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MacKillop Express

St. Joseph's Primary School, Numurkah



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Principal's Message

Ruth Hartnett-Carr

Dear Families,

As we reach the halfway point of Term 3, it is wonderful to reflect on the many opportunities and blessings within our school community. There is certainly plenty happening and it has been lovely to see our students engaging so positively in all aspects of school life.

Recently, our staff had the privilege of spending time with our sister school, St Mary's of the Angels College. This was a valuable opportunity for spiritual formation and reflection, as well as a chance to connect with colleagues in community. Inspired by the Gospel call to walk together in faith, we were reminded of Mary MacKillop's belief in finding God's presence in everyday moments and relationships.

On Mary MacKillop's Feast Day, I attended Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral in Ballarat. There is a striking bronze bust of Mary MacKillop there, accompanied by a list of the towns where the Josephite Sisters lived and worked. As I

read the many place names, I was struck by the remarkable reach of one woman's vision and determination. Her commitment to bringing Catholic education to children in rural and often impoverished communities continues to inspire us today. Like the Gospel's call to serve others with courage and compassion, Mary MacKillop's legacy reminds us that faith in action can have a profound and lasting impact.

As the weeks ahead unfold, we look forward to the many exciting activities, learning opportunities and celebrations that continue to make our school such a vibrant place. Thank you for your ongoing support, encouragement and partnership. Together, we continue to create a community where every child is known, valued and inspired to flourish.

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

St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Ruth Hartnett-Carr



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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: 14th August & 28th August

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 now 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 August 17: Dental Van Visits Again

Monday August 17: School Advisory Meeting 7pm

Monday August 24: P&F Meeting 7pm, All Welcome

Thursday August 27: Whole School Incursion Fizzics

Thursday August 27: Prep Community Reading Day

Thursday August 27: Vinnies Winter Sleepout

Monday August 31: Book Week Begins

Thursday September 3: Book Week Parade

Friday September 4: Fathers Day Breakfast & Junior Athletics Carnival



**St Mary of the Cross
Mackillop statue
located in St
Patrick's Cathedral,
Ballarat**



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:

Mindfulness

Our focus within the three areas are as follows

Attitude: Consider the needs of others

Awareness: Mindful of others and myself

Action: Take time to be calm and in the moment

Weeks 5 & 6



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.

August

14th Gayle Morgan

19th Volunteer

20th Volunteer

21st Volunteer

26th Volunteer

27th Volunteer

28th Gayle Morgan

September

2nd Volunteer

3rd Volunteer

4th Volunteer

Community Notices



KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT 2027

NOW OPEN

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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St. Mary Mackillop Feast Day Mass

As a school founded in the Josephite tradition, we are inspired by the example of St Mary MacKillop, who encouraged us to *"Never see a need without doing something about it."* This simple yet powerful message continues to guide us today. It reminds us to notice others, to show compassion and to make a positive difference through our words and actions.

The St Mary MacKillop Awards are about much more than academic success. They recognise the qualities that build strong communities and strong people. They celebrate students who quietly and consistently live the values of the Gospel each day; students who show kindness, inclusion, respect, courage, generosity and care for others.

Congratulations to this year's award winners!





JUNIOR PLAYERS WANTED!

HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO PLAY CRICKET? NOW IS THE TIME!

NATHALIA ASSOCIATION CRICKET CLUB IS LOOKING FOR JUNIOR PLAYERS FOR SEASON 2026/27.

Age Groups:
UNDER 11'S (SOFT BALL)
UNDER 13'S, UNDER 15'S,
UNDER 17'S (HARD BALL)

FREE Registration and playing shirt provided!

No experience needed!

IF YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED, CONTACT LUKE: 0447 662 505 OR LUKE@FERTGRAIN.COM.AU TO HAVE A CHAT!





Seek Peace and Pursue it!



101 Days of Prep



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Parish News

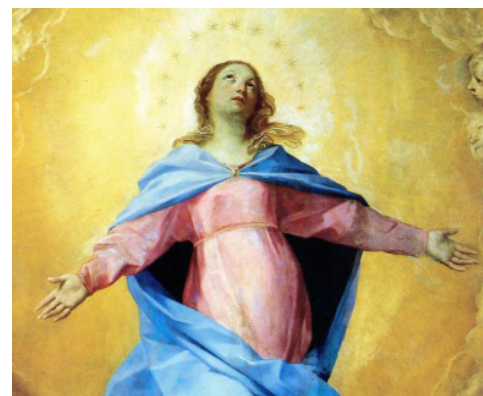
Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
15th August, 2026

Mass Times:

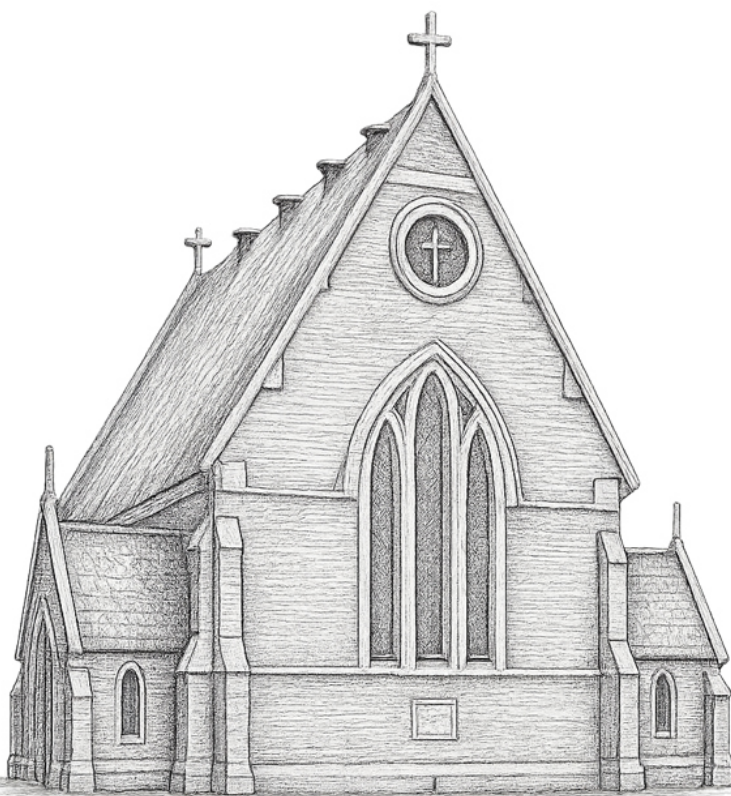
Numurkah: Friday Vigil Mass 14th August at 6pm

Nathalia: Saturday 15th August at 9:15am (Reconciliation offered from 8:45am, Rosary of the Glorious Mysteries from 9am)

Strathmerton: Saturday 15th August at 6pm



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

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 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

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 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)

