



St. Joseph's Primary School NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 8—10th June 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



Lord,

*Help us to be people who
are more loving and
more forgiving.*

*Help us to recognise that
through your goodness
we can seek forgiveness
in ourselves and in
others.*

*We ask this through
Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

PUPIL FREE DAY

TUESDAY 17TH JUNE 2025

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



Principal's Reflection—Mrs Mary Dunstan



Dear Parents and Carers

Pentecost Sunday



Last Sunday, we celebrated *Pentecost*, one of the most important feasts in the Christian calendar. Pentecost marks the day the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles, empowering them to go forth and spread the Good News. It is often considered the "birthday of the Church," symbolising unity, courage, and mission. Students participated in classroom reflections and liturgies, exploring the gifts of the Holy Spirit and their relevance in our daily lives.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Students preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation have been deepening their understanding of forgiveness and the loving mercy of God. This important Sacrament allows children to reflect on their choices and reconnect spiritually through confession, prayer, and absolution. We thank the parents, staff and the Sacramental team of St Joseph's Parish who have continued to support the children's faith journey through conversations at home, prayer and preparation for receiving the Sacrament last Thursday. Congratulations to all the children, knowing that we will keep them all in our prayers so that they enjoy the peace that reconciliation will bring into their lives.



PAT Reading and Numeracy Testing

This fortnight, our students will be participating in the **ACER PAT (Progressive Achievement Test)** in Reading and Numeracy. These assessments are *not timed* and aim to provide valuable insights into each child's learning progress and skills. Teachers and LSOs supervise during the test by helping students understand how to navigate the test confidently. A practice session is completed beforehand to ensure students feel comfortable. The data collected will be used to inform report writing and help guide future teaching strategies tailored to student needs.

StepLab Implementation

St Joseph's is beginning implementation of **StepLab**, a teacher development platform designed to support evidence-based teaching practices. This work will guide instructional improvement across classrooms, ensuring a consistent and high-quality learning experience for all students.

MultiLit Literacy Program

Our Years 3–6 students are benefiting from **MultiLit**, a structured literacy program focusing on phonics, fluency, and comprehension. Online meetings and teacher support have been instrumental in embedding this program into our daily routines to support literacy growth.

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Classroom Mastery

The St Joseph's Staff will attend professional development in "Classroom Mastery" next Tuesday, 17th June 2025 at the Wangaratta Performing Arts and Convention Centre.

St Joseph's will participate in this professional development with the following schools: Our Lady's School Wangaratta South, St Mary's School Rutherglen and St Monica's School Wodonga.

Throughout Sandhurst, we are committed to fostering a learning environment where every student feels safe, supported and inspired to grow. One of the ways we do this is through our involvement in the Knowledge Society, *Classroom Mastery* program, a professional learning initiative supported and by Catholic Education Sandhurst (CES Ltd).

Classroom Mastery equips our teachers and school leaders with evidence-informed strategies to create consistent, calm and purposeful classrooms. It focuses on building a positive school culture where high expectations, respectful relationships and clear routines underpin learning and daily practice. Staff participate in ongoing training and coaching to enhance their capacity to explicitly teach and reinforce pro-social behaviours, manage disruptions positively, and build strong connections with students.

Through this shared approach, we aim to ensure that every classroom at St Joseph's is a place where students are ready to learn, feel valued, and are supported to thrive—socially, emotionally and academically.

We invite our community to learn how Classroom Mastery was developed and why it's resonating across Australia. What are classroom routines and what makes these routines so effective? Catholic schools in the Sandhurst Diocese are adapting the model to their own context through Magnify Sandhurst program. The research behind behaviour and how low-level disruptions impact achievement is important and provides us with an exciting opportunity to continue to improve our school.

The following podcast is available to ensure families can access this important information.

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/2VMnMuex485XRO15ebpTrf?si=0bfebbac34a741ce>



Tomorrow Today Foundation Grants Program 2025



We were thrilled to have Sam Kerlin and Di Muller represent St Joseph's at the Tomorrow Today Grant Ceremony, where St Joseph's was awarded \$2,500 for an Indigenous Garden Project. We are very grateful for this support and look forward to the completion of this project.

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Ovens & Mitta Cross Country Success

Last Thursday, our Years 3–6 students competed in the **Second Division Cross Country** in Wangaratta. We were proud to see every student participate with enthusiasm and sportsmanship. Students cheered on their teammates and celebrated every effort made across the various age groups. It was a true display of community and encouragement.

Congratulations to the following students that will now represent St Joseph's at the next competition:

10 Girls—Stella McK. 6th

10 Boys—Darcy W. 11th

11 Boys—Frank C. 2nd & Ollie R.

12 Girls—Piper C. 5th

12 Boys—Ben S. 9th & Caleb T. 12th



Thank You - Jeni Dunn



A warm and heartfelt thank you to **Jeni Dunn**, who was honoured at a morning tea last Thursday for her longstanding dedication to our students and her passion for Japanese language education.

Jeni is heading off on a well-deserved overseas holiday and we wish her every happiness in her retirement.

Foundation 2026 Enrolment Meetings

Interest in our school community continues to grow! We've begun enrolment interviews for our **Foundation 2026 intake**, and we're delighted to meet new families eager to be part of the St Joseph's journey. We've also seen increased enquiries across various year levels.

Thank you for spreading the word!

P&F Cook Book Discussion

At the recent **P&F Meeting**, discussions turned to the exciting idea of creating a **St Joseph's School Cookbook**. This collaborative project will bring families together to contribute recipes and stories, celebrating the wonderful diversity of our school community. More details to come soon!

AFLW Time

Our Year 3–6 students enjoyed some exciting yard time activities with AFLW guests. These sessions promoted movement, resilience, and fun—and gave our students a great opportunity to connect with sporting role models.

Auskick at School

Our Auskick program continues to bring fun, movement, and footy skills to our students! Delivered in a friendly and inclusive environment, the sessions are developing not only game techniques but also teamwork and confidence.



Winter Sports – Wangaratta

The **Winter Division Sports Day** is scheduled for **Wednesday, 25th June** in Wangaratta. St Joseph's students will be participating in **Football, Tee-ball, Netball, and Soccer**. Winning teams will advance to the **OVENS AND MITTA Division Championships in Benalla on Friday, 8th August**. We look forward to cheering on our students as they display skill, teamwork, and school spirit!

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Principal Appointment Update

We wish to inform our school community that the recruitment process for the Principal position at St Joseph's Primary School, Benalla will be extended. After careful review, the decision has been made to re-advertise the position to ensure a greater depth of skills and expertise among applicants.

A revised timeline is currently being finalised, and we will keep the community updated throughout the appointment process. We appreciate your continued support and look forward to appointing a strong and inspiring leader for our school.

Warm regards

Jamie McDowall

School Improvement Leader


Lions Club Public Speaking Competition 2025

District 201V6 Junior Public Speaking Program

📅 posted in: District News, News, Projects |


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MAR 2024



Years 3 & 4
Creative Invention
If you could invent something new, what would it be?

Tell us about it. e.g. what is it made of, who is it for, and how could it be used?


2025 Topics

Years 5 & 6
Technology
The impact of fast-moving technology on our lives and the environment is often overlooked, yet it can be far reaching. Is technology moving too fast for humans to keep up? Discuss.

We are excited to be participating once again in the Lions Club Public Speaking Competition. Students who choose to enter are supported with daily lunchtime preparation sessions held in the hall with Mrs Maria Pomponio and Mr Sam Kerlin, where they can build confidence and refine their speeches. Competitors will present to our Grade 3–6 students on Tuesday 24th and Thursday 26th June. From there, five finalists will be selected (from each category - this is 5 from 3/4 and 4 from 5/6) to present to the Lions Club judges on Monday 30th June at 1pm.

Thank you to our families for your ongoing support and encouragement. A letter was sent home a couple of weeks ago and we are overwhelmed and thrilled with the returned forms of those interested!!! It's a wonderful opportunity for students to grow in confidence and public speaking skills as part of this valued community partnership.

God Bless
Mary Dunstan
Principal



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Important Reminder: School Zone Parking and Road Safety

We've recently received a number of concerns regarding unsafe driver behaviour around our school, particularly in relation to cars parking in the designated bus zones and not adhering to road rules during drop-off and pick-up times.

To help keep all children and families safe, Benalla Police have contacted the school to advise that they will now be patrolling the area regularly.

Please be aware that infringements may be issued to drivers who are found parking illegally or not following the road rules.

We kindly ask all families to support our school community by respecting parking restrictions, using the designated areas correctly, and modelling safe behaviours for our students.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us keep St Joseph's a safe and respectful environment for everyone.

Bus Zone

Stopping is **not permitted** at any time.



- Drivers are not permitted to stop in a bus zone at any time. Unless, the sign shows times of operation, then the restriction only applies during those times.

Penalty \$352 and two demerit points

No Stopping

Stopping is **not permitted** at any time.



- Dropping off or picking up passengers is not permitted in these areas.
- A continuous yellow line on the edge of the road also indicates a No Stopping zone.

Penalty \$352 and two demerit points

Driveways

Do not park across or on a driveway or any other vehicle access way.



Penalty \$352 and two demerit points

Please note:

Correct as at 1 December 2021 but are subject to change. Demerit points can increase the cost of your Greenslip.



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Sacrament of Reconciliation



Congratulations to our Sacramental Program children last Thursday night! We wish them well in their faith life journey. We would also like to acknowledge the hard work and preparation of all the candidates, their families and the St Joseph's Parishioners. A special thank you to Cathy Duncombe for leading the Sacramental Program in 2025 and to Fr Vijay.

Rhett P.

Patrick L.

Michael B.

Mila D.

Kade D.

Sara M.

Samuel D.

Mitchell M.

Sully H.



Human
Dignity

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



In Weeks 8 and 9, our Catholic Social Teaching focus is Human Dignity... the belief that every person is made in the image and likeness of God and deserves to be treated with respect and kindness. At school, we're encouraging students to show this through simple actions like including others in play, using kind words, listening when someone is speaking, and helping those in need. Families can support this at home by talking about how we treat everyone with fairness, saying thank you, and appreciating the unique gifts each person brings.

Sam Kerlin

Deputy Principal

Learning & Teaching / Catholic Identity Leader

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UPCOMING EVENTS

TERM 2 JUNE 2025

Tue 10th	PSG Meetings
Wed 11th	PSG Meetings
Thu 12th	PSG Meetings
Fri 13th	PSG Meetings
Fri 13th	Region Cross Country Championships at Benalla Showgrounds
Fri 13th	Uniform Shop Open 8am-4pm
Mon 16th	Uniform Shop Open 8am-1pm

TUE17TH STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT— PUPIL FREE DAY

Fri 20th	Uniform Shop Open 8am-4pm
Fri 20th	Hot Food Day Orders Close 12pm
Mon 23rd	Uniform Shop Open 8am-1pm
Tue 24th	Semester 1 Student Progress Meetings 12.30pm-4.30pm
Thur 26th	Semester 1 Student Progress Meetings 12.30pm-4.30pm
Fri 27th	Hot Food Day

SCHOOL ADVISORY

COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2025

MARCH 18TH TUESDAY 5.00PM
JUNE 10TH TUESDAY 5.00PM
AUGUST 19TH 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.



NOONE

BEST IN CLASS SINCE 1947

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

MONDAY 8.00 AM-1.00 PM

FRIDAY 8.00 AM—4.00 PM

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Sports News—Ovens & Mitta Cross Country



Ovens & Mitta Division Cross Country Wangaratta 2025

Congratulations to the students who have qualified:

10 Girls—Stella McK. 6th

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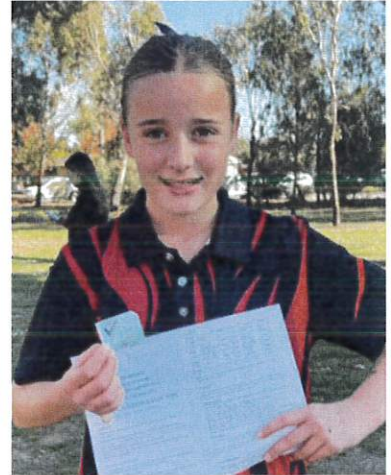
Twenty-two students finished in the top 20 and twelve finished in the top 50. Each race/age group had over a hundred students competing.

We had a great show of support from parents and grandparents who were all very proud and impressed with the kids as we all were on the day.

If there was an award for the most disciplined, best behaved, greatest show of sportsmanship St. Joseph's students would win it hands down.

Sharon Mellington

P E Teacher



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Japanese Speech Competition



We are excited to share some fantastic news from the North East Japanese Speech Contest. Representing our school, Sono, Jin, Emma, and Matilda participated in this event alongside 150 students from 7 different schools across North East Victoria.

Students competed in individual and pair categories, with speeches tailored to each year level. We are thrilled to announce that:

- Jin and Emma achieved 1st Prize in their category
- Sono received 2nd Prize



All four students performed beautifully on stage and represented our school with great confidence and dedication. Their success is a reflection of the hard work they put in over the past weeks, often staying back after school to practise and refine their speeches.

Utako and Anthony



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Foundation Area



Foundation students had a wonderful day at Winton Wetlands last Thursday. We began the morning with a Welcome to Country and a smoking ceremony. We had our faces painted, learnt about the sculptures in the area and went on a scavenger hunt to find them. We also listened to Indigenous music and joined in using rhythm sticks.

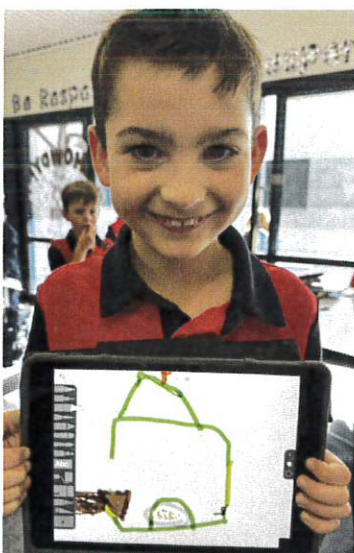
Alicia Kempton

Classroom Teacher



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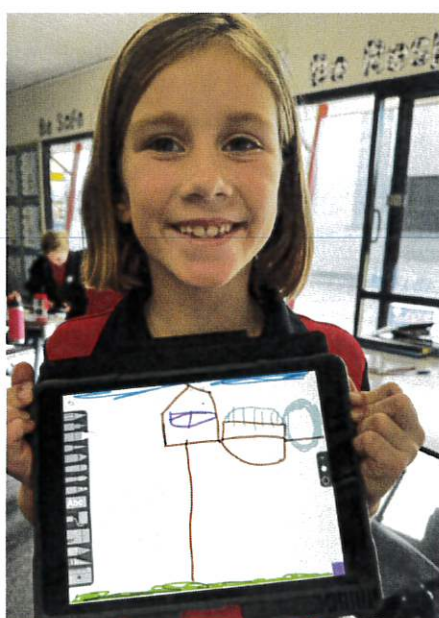
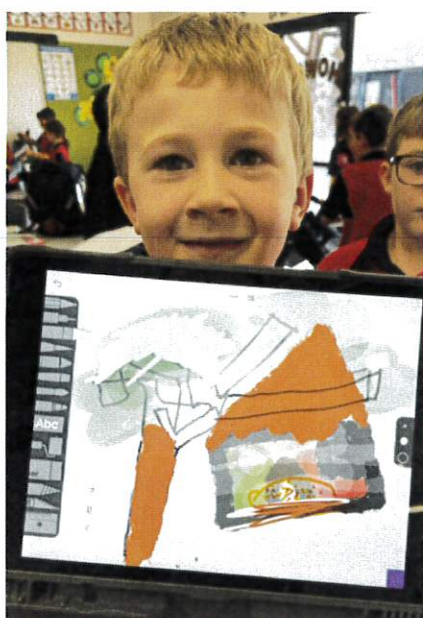
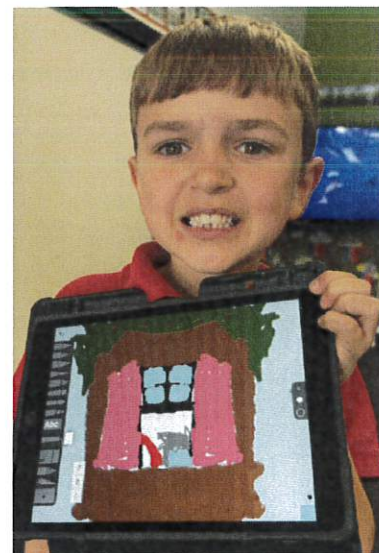
Junior Area



As part of their Inquiry unit, Grade One students have been exploring how to help animals by understanding their needs for food, shelter and safety. Through various activities, they have investigated different reasons animals might leave their habitats, such as for natural disasters or human activities. Students have then designed, and will build and observe their own bird feeders, applying their understanding of birds' needs and reflecting on how their designs can help.

Meagan Griffiths

Classroom Teacher



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Hot Food Day

Order Now

**Friday
27th June**

ORDERS CLOSE:

12pm on Friday 20th June

unfortunately no late orders will be accepted

Hide's Bakery Benalla - Sausage Roll **\$5**

Hide's Bakery Benalla - Pie **\$6**

Hide's Bakery Benalla - Spinach & Feta Roll **\$6**

Dream Cookie **\$2**

Prima **\$2**

(3 flavours - Apple, Tropical **OR** Orange)

Order using the Spriggy Schools App (see next page for steps)

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Spriggy Schools



Creating your account

- Download the app
- Register your details
- Create a profile for each child

Placing your first order

- View the canteen menu on the home screen
- Browse the menu and tap 'Add to Cart' on any item
- Go to cart and tap 'Place Order' to confirm
- You can edit or cancel your order before the cut-off time

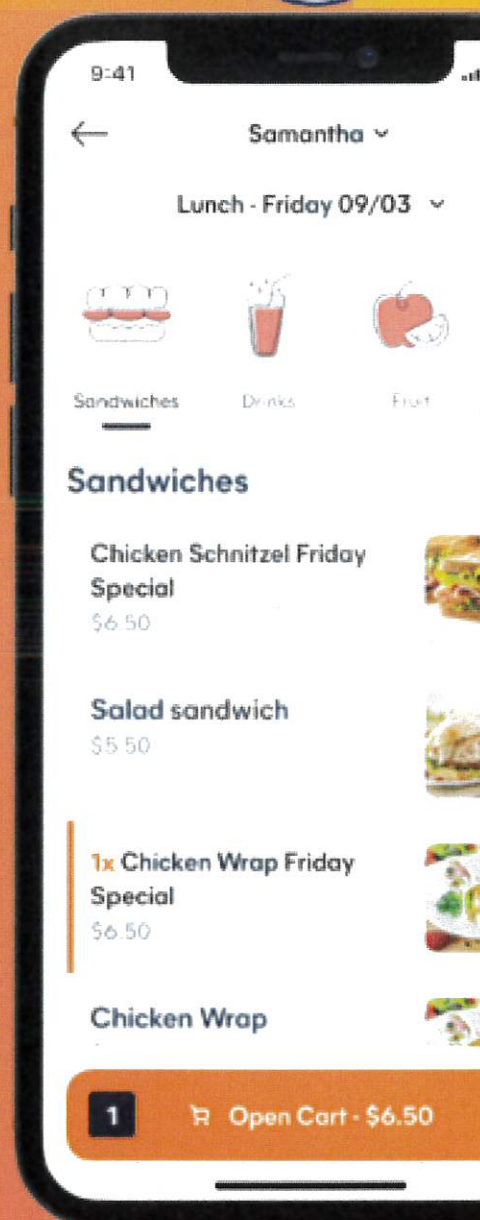


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Spriggy Schools for online lunch orders!



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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 MORNINGS

8:00AM - 8:50AM

ST. JOSEPH'S HALL

ENTER VIA ST JOSEPH'S HALL DOORS

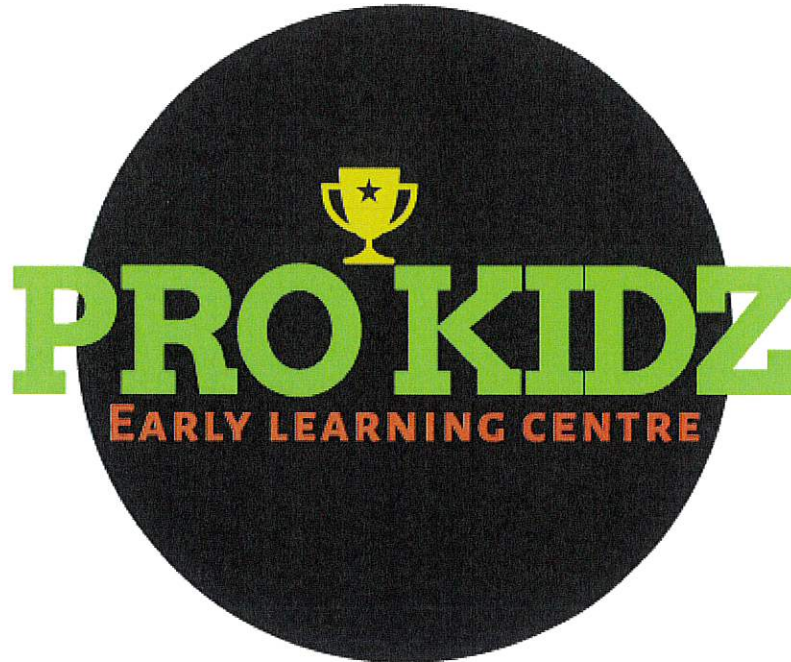
MENU:

CEREAL

TOAST

JUICE

FRESH FRUIT



Before School Care – Starting Term 2, 2025

We are pleased to announce that **Before School Care** will be available to families starting from **Term 2, 2025**.

This service will provide a safe and supportive environment for students before the school day begins.

Operating Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

7am - 8:45am Thursday

7am - 8am (Breakfast Club begins at 8am)

ACT NOW...

We encourage families to **reach out to Pro Kidz to register their interest**.

Email: info@prokidz.com.au

Phone Number **5762 1784**

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NOONE

FCJ & St Joseph's Benalla Uniform Shop:

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

Uniform Shop Open Hours

Monday 8.00am – 1.00pm

Friday 8.00am – 4.00pm

www.noone.com.au



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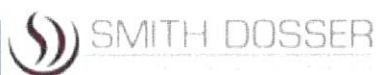
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We thank the following businesses for their generous support of our wellbeing initiative for 2023!



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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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WANGARATTA & SURROUNDS

ALL GIRLS PROGRAMS

Free attendance to RICHMOND AFLW Player Visits as part of the AFLW Community Camp on Thursday 5th June.



4 - 7 YEAR OLDS

Wangaratta & Surrounds ALL Girls Auskick

Commencing Wednesday's 4th June

Time: 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Where: WJ Findlay Oval, Wangaratta

COST \$20 - USE DISCOUNT CODE: 59EF0120



REGISTER NOW



ALL AUSKICK AND SUPERKICK REGISTRATIONS GO INTO THE DRAW TO WIN A SIGNED RICHMOND AFLW JUMPER



REGISTER NOW

7 - 12 YEAR OLDS

Wangaratta & Surrounds ALL Girls Superkick

Commencing Wednesday's 4th June

Time: 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Where: WJ Findlay Oval, Wangaratta

COST \$20 - USE DISCOUNT CODE: 59EF0120

For Enquiries Contact: glenn.dalton@pff.com.au



PLAY.AFL

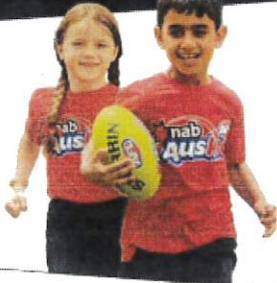
FOOTY ADVENTURE SCHOOL HOLIDAY FOOTBALL IS COMING TO WANGARATTA!

LOCATION: HP BARR RESERVE
DATE: 18th JULY TIME: 9AM TO 3PM
COST: \$55 INCLUDING A FOOTY



4-7 year olds

Come find your awesome at NAB AFL Auskick: An introductory program to Australian rules football, teaching skills through fun activities and mini games.



8-12 year olds

Level up your footy with a mix of skill development, modified game play. See their confidence grow in a supportive environment



VISIT PLAY.AFL

BENALLA BREAKERS REP TRIALS



UNDER 10
11TH & 18TH

JUNE 4.30
- 5.30PM

UNDER 12 & 14
16TH & 23RD

JUNE 7.00-
8.00PM

UNDER 16 & 18
16TH & 23RD

JUNE 7.30 -
8.30PM

Age Group 2025-26

U10: 2017 - 2018

U12: 2015 - 2016

U14: 2013 - 2014

U16: 2011 - 2012

U18: 2009 - 2010

LOCATION: P12 STADIUM
HELMS COURT, BENALLA

ALL ATHLETES MUST BE REGISTERED TO TRIAL

What is "The Orange Door"

The Orange Door can help you and your family by providing support for concerns with parenting, relationships, and family violence.



Who is The Orange Door For?

- Everyone and anyone who needs support with home, parenting or has wellbeing concerns.



They can help if...

- you are experiencing family violence, including controlling behaviour.
- you need support with parenting.
- you are concerned about the wellbeing or development of a child.
- someone is making you or your family feel unsafe.
- you are struggling to manage your own behaviours.
- you are worried someone else isn't safe.

They help by...

- listening and hearing your worries.
- working with you to identify the support you need.
- supporting you with the development of the wellbeing of children.
- helping make a safety plan to keep you safe.
- connecting you with other services of support.
- supporting you to access funding for basic living expenses and some other costs

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TOWARD THE UNKNOWN REGION

A Cosmic Adventure
for Choir, Brass,
Organ and Percussion

Musical Director
Matthew Schultz

accompanied on the Willis organ by
Kieran Crichton

with special guest brass and
percussion instrumentalists

Holy Trinity Cathedral Wangaratta
Sunday June 22nd 2025 3.00 p.m.

Admission \$20 Cash or EFTPOS at the door.
Under-18 free.

Complimentary afternoon tea
available after the concert

image: ESA/NASA/ESA

Vocal Dimension warmly invites you to buckle-in for our cosmic musical adventure! 'Exploring unknown regions' is the guiding theme, as we tell a story of humanity's understanding of our home in the solar system, and its imagining of what lies beyond.

Traversing all musical genres, we perform music from the films *2001: A Space Odyssey* and *Star Wars*, songwriters David Bowie and Peggy Seeger, and composers Edvard Grieg, Lili Boulanger and Hans Zimmer.

Ralph Vaughan Williams' tremendous choral work "*Toward the Unknown Region*", on a poem by Walt Whitman, forms a thrilling conclusion to the program.


The choir is supported by a brass and percussion ensemble of the finest players in North East Victoria, all accompanied by the grand cathedral pipe organ.

Come and enjoy some newly- arranged versions of old favourites such as 'Space Oddity' and 'The Final Countdown'.

This will be a spectacular experience, not to be missed!

Matthew Schultz
Musical Director



For more information:
vocal.dimension.choir@gmail.com
David Newport 0422 036 502
www.vocaldimension.org.au
or find us on Facebook 



See our next
concerts here

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DTAC ROBOTICS WORKSHOP

at Tomorrow Today

Shop 1, 66 Nunn Street Benalla

Monday 14 July 2025

9.30am until 2pm

Come along and learn how to code and build a robot, then go on an Ocean Exploration: Drive your robot to move sensors, fix a pipeline, open a clam, deliver a pearl and more in the Ocean Science Exploration.

Lunch and morning tea included. Suitable for children aged 10-12 years.

Limited spaces available!

To register, please contact Tomorrow Today 5762 1211 or email sallymatheson@tomorrowtoday.com.au



Want \$500 to help you with school costs?

saverplus

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:



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

Jade or Sharon

enquiriesp@berrystreet.org.au

1300 610 355

DELIVERED BY

BERRY STREET

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.

Find out more at saverplus.org.au



TECH SCHOOL
Contact us via www.dtac.zone

THE TRACKS

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EDUCATION

TOMORROW TODAY

Baseball Come & Try

WHY NOT GIVE BASEBALL A GO?

Our Come & Try days are for junior players, boys and girls, who want to have some fun & try a new sport!

Cost

\$50 Per player including a glove or hat and a T-Shirt

Dates

Thursday, 20th & 27th of Feb and 6th of March

Time

5:30

Location

Targoora Park, Murdoch Road

Equipment Provided

Ages 7-14

REGISTER NOW



Benalla Scout Group

Tuesdays 5.00 – 6.30pm

Joey Scouts are amazing! Some activities Joeys are doing in

Term 2, 2025

- Baking Anzac Cookies
- Anzac Day March
- Make for Mums
- Mother's Day celebrations
- Ship's Ahoy - First Fleet Learnings
- Peak Award Celebrations
- What's the Buzz about Bees?
- Going Up Celebrations
- District Camp
- Kangaroo preparations
- Royalty Ruminations
- Board Games
- CWA Garden Project
- Night Hike

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.

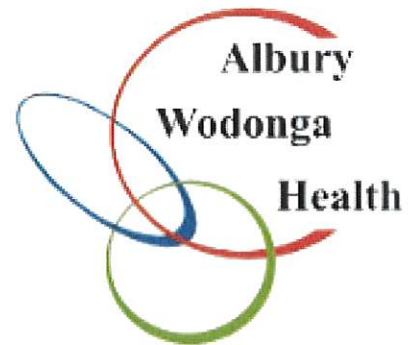
Less screens - and more action, more fun, more friends, and more social skills!

Contact

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



Parenting Children with Autism Program



8 Week Program

Learn and share alongside other parents and carers

Discuss current, evidence-informed information about autism

Learn effective strategies and access practical tools for supporting your child and family

Hear from autistic guest speakers

Topics covered

Understanding Autism

Understanding and supporting sensory needs

Understanding your child's nervous system

Supporting your child with emotions

Explore masking and how to support with anxiety

Taking care of yourself as a parent

This is a free program for parents and caregivers raising children aged 0-11 years with Autism (or suspected Autism).

**Mondays, 28th July - 15th September, 11:00am - 1:00pm
Tomorrow Today (66 Nunn Street, Benalla). Bookings required.
To register or for more information please phone 02 6051 7900
or email GroupBasedParentingProgram@awh.org.au**

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



EVERY DAY COUNTS

Primary school attendance

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

Why it's important

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

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

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

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

Getting in early

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

What we can do

The main reasons for absence are:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Attendance
Matters

Attending the Early Years = Greater chance of success

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



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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



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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



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Talk to school if:

Your child is not wanting
to attend school

You need support getting your
child to school

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