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MacKillop Express

St. Joseph's Primary School, Numurkah



Book Week Parade - Pg 3, 4 & 5

Principal's Message

Ruth Hartnett-Carr

What a wonderful term of living and learning we have shared at St Joseph's. We sincerely thank families for your ongoing support and partnership as we work together to provide the best possible education for our students.

It has been a busy and rewarding term, with many additional opportunities enriching our daily learning and school life. A sincere thank you to Mary Laidlaw for her efforts in coordinating our Book Fair and Book Week Parade. We also thank our P&F for organising a highly successful Father's Day Breakfast and Stall, and acknowledge Shane Merkel for delivering an excellent experience for our junior athletes.

We are looking forward to our Senior Athletics Carnival on Friday 11 September and encourage all students to participate, have fun, and give their best effort throughout the day.

This Sunday, nine of our students will receive First Communion and be Confirmed into the Catholic Church. We thank Anna Andrews for her dedication and preparation of the students as they take this important step in their faith journey.

Families can also look forward to receiving our Term 4 Calendar next week, which will outline the many exciting learning opportunities, events and celebrations planned for what promises to be another busy and successful term.

As we approach the end of Term 3, we encourage families to stay connected and involved in the many wonderful things happening across our school community.

Most importantly, we hope and pray that all students and families enjoy a safe, restful and enjoyable holiday break. With the arrival of spring, longer days and the excitement of the AFL finals, we hope everyone has the opportunity to spend time with family and friends and recharge after a busy term. We look forward to welcoming all students

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back refreshed, safe and ready for a productive and exciting Term 4.

"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: 11th September & 25th September

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

Friday September 11: Senior Athletics Carnival 9:00am

Friday September 18: Footy Colours Day

Sunday September 13: Confirmation and First Eucharist

Friday September 18: Last Day of Term 3 - 2.15pm finish, buses will run 1 hour earlier

Monday October 5: First Day of Term 4



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:

Trustworthiness

Our focus within the three areas are as follows

Attitude: Always display honesty and trustworthiness

Awareness: How will my behaviour affect others

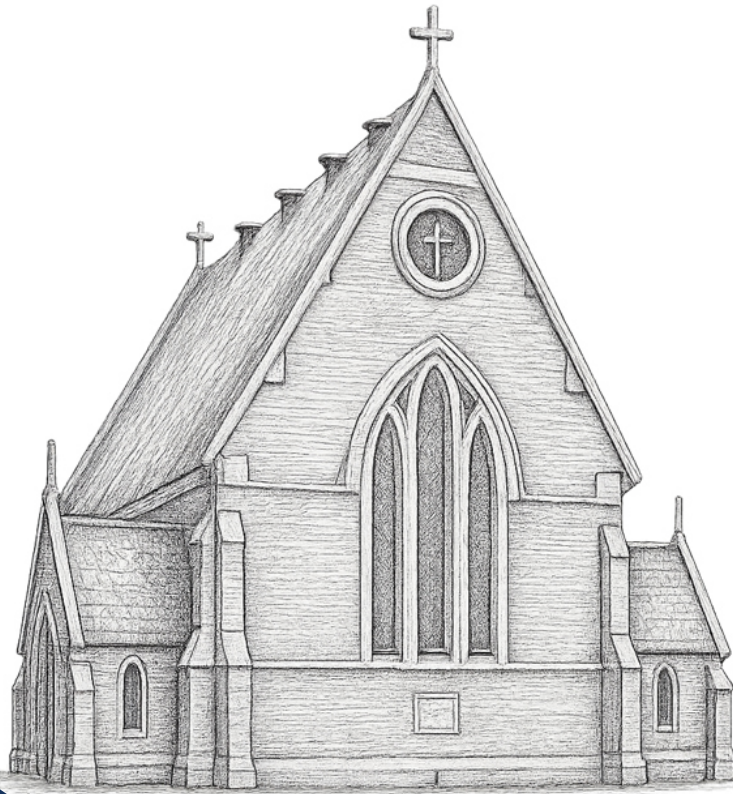
Action: Be a trustworthy and reliable member of our school

Weeks 9 & 10



Seek Peace and Pursue it!

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

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 that 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.

September

11th Gayle Morgan

16th **Volunteer**

17th **Volunteer**

18th **Volunteer**



Book Week

Our Bookweek celebrations were once again a huge success!

Thank you to our wonderful school community that never fails to support our Book Fair. We will receive over \$1200 in commission from book sales. This will be used to add resources to our school library.

Winners of our Book Fair raffle were:

- Malachi Sorrenti
- Eli Richardson
- Indie Paxinos
- Parker Patching

Our book character parade on Thursday was a sea of colour and excitement! It's always reassuring to see everyone involved and enjoying this day.

Thanks again to everyone who helped make our Book Week enjoyable.

Mary Laidlaw

Check out some photos on the next page!



Seek Peace and Pursue it!



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Father's Day & Junior Athletics Carnival

We enjoyed a wonderful Father's Day morning at school, made even more special by the generosity of our P&F Mothers, who took their turn to organise a fantastic BBQ. The bacon and egg rolls were a hit, and it was great to see so many dads enjoying breakfast together with their children.

Our students led a beautiful Father's Day prayer and presentation, offering a thoughtful moment for families to pause, reflect, and celebrate the important role fathers and father-figures play in their lives.

Later in the morning, we moved into our Junior Athletics Carnival. Mr Merkel once again did a brilliant job preparing the students, and the events ran smoothly from start to finish. The carnival provides a great opportunity for students to have a go, build confidence, and experience friendly competition. It is especially valuable for our Grade 2 students as they prepare for next year's Senior School Athletics Carnival.

As our previous principal, Mr Arnel, would always remind us: "You don't have to be the best, you just have to try your best." Our students certainly lived up to that message, and they should feel proud of the effort and determination they showed throughout the morning.

Mr Booth kept the tunes pumping, adding plenty of energy to the day, and Mrs Keane's Prep group earned the unofficial title of "best dancers" as they moved between events.

Thank you to all families who joined us and supported the day.



Seek Peace and Pursue it!

Vinnie's Winter Appeal - Student Sleep Out

Twenty-five students took part in our annual Sleep-Out, choosing to "sleep rough" for a night to better understand the realities of homelessness. Learning throughout the evening was led by Mr Sait, Mrs Neyland and Mrs Andrews, who guided students through discussions about the challenges faced by people without secure housing and how we are called to follow Christ by responding to those in need. Students also reflected on Mary MacKillop's motto, "Never see a need without doing something about it," and considered how this applies to their own actions.

This year's Vinnies Winter Appeal raised \$4070, which will support people in our local community through practical assistance such as food vouchers, warm clothing, blankets, support with utility bills, and emergency accommodation.

It was a valuable experience for the students and provided meaningful support for those doing it tough this winter.

Thank you to everyone who contributed and donated.



Big Science, Big Fun!

Our students were thoroughly engaged during the Big Science, Big Fun Show presented by Fizzics Education. The exciting demonstrations sparked curiosity and inspired a love of science through fun, interactive experiences.

Some of the highlights included the incredible flame equaliser, which used dancing flames to show the different frequencies of music, and the impressive air vortex cannon, where students watched giant smoke rings travel across the room. These memorable demonstrations helped bring scientific concepts to life and encouraged students to think, question and wonder about the world around them.

It was fantastic to see so much enthusiasm as students explored the exciting possibilities of science in a fun and engaging way.



2026 NUMURKAH SHOW

Scavenger Hunt

STARTS
MONDAY 21ST SEPT 2026

FREE ENTRY

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INVERGORDON RECREATION RESERVE AND COMMUNITY HALL

Inaugural Invergordon Seed Swap

Our first community seed swap in Invergordon. Bring a handful of your spare seeds and take home something new to grow.

Spring is here! Join us for a free afternoon of swapping seeds/seedlings, growing tips and good company.

DATE **Sunday 13TH September 2026**

TIME **2 – 3 pm, Afternoon Tea Provided**

WHERE **Invergordon Recreation Reserve and Community Hall**

Cnr Batey Drive
and Centre Road,
Invergordon
Victoria 3636



SCAN FOR MORE DETAILS

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Sunday 13 September 2026

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5-13 OF ALL SKILL
LEVELS WELCOME



TUESDAY 29TH & WEDNESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER



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16 BURLEY RD, YARRAWONGA



9AM - 1PM



\$140 FOR 1 DAY, \$250 FOR BOTH DAYS



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Match of
your choice


WBBL
 All WBBL
matches at
Junction Oval


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Matches


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merchandise


Partners
 Exclusive
partner
offers


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selected New
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NUMURKAH YOUTH CLUB CC- BLAST PROGRAM
(AGES 4-12YRS) BOYS AND GIRLS
VENUE: NUMURKAH SHOWGROUNDS
DATES: THURSDAY 29TH OCT- 17TH DEC
TIME: 4.00PM-5.00PM
SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER!



SIGN UP TODAY!

Q Play cricket

NYCCC JUNIOR CRICKET FOR SEASON



2026/27



We are looking for junior players of all ages to join our club for season 2026/27. Blasters Ages 4-8. Under 10s Under 12s Under 14s & Under 16s.

For more information please contact numurkahcricket@gmail.com. We will have more information on training nights closer to the season.

**Blasters
Registration**

**Junior Registration
Under 10s, 12s, 14s & 16s**




Girls COME PLAY TODAY!

Try cricket for free in a welcoming, fun and all-girls program.

FREE ALL GIRLS PROGRAM

HER GAME GROWS ALL GIRLS PROGRAM - CRICKET VICTORIA
 VENUE: ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL NUMURKAH
 DATES: MONDAY 12TH, 19TH, 26TH OCT & 9TH NOV
 TIME: 3.15PM-4.30PM
 REGISTRATION IS FREE, SO TELL YOUR FRIENDS!



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Register Today




HER GAME GROWS

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!

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)

