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Term 1 –18th February 2022

NEWSLETTER

Dear Families,

Our learners have transitioned smoothly into their new class routines and straight into learning.

On Monday at 9:30am we have a wonderful opportunity, provided by families in our school community, to welcome the start of the new year with an Indigenous Smoking and Cleansing ceremony. 'Buzzy' will be conducting the smoking ceremony over our new Indigenous garden in the Yarning Circle. Fire has been central to many aspects of traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander life, including cooking, storytelling, providing warmth, as a ceremonial and ritual device, and is also used in medicinal practices. Aboriginal people on mainland Australia also used fire extensively for land management to promote productive ecosystems.

'Susan' will be providing a Leaf cleansing ceremony, performed to cleanse people and places. We will be opening the solid green gates (beside the library) to allow a safe Covid environment for all members of the community.

Our school Values: *We Walk in the Light* by using our 3C's.

Walking through our learning areas over the week it was been easy to find students Caring for Self by being ready to learn, asking questions and having a positive mindset.

Communication

To stay involved in all of our school's information and events please link up to (PAM) Simon Everyone App. It is a simple and central communication app that streamlines all aspects of organising school life, from newsletters to events to student attendance and documentation.

Please come into the office if you need help, Amanda and myself are here to help.

COVID Update

The Victorian Government has announced that the current COVIDSafe Measures in schools and early childhood settings will be extended until the end of Term 1 2022.
This includes:

- Testing settings for all primary and secondary students and staff will remain in place until the end of Term 1 2022. It is recommended that students and staff undertake twice-weekly at-home Rapid Antigen Test (RAT).
- Air Purifiers-In anticipation of colder weather where windows and doors may have to be shut and outdoor learning decreased, the Victorian Government will deliver a further 60,000 air purifiers to Victorian Schools. It is anticipated that delivery of the additional air purifiers will be made by 1 June 2022.
- QR Codes-from 6.00 pm on Friday 18 February 2022, QR code check-in requirements will no longer be in place in schools. However, schools are required to continue to check the vaccination status of visitors, contractors and volunteers entering the school.

Uniform

Thankyou parents and students for your support in wearing the correct uniform.

2022 Student Leaders

Student Leader position applications close on Thursday 24th February. Our leaders will be officially announced at assembly on Friday 25th February.

Have a wonderful weekend, weather looks great.

Regards
Kirsten Daly, Principal

Loving Father, you call us to be as generous in loving as you yourself are but we well know the weaknesses and liabilities of our hearts. Send us your Spirit to school our hearts and lives in-to Jesus' way of loving. We ask this in his name confident that you will hear us.

Around our school

February 2022

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2 School Returned	3	4 Lunch Orders	5	6
7 AFL Auskick Sessions	8	9 No Kitchen Garden	10	11 L ders	12	13
14 A ck Sessions	15	16	17	18 Lunch Orders	19	20
21	22	23 Kitchen Garden	24	25 Lunch Orders	26	27
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March 2022

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
28 Feb	1 Bugs Excursion to Conran	2 Kitchen Garden	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Kitchen Garden	10	11	12	13
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21	22	23 Kitchen Garden	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Kitchen Garden	31			

Term 4 each day the students will be given an opportunity to have 2 fruit breaks, this helps super-charge their brains and makes for a great day of learning, If you can send extra fruit for your kids for these brain breaks would be amazing!

THIS TERM —St Joseph's Primary school will be embracing the times and hitting the technology button !!!!
All parent messages, newsletters, attendance's correspondence to and from the school will be able to be performed on the SIMON EVERY-WHERE App

DOWNLOAD the APP NOW !

Do you have spare time ? Would you like to contribute to the St Joseph's School Community ?

If you answered yes to these two questions we NEED YOU Term 2. We are looking for help to garden, listening to children read or do you have a passion that you may like to share with our children—for example sewing, knitting, crocheting …. The list is endless. Requirements for volunteers involved being double vaccinated and have a current working with children check.

ORBOST CLUSTER OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

A reminder to Parents/Guardians who use the service at Orbost PS that unless accounts are paid monthly in full, the service will be suspended to those with overdue accounts until paid.

Those Parents/Guardians who require vacation care could be asked to pay a deposit to cover holiday program costs.

If you have any questions, please contact Angela Camilleri or Janet Munn on 51541119.

FREE | AGES 5 -12 | BOOKINGS NOT REQUIRED

EAST GIPPSLAND
SHIRE LIBRARIES

LEGO Club 2022

Junior LEGO enthusiasts are invited to attend our after-school LEGO Club sessions

The sessions incorporate freestyle creativity and themed construction activities.

Donations welcome
The library will gladly accept donations of old or new LEGO brand pieces for our LEGO Club collection.

Children aged six and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Libraries Change Lives

EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL

Orbost Service Centre
3.30 pm – 4.30 pm

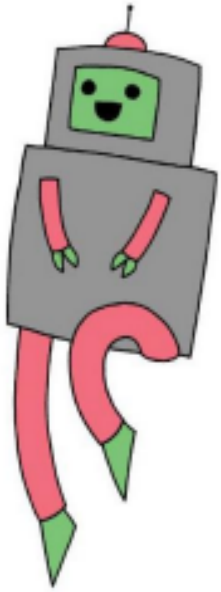
Every Monday
Except School Holidays

For more information, phone 5152 4225 or ask in person at the library about these FREE sessions.

FREE | AGES 8 -12 | BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

EAST GIPPSLAND
SHIRE LIBRARIES

Code Club
Scratch for Beginners



{code club}

Want to learn basic computer coding? Want to have fun learning how to develop animations and games?

Join us for this four-week program and learn how to code using Scratch.

Participants will need to be confident independent readers.

Bookings are essential as places are strictly limited. Phone 5152 4225 or book in person at the library for this event.

Orbost Service Centre

3.40 pm – 4.40 pm
Wednesday 9 March
Wednesday 16 March
Wednesday 23 March
Wednesday 30 March

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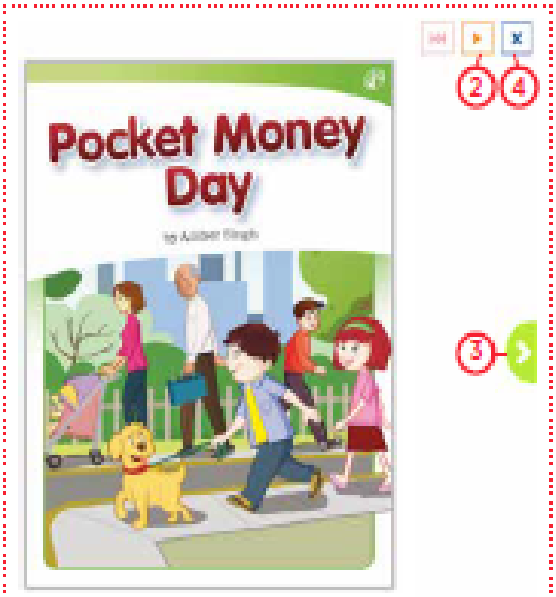
Wushka Digital Readers

1 How To Use Wushka

- Head to **www.wushka.com.au** and log in using your child's login details provided by their school (if you don't have these, please contact your child's teacher).
- Click on the **Reading Box** and choose one of the levelled readers that has been allocated to your child, then click on the cover.
- Press the **white play icon (1)** on the cover of the reader.
- When the reader has loaded, press the **orange play icon (2)** in the top right corner of the page to start reading.
- If your child's teacher has selected to turn on the narration function for that reader, the audio narration will start and the pages will turn automatically.
- To turn the pages at your own pace, use the **green arrows (3)** to click through.
- If you turn the pages manually, you will need to press the **orange play icon (2)** in the top right corner of the page each time to start the audio for that page.
- When you have finished the reader, click the **blue cross (4)** at the top right corner of the page to close the book (this will then register that the book has been completed.)



2 Tips for Home Reading

Before Reading

- It's important to get your child into the right frame of mind for a successful reading session. Try to find somewhere **quiet** and **comfortable** that is away from distractions. This will not only improve your child's concentration and the quality of their reading, but will also help to develop a positive association with reading as a method of relaxation.

- Before you start reading, ask your child to think of **one question** about the reading material based on the subject matter, their existing knowledge or what they can see on the front cover. You can then go back to this question once you have finished reading and try to answer it.

During Reading

- During reading, use **positive** and **encouraging language** to support your child. If your child makes a mistake when reading, allow them to continue to the end of the sentence without interrupting them. Then, go back to the mispronounced word and ask, 'What's that word?'
- Be patient, and allow your child time to self-correct if they have made a mistake. Avoid using negative statements such as, 'That's wrong.'
  If you are reading a story with dialogue, you could encourage your child to **use different voices**, or take it in turns to read the dialogue of different characters in voices. This will make your reading session more enjoyable and engaging, and your child will enjoy your participation.

After Reading

- After reading, **encourage reflection** on what you've just read by asking questions such as, 'Did you enjoy the book? Why/why not? Who was your favourite character? What was your favourite part? Did you learn any new words/information from this book? Does it remind you of anything else you have read or seen? Would you like to read more books like this?'
- Above all, **have fun**! Happy reading!

3 Frequently Asked Questions

- **I've forgotten/lost my child's login details. How can I retrieve them?**
  Your child's teacher will be able to help with this. The teachers and Wushka Product Coordinator at your child's school are the only ones who are able to retrieve or reset your child's login details.

- **My child has completed all of the readers in their dashboard. How can we access more readers?**
  Your child's teacher is the only one who can allocate readers to your child's account so you can contact them to let them know that you are ready for more books. They are also the ones who decide whether or not to turn on the audio narration and comprehension quiz functions for each reader.

- **My child completed one of the readers, but it is not showing up in their Reading Record. Why is this?**
  Each time your child finishes a reader, make sure that they click the blue cross in the top right corner of the page to close the book. If they simply exit the web browser or close the Wushka page, it will not register that the reader has been completed and therefore not be captured in their Reading Record.

1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Program

Free live ONLINE program for parents of children aged 2 to 12

Tired of yelling and nagging?

Resolve difficult behaviour in children aged 2 to 12.

In 3 sessions parents will learn:

- How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking;
- How to handle challenging behaviours;
- How to use emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour;
- Strategies for encouraging good behaviour;
- How to sort behaviours and choose correct strategies using "The 3 Choices Model".

We'll also work on strategies so you can:

- Strengthen your relationship with your child;
- Strengthen your child's emotional resilience.

Parents will receive:

- **A FREE workbook (valued at $12) to apply the concepts learnt**
- **A Certificate of Completion**

Do this highly sought after parenting program FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME
-Hurry! Places are limited-

When?

11:30am – 2:30pm

Over 3 Thursdays:
March 17th
March 24th
March 31st, 2022

Cost?

FREE

Get in touch

Bookings are essential!

Please contact:

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2022 JUNIOR FOOTBALL SIGN ON DAY

ORBOST SNOWY ROVERS

FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

UNDER 11S
UNDER 13S
UNDER 15S

FRIDAY 25TH FEBRUARY
4:00PM - 6:00PM
ORBOST SWIMMING POOL

FREE entry, inflatables and a FREE BBQ!

Registration forms and information on the fixture, coaches, training, code of conduct and volunteer roles will be available on the day.

Fees for the 2022 season are $60 with cash and card payments available.

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Dear Parents/Guardians

At the commencement of Term 4, St Joseph's Primary introduced SIMON as the Learning Management System (LMS) for all Staff, students and parents.

It is now time to introduce the SIMON's Parent Access Module (PAM).

PAM provides parents with a range of information relating to their child/ren including attendance records, daily messages, sick bay notifications, school calendar and current reports. It also allows parents to notify the school of absences and will be used for Collaborative Conference Interview booking.

STEP ONE:

Simon's PAM (Parent Access Module) can be accessed through the following direct link:

http://pam.stjorbost.catholic.edu.au

All families will receive an email from PAM (Parent Access Module). Don't forget to check your Spam/Junk box.

The email will be from noreply@stjorbost.catholic.edu.au and will read:

"Welcome to St Joseph's Primary School Parent Access Module or PAM. PAM is the home of your school related school information. There is lots to explore, but before you get going you will need to set your own access password. To set your password click on the link below. This will take you to the PAM logon page. Click on the "forgot password" link and follow the prompts."

Parents need to click on the link in the email and follow the instructions to set their password and verify their email address. If people would like help setting up PAM on their device please do not hesitate to contact Amanda in the school's office.

Once people have accessed their Simon Parent Access Module (PAM) Account and it is set up for using we are ready for:

STEP TWO:

Parents have <u>two choices</u> in this step 1.

A) Saving PAM as a bookmark on your home screen and keep in touch with the school by logging in frequently. Directions are as followed:

B) Downloading Simon Everywhere APP on your smart device. This will allow notifications to be sent to you as soon as any new information is uploaded on the Simon Parent Access Module (PAM).

Attendances, school newsletters, important changes to school days, permission slips will all be available to be accessed and even signed through this portal (No more lost permission slips YAY!)

Once this APP has been downloaded its as simple as using your PAM Login details to access your child's information.

We ask all families to be connected to PAM. We strongly encourage you to visit PAM **frequently** and become further involved with your child's education at St Joseph's. It will become the main mode of electronic communication between home and school.

Please feel free to contact Amanda at the office for any help in setting up your device, we understand that there will be teething problems for people but we are here to help iron out any kinks. SIMON Parent Access Module (PAM) will be our sole way of communication within the school community by the start of 2022.

Yours Sincerely

Kirsten Daly (Principal)