



St. Joseph's Primary School NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 9—16th September 2025
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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

2025 Term Dates:

Term 1: 28th Jan—4th April
Term 2: 22nd April—4th July
Term 3: 21st July—19th Sept
Term 4: 6th Oct— 17th Dec

**Please ensure your
child has a school
hat to wear!!**

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Loving God,

As we come to the close of Term 3, we pause with thankful hearts.

We are grateful for the learning shared, the friendships strengthened,
and the moments of joy that have filled our classrooms and playground.

Thank You for guiding us through the challenges and for blessing us with the gifts of patience, resilience, and hope.

We give thanks for our staff, students, and families, and for the many ways our community reflects Your love each day.

As we step into the school holiday break, may we find rest and renewal.

Keep us safe in Your care, and prepare us to return refreshed, ready to continue the journey together in Term Four.

Amen.

**TERM 3 LAST DAY FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER
2.30PM FINISH**

TERM 4 COMMENCES MONDAY 6TH OCTOBER

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Principal's Reflection—Mrs Mary Dunstan



Dear Parents and Carers

Thanks to our Community

As we come to the end of another successful term at St Joseph's, I want to take this opportunity to thank our incredible staff, dedicated students, and supportive parents for their commitment to providing a high-quality education for every child in our care. Your hard work, enthusiasm, and partnership make our school community such a special place. Together, we have achieved so much this term, and I am truly grateful for all that you do.

Principal Announcement

I am pleased to share an important update regarding the leadership of our school. Mr David Keenan has been appointed as Interim Principal of St Joseph's Primary School Benalla, commencing in Term 4 Week 5.

David brings 29 years of experience in Catholic education, including nine years as Principal of St Luke's Primary School, Shepparton North. David holds a Master of Religious Education and a Master of Educational Leadership.

David's collaborative leadership style and familiarity with the Magnify Sandhurst program will ensure continuity and support for our students, staff, and families.

I will continue in my role as Principal until the end of Term 4 Week 4. To meet the immediate needs of our school and support a smooth transition I have decided to postpone my Long Service Leave until Mr Keenan is available to take over.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support

Deputy Principal Announcement

We warmly congratulate Mr Hayden Reeves on his appointment as Deputy Principal and Learning and Teaching Leader at St Joseph's.

Hayden brings a deep commitment to Catholic education, a passion for instructional excellence, and a strong belief in building collaborative, faith-filled learning communities.



In his role as Learning Diversity Leader, Hayden has demonstrated strong leadership in supporting inclusive practices, advocating for the needs of all learners, and building staff capacity in differentiation and intervention. His dedication to equity and student wellbeing has made a significant impact on our school culture.

I wish him every success in his new role which will begin on 6 October 2025.

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Principal's Reflection—Mrs Mary Dunstan



Farewell to Mr Kerlin



We extend our deepest thanks to Mr Samuel Kerlin for his outstanding service as Deputy Principal over the past three years. Sam has always enjoyed the wonderful opportunities that the role of Deputy Principal has offered him here at St Joseph's. Sam has lead with integrity, kindness, and a genuine commitment to Catholic identity. He prepared beautiful Masses that brought our community together in prayer and celebration, and he treated every person—staff, students, and families—with respect and care. When you have a conversation with Mr Kerlin he makes you feel that you are an important person and he genuinely cares about how he can help you.

In his farewell to staff, Sam shared that while he may not remember everything anyone said or did, he will always remember how this school made him feel. This understanding was beautifully reflected in his farewell assembly, where students sang songs, read paragraphs and poems, and even suggested renaming the Gaga Pit as the "Kerlin Pit"! A highlight was the moving performance of 'Unwritten' by Mrs Creamer and our rock star Leo B—a moment that captured the spirit of gratitude and joy that we all feel. So many people worked tirelessly to make this farewell special, including Mr French, Mrs Creamer, Mrs Pasztor, and Mr Reeves.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to celebrating a leader who has given so much to St Joseph's. Sam, we wish you every blessing as you begin your next chapter. Remember you will always be part of our story.

Farewell, Thanks and Congratulations to Ms Pomponio

We give great thanks for the efforts, contributions and commitment of Maria Pomponio over her many years of service to this school. We farewell Ms Pomponio, who concluded her time with us on 28 August 2025. Maria has contributed so much to our school, particularly in the areas of Learning and Teaching and in leading contemporary approaches to Mathematics. Her passion for teaching and leadership is evident, and we are delighted that she is keen to return to St Joseph's in the future.

Finally, it is with great joy that we announce the arrival of Lilly Armani Armstrong! Maria and her husband Chris are thrilled to welcome their beautiful baby daughter. We share in their happiness and wish the whole family every blessing, joy, and good health as they begin this exciting new chapter together.



Farewell to Mrs Mellington



We extend our deep thanks to Mrs Sharon Mellington for her care and dedication to the children of St Joseph's. Sharon's love of sport has always shone through, making her a positive influence on our students by modelling respect, teamwork, and the joy of healthy competition. Her enthusiasm and kindness have left a lasting impression, and she has truly cherished her time with the students of St Joseph's.

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Athletics Carnival Update

Unfortunately, bad weather conditions prevented us from holding the Athletics Carnival for our Middle School students last week. Families of these students will receive information shortly regarding how this cancellation affects progression to the next level of competition. Our team at St Joseph's will ensure that all recorded times and previous results are considered so that students who have qualified will still have the opportunity to compete at the next level in Week One of Term Four.

Our senior students represented St Joseph's at the Athletics Carnival at Churchill Reserve in Benalla. They competed with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship, with many students qualifying for the next level of competition.

Congratulations to all our students for their effort, respect for competitors, and the wonderful support they showed for their peers throughout the day. We are proud of you!



RUOK Day



St Joseph's celebrated RUOK? Day with joy, learning, and reflection. In classrooms, students explored the importance of checking in on friends and understanding how small conversations can make a big difference.

Staff shared a special morning tea, creating time for connection and positive discussion. Together, we reflected on how living the message of RUOK? Day aligns beautifully with the Gospel call to "love one another" and care for our neighbour—a teaching given to us by Jesus Christ.

It was a day filled with kindness, laughter, and a strong reminder that at St Joseph's, we look out for each other every day. I would like to extend the depth of gratitude from the staff and students to Bre Ackerley for the planning and organisation of special treats and reminders on RUOK? Day.

**PLEASE NOTE THE FAREWELL MASS FOR
MRS DUNSTAN PLANNED FOR FRIDAY
19TH SEPTEMBER HAS BEEN CANCELLED**

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Parking Warning

Important Reminder About Drop-Off and Parking

We kindly remind all families that the area near the **Uniform Shop is not a school car park**. It has been reported that some children are being dropped off in various spots and running through the car park to get to school. This creates a serious safety risk.

Parents who are dropping children off must use the **designated drop-off zone at the front of the school** or park their car legally in the appropriate areas. It is also **not appropriate to park in the parish car park or use this area for student drop-off**.

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact **Mary Dunstan** as soon as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping all our students safe.

Food Bank



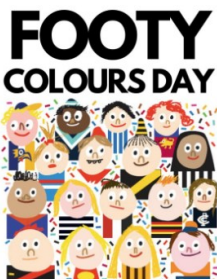
In past years, St Joseph's Primary School have utilised a Meal Bank, supplied by generous families to assist community members in their moment of need.

We are seeking families to contribute to our meal bank for Term 4 of 2025. Meals need to be supplied in a disposal container. It is a requirement that all meals are labelled with all ingredients (written on a sticker and attached to meal) or we will not be able to give them out.

Meals can be brought in and given to the school office, we will then put them in our freezer. Keeping in mind the meals are for families some ideas are: casseroles, spaghetti bolognese, lasagne etc. Every family who has received a meal has been very pickappreciative of the gesture and found it to be a great help in their time of need.



Footy Day and Hot Food Day—Thursday 18th September



Students are invited to come dressed in their favourite footy team's colours or jersey (AFL, NRL, soccer – all codes welcome!). It's a fun way to celebrate the footy season and show team spirit.

There will be footy-themed activities throughout the day, and we encourage everyone to get involved and have fun.

Students will rotate through activities in their house colours so there will be a chance to work together with all students across the school.

Wishing you all a very safe holiday and looking forward to welcoming everyone back in Term Four.

God Bless

Mary Dunstan

Principal

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Executive Director

15 September 2025

Dear St. Joseph's Primary School Benalla Staff and Community,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to share an important update regarding the leadership of your school.

I am pleased to announce that Mr David Keenan has been appointed as Interim Principal of St. Joseph's Primary School Benalla, commencing in Week 5 next term. This appointment ensures strong and continuous leadership as we move through this period of transition and prepare for the recruitment of a substantive principal.

David is a highly respected leader within Catholic Education Sandhurst Limited, where he has served as Principal of St Luke's Primary School, Shepparton North, for the past nine years. His 29 years of experience in Catholic education include significant leadership roles such as Religious Education Leader, Deputy Principal, and Principal across both primary and Foundation to Year 10 settings.

Deeply committed to his Catholic faith, David has completed a Master of Religious Education and a Master of Educational Leadership, and is actively involved in parish life, serving as a reader, minister of communion, and member of the Parish Pastoral Council. His career demonstrates a steadfast dedication to nurturing faith-filled learning communities and ensuring the highest standards of educational governance, child safety, and continuous school improvement.

We are confident that David's extensive experience, collaborative leadership style, and strong commitment to Catholic education will provide excellent guidance for our students, staff, and families during this interim period. His familiarity with the Magnify Sandhurst program and the workings of Sandhurst Catholic schools ensures that the outstanding leadership of Mary will continue under David's care. Mary will continue in the role of Principal until the end of Week 4, and there will be opportunities to meet David, after Week 5.

We will commence the recruitment process for the substantive principal role, (to begin in 2027), in Term 2 next year so that the community has certainty in the leadership of the school. We are committed to finding a leader who will continue to uphold the values and standards of St Joseph's Primary School Benalla and will seek the community's feedback on the desired qualities of their substantive principal.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and to invite you to join me in warmly welcoming David to our community.

Peace and blessings,

Kate Fogarty
Executive Director, Catholic Education Sandhurst Limited.

Farewell Message from Mr Sam Kerlin



Dear Families of St Joseph's,

As I come to the end of my time here as Deputy at St Joseph's, I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support, trust, and partnership over the years. It has been both a privilege and a joy to be part of this wonderful school community. St Joseph's is a very special place, filled with dedicated staff, supportive families, and children who inspire us every day with their curiosity, kindness, and spirit of learning. I am proud of all that we have achieved together and the way our community continues to grow stronger through care, respect, and collaboration. I leave with deep gratitude and confidence that the school will continue to flourish in the years ahead.

The children of St Joseph's are the heart of our school. They are kind and compassionate, always looking out for one another and showing care in both small and meaningful ways. With a strong sense of justice, they stand up for what is right and strive to create a community where everyone feels valued, included and respected. Above all, they approach learning with curiosity and enthusiasm, reminding us every day of the joy and possibility that education brings. I know that our staff are always so proud to take our children outside of the school to represent St Joseph's in such a respectful way. Other schools often comment about how impressive our children are in the way they speak and treat one and other and the friendly and respectful way that they engage with adults.

To our wonderful staff here at St Joseph's. The teachers and learning support officers who bring dedication, creativity, and a deep sense of care to their work each day, I am very grateful. You are more than just teachers and support staff, YOU are mentors and role models who nurture not only a love of learning but also the values of respect, kindness, and resilience in our children.

Finally, a sincere thanks to our families for welcoming me so warmly and for allowing me to share in your children's learning journeys. Although I am excited to begin my Principalship at St John's Euroa, St Joseph's will always hold a very special place in my heart and the opportunity to lead this community as Deputy Principal has been a true honour and one I am extremely grateful for.

Thank you!

Sam Kerlin

Deputy Principal

Learning & Teaching / Catholic Identity Leader

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UPCOMING EVENTS

TERM 3

SEPTEMBER 2025

Thurs 18th NO BREAKFAST CLUB

FOOTY DAY & HOT FOOD DAY

Fri 19th Uniform Shop Open 8.00am-4.00pm

Fri 19th Final Day Term 3—
2.30pm Finish

TERM 4

OCTOBER 2025

Fri 3rd Holiday Trading Hours Uniform Shop
10.00am—4.00pm

Mon 6th Term 4 Commences

Mon 6th Uniform Shop Open 8.00am-1.00pm

SCHOOL ADVISORY

COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2025

MARCH 18TH TUESDAY 5.00PM

JUNE 10TH TUESDAY 5.00PM

SEPTEMBER 9TH TUESDAY 5.00PM

NOVEMBER 25TH 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.



UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

MONDAY 8.00 AM-1.00 PM

FRIDAY 8.00 AM—4.00 PM

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Father's Day Breakfast



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Foundation Area



On Tuesday the 2nd of September, the Foundation students set off on an adventure to the Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre to watch *The Gruffalo's Child* live on stage. They piled onto the bus full of excitement and chatter, ready for the big show. The performance was filled with laughter, music and fun, and the students listened and watched so beautifully.

It was a wonderful day and a memorable excursion for our Foundation students!

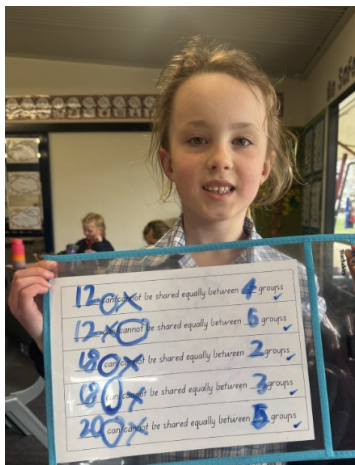
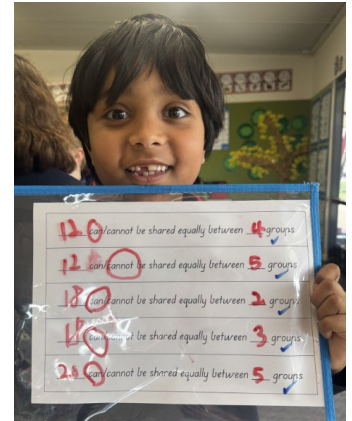
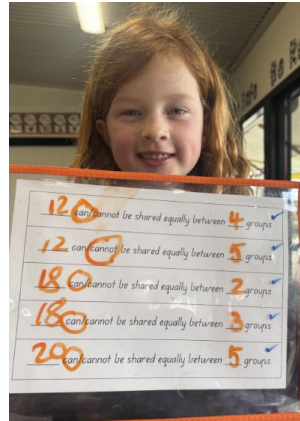
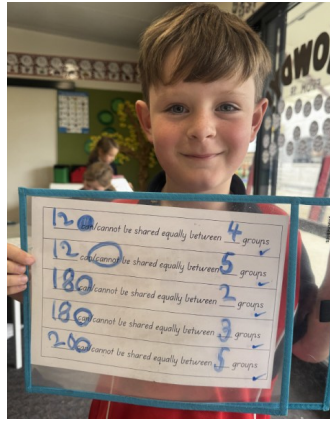
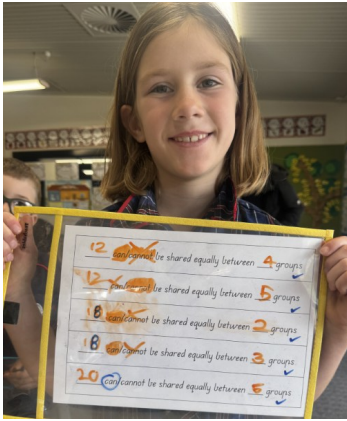
Kat Bartker

Teacher



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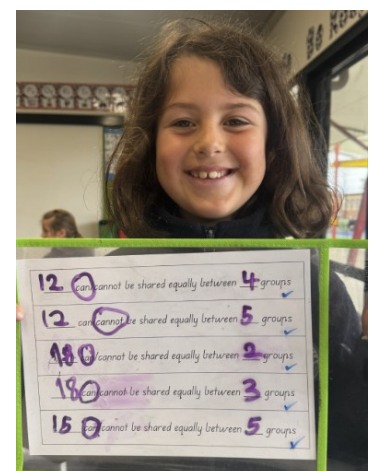
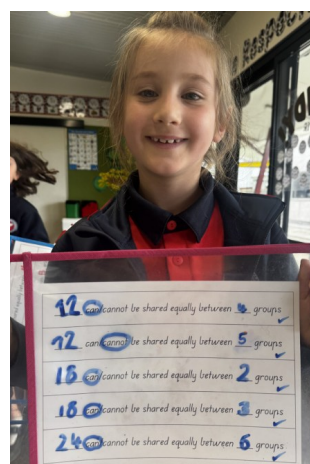
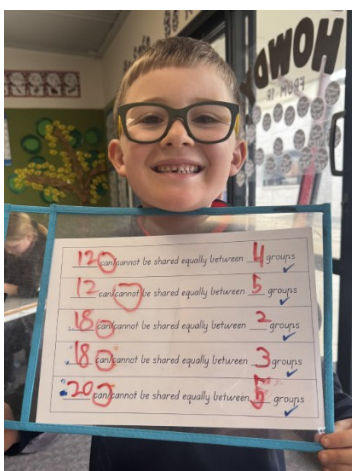
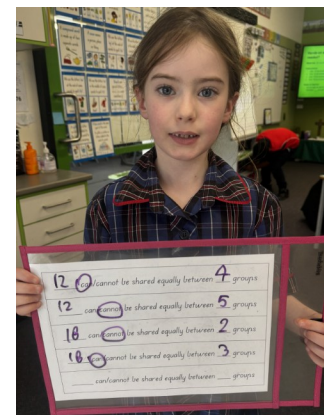
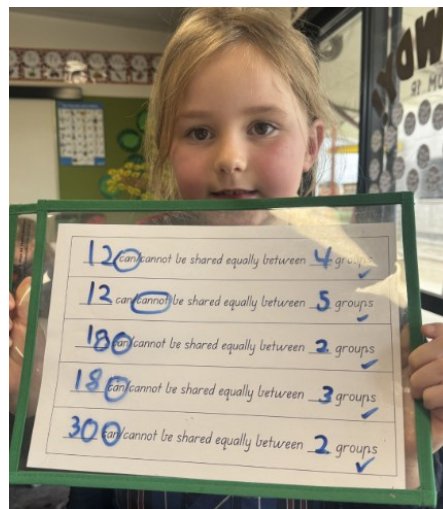
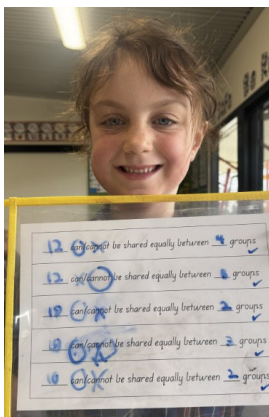
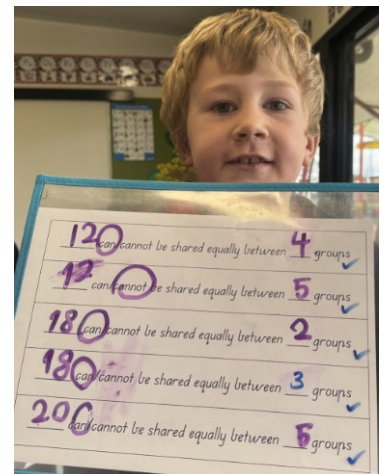
Junior Area



In Grade 1 we are learning to identify how many groups are needed to share a collection equally.

Meagan Griffiths

Classroom Teacher



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Mad About Science Incursion



In the last week of August, we were lucky enough to attend a science show that was an exciting and engaging experience for our students. We watched in awe as dry ice fog spilled across the stage, balloons shrunk and grew, and everyday items reacted in surprising ways when exposed to extreme cold. The show explained the science behind dry ice, including how carbon dioxide changes directly from a solid to a gas (sublimation). This helped students understand tricky concepts in a fun and visual way.

Kat Mennen

Classroom Teacher



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Playtime



The 3/4's decided to build a pyramid and then the Grade 2's decided to have a go too!!



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Senior Athletics



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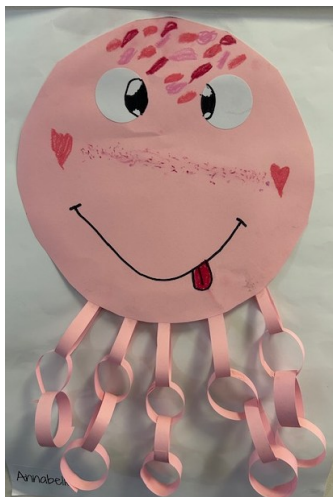


ART NEWS

This term we have been learning about the Art Element of 'form'. So we have been very busy making all types of 3D art. The senior school are currently making their own totem sculpture out of various materials and then painting them using acrylic paint. As you can see, the sculptures are amazing! Look out for their display in the office area!



NEEDED: If anyone has any egg cartons or newspapers lying around we would love to have them in the art room.



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Principal's Reflection—Child Safe Standards 2025

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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Starts
Thursday
6th
February



NOURISH TO FLOURISH

Breakfast Club

THURSDAY

**NO BREAKFAST CLUB
THURSDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER**

8.50AM

ST. JOSEPH'S HALL

ST. JOSEPH'S HALL DOORS

MENU:
CEREAL
TOAST
JUICE
FRESH FRUIT



NOONE

FCJ & St Joseph's Benalla Uniform Shop:

**Store Location: 42 Arundel Street
(Parish building next to St Joseph's Church)
Benalla VIC 3672**

HOLIDAY TRADING HOURS

Friday 3 October 10.00am—4.00pm

**NORMAL TRADING HOURS RESUME
FROM MONDAY 6TH OCTOBER**

Monday 8.00am—12.00pm

Friday 12.00pm—4.00pm

www.noone.com.au



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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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TOMORROW TODAY

Come and Try Day 2025

Sunday 14 September, 10am - 1pm

Benalla Indoor Rec Centre and All Blacks Reserve
1 Ackerly Avenue, Benalla

FREE community event
for families and young
people aged 5 - 19

**Come and
have a go!**



Benalla Little Athletics Centre Inc.



SEASON 2025-26

Check our
FB page for
updates

Free two
week trial
period

WE ARE ENCOURAGING

Achieve your personal best!

Imagine having a blast while hitting your personal best! Even better?
Sharing these moments with family and friends. Little Athletics helps
young people grow as athletes and individuals, building confidence
and self-belief for life— sport, school, home, and beyond.

Join our inclusive community where everyone is welcome, no matter
their skill level! Why wait?

REGISTER TODAY

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Season begins Friday 3rd October 5pm
Churchill Reserve Benalla



Benalla Lawn
Tennis Club

School Holiday Fun

FREE TENNIS

TENNIS CLINIC



TUESDAY 23 &
WEDNESDAY 24
SEPTEMBER

9.30AM - 10.15AM

FOR AGES 4-6 / NEW TO TENNIS

10.30AM TO 12PM

FOR AGES 7+ / PREVIOUSLY

OUR PROGRAM:

Qualified tennis coaches & club members
Fun tennis coaching
Safe friendly environment
Morning tea provided for everyone at 10:30am

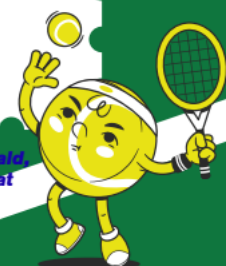
REGISTER ONLINE:

Registration Form - [Link](#)

BRING A HAT AND DRINK BOTTLE

Racquets supplied or
bring your own

All enquires to Mark McDonald,
Benalla Lawn Tennis Club at
0448 805 432



MIGHTY MOVERS HOLIDAY PROGRAM

BENALLA

MONDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER
4:00-5:00PM
@ BENALLA RECREATION RESERVE
(AUSKICK OVAL)

ACTIVITIES: Tag games, Flinch,
Windows, Dodgeball & more!

AGES: 6-12 years

OUTCOMES: Increases shown
in Fitness, Mindfulness &
Social Connectedness



Bookings via - brodie@myfutureacademy.com

Girls Cricket Program



Discover the fun of cricket in a friendly and supportive environment!

The Benalla Bushrangers Cricket Club are excited to offer a 4 week Girls Cricket Program for 5- 15 year olds of all skill levels.



When: Monday 14th October
(for 4 weeks)

Time: 4.30pm – 5.30pm

Where: Benalla Gardens Oval

What to expect:

- Learn and grow cricket skills – batting, bowling, and fielding
- Fun, game-based activities for everyone to enjoy
- A welcoming space to make friends and be part of a team
- An inclusive pathway into playing with the Benalla Bushrangers Girls Team



No experience?
No problem.

All equipment is provided – just bring your energy and enthusiasm!

Benalla Gardens Oval Wedge St, Benalla, VIC 3672
benallabushies@outlook.com



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Wawa Euroa Wayilak A cultural adventure for kids Thursday 25th September 2025

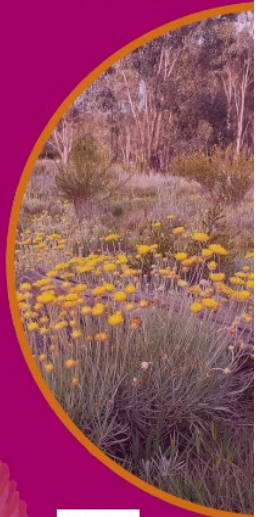
- A hands-on cultural experience for the whole family (suited to children aged 6-12 years).
- Start with a Welcome Smoking Ceremony
- Learn about cultural uses of plants with a guided walk at the Euroa Arboretum, tasting bush foods as we go.
- Art experience with take home souvenir
- Morning tea

Adults: \$80 per person
Children 12 & under: \$50 per person
Time: 10am – 12:00pm

Book: www.wawabiik.com.au
For more info: hello@wawabiik.com.au
Phone: 03 5784 1466



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Get up to \$500 for education costs

Achieve a savings goal for 10 months, and **ANZ will match it up to \$500.**

To be eligible, you need to meet these requirements:



18 years or older



A regular income (you or your partner)



Attend free online financial education workshops



Are studying yourself or have a child at school, or starting next year



Current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card

Saverplus.org.au

1300 610 355



Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in partnership with The Smith Family and Berry Street. It is funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services.



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.

Tuancy – 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.

- 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

Department of Education and Training



**Benalla & District Uniting Churches
Spring Fete: 4th October 2025
8:30am - Midday**

YOU are invited to enter

The Great Scarecrow Competition

FREE ENTRY



Entries must be:

- between 1m-1.5m tall
- given a name
- constructed of recycled materials
- delivered to the Benalla Uniting Church on Friday 3rd October between 9-11am and 5-7pm (or earlier by arrangement)

**Prizes awarded for the most popular public votes
(votes \$1 each)**



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
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