



St. Joseph's Primary School NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 2—23rd April 2024

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SCHOOL NOTICES

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Office open:

Mon-Fri 8.15am - 4.00pm

Yard Supervision:

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

Bell Times:

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

2024 Term Dates:

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

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



Dear Lord,

As Anzac Day approaches, we pray for all who serve our country. Grant them strength and protection as they fulfill their duties.

Comfort those who have lost loved ones and heal those who bear scars. May we never forget their sacrifices and work for peace and harmony in our world.

Guide our leaders to make just decisions, and inspire unity and resilience in our communities.

Amen.

THURSDAY 25TH APRIL ANZAC DAY—

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

FRIDAY 26TH PUPIL FREE DAY—

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY

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Principal's Reflection—Mrs Mary Dunstan



Dear Parents and Carers

Term Two 2024

As Term Two of 2024 begins we look forward to a term full of opportunities, events, exciting teaching and learning for our students and the wider community. We begin our term by welcoming two new staff members to our team. Ms Georgia Hooper has enjoyed her first week teaching in 1/2 S. The students and Georgia have enjoyed getting to know each other and the transition has been happy and successful. This week we welcome Ms Nat Challis into 3/4M. Ms Nat Challis and Ms Jane Hawkins have had time planning together and building a new partnership for the students. I know that the transition will be smooth and supportive for all the students. I wish both Georgia and Nat every happiness in their work here at St Joseph's.

Social Justice

Human
Dignity

EVERYONE IS MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE.
EVERYONE IS SPECIAL.



Last week our Social Justice focus addressed the importance of actively supporting Human Dignity. The focus aims to foster an understanding that we are all made in God's image and that every person is special. We teach the children that we treat each other with respect and kindness and ensure that the dignity of every person is upheld in all situations. House Points will be given to students who exhibit behaviour and communication that demonstrates respect for others and upholds their dignity. The efforts and points accumulated were shared at our assembly yesterday.



DO WHAT IS BEST FOR EVERYONE
NOT JUST YOURSELF.

Common
Good

This week our focus for Social Justice is "Common Good". The aim this week is to teach the children that it is important to do what is best for everyone, not just yourself in many situations.

"The learning experiences (at St Joseph's) should seek to integrate faith, culture and life and be designed to demonstrate the value held for the dignity of each person, a preferred culture of community and educating for citizenship that reflects a commitment to social justice" (CES Ltd). The students will see the tally of points at Assembly each week and work together to increase their understanding of the importance of Human Dignity throughout the term.

As stated in the last newsletter, staff are encouraged to acknowledge and reward students who demonstrate our school's Learning Attitudes and commitment to social justice, reinforcing our values in these areas. Points will be recorded on the whiteboard and collected by the student messenger. At the end of each term, the house with the most points will be rewarded, possibly with an extended lunch break .

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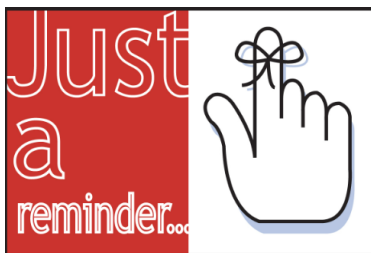


St Joseph's School Review

Our School Review began yesterday and will continue over the next two days. Using the School Improvement Tool (SIT) our school will be assessed in all curriculum processes by the Review Team. This team consists of a representative from the Australian Council for Education Research (ACER), Dianne Pekin, Leading School Improvement Consultant, Kim Butler and Andrea O'Connor from Catholic Education Sandhurst Ltd. This process, implemented by involving the whole community, aims to identify strengths and areas for improvement to inform our future strategies, changes and decisions.

Thank you so much to the parents who have offered to participate. We continue to seek the participation of parents who would like to sit with the review team or via a phone call to discuss parent thoughts on Learning and Teaching at St Joseph's. Please contact the school office if you are available tomorrow at any time.

Pupil Free Day: Friday 26th April 2024



This Friday our school will be closed. Our staff will continue professional development in the School Impact Program using Visible Learning. St Joseph's implemented this approach to teaching and learning in 2019 and we have continued to update and embed our practice since.

School Advisory Council (SAC)

I thank our School Advisory Council for their continued support of our school and adding parent voice to our decision making in our school. We would embrace any new additions to this team. We meet once per term in Week Eight and we reflect on the directions that our school is taking and many aspects of our school. If you are interested please forward your expression of interest to me via email at principal@sjbenalla.catholic.edu.au

Annual Action Plan

Aligned with the Catholic Education Sandhurst Strategic Plan 2023-2027, St Joseph's Annual Action Plan for 2024 sets clear goals in line with the Diocesan strategy. Our Annual Action Plan which drives our planning and strategic design is available on our School Website. A summary of the work that we are implementing at the moment includes the following:

Our current School Improvement Goal states that our students will become assessment-capable learners who can reflect on their learning journey to evaluate their learning against success criteria. Using the success criteria students can comment how they are progressing in their learning and understand what they need to do to improve. In order to support this strategy for learning, teachers will display anchor charts with worked examples for students to compare against so that children know what they need to know, and their next steps for learning success. Learning intentions and success criteria are always visible. Students will effectively evaluate their learning progress and teachers use various data sources to inform teaching.

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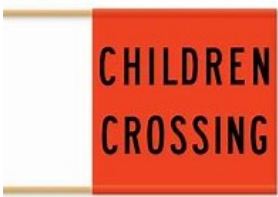
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Catholic Identity and Faith

Last term we commenced our Sacramental preparations with a wonderful session led by Maria Ford. Throughout the evening, the children and families who will participate in the Sacramental Program throughout 2024 learned about all the Sacraments of the Catholic Church.



Use of School Crossing



It has come to my attention that many children who are approaching are not using the School Crossing. Please discuss this with your child/children and each class will also address this concern.

We want to keep all our children safe and the use of the crossing is central to safety on our way to and from school each day.

Mother's Day Shared Breakfast and Mass Celebration

This year we are holding a special Mother's Day Breakfast on Friday May 10th at 8:00 am at St Joseph's Hall. We look forward to welcoming our families to celebrate our mothers, grandmothers and step mothers at our school to share a special breakfast with the children. We invite everyone to a very special Mass to be held in St Joseph's Hall at 9:15 am to pray and give thanks for all the women in our lives. We understand that we have many working mums who will not be able to attend for the whole experience however we warmly invite you to attend either or both aspects of our celebration.



Congratulations to Tilly



Last Friday one of our students, Tilly D. Year Five represented our school at the School Sports Victoria, State Swimming Championships at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre (MSAC). To compete at this level is an excellent accomplishment. Many hours and days of preparation, training and commitment is required to qualify for such an event. Tilly competed in 50m backstroke for her age group.

Tilly's classmates and friends watched the race and enjoyed cheering her on from their classroom. We also ensured that the community at school had a chance to congratulate Tilly at assembly yesterday. We also have Lola C representing our school at a Netball competition this week so we look forward to hearing about her competition when she returns to school next week.



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School Zone Tennis

Josie De F. & Tomas K. both attended the school zone tennis at Wangaratta Barr Reserve on Wednesday 20th March. They played 5 singles matches each, both winning 3 of their 5 matches. Josie was just 1 point away from attending the next stage of Regionals, and Tom was only 2 points away. They both did such an amazing job! Even though it was very cool and windy conditions at tennis, both Tom & Josie had a great time socialising with the kids from all of the other schools in attendance.



Congratulations Tomas and Josie!

Congratulations to Maria Pomponio

Our community congratulates Ms Maria Pomponio on her marriage over the holiday break. Maria and Chris tied the knot on April 6th 2024. We welcome Maria back to our school and wish her, and Chris every happiness on their recent nuptials and an exciting start to the next part of their journey together.



Conclusion

I thank everyone for their continued support of our school and I look forward to another wonderful term together.

Mary Dunstan

Principal



A reminder that we are checking the SunSmart recommendations and children are still asked to be WEARING HATS when sun protection is recommended.

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Assembly Awards

Assembly Report T2/ W 2

Assembly Captains: Lola C. & Josie De F.

Foundation A: Avalia G. & Ayaansh S.

Foundation B: Immy R. & Kayden E.

Foundation C: Darcie S. & Harry R.

Junior Q: Hugh H. & Annie W.

Junior R: Billy W. & Jind M.

Junior S: Myles K. & Asha Mc I.

Junior T: Patrick L. & Clara G.

Junior U: Harriet A. & Amity C.

Middle L: Tory W. & Hariprasath R.

Middle M: Evie A. & Nate F.

Middle N: NO AWARDS

Middle O: Harry McC. & Bonnie C.

Senior F: NO AWARDS

Senior G: NO AWARDS

Senior H: Meika S. & Olli S.

Senior I: Summer S. & Nicholas O.

Senior J: Ben S. & Elina P.

Leadership Positions

In Term 2 we have introduced our additional Year 6 Leadership roles.

The new roles are as follows:

1. **Library**
2. **Social Justice/Catholic Identity**
3. **Wellbeing**
4. **Digital Technology**
5. **Sustainability Champions**

Sam Kerlin
Deputy Principal

Sustainability Leaders:

Millie H.
Tilly J.

Library Leaders:

Lavinia K.
Zhixian Z.

Social Justice/Catholic Identity Leaders:

Pippa M.
Marli P.

Digi-Tech Leaders:

Lilly H.
Jorja L.
Esther W.-S.

Wellbeing Leaders:

Charlie E.
Josie De F.

Ray White Awards

RayWhite



Foundation

Amelia M.

Amelia has a fantastic approach to her learning. She is curious to discover new things and shows persistence when having a go at new activities and skills.

Keep it up!

Junior

Kauta S.

Kauta has shown amazing persistence during Term 1. Kauta has been persistent in coming to school each morning and getting her day started in the best way.

Well Done, Kauta!



Middle

Harriet K.-G.

Harriet constantly displays persistence in all areas of her learning. Harriet is always willing to have a go and persist with her work, even when it is challenging.

Well done Harriet!



Senior

Millie H.

Millie has been voted to receive this award by her peers. Millie always shows the qualities of a model student and classmate at St Joseph's. Millie is kind to her peers, thoughtful in her actions, persistent in her approach to learning and hard working at all areas of her learning.

Well done Millie!



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Easter Cooking Class



Helen Goh's caramelised Anzac bars



Ingredients

FOR THE OATS BASE LAYER

100g plain flour

30g light brown sugar

30g granulated sugar

80g rolled oats

$\frac{1}{4}$ tsp salt

100g unsalted butter, chilled, cut into 5 pieces

FOR THE COCONUT CARAMEL TOPPING

100g unsalted butter

60g light brown sugar

120g golden syrup (or runny honey)

60ml pure cream

1 tsp vanilla extract

$\frac{1}{8}$ tsp salt

120g dried coconut threads

sprig of rosemary, for garnish

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 175C fan-forced (185C conventional). Line the base and sides of a square, 20cm tin with baking paper, leaving an overhang on the sides to ease removal of the bars later.
2. Place the flour, sugars, oats and salt in a food processor fitted with the blade attachment and pulse a few times to combine. Add the butter and continue to pulse until the mixture forms a rough crumble (about 20 pulses), then tip the mixture out into a bowl. Rub the crumbs together to make sure there are no large pieces or any unmixed lumps of butter, then scatter the crumbs evenly over the base of the prepared tin. Press the mixture down firmly using the back of a spoon so that you have an even, compact layer.
3. Place into the preheated oven and bake for 25 minutes until set and light brown. Remove from the oven (but leave it switched on) and allow the oat base to cool for 15 minutes.
4. While the base is baking, prepare the topping. Combine the butter, brown sugar and golden syrup in a medium saucepan, placed over low heat. Cook, stirring the mixture until the butter has melted, then increase the heat to medium and bring gently to a simmer. Simmer without stirring for 5 minutes, then add the cream, vanilla, salt and coconut. Stir well for a minute or two to combine, then pour the mixture over the oat base. Use a small spatula to even the top, then place into the oven.
5. Bake for about 25 minutes, until the top is golden brown and bubbling. Remove from the oven and place the tin on a wire rack to cool for about an hour, before easing around the edges of the tin with a butter knife to release the bar. Remove from the tin and place onto a wire rack to cool completely.
6. Once cooled, slice the bar into squares or rectangles. Pile the pieces onto plates, place a sprig of fresh rosemary on top, then serve.

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Foundation Area



Morning reading—practicing our Home readers.



Sorting 2 D shapes by colour.



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Middle Area Camp



On the last 2 days of Term 1, the 3/4 students went on an overnight camp to Alexandra Adventure Resort.

The students said they loved the outdoor activities including the flying fox, Gaga ball, giant swing, swimming and raft building

For some students, they enjoyed the food the most and watching a movie on the giant screen was pretty cool too.

Thanks to all students, staff and helpers for making this a very special memory for everyone.

Brendan French

3 /4 Teacher



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Year Six Students Visit TAFE

On the early morning of Wednesday the 27th, all the Year 6's from St. Joseph's Benalla, collectively visited GoTafe Wangaratta, one of the "stepping stones" to a larger university.

The students enjoyed a sneak peak into an array of subjects, including Creative Industries, Mechanical Engineering, Nursing, Refrigeration Mechanics and Cooking. Each visit lasted a minimum of 15 minutes, and a maximum of 30 minutes..

The students participated in activities in some of these subjects. In Creative Industries, the students were able to create a "group project." Upon which they created different parts for a collective painting.

I asked a couple of students what their favourite subject was and these were some of their responses.



"Out of all the things, my favourite one was probably the mechanic, because my dad was a mechanic, and I want to be like him."
-Lochie J.

"My favourite one was the Creative Industries, because I like Art." Ryder B.

We were introduced to the nursing education area and how they deal with different situations using mannequins. The leader made us put cream on our hands then shone a black light on our hands and it showed how many germs we had.

In the automotive center, the teacher showed us about how there are different types of cars and each with a different engine and gearbox and it was very interesting.

In the air conditioning mechanics center where we got to hold a piece of ice in our hands and we would watch it melt and it was probably the coldest thing I had ever held. We also learnt about air conditioning and how there are so many complications and things that can go wrong with such a simple thing.

We all had such an amazing day filled with such excitement and we learnt so much.

Josie DeF.

My experience was amazing and I learnt many new things like for an example did you know that GoTafe stands for Golburn Ovens TAFE. We all very much loved the experience and to be able to see some of the thing that we can do in the future.

Rachel E.

We learnt a lot about heaps of new, promising jobs such as a nurse, a mechanical engineer, a chef, a painter and finally a plumber. We all left this trip feeling inspired and satisfied, all due to the wonderful staff at GOTAFE. As we were waiting we felt fortunate that we got to see GOTAFE, we were enlightened that our bus driver was famous for being an actor, everyone cheered him on. In the end it was a pleasure to get a tour of GOTAFE and it was a great day for the Year 6 students and I'm sure all the staff involved loved it as well.

Alice and Sabine

Elisha Ross
Teacher



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DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY
Thursday 16th May 2024

Information for Parents/Carers

Age group and order of events.

Age Group	Distance	Time- Approximately
9 girls	2 km	11.00
9 boys	2 km	11.15
10 girls	2 km	11.30
10 boys	2 km	11.45
11 girls	3 km	12.45
11 boys	3 km	1.05
12/13 girls	3 km	1.25
12/13 boys	3 km	1.45



The Benalla and District Cross Country will be held at Benalla Showgrounds on Thursday 16th May. The course will start and end on the Arundel St ovals, at the rear of Benalla Showgrounds. Students will follow cones along the whole track. In most places they will form a lane.

Parent/Student Helpers

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please help support our students at the District Cross Country on Thursday **16th May 2024**.

We are in need of parent helpers to supervise the running track to ensure that every student can see an adult all the way around. All parents/volunteers are required to have completed a Child Safety Course. Please contact the office if you need to complete a Child Safety Course.

Please indicate below if you can help:

- Yes, I can help supervise the track on Thursday between:
10.50 and 12.10pm and 12.40pm to 2:30pm. Please circle time slot.

Parent Name:..... Student Name:

Return this form to your classroom teacher or general office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 2024

Thur 25th ANZAC DAY—PUBLIC HOLIDAY

**Fri 26th PUPIL FREE DAY—
Professional Learning Day**

Fri 26th Uniform Shop Open 8.30am—11.00am

MAY 2024

Fri 3rd Hot Food Day

Fri 3rd Uniform Shop Open 8.30am—11.00am

**Fri 10th Mothers Day Breakfast Commencing
at 8.00am**

**Fri 10th Mothers Day Mass Commencing
at 9.15am—Under the COLA**

SCHOOL ADVISORY

COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2024

MARCH 12TH TUESDAY 5.00PM

MAY 28TH TUESDAY 5.00PM

SEPTEMBER 3RDTUESDAY 5.00PM

NOVEMBER 26TH TUESDAY 5.00PM



ATTENDANCE

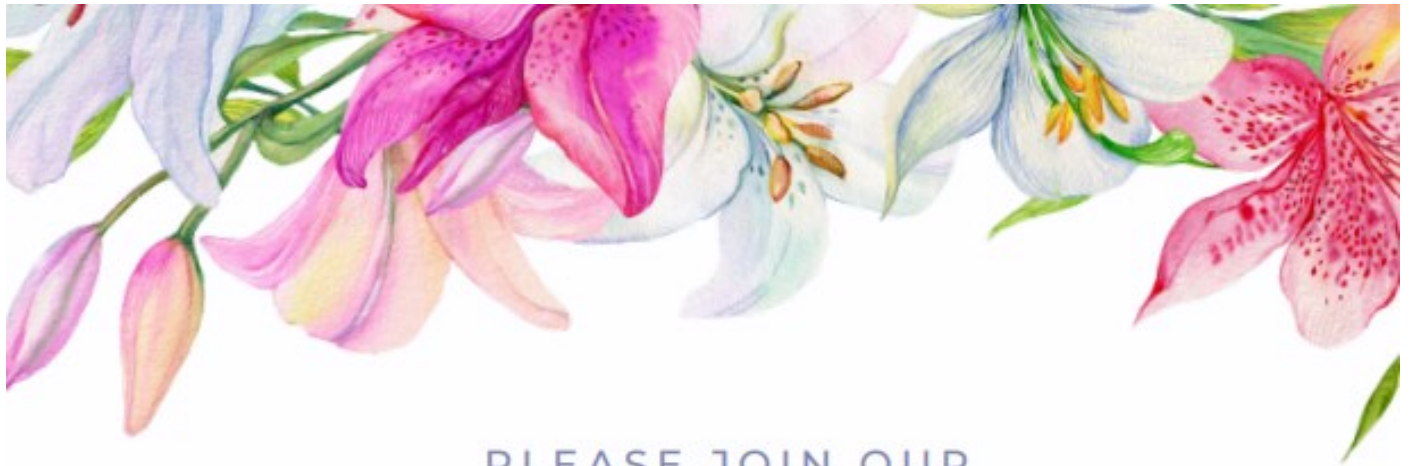
Schooling is compulsory for children between the ages of 6 and 17 years (Education and Training Reform Act 2006).

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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PLEASE JOIN OUR

Mother's Day Breakfast & Mass

FRIDAY MAY 10TH 2024

8AM - BREAKFAST IN ST JOSEPH'S HALL

9:15AM - MASS UNDER THE COLA

Breakfast orders due to the office
by Monday 6th May.



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MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST ORDER FORM

**ORDER DUE
DATE: MONDAY
6th MAY 2024**

WE WARMLY INVITE ALL FAMILIES TO JOIN US FOR A MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST ON FRIDAY 10TH MAY.

LOCATION: ST. JOSEPH'S HALL

TIME: FROM 8:00AM

PANCAKES ARE AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN TO EAT FREE. HOT CHOCOLATE AND APPLE AND ORANGE JUICE ARE PROVIDED.

Please note, Mass will commence at 9:15am underneath the COLA.

NAME	
DIETARY REQUIREMENTS EG: NO CHEESE	

	QTY	PRICE PER ITEM	TOTAL
HAM & CHEESE CROISSANT		\$5.00	
CHEESE CROISSANT		\$5.00	
JAM CROISSANT		\$5.00	
TOTAL			

NOTES:

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Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund APPLICATION Form

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname

First name

Address

Town/suburb State Postcode

Contact number

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

- - - OR

Foster parent* OR Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)**

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

**Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card.

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Year level

**CLOSING SOON
PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE
FOR ANY ASSISTANCE NEEDED**

I authorise the Victorian Department of Education (DE) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry about my Centrelink customer details and concession card status to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of any enquiry to DE regarding temporary care orders.

I understand that:

- DFFH or Centrelink will use information I have provided to DE to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DE personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- This consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to my child's school so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DE.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to DFFH and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You can request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____ Date ____/____/____

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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

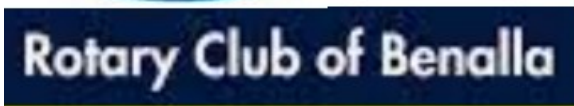
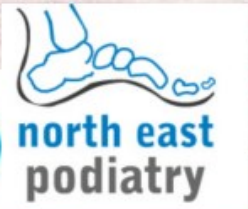
Child Safe Standard 11 – Policies and procedures document how the organisation is safe for children and young people

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



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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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BENALLA HERITAGE FESTIVAL



As part of the Benalla Heritage Festival, FCJ College Archives will be open to the public on Wednesday May 1 from 1pm until 3pm, Thursday May 2 from 10am until noon and Saturday May 4 from 1.30pm until 4 pm.

Tours of the College will be available on Saturday.

Entry is by gold coin donation.

For further information please contact Lyn Tanner 0427306657.



North East Regional
Pre School Association

WELCOME TO OUR OPEN DAYS FOR 3 AND 4 YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN IN 2025

- **Munro Ave Pre School (3 and 4 Year Old Programs)**
Munro Ave, Benalla
Wednesday 15th May : 9.30am—12.00pm
- **Bernard Briggs Kindergarten (3 & 4 Year Old Programs)**
Church Street, Benalla
Wednesday 15th May : 12.30pm—2.00pm
- **Glenrowan Kindergarten (3 & 4 Year Old Programs)**
Old Hume Highway, Glenrowan
Thursday 16th May : 2.30pm—3.00pm

talk to our staff about how the programs are run,
look over the facility,
ask questions and
collect a registration package

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Guitar Lessons 2023
St Josephs Primary School Benalla

Spaces available for Grade 3 to Grade 6 students who are interested in commencing guitar lessons in 2023

Contact Nada Lupo to secure your place
0439847924
nadaquitar@gmail.com



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AFL PLAY

FOR the KICKS

come find your awesome

JOIN YOUR LOCAL AUSKICK CENTRE TODAY!

Plenty of Fun for Boys and Girls 5-12 years of Age
Meet new friends and get an awesome Auskick Pack!

REGISTER by the 31st March 2024 to be in the draw to WIN a 2023 Carlton Guernsey signed by Brownlow Medalist, Patty Cripps and Head Coach Michael Voss

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Training starts **Wednesday 13 March 2024** at 5pm

JUNIOR BASEBALL
Winter 2024
Competition

Targoora Park
Wangaratta Whitfield Road,
Wangaratta VIC 3677

Find out more
Call Nathan on 0492973419

Season Commences
Sunday 21 April 2024

WANGARATTA RANGERS




More Information wangaratarangers@hotmail.com Follow us Wangaratta Rangers Baseball

BENALLA NETBALL ASSOCIATION

DOMESTIC COMPETITION COMMENCES TUESDAY 5TH MARCH 2024

Net Set Go DOB - 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
Under 11 DOB - 2013, 2014, 2015
Under 13 DOB - 2012 and 2011
Under 15 DOB - 2010 and 2009
Ladies competition Tuesday Nights
Mixed competition Wednesday nights.

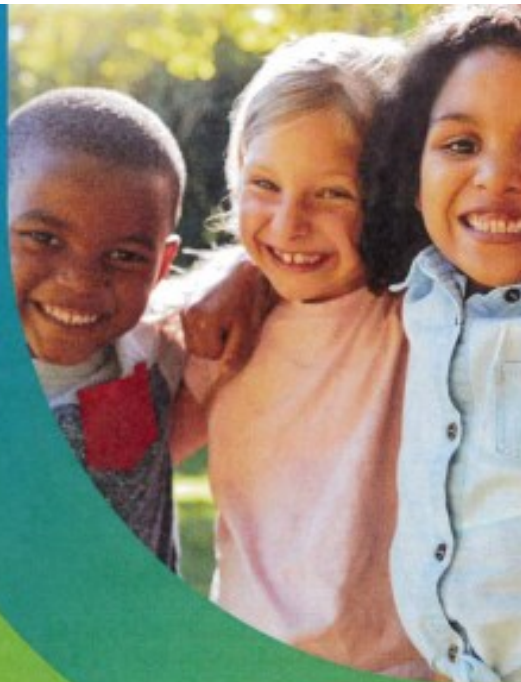
For registrations and further information, please visit the Benalla Netball Facebook Page

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5 Week Group Program

Bringing Up Great Kids



BENALLA

This program helps parents and carers build strong, positive relationships with their kids.

- Learn about how kids brains grow and work
- Explore how what we think and feel influences how we parent our kids
- Understand that kids communicate through their feelings and behaviour
- Look at what are the important messages we want to pass on to our kids, and how we can do this
- Find out ways parents can take care of themselves and find help if they need it
- Learn about your own parenting wisdom, strength and courage

Bringing Up Great Kids runs for 5 weeks on a Monday evening.
Supper will be provided. Scan the QR code for the event link.

Day: Mondays (5 weeks)

Date: 6/05/2024- 3/06/2024

Time: 7:00pm- 8:30pm

Location: Ride Avenue Preschool, 15 Ride Avenue,
Benalla.

Cost: Free



For further information
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Upper Murray Family Care

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Kindergarten in Benalla Rural City

KINDER STARTS AT THREE!

The Victorian Government is now funding services to provide Three-Year-Old Kindergarten programs.

The evidence shows that two years are better than one when it comes to early learning.

KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS

All funded Kindergartens have qualified teachers leading the programs.

SESSIONAL/STANDALONE KINDERGARTENS

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KINDERGARTEN IN LONG DAY CARE SETTINGS

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Pro Kidz Early Learning Centre

33 Sydney Rd Benalla
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KINDER STARTS AT THREE!

A child needs to turn three before the 30th April in the year they start. Families with children born between January and April can choose which year to start three-year-old kinder.

**MID MAY
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**3RD WEEK
OF JUNE
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**St Joseph's Primary School, Benalla
Uniform Price List 2023/24**



ACADEMIC UNIFORM	DESCRIPTION	SIZES	REGULAR PRICE	BUY EARLY
Polar Fleece	Navy full zip with crest	4C - 5	from 44.50	from 41.00
Short Sleeve Polo	Red short sleeve with crest	4Y - L	33.99	31.00
Long Sleeve Polo	Red long sleeve with crest	4C - XS	35.99	33.00
Boys Summer Shorts	School grey half elastic back, fly front	4 - 20	31.95	29.00
Boys Trousers	Dark grey, double knee, elastic back	4 - 20	37.50	35.00
	Elastic waist pull-on, Grey	4 - 20	31.95	29.00
Girls Trousers	Elastic waist pull-on, navy	4 - 20	31.95	29.00
Summer Dress	Poly/cotton, college check	4Y - 22A	from 64.00	from 59.00
Winter Skirt	College plaid	2C - 16C	from 86.50	--

ACCESSORIES	DESCRIPTION	SIZES	REGULAR PRICE	BUY EARLY
Winter Tights	Navy heavyweight cotton nylon	Youth - Adult	from 13.50	--
Bucket Hat	Navy with crest	All Sizes	22.95	21.00
Bag by Dux	Navy unopak with crest	One Size	49.50	--

SPORTS UNIFORM	DESCRIPTION	SIZES	REGULAR PRICE	BUY EARLY
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Contact phone numbers are
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Benalla Scout Group
Tuesdays 5.00 – 6.30pm

Joey Scouts are amazing! Some activities Joeys are doing In Term 1:

- Boulder Climbing
- Summer Sleepover and Movie Night
- Cooking: making and decorating cupcakes
- Learning about the Ashanti Tribe and trying African cuisine
- Cycling
- Aquatic Adventures
- Easter Craft
- Pioneering
- Camping
- Pitching a Tent
- Nature Scavenger Hunt
- Orienteering and Hiking

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



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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

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



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Find out more at 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.

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Contact

Sharon Khakh
your local Saver Plus Coordinator

☎ 0457 849112

✉ skhakh@berrystreet.org.au

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Dear Parent,

Would \$500 help with costs like school uniforms, shoes, iPad/laptop, books, and extracurricular activities?

Saver Plus is a free ten-month program that provides financial education and matches your savings goals dollar for dollar, up to \$500.

- ✓ Build money management skills
- ✓ Become a regular saver
- ✓ Achieve financial goals

Saver Plus is delivered in the Shepparton area by Berry Street. All eligible parents are invited to join the program. Upon completion, ANZ will match your savings up to \$500 for education-related expenses.

To be eligible to participate in Saver Plus you must:

- be 18 years or over; and
- be a parent or guardian of a student attending school, or be attending or returning to vocational training yourself; and
- have a current Health Care card or Pensioner Concession card and an eligible Centrelink payment; and
- have some form of income from work (you or your partner. Cash work & child support is counted as income).

Find out more by one of the below options:

- Enquire by visiting <https://www.bsl.org.au/services/saving-and-managing-money/saver-plus/>
- Call or text message your local Saver Plus Coordinator Sharon on 0457849112 or email to your interest to skhakh@berrystreet.org.au
- Return the attached form to your school

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