



# St. Joseph's Primary School NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 10—17th 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: 7th Oct— 18th Dec

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



Dear God,

Help us to care for one another and be kind. Teach us  
to help those who need it most and to share with  
others.

Show us how to love everyone and help us work  
together to make the world a better place.

Amen

Solidarity

WE ARE ALL RESPONSIBLE FOR  
EACH OTHER. IF YOU'RE  
NOT HAPPY I'M NOT HAPPY.



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

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## Principal's Reflection—Mrs Mary Dunstan

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Dear Parents and Carers

### Catholic Social Teaching Focus: Week Ten

The Earth and all life on it are part of God's creation. We are called to respect each other and take responsibility for taking care of each other. This week all students learn and understand that we are all part of one big family, no matter where we come from, how much we own, or what we believe. Everything and everyone is connected because we are all created by God and belong to the same beautiful world. As stated in the St Joseph's Identity Statement, to which we all aspire, "St. Joseph's is a welcoming, Catholic, child safe school community, that nurtures and values each person, knowing God lives in all of us," This statement is strongly connected to our Catholic Social Teaching focus for the week.

### Three examples of how St Joseph's students can show solidarity daily:

1. **Helping a classmate:** If a student sees a classmate struggling with a task or feeling left out, they can offer to help or include them in a game.
2. **Sharing resources:** Our students will share all resources at school such as sporting equipment, musical instruments, play equipment and classroom supplies to ensure that every person has what they need to participate in all learning at school.
3. **Standing up for others:** If a child notices anyone being treated unfairly or excluded, they can speak up to an adult or invite the person to join their group.

### 'Magnify' Program" Catholic Education Sandhurst!

Late this term our school was introduced to the new model for learning that will be introduced throughout Catholic Education Sandhurst Limited (CESL)—'Magnify'! This education program has been developed in response to a need for improvement in student growth across the Sandhurst Diocese. Despite the dedication of our amazing staff and leaders, our advisors have recognised that more needs to be done in the Education of all students, in all schools across Sandhurst.



CESL conducted extensive research, collaborating with national and international experts to ensure that we're on the right track. This research resulted in the collection of a number of initiatives and programs which together form the strategy known as 'Magnify'. This program is set to be rolled out in 2025, which will be our key strategy to enhance student outcomes. Our goal is simple: to provide every teacher with the best resources and research to boost learning and growth. Our mantra:

**"Every student... Every teacher... Every school... Every day."**

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## Principal's Reflection—Mrs Mary Dunstan

### Footy Day and P&F Hot Food Day

This Friday we will hold our final celebration for Term Three. All students are invited to wear their footy colours on Friday. I would also like to share a special thanks to Mrs Anderson and the Senior Team who have ensured that our Student Leaders have had time and support to prepare the activities for this special event. A number of activities have been planned for all students to enjoy that celebrate physical exercise, health and wellbeing, fun and sports like footy. Of course, we invite the children to celebrate all sports and health and wellbeing pursuits throughout the day.

Our wonderful P&F Committee have planned and are ready to provide a lovely hot lunch to add the fun of Friday.

I would like to thank all those involved in making these special days work for us all.

# P&F FOOD DAY

2024 FOOTY DAY -  
DRESS IN FOOTBALL COLOURS

FRIDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER



### Farewell to Mr Nathan Buhagiar



This week we farewell Mr Nathan Buhagiar as he and his family prepare to return to Melbourne. Nathan has ensured that the children in his care have been cared for and nurtured as they began their learning journey in 2024. We thank Nathan for all his efforts and care for the students and their families. Nathan has built special bonds with his colleagues and the new friends that he has made here at St Joseph's.

We wish Nathan and his family every happiness in the next part of their journey and we shall miss his kindness and caring nature here at St Joseph's.

### Exciting News from Mr Tunks

It is with every joy that I share with you that our very popular Mr Tunks is getting married this coming weekend! Mr Tunks is such a special member of our community who is about to walk down the aisle with Bella. We wish Jake and Bella every best wish and happiness as they begin an exciting new chapter in their lives. May God bless this happy union and I know that we all wish Jake and Bella the best for a memorable and special day on Saturday!

Congratulations to Jake and Bella.



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### Updates on St Joseph's Interschool Sports

St Joseph's participates in interschool sports like Winter and Summer sports such as football, netball, swimming, athletics, and cross country running. All students can participate in these events, which are organised and staffed by the school, including transportation when necessary.

Student participation in sports like tennis, golf, equestrian, and other activities pursued by families in community groups/teams is typically based on family interest. Families can pursue these opportunities through School Sports Victoria (SSV), with the school's support. While the school is happy to facilitate the necessary permissions for various interschool sports, it is ultimately the family's responsibility to engage with SSV for further involvement.



The SSV platform can be accessed <https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/>

Once you have visited this page please click on the link provided to parents. From this point every family can access a range of sports and events. There is also an option on this site to elect that you receive ongoing information from SSV which you can click and choose which sports for which you would like to receive information about upcoming events.

At St Joseph's we are included in the region of Hume and our Division is called the Ovens and Mitta Region. Adding this detail will refine your search for various events.

Please note that there are two ways that you can access information regarding events to attend. You can use either the Events list or access the Calendar. If any parent or carer wishes to know more about accessing this site please feel free to contact me at school.

The school supports these efforts by granting necessary permissions upon request from families.

Warm regards,  
Mary Dunstan  
Principal

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

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## UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS FOR TERM 4

Monday 1pm - 4pm

Friday 8am - 11am



## UNIFORM SHOP LAUNCH DATE **TBC**

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## School Uniform Transition 2024 - 2026

OLD UNIFORM THAT IS ACCEPTABLE AS WE TRANSITION TO THE NEW UNIFORM INCLUDES...

### Old Acceptable *Girls* Uniform:

#### Summer

- St. Joseph's summer dress or St. Joseph's Red Short Sleeve Polo Shirt with logo and tailored navy blue school shorts
- Plain white socks
- Standard black school shoes with closed heels and toes
- Elastic sided black school boots
- St. Joseph's Sun-safe school hat

#### Winter

- St. Joseph's Red Short Sleeve Polo Shirt with logo - long or short sleeved
- Navy blue tailored pants
- St. Joseph's navy Polar Fleece with logo
- Plain white socks or navy blue tights
- Standard black school shoes with closed heels and toes
- NO GORDON HUNTING TARTAN SLACKS OR TARTAN SKIRT

#### Year 6 only

- Short Sleeve Polo Top
- Rugby Top

### *Girls and Boys Sports Uniform*

- St. Joseph's Red Short Sleeve Polo Shirt with logo - long or short sleeved
- Navy Sport shorts (Summer/Winter)
- Navy Track pants (Summer/Winter)
- Plain white socks
- Sports shoes with sport safe soles and support. 'Skate' shoes are not acceptable

### Old Acceptable *Boys* Uniform:

#### Summer

- St. Joseph's Red Short Sleeve Polo Shirt with logo
- Standard grey school shorts/pants
- Grey socks
- Standard black school shoes with closed heels and toes or
- Elastic sided black school boots
- St. Joseph's Sun-safe school hat

#### Winter

- St. Joseph's Red Short Sleeve Polo Shirt with logo - long or short sleeved
- St. Joseph's navy Polar Fleece with logo
- Standard long grey school trousers (cargo pants are not suitable) OR Standard grey school shorts
- Grey socks
- Standard black school shoes with closed heels and toes or
- Elastic sided black school boots

#### Year 6 only

- Short Sleeve Polo Top
- Rugby Top

#### Acceptable Accessories with the Old & **NEW** Uniform

- Navy/Red Hair Accessories
- A wristwatch - no smart watches
- Earrings - single plain gold or silver stud in each lobe
- Short, clean, unadorned fingernails
- Plain blue or red scarves and beanies
- No visible body art and No makeup
- Shoulder length hair or longer must be tied back. Extreme colours or styles are not permitted

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## School Uniform Transition 2024 - 2026

### NEW UNIFORM

It is important to note, all NEW Uniforms **MUST BE** Noone garments. No unbranded items that are not part of the Uniform (NEW or OLD) can be worn (For example, grey shorts as part of the old uniform are acceptable however only Noone Navy shorts can be worn and NOT Navy shorts purchased elsewhere)

### Acceptable NEW *Girls* Uniform (all seasons):

#### Academic Uniform:

- Noone Dress – Navy/Royal Check (All sizes)
- Noone Navy Skirt
- Noone Navy Academic Shorts (full elastic waist)
- Noone Short Sleeve Polo (Red/Navy with school logo)
- Noone Long Sleeve Polo (Red/Navy with school logo)
- Noone Qtr Zip Top (Navy with school logo)
- Noone Navy Ankle or Crew socks
- Noone Navy Cotton Tights (can be worn with Dress)
- Noone Softshell Jacket (Navy with school logo)
- Noone Puffer Jacket (Navy with school logo)
- Noone Puffer Vest (Navy with school logo)
- St. Joseph's Noone Bucket Hat – Navy/Red
- Standard black school shoes or boots with closed heels and toes
- Noone Backpack (Navy with school logo – Optional)



#### PE Uniform:

- Noone PE Shorts – Microfibre (Navy with school logo)
- Noone PE Track Pants – Double Knee (Navy with school logo)
- Noone PE Skort (Navy with school logo)
- Sports shoes with sport safe soles and support. 'Skate' shoes are not acceptable

### Acceptable NEW *Boys* Uniform (all seasons):

#### Academic Uniform:

- Noone Navy Academic Shorts (full elastic waist)
- Noone Navy Academic Long Pants
- Noone Short Sleeve Polo (Red/Navy with school logo)
- Noone Long Sleeve Polo (Red/Navy with school logo)
- Noone Qtr Zip Top (Navy with school logo)
- Noone Softshell Jacket (Navy with school logo)
- Noone Puffer Jacket (Navy with school logo)
- Noone Puffer Vest (Navy with school logo)
- St. Joseph's Noone Bucket Hat – Navy/Red
- Noone Navy Ankle or Crew socks
- Standard black school shoes or boots with closed heels and toes
- Noone Backpack (Navy with school logo – optional)

#### PE Uniform:

- Noone PE Shorts – Microfibre (Navy with school logo)
- Noone PE Track Pants – Double Knee (Navy with school logo)
- Sports shoes with sport safe soles and support. 'Skate' shoes are not acceptable

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# NOONE

BEST IN CLASS SINCE 1947

Please note: **PRICE LIST VALID TO 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025**

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

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**Thursday 5th September, 2024**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to share significant news regarding some important and exciting developments at St Joseph's Benalla.

As a part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring that all regional and rural students have access to outstanding Catholic schools we are partnering with our fifty-five system-schools across the Sandhurst Catholic Diocese to implement the very latest educational research into our classrooms. While some of our staff have studied these advancements in recent years, it is now time to ensure that all our teachers and allied staff have access to the highest quality information and teaching resources available, so that your child receives an outstanding school experience.

The 'Magnify Sandhurst' project represents a major investment in the educational experience of your child. We are partnering with five national and international organisations across the areas of neuroscience, literacy, the Victorian learning curriculum, the behaviour curriculum as well as individual professional coaching for our teachers. In a first of its kind experience, and in partnership with our peers across Sandhurst, we are determinedly committed that you and your child can experience the very best that education throughout Australia has to offer.

'Magnify Sandhurst' will launch in 2025 and to ensure that we can undertake the necessary professional learning with our staff we will be shifting our usual student-free days.

***Term 1 (Term 1 dates: 30th January 2025 - 4th April 2025)***

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Australia Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 28-29 <sup>th</sup> January	Staff Professional Learning Days (Pupil Free Days)
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Years (1 – 12 students commence)
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Foundation students commence

***Term 2 (Students will have three weeks holiday) (Term 2 dates: 28th April - 4th July)***

Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Monday Public Holiday
Tuesday 22-24 <sup>th</sup> April	Staff Professional Learning Days (Pupil Free Days)
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Students commence Term 2

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER 2024

Thu 19th Middle Excursion to Benalla Cinema  
Full Details on PAM

Fri 20th Footy Day - P & F Hot Food Day

**Fri 20th Last Day Term 3  
2.30PM Finish**

### OCTOBER 2024

Mon 7th Term 4 Commences

Wed 9th Year 5 and Year 6 Camp  
Borambola Depart 8.00am

Thur 10th Year 5 and Year 6 Camp

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.



**This is a science experiment we did. We made a solar oven and cooked smores.**

**Delicious!!**

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## Assembly Awards

### Assembly Report T3/ W 9

**Assembly Captains:** Lucy K. & Ollie S.

**Foundation A:** Amaya F. & Elijah C.-Q.

**Foundation B:** Leo B.

**Foundation C:** Jackson K. &  
Amelia McW.

**Junior Q:** Holly MacG. & Elyse H.

**Junior R:** Sophia G. & Ethan B.

**Junior S:** Sam M. & Myles K.

**Junior T:** Patrick L. & Grace DeF.

**Junior U:** Mia M. & Lennon Mck.

**Middle L:** Molly S.-S. & Evelyn L.

**Middle M:** Cooper R. & Kelsie H.

**Middle N:** Rhys K. & Drea T.

**Middle O:** William S. & Jack C.

**Senior F:** Brayden C.

**Senior G:** Aaliyah W. & Issy D.

**Senior H:** Ava H. & Josie R.

**Senior I:** Isabella S. & Jorja L.

**Senior J:** Sam M. & Ethan E.

### Assembly Report T3/ W 10

**Assembly Captains:** Orla W. & Jakobi W.

**Foundation A:** Cameron B.

**Foundation B:** Bella J.

**Foundation C:** Daisy M. & Darcie S.

**Junior Q:** Annie W. & Lucas F.

**Junior R:** Harper M. & Billy W.

**Junior S:** Charley B. & Rhett P.

**Junior T:** No Awards

**Junior U:** Annabelle C. & Ryder A.

**Middle L:** Mila A. & Fraser De F.

**Middle M:** Phoenix E. & Mila S.

**Middle N:** Nikita C. & Amelia H.

**Middle O:** Isla W. & William S.

**Senior F:** Brayden J.

**Senior G:** Lilly H. & Mitchell S.

**Senior H:** No Awards

**Senior I:** No Awards

**Senior J:** Francesca M. & Ryder P.




Wellbeing Awards

St. Joseph's Wellbeing Award

Ruby G  
For


Kind, considerate and helping out her classmates when they need it.

09/09/2024  
Date  
Pastoral Wellbeing Leader  


St. Joseph's Wellbeing Award

Milla D  
For


Always being kind and considerate of others feelings.

09/09/2024  
Date  
Pastoral Wellbeing Leader  


St. Joseph's Wellbeing Award

Drea T  
For


Always always being there for his friends and lending a hand when needed.

09/09/2024  
Date  
Pastoral Wellbeing Leader  


St. Joseph's Wellbeing Award

Tomas K  
For

Showing a great attitude towards learning and using sports equipment respectfully and safely.

09/09/2024  
Date  
Pastoral Wellbeing Leader  


## 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.

BEHIND 50

Congratulations to the 40 Year 5 and 6 students who represented the school at the Arts on Show concert on September the 4th at the Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre. These are our students who excel or have a special interest in the Performing Arts. I was so proud of them as each and everyone put their hearts and soul into their performance and I felt like I was standing in front of 40 bright twinkling stars when I conducted them for A Million Dreams.

They had a very full day of workshops and rehearsals which was a culmination of 2 terms work. Mrs Mellington did a great job of teaching them the dance with music from the movie Moana, while I taught the songs and rehearsed all items which we brushed up with the ASPA team. We even had some costumes made by Mrs Challis from another concert. It was an educational and fun day of learning stage craft and students even learnt another new dance which they performed with the other schools on the day!

The ASPA (Australian School of Performing Arts) staff are truly inspiring and I feel blessed to work with them since 2009. All Year 5-6 have been learning these items which we hope to reprise at the end of the year concert.

Thanks very much to Mrs Creamer and Tanya who attended on the day

Congratulations to our Arts on Show Representatives for all your dedication and commitment.

Mrs Deb Pasztor- Performing Arts



Thank you to Daniel for coming up with the idea to make a class set of ukulele picks for our students to use. What a thoughtful, generous, and creative thing to do for the school! I'm sure all the students who get to use them will be very grateful.

Mrs Deb Pasztor- Performing Arts

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Performing Arts—Arts on Show



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## Athletics



Thank you to all the staff, parents and FCJ students who helped make our Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 Athletics Carnivals a success!

Thanks to all who contributed over the two Athletics days in making our Middle and Senior School Athletics Carnivals such fantastic events. From organising events and setting up equipment, to managing student participation and ensuring everyone had a great time— your efforts made the day run smoothly and safely.

Our students showed the spirit of fun, enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout the entire day!

When the results of qualifiers come through, students will be notified. The next level of competition will be held in Wangaratta during Term Four, week one, Friday 11th October, 2024.

Sharon Mellington

P E Teacher



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## Foundation



In the Foundation area, we have been exploring measurement. We have used scales to try and balance different items and see what is heaviest and lightest in our classroom. It is lots of fun!

Erin Boulton  
Foundation Teacher



Students in Foundation have been having fun enjoying mini athletics during Physical Education. They have practised and improved their skills in throwing, running, jumping and hurdling.

Sharon Mellington  
P E Teacher



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Junior



Junior students have been making the most of the Spring weather !

Bonnie Evers  
1 / 2 Teacher





# P&F DISCO

5PM -7PM

DRESS IN NEON/FLURO COLOURS

FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER

PARENTS BRING YOUR GOOD COINS FOR A RAFFLE ON THE NIGHT

**ENTRY TICKET \$10**

TICKET PRICE IS PER CHILD, PARENTS WELCOME TO PURCHASE A TICKET FOR YOUNGER SIBLINGS THROUGH SPRIGGY

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



Please order TICKETS  
through the Spriggy  
Schools app

**ORDERS CLOSE**  
Friday 11th October



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

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# 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](https://ceosand.catholic.edu.au/mae)

## VOTE FOR PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS

until Sunday 1 December 2024  
[ceosand.catholic.edu.au/mae/peoples-choice](https://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/MU7AMFdl8u](https://forms.office.com/r/MU7AMFdl8u)  
(or scan QR code)  
Livestream:  
[links.powermap.com.au/5m](https://links.powermap.com.au/5m)



## ENQUIRIES

Claire Spinelli  
Education Officer: The Arts

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## 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

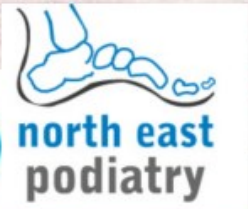
**Child Safe Standard 11** – Policies and procedures document how the organisation is safe for children and young people

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# Nourish TO Flourish Sponsors

We thank the following businesses for their generous support of our wellbeing initiative for 2023!



**Benalla Glass**

11 Gay Street, Benalla

Phone: (03) 5762 2944



**HDC LEGAL**  
Lawyers & Conveyancers

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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

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8:00AM - 8:50AM

ST. JOSEPH'S HALL

ENTER VIA ST JOSEPH'S HALL DOORS

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**MENU:**

CEREAL

TOAST

JUICE

FRESH FRUIT

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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](http://www.benalla.vic.gov.au)



[council@benalla.vic.gov.au](mailto: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.





# 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

Tues 24th  
September  
12pm



Ages 6-12  
**FREE  
EVENT**

# Barefoot BOWLS



## PIZZA MAKING!

Make a day of it at  
your BBC this school  
holidays!



**Parental supervision required**

**Bookings  
essential!**

Benalla Bowls Club  
25 Arundel Street Benalla  
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# Renaissance Treasures

A feast of choral and instrumental  
music from 16th century Europe  
and Tudor England

*Musical Director*  
Matthew Schultz

*accompanied by*  
Dr Kieran Crichton

*And featuring local recorder ensemble*  
'Recordari'

Benalla Uniting Church  
Saturday 5th October 2024 3.00 pm

Wangaratta CWA Hall  
Sunday 6th October 2024 3.00 pm

Admission \$20.  
Cash or EFTPOS at the door. Under-18 free.  
Complimentary afternoon tea included.

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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



8-12 year olds

Date:  
**October 2nd 2024**

Time:  
**9:00am - 3:00pm**

Location:  
**Benalla Showgrounds**

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**REGISTER  
 HERE!**

Superkick



AGE 5-8  
 YEARS

\$70  
 INCLUDES  
 GLOVE AND  
 T-SHIRT

# RANGERS T-BALL

## OCT 10 - NOV 21

THURSDAY  
 4:30-5:30PM

ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED

WANGARATTA BASEBALL SOFTBALL CLUB

MURDOCH RD WANGARATTA

CONTACT SEAN - 0435987326 OR  
 WANGARATTASOFTBALL@GMAIL.COM

SEASON 2024 - 25

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Why not give athletics a try?  
 Sign up for your 2 FREE sessions today and dive into the excitement!  
 We can't wait to meet you.

REGISTER TODAY

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Benalla Little Athletics Centre Inc.  
 New season begins Friday 4th October, 5pm  
 Churchill Reserve, Benalla  
 www.benallalac.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](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx)

Department of Education and Training



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## 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



# Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join Saver Plus, you must:

- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment\*
- ✓ Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)\*
- ✓ Be 18+ years old

\*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:



laptops & tablets



uniforms & shoes



books & supplies



sports fees & gear



lessons & activities



camps & excursion

For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:



Jade or Sharon



enquiriesp@berrystreet.org.au



1300 610 355

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Find out more at [saverplus.org.au](http://saverplus.org.au)

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.



*Pro Kidz OSHC Service*

Contact phone numbers are

**5762 1784**

**Application Forms available online:**

**[info@prokidz.com.au](mailto:info@prokidz.com.au)**

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