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MacKillop Express

St. Joseph's Primary School, Numurkah







Day for Daniel

Principal's Message

Ruth Hartnett-Carr

As we reach the halfway point of Term 4, it is remarkable to reflect on all that has been achieved and all that still lies ahead. The weeks leading to the end of the school year are always busy, with many exciting learning opportunities, celebrations and important events on the calendar.

Next week, our senior students will head off on camp. We wish them every blessing as they embark on this exciting adventure. School camps provide wonderful opportunities for students to step outside their comfort zones, build independence, strengthen friendships and discover new strengths within themselves. In the spirit of our Josephite tradition, camp is a chance for our students to embrace growth, show courage and support one another along the journey.

With the arrival of warmer weather, there is a noticeable lift in the energy around our school. The sunshine seems to bring a brightness not only to our days but also to the general disposition of those within our community.

As we move through the second half of the term together, let us continue to make the most of every opportunity to learn, grow and celebrate all that makes St Joseph's such a special community.

"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: 6th November

Monthly Debits: 18th of each month

Please note: If any Direct Debits were rejected throughout the year, they will continue until the 18th of December to catch up.

If you have unexpected circumstances for the fortnight or month and need to stop a Direct Debit, please note that 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

Note: updated Term 4 Planner is attached.

Dates to Remember

Monday November 9: Seniors Camp begins
Wednesday November 11: Seniors Camp returns
Wednesday November 11: Remembrance Day
Thursday November 12: Grade 2 Sleepover
Friday November 13: Junior Activities Day
Tuesday November 17: Prep Excursion to Bendigo
Wednesday November 18: Twilight Sports
Friday November 20: Advent Liturgy 1
Mon/Wed/Fri Nov 23, 25 & 27: Junior Swimming
Wednesday November 25: SMOTA Yr 7 Information Night @ Nathalia 6:00pm
Thursday November 26: SMOTA Yr 7 Information Night @ Nathalia 4:00pm
Friday November 27: Advent Liturgy 2



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:

Leadership

Our focus within the three areas are as follows

Attitude: *Inspire and motivate those around me in a positive way*
Awareness: *Be aware of the example I set for other students*
Action: *Display the qualities of a good role model and support others*

Weeks **5** & 6



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.

November
6th Gayle Morgan
11th Volunteer
12th Volunteer
13th Volunteer
18th Volunteer
19th Volunteer
20th Gayle Morgan
25th Volunteer
26th Volunteer
27th Volunteer
December
4th Volunteer
5th Volunteer
6th Gayle Morgan

Moira Shire Notices

Australia Day Awards 2027

Nominations are now open to celebrate the outstanding people and groups who make our Moira Shire community exceptional.

Help us recognise the everyday heroes making a difference in our community by nominating people and groups in these categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Junior Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year
- Community Organisation of the Year
- Arts, Culture and/or Environment Project of the Year

Nominations close on Friday 20 November. For more information and to nominate, go to:

https://www.moira.vic.gov.au/Community/Awards/Australia-Day-Awards

Winners will be announced at town and district Australia Day events in 2027.

Heritage Centre needs some friends

Moira Shire Council is looking for passionate locals to join the Friends of the Barmah Forest Heritage and Education Centre.

As a member of the group, you'll help support Council with the management and ongoing operation of the centre. You'll also share your knowledge, advice and feedback, and make a lasting impact on our community.

Find out more and submit your expression of interest on Moira's website by Sunday 8 November 2026.

Lead the way for young people

Do you have ideas to make life better for young people in Moira Shire?

Moira Youth Council is where your ideas turn into action, so apply now for 2027.

You will build your skills as a community leader in three development sessions and visit Parliament House in Melbourne. Every second month, you will meet with other young people to share what matters to you.

Applications are open on the Moira website until Friday 4 December.

Who can apply? Anyone aged 16 to 24 who lives, works, studies or has community connections in Moira Shire.

Questions? Email youth@moira.vic.gov.au or call 5871 9222 and speak to the Community Services Team.

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Community Notices





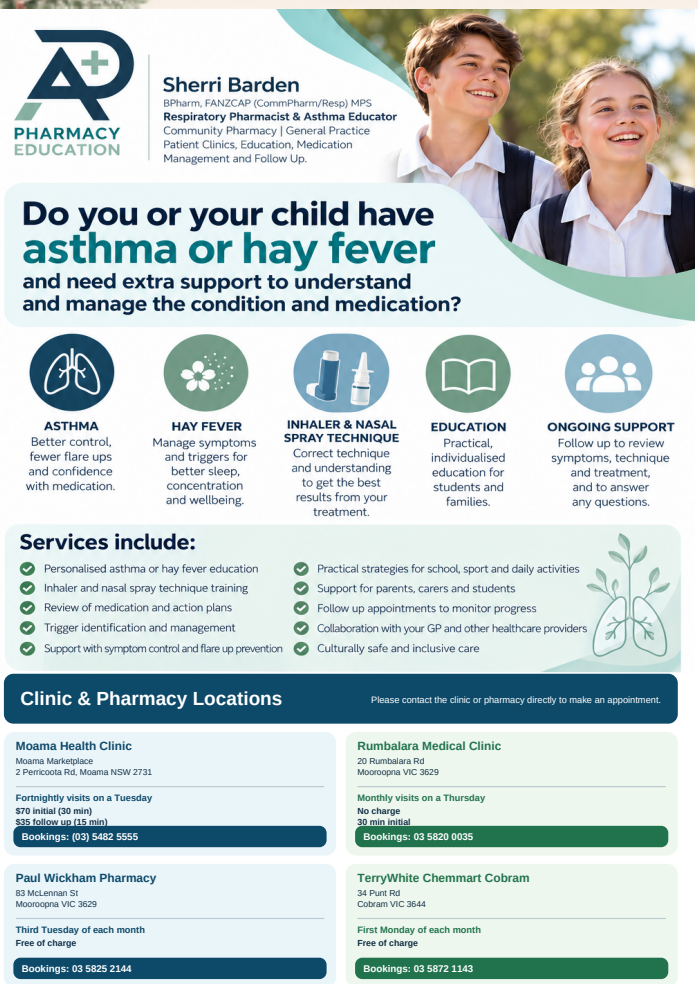





Let's talk about being SAFE online
eSafety Commissioner
This online safety guide is for parents and carers supporting children and young people.
CLICK TO LEARN MORE


CHRISTMAS MINIS
With Beccy Lee Photography
Capture your family's Christmas joy in a relaxed and beautifully designed space
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40 MELVILLE ST, NUMURKAH
15-minute family photo session
Includes a mixture of family photos and Santa photos
$250
$50 deposit on booking
All edited images supplied via online gallery
Approximately 25 images
Book your session
SECURE YOUR SPOT IN OUR BOOKING SYSTEM


NUMURKAH GOLF & BOWLS CLUB INC.
Learn
Play
Make Friends
JUNIOR GOLF CLINICS
at Numurkah Golf and Bowls Club
2026
5 WEEK PROGRAM
Fridays
4.15pm – 5pm (7 -12 yrs.)
5pm – 6.00pm (13 – 17yrs)
November 13th – December 11th
Both Boys and Girls from ages 8-17
FINAL DAY INCLUDES BBQ
ONLY $60
Phone Anthony or NGBC on 5862 3445
GOLF


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Respiratory Pharmacist & Asthma Educator
Community Pharmacy | General Practice
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Do you or your child have asthma or hay fever
and need extra support to understand and manage the condition and medication?
ASTHMA
Better control, fewer flare ups and confidence with medication.
HAY FEVER
Manage symptoms and triggers for better sleep, concentration and wellbeing.
INHALER & NASAL SPRAY TECHNIQUE
Correct technique and understanding to get the best results from your treatment.
EDUCATION
Practical, individualised education for students and families.
ONGOING SUPPORT
Follow up to review symptoms, technique and treatment, and to answer any questions.
Services include:
Personalised asthma or hay fever education
Inhaler and nasal spray technique training
Review of medication and action plans
Trigger identification and management
Support with symptom control and flare up prevention
Practical strategies for school, sport and daily activities
Support for parents, carers and students
Follow up appointments to monitor progress
Collaboration with your GP and other healthcare providers
Culturally safe and inclusive care
Clinic & Pharmacy Locations
Please contact the clinic or pharmacy directly to make an appointment.
Moama Health Clinic
Moama Marketplace
2 Perricoota Rd, Moama NSW 2731
Fortnightly visits on a Tuesday
$70 initial (30 min)
$35 follow up (15 min)
Bookings: (03) 5482 5555
Rumbalara Medical Clinic
20 Rumbalara Rd
Mooroopna VIC 3629
Monthly visits on a Thursday
No charge
30 min initial
Bookings: 03 5820 0035
Paul Wickham Pharmacy
83 McLennan St
Mooroopna VIC 3629
Third Tuesday of each month
Free of charge
Bookings: 03 5825 2144
TerryWhite Chemmart Cobram
34 Punt Rd
Cobram VIC 3644
First Monday of each month
Free of charge
Bookings: 03 5872 1143

NUMURKAH FISHING CLUB INC.

"There's more to fishing than catching fish."

Kids Come And Try FISHING DAY

SUNDAY 8th NOVEMBER 2026





WHERE: Showgrounds Footbridge to Stockyard Bridge, either side of creek.

REGISTRATIONS: from 8.30am.

PRESENTATIONS: from 1.00pm at Numurkah Fishing Club, Brenion St. Numurkah.

COST: $5.00 per child, includes bag containing water, lunch voucher and goods to the value of $30.

Open to children **14 YEARS AND UNDER**, must be accompanied by parent or adult. No fishing license required for accompanying adult.

Register and measure fish at the back of the clubrooms to be in the running for prizes.

For more information or general inquiries contact Frank Barbaro on 0447 776 808.

Numurkah Fishing Club, encouraging family fishing.

NUMURKAH FISHING CLUB INC.

"There's more to fishing than catching fish."

Camping Gear CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

2nd Prize: Grocery Voucher valued at $300

1st Prize: Camping Gear valued at $3,500

3rd Prize: Meat Voucher valued at $200

Tickets $5.00each

Drawn at 10.00am on the 12th of December 2026, at the Numurkah Fishing Club Rooms.

Tickets available at the Kids Come And Try Fishing Day on 8th November, or contact Frank Barbaro 0447 776 808

For more information or general inquiries contact Frank Barbaro on 0447 776 808.

Find us on

Numurkah Fishing Club, encouraging family fishing.

COBRAM BAROOGA BUSINESS & TOURISM

TWILIGHT CHRISTMAS *Market & Expo*

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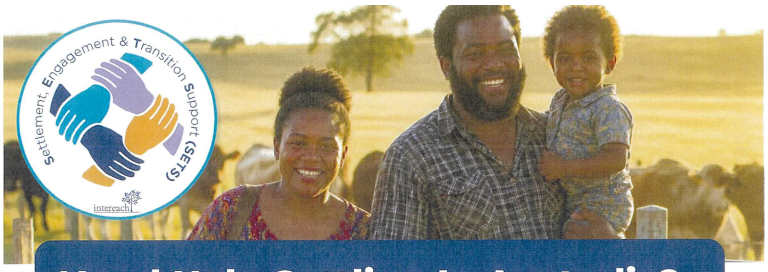
FRI 13 NOV

4PM - 8PM
THOMPSONS BEACH, COBRAM

FOOD AND DRINKS I LIVE MUSIC I SPECIALITY STALLS I KIDS ACTIVITIES AND MUCH MORE!

WITH THANKS TO OUR MAJOR SPONSOR SPRINGTREE COBRAM

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Need Help Settling In Australia?

Do you live in the **Moira Shire**?
Are you on a visa with your partner or family?

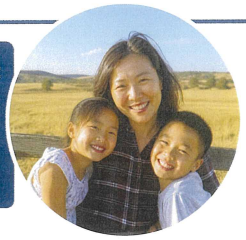
If yes, you may be able to get free support with:

- Finding local services
- Learning about health, school, work, childcare and housing
- Practising English
- Meeting people in your community
- Understanding forms and appointments
- Getting help if you are worried about your family situation

Eligible visa subclasses include*:

100	191	482
101	192	491
186	445	494

*Eligibility criteria may apply



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT SHARON ON:
0429 000 235 or sharons@intereach.com.au

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2026 Calendar Dates

St. Joseph's School Numurkah

5 OCTOBER - 16 DECEMBER

TERM FOUR

UPDATED

Week 1	Monday	October 5	First Day - Term Four
	Thursday	October 8	MacKillop Express (Bulletin)
Week 2	Mon / Fri	Oct 12 & 16	Division Athletics & Regional Athletics
	Monday	October 12	Assembly: Senior S & N
	Wed-Thurs		Middles Camp
	Friday	October 16	Middles Rest Day
Week 3	Monday	October 19	Assembly: Senior M & H
	Wednesday	October 21	Numurkah Show Pupil Free Day
	Thursday	October 22	MacKillop News (Full Newsletter)
Week 4	Monday	October 26	Assembly: Middle AA & T
	Monday	October 26	School Advisory Council @ 6PM
	Friday	October 30	Day for Daniel Walk2School
Week 5	Monday	November 2	Report Writing Pupil Free Day
	Tuesday	November 3	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
	Thursday	November 5	MacKillop Express (Bulletin)
Week 6	Monday	November 9	Assembly: Junior H & M
	Mon-Wed		Seniors Camp
	Wednesday	November 11	Remembrance Day
	Thursday	November 12	Grade 2 Sleepover
	Friday	November 13	Junior Activities Day
Week 7	Monday	November 16	Assembly: Junior C & W
	Tuesday	November 17	Prep Excursion Bendigo
	Thursday	November 19	Twilight Sports
	Thursday	November 19	MacKillop News (Full Newsletter)
	Friday	November 20	Advent Liturgy 1
Week 8	Monday	November 23	Assembly: Middle A & P
	Wed/Thur	November 25 & 26	SMOTA Yr 7 Information Night
	Friday	November 27	Advent Liturgy 2
Week 9	Mon/Wed/Fri	Nov 30, Dec 2 & 4	Junior Swimming (P-2)
	Monday	November 30	Assembly: Grade 6 Leaders
	Thursday	December 3	MacKillop Express (Bulletin)
	Friday	December 4	Advent Liturgy 3
Week 10	Monday	December 7	Assembly: Year 6 Leaders + Junior Swimming (P-2)
	Tuesday	December 8	Whole School Orientation Day
	Tuesday	December 8	SMOTA Yr 6 Orientation Day
	Thursday	December 10	MacKillop News (Final Full Newsletter)
	Friday	December 11	End of Year Mass
Week 11	Monday	December 14	Assembly: Prep Nativity
	Monday	December 14	Middle School Celebration Day
	Monday	December 14	Grade 6 Graduation
	Tuesday	December 15	Last Day of School for Students

LOOKING AHEAD

Term 4

Pupil Free Day
Monday, November 2nd (Week 5)

Jump Start
Wednesday & Fridays (Weeks 5, 6 & 7)

Twilight Sports
Thursday, November 19th (Week 7)

Junior Swimming (P-2)
Mon, Wed, Friday (Week 9)
Mon (Week 10)

Grade 6 Graduation
Monday, December 14th (Week 11)

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seek PEACE & pursue it

Psalm 34:14 & 1 Peter 3:11