



St. Joseph's Primary School NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 8—3rd September 2024

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SCHOOL NOTICES

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Office open:

Mon-Fri 8.15am - 4.00pm

Yard Supervision:

Morning: 8.30am – 9.00am
Afternoon: 3.20pm - 3.40pm

Bell Times:

First Bell: 8.55am
School Commences 9.00am
Lunch: 11.00am—12.00pm
Afternoon Recess:
2.00pm– 2.25pm
Final Bell: 3.20pm

2024 Term Dates:

Term 1: 29th Jan—28th March
Term 2: 15th April—28th June
Term 3: 15th July—20th Sept
Term 4: 7nd Oct— 18th Dec

**St Joseph's Primary School is
a Child Safe School**



God of creation,

We thank you for the beauty of creation.

Forgive us for harming it with waste and neglect.

Help us follow Jesus in caring for our planet and inspire us with your Spirit to protect it more lovingly.

Through Christ our Lord,

Amen.

**TO ASSIST WITH
OUR 2025
PLANNING
PLEASE ADVISE
THE OFFICE IF
YOU ARE
MOVING NEXT
YEAR—THANK
YOU FOR YOUR
ASSISTANCE**

**FRIDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER
LAST DAY TERM 3
2.30PM FINISH**

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Principal's Reflection—Mrs Mary Dunstan



Dear Parents and Carers

Catholic Social Teaching Focus: Week Eight

The earth and all life on it are part of God's creation. We are called to respect this gift. We are responsible for taking care of the world we live in and for sharing all the wonders and resources the earth gives us. All students will discuss and consider how we can look after our own environment ie not using plastic wraps on food, not littering, focus on recycling and many other activities. In doing this work, we are doing as called, acting as God's disciples and following the mission of God to look after our beautiful world.

Our changing environment prompts us to stop and think about how we live on our planet. We are called to respond and to adopt new ways of living as Pope Francis highlights in his encyclical, Laudato Si': On the Care for our Common Home.

It is the world's poorest communities who are affected by changes to our planet. Caritas Australia's development programs are attentive to environmental concerns and seek to promote care for the earth and its resources.



WE NEED TO CARE FOR THE EARTH AND ALL LIFE IN IT. IT IS A GIFT FROM GOD.

Care for Creation

Welcome to Our New Foundation B Teachers



We're excited to announce that Hazel Piccolo and Katherine Barker will be stepping in for Nathan Buhagiar in Foundation B for Term 4, 2024.

Hazel will be with us on Monday, Tuesday and Friday, while Kat will take over on Wednesday and Thursday.

Kat's regular Thursday tutoring for Corrective Reading will pause at the start of Term 4.

We are so grateful to Hazel and Kat for taking on these roles, and we're confident they'll continue to provide a nurturing and engaging learning environment for our Foundation B students.



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Father's Day Breakfast Fun

Last week, we had a fantastic morning celebrating Father's Day with a delicious breakfast. It was wonderful to see our students welcome their dads, carers, and grandfathers to the school.



Our staff worked tirelessly all week to help the students create special gifts, including plant boxes and treats, for their loved ones.

A special thank you to all that helped out at this event. It was a wonderful experience for our children and their father figures!

Parents and Friends Committee Upcoming Events

We have a couple of events coming up. Full details are included in this Newsletter. All ordering via the Spriggy App please.

P&F FOOD DAY

2024 FOOTY DAY - DRESS IN FOOTBALL COLOURS

FRIDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER



- Sausage Roll \$5
- Pie \$6
- GF Pie \$6
- Vegetarian Pastie \$6
- Zooper Dooper \$1
- Prima \$2



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Entry includes a sausage in bread, lolly bag and surprise!

This is strictly a Year 6 and under event ONLY. All children must be supervised by a parent!

Please order TICKETS through the Spriggy Schools app
ORDERS CLOSE Friday 12th October

Congratulations

On Sunday 25th August Emma M. competed in the District Final of Lions Junior Public Speaking and came Runner Up!! Congratulations Emma on this outstanding achievement.

God Bless

Mary Dunstan

Principal



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OUR NEW UNIFORM

Available to be ordered late Term 3/Early Term 4

The below image is a sample of our uniform. The Academic shorts and pants are not displayed.

The dress is a Summer and Winter dress. It can be worn in Summer with socks or Winter with Navy blue tights. This New uniform has been designed **to be adhered to**. The PE Shorts and Track Pants have a white St Joseph's Logo on them to differentiate between the PE Uniform and the Academic Uniform. The new uniform will have a two year transition period but it must be worn correctly and not include alternative uniform items bought elsewhere. Children can either wear our current uniform or our new uniform while transitioning over the 2 year period.

All students must be in the correct uniform at all times.

NEW UNIFORM -

Available to be ordered later Term Three / Early Term 4



At this week's assembly, our school community was introduced to the new uniform for St. Joseph's. We are nearing the final stages of formalising the launch date, and more information will be provided within the next two weeks. The new uniform is designed to be gender and season neutral, offering a variety of items to suit different preferences. For now, Noone will operate from our current school uniform shop, but this is a temporary arrangement. Once the St. Joseph's Parish House (the Old School House next to St. Joseph's Church) is refurbished, a new Uniform Shop will open to serve both St. Joseph's and FCJ. Uniforms can be ordered in person at the school uniform shop, and there will also be an option to order online. We will provide more information regarding when orders will open.

We are hoping that the NEW UNIFORM for St Joseph's Benalla will be available to be purchased both online and in our Uniform Shop at the end of Term 3/Early Term 4. This will be confirmed over the next few weeks.

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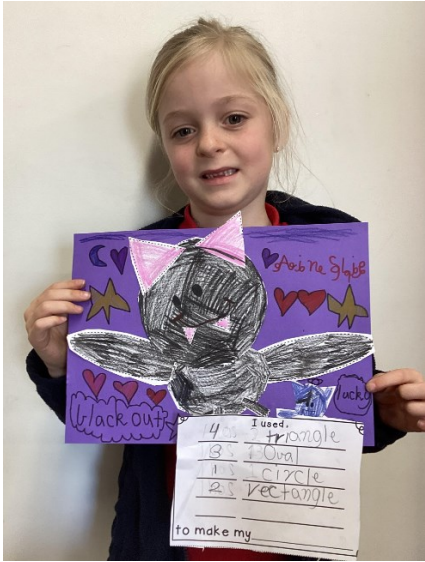
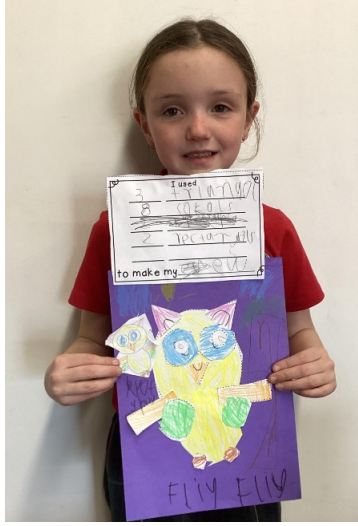
BEST IN CLASS SINCE 1947

Please note: **PRICE LIST VALID TO 30TH JUNE 2025**

<u>UNIFORM</u>		<u>UNIFORM</u>	
Softshell Jacket (Navy with school logo) All Sizes	\$ 79.95	Short Sleeve Polo (Red/Navy with school logo) All Sizes	\$ 34.95
Puffer Jacket – (Navy with school logo) All Sizes	\$ 69.95	Long Sleeve Polo (Red/Navy with school logo) All Sizes	\$ 37.95
Qtr Zip Top (Navy With school Logo) All Sizes	\$ 59.95	Academic Shorts – Navy SHORT320 All Sizes – Full Elastic Waist	\$ 29.95
Puffer Vest (Navy With school Logo) All Sizes	\$ 59.95	Academic Trouser – Navy TROUS134 All Sizes – Full Elastic Waist	\$ 43.00
Dress – Navy/Royal Check All Sizes	\$ 69.95	Skirt (Navy) All Sizes	\$ 79.95
PE Shorts – Microfibre (Navy With school Logo) All Sizes	\$ 34.95	PE Skort – (Navy With school Logo) All Sizes	\$ 31.95
PE Trackpants – Dbl Knee (Navy With school Logo)	\$ 49.95	PE Trackpants (Navy With school Logo)	\$ 49.95
Backpack - (Navy With school Logo) UNOPAK L	\$ 59.95	Tights – Navy Cotton Child & Adult Sizes	\$ 19.00
Bucket Hat - Navy/ Red S, M, L, XL	\$ 18.50	from	
NAME LABELS Pre-ordered Garment Labels (Sew or Iron on) per 50 units	\$ 25.00	3pk Ankle Socks - Navy All Sizes	\$ 17.50
		2pk Crew Socks - Navy All Sizes	\$ 15.50

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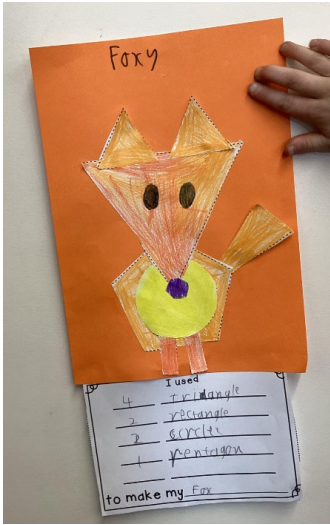
Junior Area



In the Junior area, we have been learning to identify and describe 2D and 3D shapes.

Bonnie Evers

1 / 2 Teacher



Middle Area

Maths Escape Room

On Tuesday 20th August, The Year 3-6 students participated in a Maths Escape Room challenge. The event was designed to test their problem-solving skills, teamwork, and mathematical thinking in a fun and interactive way.

Each group of students was tasked with solving a series of puzzles and riddles that required them to apply their math knowledge creatively. The goal? To "escape" the room by unlocking a series of clues within a set time limit. The event was a huge success, showcasing student's problem-solving abilities and teamwork.



Well done to all participants and a special mention to Ms Pomponio for organising.



Melbourne Stars

On Friday 23rd August, the Melbourne Stars Cricket Club visited the Middle Unit. The students participated in a range of activities including ball skills, team building and good sportsmanship.

Luke C.- I liked learning different skills including catching and the game Rapid Fire.

Toby S.- I liked meeting the cricket players and learning different skills and playing the different games.

A big thanks to Mrs Mellington for organising this.



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Middle Area

Reading to the Foundation Students

Over the past four weeks, the Year 3/4 students have been creating their own narrative stories. Each student explored a real life problem a child may face and a solution to fix that problem. The students also drew their own pictures to go with their stories. On Thursday 22nd August, they were able to read their stories to the Foundation students.

Both the Foundation and Year 3/4 students enjoyed this and it was a perfect way to finish Book Week.



Science Incursion

On Tuesday 27th August, The Middle Unit students participated in a science incursion hosted by Questacon.

Chelsea M.- I liked how funny and entertaining it was.

Amelia H. - I liked it all. I also liked learning the scientific names of the body parts.

Thanks to Ms Pomponio for organising this.



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Father's Day Breakfast 2024



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Art News



Brianna

Lulu



A big congratulations to the 5 students who are our entries in the Mackillop Art Exhibition in Bendigo this year.

Well done and good luck to you all.

Ann Maree Challis



Matilda



Anthony



Lilly

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2024

- Wed 4th Arts on Show—WPAC
- Wed 11th Year 5 and Year 6 Athletics Carnival
at Churchill Reserve Benalla
- Thur 12th Year 3 and Year 4 Athletics Carnival
at Churchill Reserve Benalla
- Fri 20th Footy Day - P & F Hot Food Day
- Fri 20th Last Day Term 3—2.30PM Finish**

OCTOBER 2024

- Wed 9th Year 5 and Year 6 Camp
Borambola Depart 8.00am
- Fri 11th Year 5 and Year 6 Camp
Borambola Return 2.00pm
- Fri 18th P & F Disco 5pm—7 pm

SCHOOL ADVISORY

COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2024

- MARCH 12TH TUESDAY 5.00PM**
- MAY 28TH TUESDAY 5.00PM**
- SEPTEMBER 3RD TUESDAY 5.00PM**
- NOVEMBER 26TH TUESDAY 5.00PM**



ATTENDANCE

Schooling is compulsory for children between the ages of 6 and 17 years (Education and Training Reform Act 2006).

If your child is sick or is unable to attend please notify the school. The school is obliged to gain this information by law.

MEDICATIONS

This form can be accessed via PAM, or obtained from the office. All medications must have the prescription label and are to be held in the Office.

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Assembly Awards

Assembly Report T3/ W 6

Assembly Captains: Sabine H. & Isabella S.

Foundation A: Zachary T. & Ryan J.

Foundation B: June C.

Foundation C: Lulu De F. & Ollie R.

Junior Q: Hudson E. & Archer B.

Junior R: Sara M. & Sebastian S.

Junior S: Ezra A. & Tulson R.

Junior T: Grayson M. & Macey S.

Junior U: Ainsley S. & Olivia B. & Hudson L.

Middle L: Max R. & Ian D.

Middle M: No Awards

Middle N: Hunter S.

Middle O: Inderbir S. & Tilly R.

Senior F: Zhixian Z.

Senior G: No Awards

Senior H: Ron S. & Rueben F.

Senior I: Zara W. & Louis H.

Senior J: Elina P. & Lacey Mcl.

PRIME MINISTER'S SPELLING BEE

Mitchell S. (Year 5) and Lavinia K. (Year 6) have both made it through to the State Finals of the Year 5/6 Section.

They will compete again next week to try and progress to the National Level.

Good Luck!!



Cooking up a storm for
the Father's Day gift
bags!!



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Wellbeing Awards

St. Joseph's Wellbeing Award

Zara W

For

Consistently showing acts of kindness towards others on the yard.



26/08/2024
Date

Pastoral Wellbeing
Leader



St. Joseph's Wellbeing Award

Samuel K

For

Always showing a positive attitude towards others on the yard.



26/08/2024
Date

Pastoral Wellbeing
Leader



St. Joseph's Wellbeing Award

Isabelle L

For

Going out of her way to help others and be inclusive.



26/08/2024
Date

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Leader



St. Joseph's Wellbeing Award

Beau G

For

Showing kindness towards others on the yard.



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The Kiss & Go program is an initiative to help improve the road safety of children and traffic congestion around our schools.

Thank you to all parents, guardians, teachers and students for your cooperation to ensure the safety of children at our schools.



We are introducing

KISS & GO 🗨️

zones to make school drop-off and pick-up safer for everyone

Contact us



www.benalla.vic.gov.au



council@benalla.vic.gov.au



03 5760 2600

Creating safer school zones

Kiss & Go Rules

Unlike a No Stopping area, where you cannot stop for any length of time, you are allowed to stop and park for a short time in a No Parking aka 'Kiss & Go' area as long as you are;

- dropping off or picking up passengers,
- you don't stay for any longer than 2 minutes, and
- you don't move more than 3 metres away from your vehicle.

You can therefore, get out of your car to set your child on their way, as long as you remain within 3 metres of your car and don't stay any longer than 2 minutes.

Remember

- ✓ To assist with traffic flow, drivers should remain with their car (within 3 metres) whilst children get in and out.
- ✓ If your child does not get in or out of the vehicle within 2 minutes you must leave and re-enter the Kiss & Go zone.
- ✓ Please ensure children get in or out of the vehicle on the kerb side.
- ✓ Drop off or pick up your child close to the top of the zone, as far forward as possible.
- ✓ Observe traffic when entering or leaving the zone.
- ✗ Do not do a U-turn in busy school zones.





MHC HILLUP
ART EXHIBITION

15-30 NOVEMBER 2024



Kingston Waters, 2023, Oscar Bridgeman, Yr 6, St Augustine's PS, Wodonga - 2023 Highly Commended General: Upper Primary Art Award

OPEN FOR VIEWING

15-30 November 2024
Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo
Open Wed-Sat | 10am-4pm

ONLINE

From Monday 18 November 2024
ceosand.catholic.edu.au/mae

VOTE FOR PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS

until Sunday 1 December 2024
ceosand.catholic.edu.au/mae/peoples-choice

OPENING AND AWARDS CEREMONY

Friday 15 November 2024 | 6pm-8pm
Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo

Booking:
forms.office.com/r/MU7AMF4l8u
(or scan QR code)
Livestream:
linka.gov.au/mae/5m



ENQUIRIES

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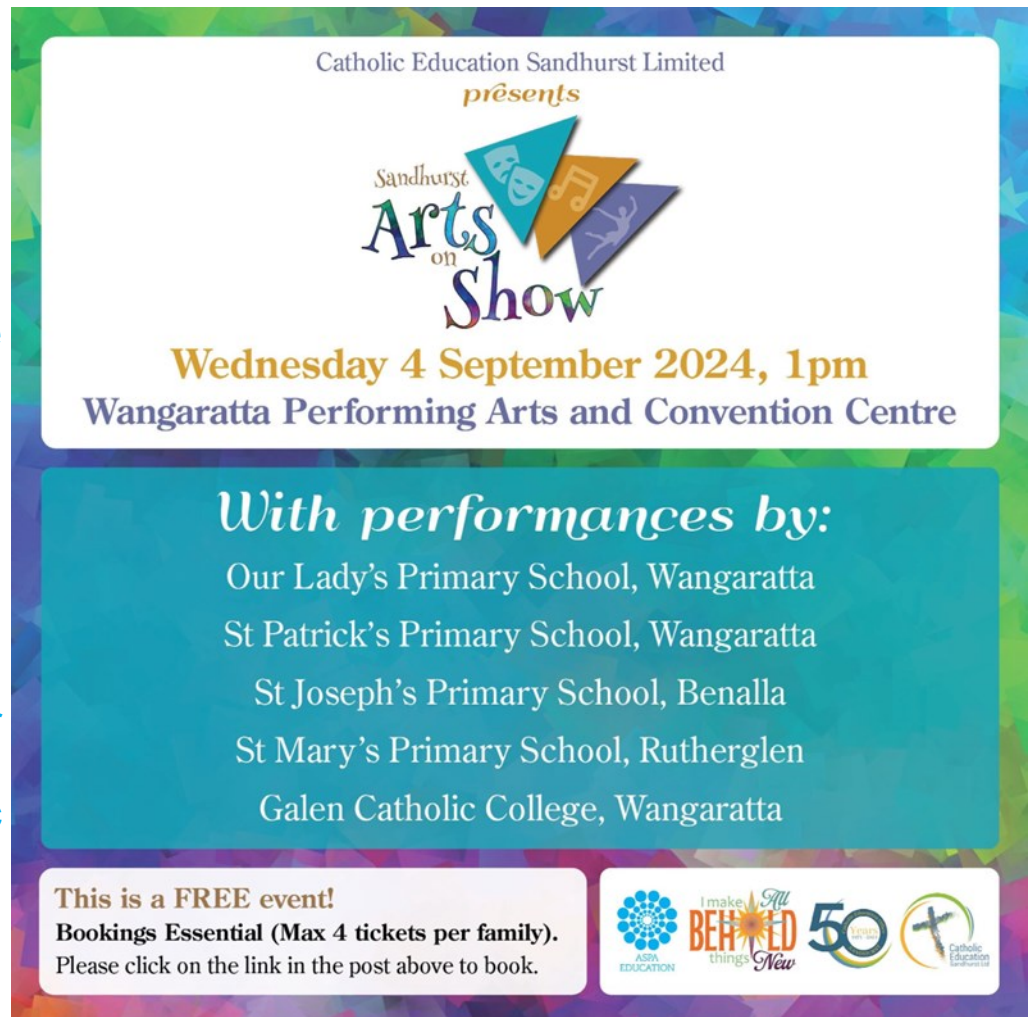


Performing Arts

We are thrilled to have more than 40 participants from Year 5 and 6 representing St Joseph's Primary School in the interschool Arts on Show.

Congratulations to all our talented and hard working students. The students will sing and dance on their own and with other local catholic schools in the Arts on Show Concert. We would love it if some family and friends could attend.

Mrs Deb Pasztor
Performing Arts



Catholic Education Sandhurst Limited
presents

Sandhurst
Arts on Show

Wednesday 4 September 2024, 1pm
Wangaratta Performing Arts and Convention Centre

With performances by:

Our Lady's Primary School, Wangaratta
St Patrick's Primary School, Wangaratta
St Joseph's Primary School, Benalla
St Mary's Primary School, Rutherglen
Galen Catholic College, Wangaratta

This is a FREE event!
Bookings Essential (Max 4 tickets per family).
Please click on the link in the post above to book.

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Friday 11th October



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supervised by a
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Father's Day Cooking

Coconut balls

Ingredients

- Sweet biscuits digestive or Marie biscuits 500 grams
- 800grams of sweetened condensed milk
- 2 cups of coconut
- 50 grams of cocoa powder
- 260 grams of coconut for rolling

Method

1. Place half a packet of the biscuits at a time into the food processor
2. Crush the biscuits until they resemble fine breadcrumbs, remove and place into a large bowl, continue until all the biscuits are finished.
3. Place cocoa powder, coconut in the bowl with the biscuits and mix through.
4. Add the condensed milk and stir until well combined.
5. Roll the mixture into small balls then roll the balls into the coconut and place onto platters lined with baking paper.
6. Make sure you keep washing your hands so all the dough does not end up on your hands
7. Continue until all the balls have been rolled, then place in the fridge to set.



Shortbread

Ingredients

- 250 grams of butter
- 110 grams of sugar
- 360 grams of flour
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Method

- * Heat the oven to 190 degrees Celsius
- * Beat the butter and sugar together until smooth
- * Stir in the flour to get a smooth paste. Turn onto a work surface and gently roll the pastry until the pastry is 1 cm thick.
- * Cut into rounds and place on a baking tray lined with baking paper. Sprinkle with sugar and place and chill in the fridge for 30 minutes.
- * Bake in the oven for 15 minutes or until pale golden brown.
- * Remove from the tray and place onto 2 large platters.





Principal's Reflection—Child Safe Standards 2024

Child Safe Standard 1 – Organisations establish a culturally safe environment in which the diverse and unique identities and experiences of Aboriginal children and young people are respected and valued

Child Safe Standard 2 – Child safety and wellbeing is embedded in organisational leadership, governance and culture

Child Safe Standard 3 – Children and young people are empowered about their rights, participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously

Child Safe Standard 4 – Families and communities are informed, and involved in promoting child safety and wellbeing

Child Safe Standard 5 – Equity is upheld and diverse needs respected in policy and practice

Child Safe Standard 6 – People working with children and young people are suitable and supported to reflect child safety and wellbeing values in practice

Child Safe Standard 7 – Processes for complaints and concerns are child focused

Child Safe Standard 8 – Staff and volunteers are equipped with the knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children and young people safe through ongoing education and training

Child Safe Standard 9 – Physical and online environments promote safety and wellbeing while minimising the opportunity for children and young people to be harmed

Child Safe Standard 10 – Implementation of the Child Safe Standards is regularly reviewed and improved

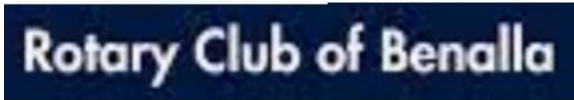
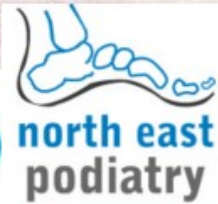
Child Safe Standard 11 – Policies and procedures document how the organisation is safe for children and young people

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St Joseph's Facebook Page

To find our **FACEBOOK Page** please either search, **St Joseph's Primary School Benalla** or by **scanning QR code**. Our coloured school emblem is our profile picture.

Please make sure you have read the, '**St Joseph's Primary School Facebook Policy**', which is located on, SimonEverywhere, PAM and our school website.



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*Starts
Thursday
22nd
February*



NOURISH TO FLOURISH

Breakfast Club

THURSDAY MORNINGS

8:00AM - 8:50AM

ST. JOSEPH'S HALL

ENTER VIA ST JOSEPH'S HALL DOORS

MENU:

CEREAL

TOAST

JUICE

FRESH FRUIT

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Phone: 5443 2377 | **Email:** cspinelli@ceosand.catholic.edu.au

Free Tickets Limited (Max 4 Per Family)

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REGISTRATION DAY SUNDAY 8TH SEPT

12.30pm start



Register on the day, or
an expression of interest
to play

All Age Groups

Message the club for more information

MEET THE COACHES

BBQ lunch available

BENALLA GARDENS OVAL

Training to be held
for juniors both new
and returning



2024 SPRING COMPETITION

Juniors Starting

Tuesday 20th of August


Net Set Go Starting

Tuesday 27th of August



 NetSetGo



 Juniors

Registrations close 16/08/2024

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Benalla Scout Group

Tuesdays 5.00 – 6.30pm

Joey Scouts are amazing! Some activities Joeys are doing In Term 3:

Joey Scouts are girls and boys aged 5-8. They enjoy adventure, imagination, and being outdoors during their weekly one-to-two hour meeting, and occasional sleepovers and camps.

Less screens - and more action, more fun, more friends, and more social skills!

- Olympics
- Weekend in Melbourne
- Designing and building our own Chariot and Swing Set
- Campfire
- Learning about Lizards
- Celebrating Peak Award Recipients Achievements
- Snow Play at Mount Buffalo
- Building Alpine Shelters
- Learn about native Flora & Fauna
- Night Hike around Benalla
- Sleepover and Movie
- AFL & Pie Night

Contact

Wedgie or Kooka to discuss more
 Jenny Wapling "Wedgie" 0428 590 606
 Kylie Dennis "Kooka" 0435 624 380



IT'S PLAY TIME!

BENALLA SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM



4-8 year olds





Auskick





8-12 year olds

REGISTER HERE!





RANGERS BASEBALL/SOFTBALL COMING SOON!




T-BALL

OCT-NOV 2024
 FOR CHILDREN
 AGED 5-8

REGISTER INTEREST
 HERE VIA QR CODE





Pro Kidz OSHC Service

Contact phone numbers are
5762 1784

Application Forms available
online:

info@prokidz.com.au

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In primary school, some students miss on average 3 weeks of school per year. That's half a year of school by the end of year 6.



EVERY DAY COUNTS

Primary school attendance

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

What we can do

The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

It's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

"Day off" – Think twice before letting your child have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

Truancy – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent's permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.

- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Training Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit:

www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx

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St Joseph's Primary School is a Child Safe School.



Attending the Early Years = Greater chance of success

- establishes positive habits
- builds positive relationships
- maximises opportunities to learn
- supports problem solving skills



What do I miss out on when I am not at school?

Lots!

- Class discussions with friends and teachers.
- Information and work that you will have to catch up on.
- You will also miss out on seeing your friends



Explaining Absences

- Report your child's absence before school commences
- Provide a reason for your child's absence
- Notify the school of any upcoming absence



Talk to school if:

- Your child is not wanting to attend school
- You need support getting your child to school



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lessons & activities



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- have a current Health Care card or Pensioner Concession card and an eligible Centrelink payment; and
- have some form of income from work (you or your partner. Cash work & child support is counted as income).

Find out more by one of the below options:

- Enquire by visiting <https://www.bsl.org.au/services/saving-and-managing-money/saver-plus/>
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