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Bulletin—Week 9 of Term 1, March 27th 2025

Dear Families and Friends

Our first term has flown and we can look back proudly on ten weeks of Living and Learning at St Joseph's. Our Preps are well settled and our new Year 6 Leaders have accepted their responsibility capably. I marvel at the skill, ability and understanding of our staff in working with and supporting our children and families.

Pupil Free Days

A reminder that our school will be closed next Wednesday, April 2. CESL is asking all schools to be part of the continued Magnify PD Program, this time focusing on "Creating Positive Learning Environments" which is presented by Knowledge Society. On this day we will join staff from St Mel's Shepparton (hosting) and St Joseph's Cobram. All diocesan schools will meet in groupings to complete this instruction. This is added to the three days between Easter Monday and ANZAC Day where the children enjoy extra holidays while staff continue the uptake of MAGNIFY. All Diocesan Schools will be closed for these days. We will open our OHSC Program for these four days. It is especially for those families who are working and can't have their child/ren cared for. Session times are the same as Vacation Care, 8am – 5pm, \$60 per session less any Child Care subsidies. Children will need to bring their own snacks and lunch. Please call or email Donna in the office to book (no on-line bookings are taken for these days).

School Advisory Council 2025

Our School Advisory Council AGM was held last week. We farewelled Rach O'Dwyer and welcomed Ben Clurey. Our on-going members are Myles Martin, Nicole Reade, Bridgette Robertson, Andrew Carr and Heather Mason. The P&F Rep is Michelle McCracken while Dom Izzard (DP), Jodie Tilley (Staff) and Gayle Watters (Finance) continue in their School Roles.

For reference, the Council deals with policy, finance, planning and big picture matters rather than operational detail.

Myles Martin steps up to be our Chairperson.

Staffing Update

- Bre Levesque goes on Maternity Leave tomorrow. Anna Andrews takes over as classroom teacher.
- Dave Jenner finishes up next Friday. Loreena Keane and Tracey Altoft take over (4/1)
- And after **10** years of loyal and devoted service, we farewell the one and only Ray Goldsack. Ray takes up the lead IT Role at SMOTA. We thank him dearly and wish him well in the challenges that lay ahead

Last Day of Term 1 – Next Friday April 4, 2:15pm Finish



Dates to Remember

Wednesday, April 2	Pupil Free Day
Friday, April 4	Last Day of Term 1 Early finish 2.15pm
Friday April 18	Good Friday
Saturday April 19	Holy Saturday
Sunday April 20	Easter Sunday
Monday April 21	Easter Monday
Tues – Thursday April 22-24	Pupil Free Days
Friday April 25	ANZAC Day
Monday April 28:	School resumes

Our Afternoon Assembly : Mondays at 2:45

Yr 6 Leaders & Class Prayer

March 31 Mia M, Maisie H, Jae P; Preps
All Welcome!

CARITAS

If you haven't had the chance to watch the weekly Caritas videos then jump on the Project Compassion website. It's amazing to see the positive change that we help create in our world and it all starts with you and your donations!



Water for CARITAS.

Today, the Year 5 & 6 Students worked in teams for 6 km with an empty bucket, then walked another 6km with water in their bucket. This represents how far a child on average walks per day to access clean water for their family.

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Office News

PRIVACY POLICY

For access please visit our website. www.sjnumurkah.catholic.edu.au.

SCHOOL FEES:

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: March 28th, April 11th & 25th.

Monthly Debits take place on the **18th of each month** up to and including November.

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 your circumstances have changed and you are now eligible for a Health Care Card, please complete a CSEF application and return to the office by Thursday 3rd April 2025.

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 Paul. 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 ring Gayle or Donna at the office on 5862 1804

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

If your child is in Grade Three or above and you would like them to take part in the Sacramental Program, it is time to register! Those children enrolled in the program will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during term 2 at a date to be confirmed. Confirmation and First Communion will take place on Sunday 14th September at St John the Baptist Church, Numurkah.

In order for children to undertake the sacraments they must have been baptised. If you would like your children to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Communion and they have not been baptised please feel free to contact me for further information.

Please see me to obtain an Enrolment Form.

Ruth Hartnett-Carr

Religious Education Coordinator

Student of the Week

Sen S **Charlotte Wells**

For such an excellent start to the week. We have been so impressed by your positive and have-a-go attitude towards challenging tasks. Awesome work Charlotte!!

Lachie Grey-Noble

For the excellent consistency he has had with his daily diary and GEM tasks. You're on a roll Lachie! :)

Sen SP **Maya Curtis**

For the confident and respectful way she behaves within our learning space. Well done Maya!

Jonny Moon

For his improved learning choices and focus during class. Keep up the good work Jonny!

Sen M Phoebe Keane

For putting plenty of effort into her written texts. Phoebe pays attention to detail and her writing is well punctuated, easy to read and interesting. She has a very mature approach to her learning and progress. Keep it up, Phoebe.

Dylan Said

For excellent listening and wonderful leadership skills.

Sen TH Ella Mionnet

For striving to complete work to a high standard. You are a conscientious worker Ella!

Lilith Beaton

For good listening and taking pride in her work. Well done on showing great leadership Lillith!

Mid A Eli Pettigrove

For showing persistence and resilience during NAPLAN testing. Congratulations on showing great determination Eli!

Charlie Stevens-Venville

For all his hard work and dedication to his learning. Your effort and commitment to always doing your best is truly inspiring. Keep up the amazing work Charlie!

Mid L April Caccianiga

Always giving her best effort. April always faces challenges with a positive attitude and works hard to improve her skills. Her passion for writing is inspiring. Keep up the great work, April!

Tahlia Dailey

Working hard in literacy lessons and showing leadership by helping classmates.

Well, done, Tahlia!

Mid B Asten Wilson

For the improvements we are seeing each day and working hard to complete set tasks. Keep it up Asten!

Isla Harris

For her hard work and demonstrating fantastic leadership qualities in our MacLit Program, keep it up Isla!

Mid MB Avitaj Sran

For settling into life at St. Joseph's so well. Keep up the great work!

Taylor Mongan

For demonstrating great positivity in our classroom by setting a wonderful example for your peers and showing kindness and responsibility in all that you do. Keep up the great work Taylor!

Jun O Ilah Chadband

For her confident start to Year 2. It is great to see you having a go at all learning opportunities with a fantastic attitude!

Sylvie Smyth

For making really good choices with your learning and trying your best with all activities.

Well done Sylvia.

Jun W Dustyn McKellar

For being a kind and helpful member of our class. It is so nice to see you always be one of the first there to help your friends. Well done Dustyn keep it up!

Harrison Green

For trying really hard to make good choices during our Literacy block. Keep up the good work Harrison!

Jun P Finn Harrington

For leading by example in all areas. It has been fantastic to see you step up as a leader of our classroom and support those around you! Keep up the great work Finn.

Leah Salter

For consistently demonstrating kindness and empathy towards others. You are a supportive and caring person Leah. Well done!

Jun S Charlie Boler

For arriving at school with a bright smile and a positive attitude. Charlie happily completes his morning jobs each day, demonstrating great responsibility.

Gigi Sargent

For settling into the Junior Area wonderfully and always showing a positive attitude. You lead by example through the way you approach all learning tasks.

Prep N Archie Carey

For being a kind and happy member of our class. Thanks for always having a smile on your face and brightening our day! Well done Archie.

Osten Lewis

For showing incredible growth in confidence and bravery. Congratulations for believing in yourself and taking on new challenges! Well done Osten.

Prep J Harry Hicks

For showing persistence and improved stamina during writing tasks. Keep up the positive approach. Excellent effort Harry!

Ollie Campbell

For showing persistence and improved stamina during writing tasks. Keep up the positive approach. Excellent effort!

Prep M **Ava Thompson**

For trying your best and answering questions during our group learning in literacy. Watching your confidence grow has been great to watch, keep it up Ava.

Connor Crowther

For the hard work you have been putting into your learning the results are really showing. Keep being a great leader for all your peers Connor.

Principal's Award

Term 1

Week 9: Darcy Oswald

Living out the values of

**Saint Mary
MacKillop**

through what they say
and what they do.



Triple A Social Skill Award

The Triple A Social Skill is awarded to students in each area who display excellence in the Triple A Social Skill that we focus on each week. At St Joseph's we need to have a positive **Attitude**, need to have **Awareness** & need to take **Action**.

The GEM award is part of our Resilience Project – Gratitude, Empathy & Mindfulness. We will alternate between the two awards.

Congratulations to the following students who received the AAA award in Week 8 for Resilience: Maddie Clurey, Blayze Penny, Brydie Lawless and Myah Shelton.

Congratulations to the following students who received the GEM award in Week 9 : Jordyn Rossiter, Sienna Sprunt, Wil Foulstone and Caylee Rawson.

Lost Property

Lots of jumpers, drink bottles, goggles, towels & containers etc **still** in lost property. Please come & check at the office for any lost items by the end of term. Items still in lost property shall be donated to Vinnies.



St John's Parish OSHC News

PUPIL FREE DAYS

We will open our OSHC Program for these four days to relieve the stress on families. It is open to those families who are working and can't have their child/ren cared for by others. The sessions shall operate just like Vacation Care, 8am – 5pm, \$60 per session less any Child Care subsidies. Children will need to bring their own snacks and lunch. Please call or email Donna in the office to book.

Canteen

March

28th Tammy Rees

31st Closed

April

1st Closed

2nd Pupil Free Day

3rd Gayle Morgan

4th Kim Thompson

28th Closed

29th Closed

30th **Volunteer**

May

1st Gayle Morgan

2nd Kim Thompson

If you are unable to attend on your day, can you please arrange a swap with someone else or as last resort let Marcella know in advance, so she is aware that she has no helper that day. Also, please let Marcella know if you are free on a day when we need a volunteer; 1 hour would really help her out and your children love to see you helping.

VACATION CARE

Bookings are now open for Vacation Care, which shall be running again during the next school holidays Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays 8am to 5pm. cost shall remain the same, \$60.00 per day with Child Care subsidies also provided. Children will need to bring their own lunch, snacks and water bottle.

There will be a range of activities including craft, cooking, sport, indoor & outdoor games all onsite in the MacKillop Centre. If your child is already enrolled in the Before & After School Care Program, then you can book via the My Family Lounge App just like Before and After School Care.

If you have not used the program before, then you will need to enrol your child/ren via the school website.

www.sjnumurkah.catholic.edu.au/enrolment-information/outside-school-hours-care/outside-school-hours-care-enrolment

If you intend to use the service, please make sure your child/ren are enrolled before the end of term.

Community Notices

Kids Music Club

Presented by

**Numurkah
MuSiC Hub**
Play. Learn. Strive.



A weekly hour long music club where Primary School Children (Grades 3-6) will sing and play instruments together, learning how to play a range of instruments together as an ensemble.

No knowledge or previous experience required.

Bookings essential by 17/04/25

For more information, please contact Michelle (squish) Davis.

Mobile: 0416 055 620

Email: squish@numurkahmusicclub.com.au

Facebook Page: Numurkah Music Hub



Date: Wednesday's 23/04/25 - 02/07/25

Time: 4pm - 5pm (1hr)

Location: Nclc Inc. Presidents room - 99 Melville St, Numurkah

Cost: \$15 per session

KATUNGA



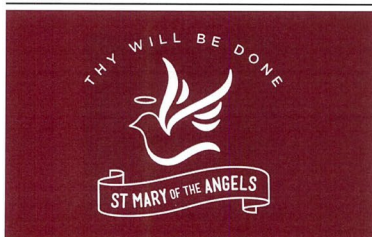
FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

Katunga Auskick and NetSetGo will again be running for children aged 5-10 again this year and all new and past participants are invited to join in the fun.

The sessions will be held on Thursdays from 5-6pm during Term 2, commencing 24 April at the Katunga Recreation Reserve.

To register please visit our website www.katungafnc.com.au/registrations

If you require any further information please email katungafnc@outlook.com or call Rach on 0400 877 409.



Come and explore your opportunities

Visit us on Sunday, 18th May 2025
between 11.00am and 12.00pm
or come along to our

OPEN DAY

Wednesday, 21st May 2025

Book via the QR Code

INFORMATION EVENINGS:

St Mary of the Angels, NATHALIA
Monday, 5th May - 7.30pm

St Joseph's Primary School, COBRAM
Wednesday, 7th May - 7.30pm

St Joseph's Primary School, NUMURKAH
Monday, 12th May - 7.30pm

Tocumwal Golf Club, TOCUMWAL
Wednesday, 14th May - 7.30pm

For an enrolment pack, or an Open Day session booking:
Ph: 03 5866 2222 or visit www.smota.vic.edu.au



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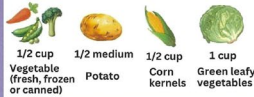
HEALTHY BITES VEGGIES 101

1 cup = approximately 1 closed fist

Daily recommended servings of vegetables for children

2-3 years	4-8 years	9-18 years
2.5 serves	4.5 serves	5 serves

What is 1 serve of vegetables?



Introducing a new vegetable to your family meals

ZUCCHINI

Aim = introduce zucchini at least 1/week in family meals - find some ideas below

When introducing a new food to your children, repeated exposure is key!

Try offering the food **multiple times** before deciding that you child doesn't actually like the food.

Offer it in different forms - crunchy, soft, hot or even incorporated into other dishes like zucchini slice, in a pasta sauce, or desserts.

Make the experience fun, creative and low pressure for your child.

DID YOU KNOW?



Max Gawn is 14 carrots tall

Ideas on how to prepare zucchini:

- Cook on the barbecue
- Zucchini noodles/spaghetti
- Finely shred or blend and add to sauces and soups
- Frozen and blended in a smoothie
- Add to brownies, cakes, muffins, fritters

VEGETABLES LUNCHBOX IDEAS

Cut vegetables into fun shapes. You can add the scraps to soups or to avoid waste and increase vegetable intake.



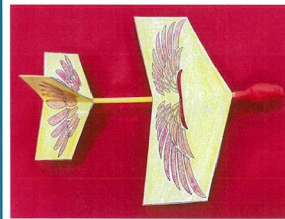
Numurkah Library Holiday Program

Bird Flyers (STEAM)

Tuesday 8th April, 2:00pm

Easter Sun Catchers

Tuesday 15th April, 2:00pm



Bookings essential as places are limited.

Phone 1300 374 765 or email numurkah@gvlibraries.com.au.

Go to gvlibraries.com.au/holidays to find the complete holiday program.

Libraries Change Lives

18 McCaskill St, Numurkah
Tel: 1300 374 765
www.gvlibraries.com.au

Word Search



How many can you find?

Word List

- Asparagus
- Broccoli
- Capsicum
- Carrot
- Corn
- Cucumber
- Eggplant
- Lettuce
- Potato
- Tomato

ZUCCHINI CHOCOLATE BROWNIES

Ingredients:

- 1 cups zucchini (finely shredded)
- Your favourite box-mix or homemade recipe



Method:

- Make brownie batter according to usual instructions
- When adding in the chocolate chips, add in zucchini and fold into batter
- Bake in oven following usual instructions, it may need an extra 3-5 minutes in the oven

Upcoming

Active April Activity Day

What: Fun filled community day of activities

NUMURKAH

Date: 10th April

Time: 10am - 12pm

COBRAM

Date: 15th April

Time: 10am - 12pm

NATHALIA

Date: 16th April

Time: 10am - 12pm



Please scan this QR code or copy and paste the link below to fill out this brief survey to help Monash University students better understand how we can best support your community!
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScCO4E_zsIRVJBtjxw-lb4quPzHbt15ywiwihYFPa0wHjA/viewform?usp=dialog



Join us for a fun filled day of activities, connect with local groups and clubs, and enjoy the benefits of being active.

EVENT: Free Community Fun and Activities

VENUE: Numurkah Apex Park

DATE: Thursday April 10

TIME: 10am - 1pm



COME AND TRY:

Balloon Blaster | Valley Sport Activities | Drumming
Smoothie Bike | Giant Lawn Games | Maternal Child Health | Primary Care Connect | Pilates



Resilience Project

Come along to a Parent & Carer Presentation!



Connected Parenting Webinar

WHO'S INVITED?
Parents & Carers

DURATION
75 minutes

WHERE?
Online Webinar

ABOUT THIS WORKSHOP

Discover valuable tools and insights in this Connected Parenting Webinar with educator and **parenting expert Lael Stone**. This session aims to support you in **building stronger relationships** with your children through **positive communication**.

You will leave this session with:



Practical strategies to foster cooperation and deepen connections with your child.



Ideas to support your child when they are facing adversity.



Ways to assist your child in building emotional resilience.



Helpful tips for managing your own triggers as a parent or carer.

SCAN FOR MORE ABOUT
the RESILIENCE PROJECT.



SAVE THE DATE- May 12 2025 6:30pm-7:45pm
(online)

We continue to offer Parent and Carers workshops with The Resilience Project. We have our second one on the 12th May.

Please use the link below to register-its free.

https://forms.theresilienceproject.com.au/single-event-confirmation/?event_id=419124

Parenting Expert-Lael Stone will be presenting.

Come along to a Parent & Carer Presentation!

Connected Parenting Webinar

WITH
Lael Stone



ABOUT LAEL STONE

Lael Stone is an educator, TEDx speaker, author, mother, and parenting counsellor who has worked with families for over 20 years. Her work as a birth educator, post-natal trauma counsellor, and parenting educator has seen her work with thousands of families consulting about newborns all the way to the teen years.

She spent over 5 yrs in secondary schools working with teens and her great aim is to empower parents to create connections and stronger relationships with their children.

She is the co-creator of Woodline Primary School, an innovative new school based on emotional well-being and connection. Lael was the co-host of The Aware Parenting Podcast and a sought-after public speaker who talks candidly about her experiences and her great passion for creating wellness in adults through connection and communication.

As well as sitting on a few advisory boards and consulting with organisations around emotional awareness and trauma-informed practices, Lael's first book 'Raising Resilient and Compassionate Children' debuted on many best-selling lists.

Lael's work has now extended to working with adults in the corporate space, where she addresses the impacts of imprints and trauma and how that affects all relationships and stepping into our potential.

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the RESILIENCE PROJECT.

