



# St. Joseph's Primary School NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 2—15th October 2024

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## SCHOOL NOTICES

### Contact Us:

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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**



DO WHAT IS BEST FOR EVERYONE  
NOT JUST YOURSELF.

Common  
Good

Dear God,

Teach us to care for each other and live in peace.

Help us understand how important it is to work together  
for everyone's good.

Show us how to treat others with kindness and respect,  
because everyone is valuable.

Guide our leaders to make fair decisions that help  
everyone, especially those who need it most.

Give us strength to stand up for what is right, and to  
make our world a better place for everyone.

We ask this through Jesus 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**

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## Principal's Reflection—Mrs Mary Dunstan

**WELCOME**  
\* Back To \*  
**SCHOOL**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our whole community for the beginning of our final term for 2024. We have enjoyed many wonderful experiences so far this year and we can look forward to another successful term at St Joseph's.

### Magnify Sandhurst Project



As directed by Catholic Education Sandhurst, our school will begin the first phase of implementation of the 'Magnify Sandhurst' project. The project, in its entirety, includes a partnership 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.

A number of our staff have commenced training in IntiaLit, an evidence-based, whole-class literacy program which provides effective teaching in reading, spelling, and writing for students in Foundation to Year 2. This program integrates the teaching of phonics, phonological awareness, vocabulary, and comprehension, using explicit and systematic teaching methods to support the development of foundational literacy skills. St Joseph's staff will have the benefit of including all that has already been learnt through Sounds Write training over the past few years. All staff will have access to the highest quality information and teaching resources available, so that every child at St Joseph's enjoys an engaging and effective education.

"In a first of its kind, 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". (Guiding Lights: Catholic Education Sandhurst Ltd., 2023)

### Pupil Free Days

'Magnify Sandhurst' will be launched in 2025 and to ensure that we can undertake the necessary professional learning with our staff we will be changing our usual student-free days. Many of our professional learning days will be directed by CESL (Catholic Education Sandhurst Limited), however there will be some additional dates to be announced, which will be advised as soon as available.

### Athletics—Ovens and Mitta Divisional Athletics

Last week St Joseph's had a number of students who competed in the Divisional competition in Wangaratta. These students competed with courage and determination to achieve wonderful results. Their accomplishments and participation in this level of competition is rewarding for them all and our whole school community are very proud of them and their efforts. We will recognise these students at next week's assembly. We also congratulate Ollie S, Elsie C, Tory W, and Owen S. who have qualified in the next level of competition in Albury on Friday 18th October.



**Thank you to Mrs Sharon Mellington who travelled with the students and supported them in their efforts.**

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### Senior School Camp-Borambola

Last week our Senior School students enjoyed our camp at Borambola. The children enjoyed activities such as a Mud Run, fencing, BMX riding, Rock climbing, Kayaking and a number of evening activities. Students were provided with a unique experience in which they were encouraged to face challenging activities and work as teams to enjoy success, often building resilience. The students were exemplary in their efforts to embrace the challenges of the activities whilst having a whole lot of fun and enjoying their classmates in a lovely way. The camp was a success and enjoyed by all. We congratulate all students on their efforts to make camp an enjoyable experience for all. We also thank all staff members who planned and implemented such a wonderful experience for the children.



### Robotics Incursion



In Week One our Junior classes participated in a Robotics incursion here at school. Throughout the experience the children learned about the design process of creating a robot and selected and used materials to design and build new robots. To enhance the excitement and learning, the children added motors to their robots, transforming them into motorised machines. It was very exciting for the children to see their robots 'come to life'. This experience fostered the development of curiosity about robots and helped the children to make solid connections with science, technology a digital technologies. The staff were thrilled with the incursion and were pleased to see how much the children enjoyed the experience.

### P&F St Joseph's School Disco

This week we look forward to the St Joseph's School Disco. The disco is a wonderful time for our students and their parents can come together and enjoy each other's company in a very special way. The students are asked to dress in Neon/Fluro colours and bring along a water bottle. Entry to the disco is strictly a Year Six and Under event only. All children must attend with a parent and be supervised throughout the disco. The disco begins at 5:00 pm and will end at 7:00 pm. Please ensure that older siblings do not attend this event. We ask that families do not photograph children whilst at the event as this is a breach of the Child Safety Code of Conduct.



God Bless

Mary Dunstan

Principal

## SCHOOL FEES 2024—

**SCHOOL FEES ARE DUE BY THE END OF THE YEAR. PLEASE CHECK AND CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU NEED TO DISCUSS FURTHER. THANK YOU.**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### OCTOBER 2024

Fri 18th	P & F Disco 5pm—7 pm
	Uniform Shop 8am—11 am
Mon 21st	Uniform Shop 1pm—4 pm
Thur 24th	Junior Excursion WPAC
Fri 25th	Uniform Shop 8am—11 am
Mon 28th	Uniform Shop 1pm—4pm
	Junior Swimming Commences

### NOVEMBER 2024

**FRI 1ST PUPIL FREE DAY**

**MON 4TH PUPIL FREE DAY**

**TUE 5TH PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

**FRI 29TH PUPIL FREE DAY**

### 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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## 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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### 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)
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**NOONE**  
BEST IN CLASS SINCE 1947

**UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS**  
**MONDAY 1PM-4 PM**  
**FRIDAY 8AM—11AM**

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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# Foundation Area



We are exploring our sense of belonging in our religion lessons this term. We have made a family shield in our lesson last week.

Erin Boulton  
Foundation Teacher



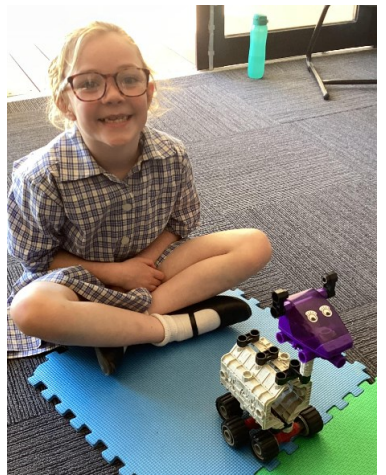
Our Foundation students participated in our Mad About Science Incursion. Students were able to experiment with entering directions and trying to input the right sequence to make our robot mice follow a treasure map. It was so much fun!



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# Junior Area



Junior students started the term with a very exciting visit from Kevin and Pauline from World of Robotics. This kick started our Inquiry unit on Robots and allowed students to develop a curiosity about the concept of design and programming.

Bonnie Evers  
1/2 Teacher





# Middle Area



The 3/4 students have been experimenting with 3D shapes, exploring a variety of forms and their defining features. In the first week, they tapped into their creativity by constructing 3D shapes using LEGO blocks.

Middle Unit Teachers.





## Senior Students-Borambla Camp



On Wednesday the 9th of October, the outside of school was covered in kids, parents and tons and tons of luggage! Teachers were guiding kids, and kids were shoving bags under the buses, then climbing aboard. When we all were settled in our seats, the buses took off down the road, heading for Borambla.

After three long hours, with a small break to stretch our legs, we arrived and began to disembark the buses, taking luggage with us. We quickly carried it to the quad, then headed to the rec-hall, where we got into our groups and lodges. I was in the Batman group and lodge 12.

We went to our first activity, for Batman which was... Kayaking! We got suited up into our life jackets and then grabbed the very heavy kayaks and one by one slid them into the water. At first we just rowed around through the icy cold water of the billabong that cut through the center of the camp. After he was confident we could paddle pretty well, Jake, our group leader, started a game of tag by announcing, "Everyone in a green kayak is it!" The rules of the game were, if you got tagged on the front half of your kayak you had to stand your oar up in the air until someone with your colour kayak gave you a high-five. After a while of playing tag, our Kayaking time was up, so we went back to our lodges to reapply sunscreen.

Then it was time for... the mud run! After running us through the course, the staff told us to get into teams before letting us one team at a time slide into the first mud pit. Some kids were screaming at the mud, others laughing, but we weaved, jumped, slid and crawled through what felt like never ending mud. After the time was up, we all slid into a mud pit for a photo before getting hosed down with freezing water.



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## Senior Students—Borambola Camp



After dinner, we were called into the rec hall for some games which included, Finding Nemo, Find the Keys, and the fan favourite Ant Hospital.

On Thursday, our first activity was rock-climbing. After being shown how to wear our harnesses the first four lucky students lined up at the rock wall, and four more kids lined up behind them, then strapped themselves in to be the relay team.

After that we had a fruit break where we ate fruit and got ready for the next activity which in my case, was circus skills! In circus skills we learnt to roll the devil's flower, spin plates on a stick, juggle, spin a Diabolo and balance on a balance board.

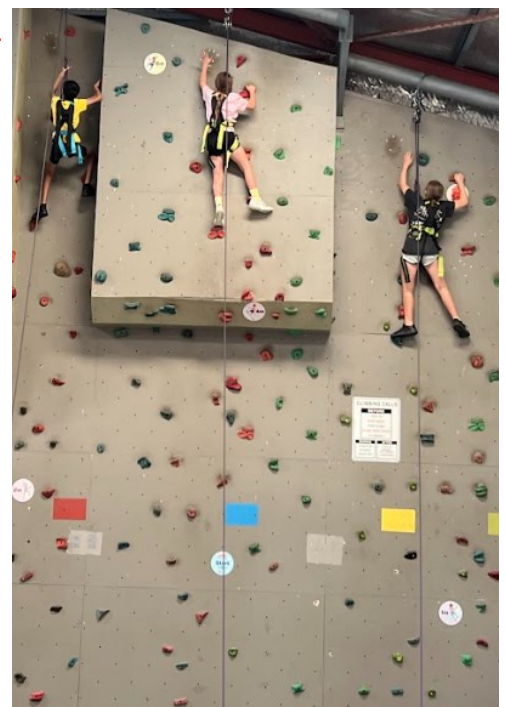
After lunch we went for our next activity which in my case was raft building. You were sorted into teams and given various random buoyant supplies to make a raft out of. After we made them we hopped in the pool and did raft races, then got some free time in the pool.

We had another fruit break before going to fencing, where we got taught a small bit of French, got suited up and fought against our friends. The fight would start with a salute, then one would say "Enguard!" Then you would get into the fight position and wait until you both said "Allez!" Which means go. The aim of the game is to poke your opponent first, then say, "Touché." Before they can get you too, the rounds were first to three.

Then we had our last activity at camp, which for Batman was BMX riding. We got our knee pads, helmets and bikes then headed for the track where we rode for about an hour before putting away our stuff and heading to the bus.

We arrived back at school at about two-thirty in the afternoon. Where we grabbed our stuff and headed to our various homes.

By Esther  
5 /6 H Ms Gawley's Classroom



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# Ovens & Mitta Divisional Athletics

A team of athletes from St. Joseph's competed in Wangaratta on Friday at the Track and Field Divisionals. The results were:

Ollie 1<sup>st</sup> 1500m, Elsie 1<sup>st</sup> 1500m, Tory 2<sup>nd</sup> Discus, Owen 2<sup>nd</sup> Shot Put, Toby 4<sup>th</sup> 1500, Owen 3<sup>rd</sup> 200m, Tyson 200m Finalist, Jack 8<sup>th</sup> 800m, Emma 4<sup>th</sup> Discus. Congratulations!!!

From this event the first two placegetters qualify for the Hume Regionals to be held in Albury on Friday 18 October. Best of Luck to our four qualifiers, Ollie, Elsie, Owen and Tory.

Thank you to Erin W. who volunteered to assist at the event and organised all the students throughout the day.

Sharon Mellington  
P E Teacher



# Footy Day



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# 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

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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

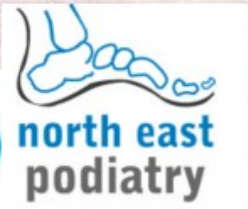
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# Nourish TO Flourish Sponsors

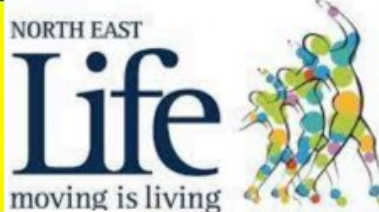
We thank the following businesses for their generous support of our wellbeing initiative for 2023!



**Benalla Glass**

11 Gay Street, Benalla

Phone: (03) 5762 2944



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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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**to the  
Benalla Spring Show!  
Friday 18th  
&  
Saturday 19th  
October 2024**  
[www.benallashow.com](http://www.benallashow.com)



**Enter the  
Benalla Spring Show!**  
**Entries close:**  
**Friday 11th Oct -- Art / Craft / Photo /  
Textiles / Cookery**  
**Wed 16th Oct - Horticulture / Farm &  
Home Produce**  
**FREE ENTRY for children**  
[www.benallashow.com](http://www.benallashow.com)



*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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## 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



7 October to 4 November 2024

Our **industry-leading** swimming lessons help children **develop** the skills and **confidence** they need for a **lifetime** of fun and **safety** in and around water.

Get started today with **2 WEEKS FREE!**

- Scan the QR code to visit our website
- Submit the enquiry form to sign up



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**BENALLA**  
**AQUATIC CENTRE**

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 W: [benalla.ymca.org.au](http://benalla.ymca.org.au)

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 - 0435997326 OR

WANGARATTASOFTBALL@GMAIL.COM

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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)

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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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- ✓ Be 18+ years old

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



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