

Term 4 Friday 10th November 2023

NEWSLETTER

Caring for Self, Caring for Others, Caring for the Environment



Dear parents and families,

It's remarkable how quickly these past two weeks have passed, particularly with the anticipation of our pre-summer swimming program commencing, and the iconic Melbourne Cup day adding a touch of excitement to our regular, bustling days of learning.

This term, we've been actively engaged in various STEM projects. In particular, our students in Years 3 to 6 played a significant role in the construction of our new picnic tables, which we were able to acquire with the School Upgrade Government Funding. This experience taught the students a valuable lesson – that things don't always go according to plan when you strictly follow instructions. Sometimes, you need to adapt and start over. Our students also gained practical skills, such as learning how to use a wrench effectively and the importance of using two hands to securely loosen or tighten the bolts.

Last week we welcomed Matthew Gillard from Sammat Education (Sydney) <https://sammatt.education/> who introduced the students to the beginning of 'micro:bits'.

The micro:bit Smart Home STEAM Program is designed to help students get started with exploring the world of electronics with a focus on home automation.

Simply speaking a "Smart Home" is a home equipped with the lighting, heating, cooling, visual, sound appliances, miscellaneous electronic devices that can be controlled remotely (and automated) by a smartphone or a computer.

A "Smart Home" usually allows for automation of simple tasks (e.g. turning lights on only when someone enters the room, checking if your plant needs watering and turning on the water supply for a brief instant, turning off all the lights in the house at a predefined time at night, etc.) with a view to increasing efficiency (reducing consumption, cost of energy, etc.) and allowing for easier access to controls (for the given appliance).

Clergy changes for 2024

Earlier this week, Bishop Greg released the clergy moves for 2024 (effective January 17). We are saddened to hear that Fr Michael Willemsen has been asked to move to the Narre Warren parish. We wish Fr Michael all the best in his new role. Fr Michael said, "After almost 8 years here in East Gippsland, I will go, content in the knowledge that as a labourer in the vineyard of the Lord, he can send me to any of the fields and I will happily serve the people there in his name." Fr Joseph Abutu (currently PP of St Agatha's Cranbourne) will replace Fr Michael at St Mary's Bairnsdale and Fr Hiep Nguyen (currently assistant priest for Lakes Entrance and Orbost) will become Parish Priest of St Brendan's and St Colman's. Fr Mark Hughes will remain at St Mary's. St Joseph's Primary School has been truly enriched and blessed to have Fr Michael support the school community and a wonderful spiritual mentor for our staff and students over the past 8 years. Our deep gratitude and prayers will go with him. Thankyou !

Little Angler Kits

Grade 5 primary school students received a free Little Angler Kit from The Victorian Fisheries Authority this week.

Why is the government giving away free fishing rods for kids?

The State Government is keen to get more children outside and active, connecting with nature and enjoying time in the great outdoors. Fishing is a great way to do that, which is why the State Government is investing \$96m to improve fishing, boating, piers and aquaculture. Little Angler Kits include a fishing rod, tackle tray, some tackle and a kids guide to fishing. The kits are approximately 3 foot long. More information has been provided to students and families who received the kits.



Welcome Foundation Students!

Next week we welcome our new Foundation students on Monday for their first transition day. This is an exciting time for them, their families and the school. There is no doubt our year 5 students will step up as leaders to support them on their first day.

A reminder Friday 17th November is a student free day.

On this day our staff will be busy working on the rewriting of our school vision to align with our strategic improvement plan, analysing student assessment data and continual planning of learning.

Have a wonderful weekend.

God Bless
Kirsten Daly
Principal

The whole school will come together for a special prayer service in observance of Remembrance Day this Friday during our Collective Calm time. It's a time for us to pause and reflect, to remember and honour those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Families are welcome to join us in the hall.



And give thanks for those who gave their lives for peace

Remembering

OUR FALLEN HEROES ON ANZAC DAY

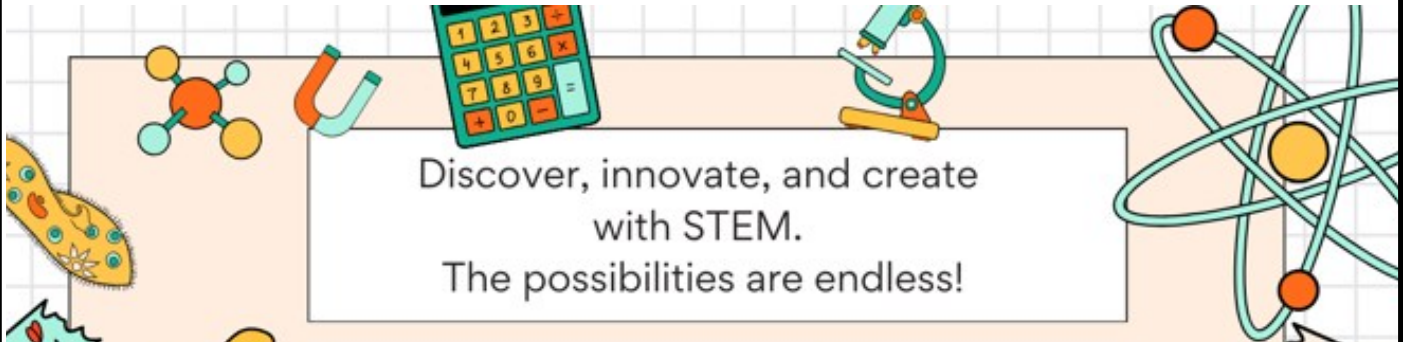
Prayer for peace in the Holy Land
God of our longing,
Remember those who wait and hope for peace.
Hear our Prayer and our lament
for our brothers and sisters in Israel and Palestine.

With them, we share a common story,
set in a common homeland.
Make common also a will to forgive,
to reconcile,
to make a just peace for the sake of the ancestors,
for the sake of the children.
Open ears, eyes and hearts
And make a way toward justice
In our war-torn world.

God of merciful, you dwell in all human hearts
And the holy land is wherever you make your home.
Heal these broken places where prophets preached
Where Moses and Jesus and Muhammad kept faith with you.
Be a support for those who work toward reconciliation
And make us all, however far away,
Steadfast in their cause.

Amen

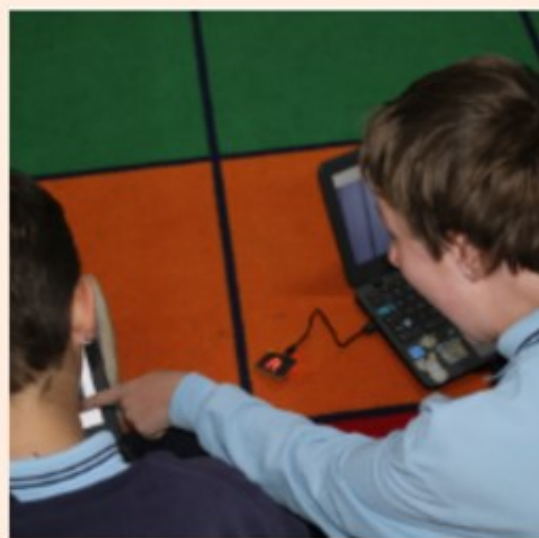




Discover, innovate, and create
with STEM.
The possibilities are endless!



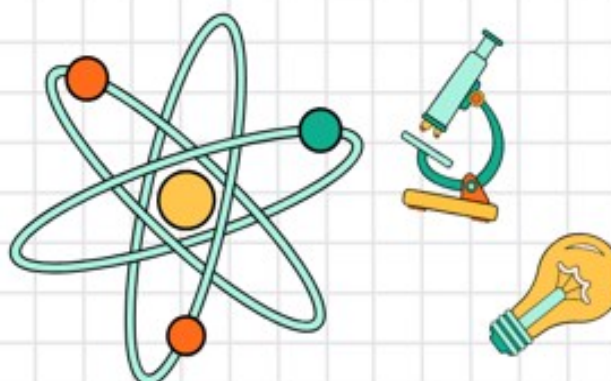
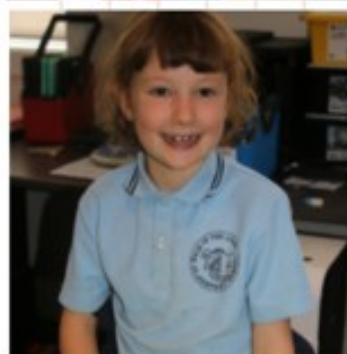
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STEM

November 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2 Swimming	3	4	5
6 Pupil Free Day	7 Melb Cup Day—Public Holiday	8	9 Swimming	10	11	12
13 Prep Trans 9-11	14	15	16	17 Report Writing Day NO STUDENTS	18	19
20 Prep Trans 9-12.30	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Prep trans 9-1.40	28	29	30			

December 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1 Swimming	2	3
4 OSC Transition	5 OSC Transition	6 OSC Transition	7 OSC Transition	8 OSC Transition	9	10
11 Chooiscal Big Day TBA	12	13 Grade 6 Grad	14	15 Swimming LAST DAY 3.15	16	17
18 Staff at school	19 Staff at school	20 Staff last day	21	22	23	24 Xmas Eve
25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve



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Parent webinars

START THE CONVERSATION AT HOME

Join the *Cyber Safety Project*, *Talking The Talk* and *The Big Sister Experience* over three enlightening online information sessions tailored to parents of students embarking on the transition from primary to secondary school.

Students will explore each topic during targeted student sessions at school the following day. This model encourages families to start important conversations at home to address the unique challenges and anxieties this period of change may bring young people.



1

CYBER SAFETY & DIGITAL WELLBEING presented by **Cyber Safety Project**

WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER
7.30PM - 8.15PM AEDT

The Cyber Safety Project will share insights to help you support your child to level up their cyber safety and digital wellbeing during the transition to secondary school.



SAM MACAULAY AND TRENT RAY
CYBER SAFETY PROJECT

2

DIGITAL RESPECT & CONSENT presented by **Talking The Talk**

WEDNESDAY 22 NOVEMBER
7.30PM - 8.15PM AEDT

Talking The Talk will equip you with the tools to lead important conversations about consent and respectful relationships with your child.



VANESSA HAMILTON
TALKING THE TALK

3

DEALING WITH CHANGE presented by **Big Sister Experience**

WEDNESDAY 29 NOVEMBER
7.30PM - 8.15PM AEDT

The Big Sister Experience will provide a concise and insightful overview of anxiety in youth, shedding light on why this transition phase can trigger feelings of unease.



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THE BIG SISTER EXPERIENCE



REGISTER NOW
cybersafetyproject.com.au/transitionwebinars





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 program **live online** from the comfort of your own home - Or come in and do it in person!*

When?
11:30am - 2:30pm

Over 3 Thursdays:
Nov 2nd
Nov 9th
Nov 16th, 2023

Cost?
FREE

Get in touch
Bookings are essential!
*****Applications close MONDAY 30TH OCT*****

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AGES 5 - 12

FREE

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Children's Week Activity Session



Join us for this fun activity session and get the most out of Children's Week!

To celebrate Children's Week, children will be able to make their very own foam dinosaur magnets and layered flower bag tags!

As stock is limited, bookings are essential.

This Children's Week activity is presented by East Gippsland Shire Council in partnership with the Victorian Government.

Tuesday 24 October
Paynesville Service Centre
3.45 pm - 4.45 pm

Wednesday 25 October
Lakes Entrance Service Centre
3.45 pm - 4.45 pm

Wednesday 25 October
Mallacoota Service Centre
3.45 pm - 4.45 pm

Wednesday 25 October
Ormeo Service Centre
3.30 pm - 4.30 pm

Thursday 26 October
Bairnsdale Library
4.00 pm - 5.00 pm

Friday 27 October
Orbost Service Centre
3.45 pm - 4.45 pm

Phone **5152 4225** or book in person at the library for this **FREE** event.



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NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED

Storytime with Bluey Children's Week 2023



Come along and enjoy this extra special Storytime with a guest star: **Bluey!**

Enjoy this opportunity for children to share a range of Storytime books with everyone's favourite blue heeler, Bluey!

Storytime sessions are for children 2-5 years of age and include songs, rhymes, stories and activities.

The session will run for approximately 45 minutes and each child will be able to take home their special craft at the end of the session.

Monday 23 October
Lakes Entrance Service Centre
11.00 am - 12.00 pm

Tuesday 24 October
Orbost Service Centre
10.30 am - 11.30 am

Wednesday 25 October
Ormeo Service Centre
11.15 am - 12.15 pm

Thursday 26 October
Bairnsdale Library
11.00 am - 12.00 pm

Friday 27 October
Paynesville Service Centre
11.00 am - 12.00 pm

Thursday 2 November
Mallacoota Service Centre
2.30 pm - 3.30 pm

Phone **5152 4225** with any queries about this **FREE** event.



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Holiday Camps

2024

DATES

Malmsbury Camp: Monday 8th - Friday 12th January

City Camp - Monday 15th - Friday 19th January

MALMSBURY

Located in an idyllic bush setting in Central Victoria

- ✓ High Ropes Activities
- ✓ Canoeing & Swimming
- ✓ Archery & Orienteering
- ✓ Night Walk, Movie Night, Trivia

CITY

Located in the heart of the Melbourne CBD

- ✓ Big Bash & Aus Open
- ✓ Pool & Beach
- ✓ Melbourne Zoo & Museum
- ✓ Eureka Skydeck, Movie Night, Trivia



TRANSPORT

Malmsbury: Doxa facilitated bus transport provided from Melbourne & Bendigo

City: Doxa facilitated bus transport provided from Traralgon / Pakenham & Bendigo

COST

Our holiday camps are **FREE**.

Holiday camps are funded by our amazing donors and philanthropic ventures.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Email: info@doxa.org.au

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Principal: Patricia Lynn

ADVANCED NOTICE- REVISED

ORBOST PRIMARY SCHOOL OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE ON FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2023.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Friday 15th December will be the last day for Out of School Hours Care at Orbost Primary School. Due the closure of the school, the need for accounts to be finalised and, the packing up required by staff, we need to close on the Friday to allow this to happen. We are unable to offer this service after this date.

Our childcare service is licenced under Orbost Primary School. Orbost Community College is in the process of engaging a childcare provider to commence in 2024 at the Orbost Community College. We hope to be able to provide more information in the coming weeks.

Please be aware that is also applies to Vacation Care over the summer holidays. This early notice is to give you as much time as possible to make alternative childcare arrangements for the summer holidays.

We would appreciate if all accounts are kept up to date for the remainder of the year and all outstanding accounts be paid ASAP.

Yours sincerely

Trish Lynn
Principal
Orbost Primary School.
26/10/2023



Walk to Change the Story

A GLCH initiative for the 16 Days of
Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

Take steps to end violence against women and children
Saturday 25 November 2023

COMMUNITY WALK

Start and finish at
Nicholson Street Mall
in Bairnsdale.

Meet 10.30 am sharp!

COMMUNITY EVENT

- Welcome to Country
- Clothesline Project
- Banner Making
- Information Stalls
- Big Respect Gippsland Photo Booth
- HEY Project T-shirt Tie-dyeing
- Music with FReeZa
- Children's Activities
- Lion's Club BBQ

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