

Term 1 Friday 22nd March 2024

# NEWSLETTER

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



## Dear Families and Friends,

As we head into that last four days in Term One, I would like to say thank you to families for all that you have done to support the school and your child's learning. They have all settled in well so far this year, especially our Foundation students.

Another commendable performance from our Year 3 and 5 students in completing their NAPLAN assessments last week.

We bid farewell to Mr. Pashos, who will be leaving us at the end of the term for an adventurous journey ahead. We wish him good luck and safe travels.

Our Year 5 and 6 students returned from their Melbourne Camp, brimming with tales of adventure and excitement, albeit a bit exhausted. A heartfelt thank you to Ms. Dunphy and the staff at St. Mary's Primary School in Bairnsdale for their dedicated efforts in organising this memorable experience.

A reminder we have a short week to come, watch out for the following activities:

- **Monday** morning - whole school prayer
- **Wednesday** - Cross Country @ Newmerella Rec Reserve 10am - 12pm. Parents are welcome. Foundation students will be running first, followed by Year 1 & 2, Years 3 & 4, Years 5 & 6 (more details on the permission forms)
- **Thursday** - early finish at 2:15pm.  
From 1:35pm families welcome for our annual Easter Bonnet Parade, Merit & Award Assembly, Easter Raffle and finish with Easter Egg Hunt.

Please have a safe and enjoyable Easter break. During his holiday break may I encourage you to go with the family to celebrate the beautiful liturgies of Holy Week at the Cathedral or your local parish. Please keep yourselves well and safe until we return to be together again in Term 2, Monday 15th April, 2024.

God Bless,

Kirsten Daly  
**Principal.**

**School Vision:** *United, as a school community, we walk in the light of faith, guiding our students in*

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# Lent for Families

Palm Sunday, also called Passion Sunday, marks the beginning of Holy Week. During this week, Christians prepare themselves for Easter by prayerful reflection upon the events of Jesus' passion and death. During this week, your family might display a crucifix in a prominent place as a reminder of salvation Christ for us.

This can also serve as the focal point for family prayer during Holy Week. Even as he is suffering, Jesus remains loving and forgiving. He asks God to forgive the people who crucify him. When the criminal asks Jesus to remember him, Jesus tells the criminal that he will be with him in heaven. If we have faith in Jesus and follow his way of love, we too will be with him in heaven one day. We might feel sad hearing about Jesus' death, but we can celebrate because Jesus died for our sins. He prepared the way for us to share eternal life with God in heaven. Jesus, we thank and praise you for saving us from our sins. We will follow your way of love and forgiveness, today and every day. Amen.

## The Symbols of Holy Week

The liturgies of Holy Week are filled with some of the richest and most ancient symbols of the Catholic faith. The waving of palms on Passion (Palm) Sunday reminds Christians they are called to be followers of Jesus, not just fans who cheer from a distance. The washing of feet on Holy Thursday speaks to Christians of the selfless love who are called to practise in imitation of Jesus. The veneration of the cross on Good Friday reminds Christians that through Jesus anything can be overcome, even death. The lighting of the Easter fire in a darkened church and the celebration of baptisms on Holy Saturday speak to Christians of the new life because of Jesus' triumph over the darkness of sin and death through his resurrection.



## CONVERSATION STARTERS ABOUT CYBER SAFETY (link)

These questions are designed to be used in a family to start everyday conversations about online safety. The questions cover topics such as identifying online risks, using technology safely and reporting unsafe behaviour. Use them together with the information at eSafety kids, and empower kids to take control of their online experiences.

### More tips on online safety

1. If you see something online you don't like — show your mum, dad, carer or a trusted adult immediately. [Find out more.](#)
2. If someone you don't know sends you a message or you receive a message that makes you feel uncomfortable or unsafe — tell your mum, dad, carer or an adult you trust straight away. [Find out more.](#)
3. Only 'friend' or add people you know in real life — remember that not everyone online is who they say they are, so don't accept friend requests or followers you don't know.
4. Don't meet up with online friends — It is best to keep 'online friends' online, so if you do chat to other kids in online games don't meet up with them in person.

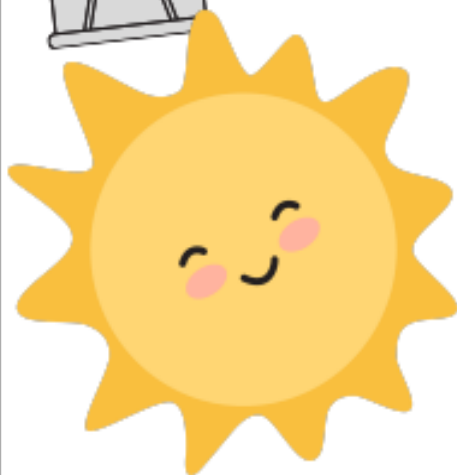
# Mental Health & Wellbeing

## **MIND BODY CONNECT**

This week students continued to use their sense of touch to discover different textures. They then discussed how the different textures made them feel.

## **GROW YOUR MIND**

Mackillop class have created a safety hand that identifies five trusted adults in which they feel safe to talk to when they have big feelings. We will also explore the importance of empathy and how we can see things from others' perspectives.



## **NEW EQUIPMENT**

We are excited to announce new play equipment will be available soon during recess and lunch that will support student wellbeing and connection with nature.

## **FRIENDLY REMINDERS**

The end of Term can feel busy and hectic. Remember to make time for self-care and activities you enjoy. We hope everyone has a lovely holiday and gets time to connect with friends, family, spirituality and nature.





Melbourne  
Camp

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS! WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP MARSHALL OUR STUDENTS CROSS COUNTRY ?  
IF SO PLEASE MEET US OUT AT NEWMERELLA REC RESERVE ON WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH AT 10.00AM - PLEASE BRING A CHAIR**



# MARCH 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Labour Day	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 5-6 Camp	19 5-6 Camp	20 5-6 Camp	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Cross Country	28 Last Day Term 2.15pm	29 Good Friday	30 Easter Saturday	31 Easter Sunday

# APRIL 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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# EASTER PRAYER



Let Us Pray this Easter We pray for the world-wide church, our local diocese and our parish. May the church at every level be a vibrant community of the Holy Spirit.

Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who looked forward to being baptised at the Easter Vigil this year. May they await their full initiation with patience, faith and hope.

Lord, hear us.

We pray for leaders guiding their nations throughout the world. May they chart the way forward with peace, wisdom, justice and courage.

Lord, hear us.

We renew our thanks for the dedicated workers and volunteers maintaining essential community services, especially at this time. May they enjoy our full and lasting appreciation.

Lord, hear us.

We pray for the needy and vulnerable in our midst. May welfare agencies and the whole community come to their aid.

Lord, hear us.

We pray for teachers and support staff throughout the school system. May they enjoy the blessings of a well earned rest.

Lord, hear us.

We pray for all whose diversity of culture enriches the life of the nation. May their contribution to the vitality of society be valued and welcomed.

Lord, hear us.

We pray for our families, friends and fellow parishioners. May our sharing in this Easter Season deepen our desire to live the gospel ever more fully.

Lord, hear us.

We pray for the recently deceased and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time. May they see the face of God and live.

Lord, hear us.

# SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN!

Lakes Entrance Aquadome

## Aqua Run

Race your friends on the inflatable Aqua Run!

**Tuesdays and Thursdays**

1pm - 3pm

2 April to 11 April

**\$3.90 per person plus pool entry**

(Pool entry is covered for members)

All ages welcome. Children under 5 must be accompanied by a responsible person over 16 years.



ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

# EASTER EGG RAFFLE

TICKETS AVAILABLE SOON

To create a BUMPER Easter Raffle for our St Joseph's Primary School Community this year we kindly ask Parents and Friends for Easter Egg Donations.

How ever big or small we appreciate them all !!

Our Easter Raffle will conclude our Easter Celebrations on the last day of Term 1. All donations can be dropped in to the Office at your earliest convenience.



EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE LIBRARIES

FREE AGES 9 - 13 BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

## LEGO Mindstorms Build and Program a Robot



### Want to build and program a working robot model?

Children will work in groups of three to build and program a LEGO Mindstorms EV3 robot to complete fun challenges.

Learn and practise simple coding skills over four weeks and watch your robot follow your every command.

Participants must commit to all four weeks when booking.

Orbost Service Centre  
3.30 pm – 4.30 pm

Wednesday 6 March  
Wednesday 13 March  
Wednesday 20 March  
Wednesday 27 March

Phone 51 52 4225 or book in person at the library for these FREE sessions.

Libraries  
Change Lives



# School Reminder

School Fees have been processed.  
St Joseph's Primary School now offer  
CENTREPAY.

If you would like to make a deduction from your Centrelink payments towards your school fee account please contact Amanda at the office.

School Banking Details for Direct Payments  
BANK-NAB Sale  
BSB 083-879 Account 695452766



GOLD COIN DONATION FOR SUPPER

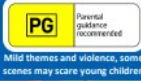
FREE

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE LIBRARIES

# Movie Screening – Libraries After Dark Wonka

**Family viewing!**



### Join us for a viewing of Wonka!

Before shaking up the chocolate industry and making a name for himself as a confectionery genius, the ambitious young Wonka had to defy all odds. As a result, Willy transformed his wildest dreams into reality with a bold vision, determination, and unexpected help from new friends.

After all, hard work and a dash of magic can make anything happen. Because, as Willy already knows, it only takes a dream to make a difference.

Libraries After Dark offers a variety of after-hours programming provided through local libraries on Thursday nights across thirteen local government areas. The program is designed to provide at-risk groups with a range of social or recreational options during the evening.

**Thursday 4 April**  
Bairnsdale Library  
6.30 pm – 8.30 pm

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



FREE

BOOKINGS REQUIRED

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# Tech Help Sessions by appointment



### Bring along your own device for 30 minutes of one-on-one assistance

Support is limited to the use of devices, applications and browsers but does not cover problems relating to security, repairs or purchase recommendations.

For privacy reasons we cannot assist with online banking related issues.

The half hour appointments are available on the following dates/times:

**Paynesville Service Centre**  
Thursday 11 April  
2.00 pm – 4.30 pm

**Lakes Entrance Service Centre**  
Thursday 11 April  
2.00 pm – 4.30 pm

**Orbost Service Centre**  
Thursday 18 April  
2.00 pm – 4.30 pm

**Bairnsdale Library**  
Thursday 18 March  
1.00 pm – 3.30 pm

**Omeo Service Centre**  
Thursday 29 April  
9.30 am – 12.00 pm

Book in person at the library or by phoning 5152 4225 for this FREE workshop.

AGES 12-18

FREE

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

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# Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom Teen Movie Screening and Pizza!



### Join us for some free pizza and a viewing of the film, Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom!

As Arthur Curry confronts the responsibilities of being King of the Seven Seas, a long-buried ancient power is unleashed.

After witnessing the full effect of these dark forces, Aquaman must forge an uneasy alliance with an old enemy, and embark on a treacherous journey to protect his family, his kingdom, and the world from irreversible devastation.

**Thursday 4 April**  
Bairnsdale Library  
2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

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



AGES 5-12

FREE

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

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# Birdfeeders School Holiday Activity



Get into the swing of your school holidays with the library's school holiday program!

Come along and join in the fun with a full activity session!

Come ready to listen to stories, play games, win prizes and customise and decorate your own birdfeeder and special pen to take home at the end! All materials are provided.

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

**Thursday 4 April**  
Omeo Service Centre  
1.30 pm – 4.00 pm

**Thursday 4 April**  
Lakes Entrance Service Centre  
1.00 pm – 3.00 pm

**Thursday 4 April**  
Paynesville Service Centre  
1.00 pm – 3.00 pm

**Friday 5 April**  
Orbost Service Centre  
1.00 pm – 3.00 pm

**Tuesday 9 April**  
Bairnsdale Library  
1.00 pm – 3.00 pm

**Tuesday 9 April**  
Mallacoota Service Centre  
10.00 am – 12.00 pm





# STEM Fun

## Come and Try Day



Come and try some of our new STEM gadgets!

Try out our Bee-Bots, Osmo, Gravitrix and Snap Circuits.

Drop in anytime between the times listed to join in on the fun.

Parents/carers are required to accompany their children.

For more information about this FREE event, phone 5152 4225 or ask staff at the library.

Omeo Service Centre  
Tuesday 2 April  
10.00 am - 12.00 pm

Mallacoota Service Centre  
Tuesday 2 April  
10.00 am - 12.00 pm

Bairnsdale Library  
Friday 5 April  
10.00 am - 12.00 pm

Lakes Entrance Service Centre  
Monday 8 April  
10.00 am - 12.00 pm

Paynesville Service Centre  
Friday 12 April  
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

Orbost Service Centre  
Friday 12 April  
10.00 am - 12.00 pm



# School Holiday Session

## Fractured Fairy Tale



Join us for a fun and exciting session of magic and fairy tales!

Come along and experience the magic of fairy tales. Meet new people and make new friends.

Create a fairy tale name, try on different costumes to make a memorable character and go on your very own quest solving clues around the Library.

Make a shield or banner to take home at the end of the session and make sure to take advantage of fantastic photo opportunities.

Presented by Upstage Theatre School.

Tuesday 2 April  
Orbost Service Centre  
1.00 pm - 3.00 pm

Friday 5 April  
Paynesville Service Centre  
1.00 pm - 3.00 pm

Monday 8 April  
Omeo Service Centre  
1.30 pm - 3.30 pm

Wednesday 10 April  
Bairnsdale Library  
1.00 pm - 3.00 pm

Friday 12 April  
Lakes Entrance Service Centre  
1.00 pm - 3.00 pm

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



# Migration

## School Holiday Film Screening



Very mild themes, some scenes may scare very young children



Join us for a viewing of the film, *Migration!*

Mack is an adventure-loving duck who does not intend to leave his New England pond anytime soon.

However, he is convinced by his more adventurous wife, Pam, to head south for the winter.

Join the two ducks, along with their two kids Dax and Gwen and Mack's Uncle Dan, on a brand new adventure this school holidays!

Wednesday 3 April  
Bairnsdale Library  
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

Friday 5 April  
Lakes Entrance Service Centre  
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

Friday 5 April  
Omeo Service Centre  
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

Monday 8 April  
Orbost Service Centre  
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

Monday 8 April  
Paynesville Service Centre  
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

Wednesday 10 April  
Mallacoota Service Centre  
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

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



# Video Games & Board Games!

## School Holiday Games Session



Get your game on and join us for some fun with board games, Nintendo Switch or Xbox!

Come along and enjoy some free game time with your library's board game collection, Nintendo Switch or Xbox!

There's fun for the whole family between our video and board games. The games provided are suitable for the 5 to 12 age group. This is not a supervised event. Parents may consider staying with their younger children.

For further information, phone 5152 4225 or enquire in person at the library about this FREE event.

April 2 - 4  
Orbost Service Centre  
9.00 am - 5.00 pm

April 9 - 11  
Omeo Service Centre  
9.00 am - 5.00 pm

April 8 - 10  
Bairnsdale Library  
9.30 am - 5.30 pm

April 2 - 4  
Paynesville Service Centre  
9.00 am - 5.00 pm

April 3 - 11  
Mallacoota Service Centre (XBOX)  
10.00 am - 2.00 pm

April Holidays  
Lakes Entrance Service Centre  
9.00 am - 5.00 pm

