  | August 27    | Mackillop News (Full Newsletter)                        |
|         | Thursday  | August 27    | Vinnies Winter Sleepout                                 |
| Week 8  | Mon-Thurs |              | Book Week                                               |
|         | Monday    | August 31    | Assembly: Prep K & M                                    |
|         | Wednesday | September 2  | Grade 5 Transition Day @ St. Mary of the Angels College |
|         | Thursday  | September 3  | Book Week Parade of Characters                          |
|         | Friday    | September 4  | P&F Fathers Day Breakfast                               |
|         | Friday    | September 4  | Junior Athletics Carnival                               |
| Week 9  | Monday    | September 7  | Assembly: Senior S & N                                  |
|         | Thursday  | September 10 | Mackillop Express (Bulletin)                            |
|         | Friday    | September 11 | Senior Athletics Carnival                               |
|         | Sunday    | September 13 | Confirmation and First Eucharist                        |
| Week 10 | Monday    | September 14 | Assembly: Year 6 Leaders                                |
|         | Tuesday   | September 15 | Room on the Broom Excursion Foundation - Grade 2        |
|         | Friday    | September 18 | Footy Colours Day<br>Last Day of Term 3                 |

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Term 3

Parent Student Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, July 29th (Week 3)

Pupil Free Day

Wednesday, August 5th (Week 4)

Dental Van

Monday, August 17th (Week 6)

Confirmation and First Eucharist

Sunday, September 13 (Week 9)

### Term 4

Division Athletics

Monday, October 12th (Week 2)

