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with a big heart

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

St Joseph's Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Student Report *Written by Neave Songailo*

This term we have been doing whole school PSC on Wednesdays. We do motor skills, mind body connect and no screen STEM. Thankyou for all the teachers that organize it. These activities include the 3C's, caring for self, others and our environment. We also have done Athletics. Well done to all the students who tried their best.

I would also like to say Thanks to the Mothers! For making it to the High Tea. There is one more thing that has been exciting this term. There was a Jubilee Mass in Beaconsville. Well done to all the students that came to school at 7:00 in the morning and arrived back around 6:00 at night.

Principals Wrap up for the week

As we enter the second half of the term and the weather gets colder, we'd like to remind parents to ensure their child is wearing the correct winter uniform. It's also very important that all items, especially jumpers, are clearly labelled with your child's name—we currently have many unnamed items in lost property.

A reminder that **Breakfast Club runs each morning but finishes promptly at 8:50am**. Please ensure your child arrives before this time if they need breakfast, so that their learning time is not disrupted. **A big Thankyou to River Baker Café for donating bread!!**

From the 27th May to 3rd June we celebrate National Reconciliation Week. National Reconciliation Week started as the Week of Prayer for Reconciliation in 1993 and was supported by Australia's major faith communities. National Reconciliation Week is celebrated at this time each year as these dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey— the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Marbo Decision.

The National Reconciliation Week theme for this year is, Bridging Now to Next, which reflects the ongoing connection between past, present and future. Bridging Now to Next calls on all Australians to step forward together, to look ahead and continue the push forward as past lessons guide us.

At ST Joseph's, we all have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing out part we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island peoples, histories, cultures and futures.

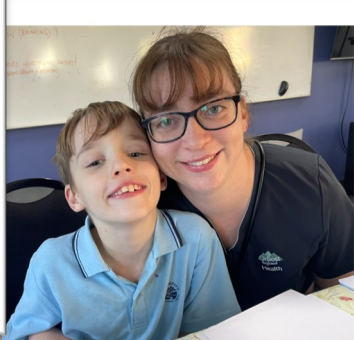
Kirsten Daly
Principal

Upcoming Reminders

- King's Birthday Holiday
9th June - No School.
- P & F Meeting—Monday
16th June @ 2:30pm.
- PJ Day—Thursday 19th
June.



Mother's Day Arvo Tea



Thankyou Woolworths for donating the bread!

Sausage Sizzle

\$1000 Raised
Thankyou to
all our helpers!!



Thankyou Morrison Meats for discount on 500 Sausages!





"Pilgrims of Hope"

Join us in embracing hope, unity and faith

Celebrating

Catholic Education Week
16 May to 23 May 2025

Catholic Education Week



We are proud, impressed and appreciative of the respect shown by our school captain, Damian and future school leaders, Neave and Lilly, at this year's launch of Catholic Education week. The Mass and award ceremony, in Beaconsfield, was represented by the 39 schools in the Diocese with close to 1000 in attendance.

Photographed with St Joseph's students are; Mr Paul Velten *Director of Catholic Education / Chief Executive Officer - Diocese of Sale Catholic Education Limited* and Bishop Greg Bennett who recently returned from the Vatican City for the inauguration ceremony of Pope Leo.



We definitely are **all on a journey**, which is our current Religious Education concept. St Joseph's are proud of the opportunities and memories we present students and helping students move and have success outside of their comfort zone.

Damian, Lilly and Neave have a great story to include in their journeys.





Birthdays

Happy Birthday to these students who celebrated their birthdays recently and in the coming weeks:

June

2nd - Myah
3rd - Lillian
7th - Ruby
7th - Mrs Graham
10th - Mrs O.
21st - Caddie
24th - Frida
26th - Logan



St Colman's Parish News

St Colman's & St Brendan's Catholic Church - Mass Times



Tuesdays: St Brendan's Lakes Entrance
9:30am
Wednesdays : St Colman's Orbost
9:30am
Fridays: St Brendan's Lakes Entrance
9:30am
Saturdays:
Once a month St Dymphna's Buchan
check website
1st, 3rd, 5th wks St Joseph's Swan Reach



"Hope Does Not Disappoint"

Term dates

Term 2: Tuesday 21st April - Friday 4th July (2:15pm finish)

Term 3: Tuesday 22nd July - Friday 19th September (2:15pm finish)

Term 4: Tuesday 7th October - Friday 19th December (2:15pm finish)

School Closure Days

As education is an evolving process staff need ongoing Professional Development to keep abreast of educational developments. During the year there will be a number of School Closure Days to enable this to take place.

All School Closure Days are approved by the Catholic Education Office.

Please keep an eye on the calendar included in each newsletter.

Monday 21st July - Curriculum Planning - **No Students**

Friday 8th & Monday 11th August - Catholic Identity & Religious Education / Indigenous Culture - **No Students**

Monday 6th October - Curriculum Planning - **No Students**

Monday 3rd November - Time in Lieu School Closure Day—**No Students**

Term Calendar

June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Week 7	2 3 rd Yr Teacher Placement (3wks)	3 Whole School Prayer 8:55am	4	5	6	7
8 Week 8	9 King's B/Day No School	10 Whole School Prayer 8:55am	11	12	13	14
15 Week 9 Kids Roar this week PSG meetings this week	16	17 Whole School Prayer 8:55am	18	19 PJ Day (wear PJ's to school)	20	21
22 Week 10	23 P & F Meeting 2:30pm	24 Whole School Prayer 8:55am	25	26	27	28
29 Week 11	30					

July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week 11		1 Whole School Prayer 8:55am	2	3	4 Last day Early finish 2:15pm Reports go home	5
6	7	8 School Holidays	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 School Holidays	16	17	18	19
20 Term 3 - Week 1	21 Curriculum Day No students	22	23	24	25	26
27 Week 2	28	29	30	31		

Parents & Friends Association

Social News

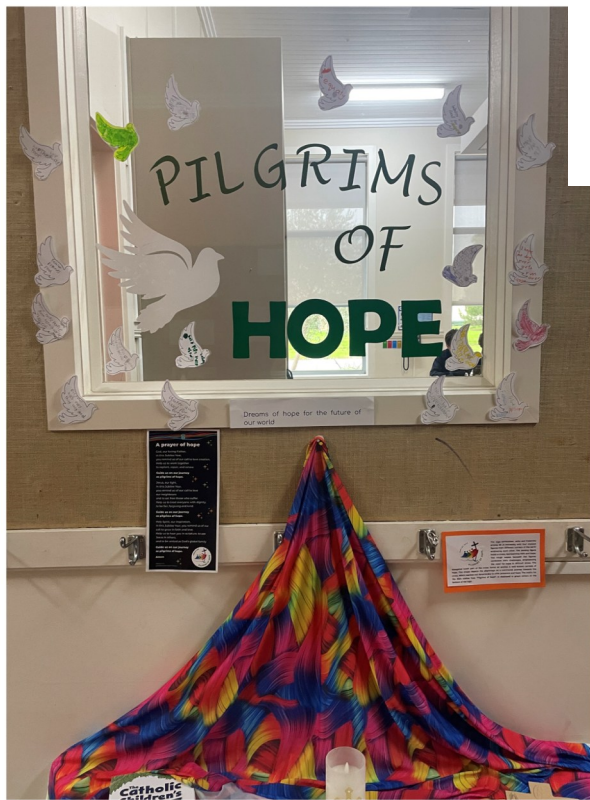
Have an idea, send us an email!

Fundraising

* Tulip Bulbs

Next meeting
Monday 16th
June 2:30pm

PRAYER



To St. Joseph for Protection

Gracious St. Joseph, protect me and my family from all evil as you did the Holy Family. Kindly keep us ever united in the love of Christ, ever fervent in imitation of the virtue of our Blessed Lady, your sinless spouse, and always faithful in devotion to you. Amen.

COMMUNITY NEWS

JUNIOR FISHING COMPETITION
5TH JULY - 18TH JULY 2025

ENTRY FEE
SMALL FRY \$5 (10 years & under (must be under 11 as of 1st July 2025))
JUNIOR \$10 (11 to 15 years old (must be under 16 as of 1st July 2025))

PRIZE POOL
OVER \$3,000+ GIVEAWAYS

13TH JULY 10AM-1PM Workshop
Hosted by Tackle Tactics
Max 30
Registration essential
Juniorfishing.mbglac@gmail.com

REGISTER AT EITHER TACKLE SHOP FROM 30TH JUNE
TACKLE WORLD
BOSS OUTDOOR

PRESENTATION DAY
Sunday 20th July, 2:00pm Spencer Park

Sponsors: Bege, TOP FUN, THE HON KRISTY MCRAIN MEMBER FOR EDEN MONARO, BOBBING, Direct APPLIANCE SERVICES, McDonald's

MBGLAC 2025 Winter School Holidays Junior Fishing Workshop & Competition
Open to all young anglers under 16 years of age.

Entry Fee:
Small Fry \$5 10 years old and under (must be under 11 as of 1st July 2025)
Junior \$10 11 to 15 years old (must be under 16 as of 1st July 2025)
Entry includes a **FREE** showbag containing: Event token, rules, fish capture slip, free gift.

You must have an adult with you when:

- Registering at Tackle World or Boss Outdoor Merimbula to collect your event token and showbag.
- Attending the fishing workshop. (must register your interest, please see below)
- Attending the prize presentation.

To enter a fish:

- Record your catch on the official capture entry form.
- Take a clear photo of your fish on a brag mat (any brand), with your Event Token visible.
- Bring your photo and completed entry form to either Merimbula tackle shop.
- Fish Capture sheets accepted daily at either tackle shop; **Entry CUT OFF Saturday 19th July 1pm**

Rules:

- All fish must meet NSW DPI legal size limits.
- Fish must be caught within the MBGLAC fishing zone: Goalen Head (North) to Disaster Bay (South).
- Catch & release is encouraged.
- Extra entry forms are available from Tackle World or Boss Outdoors Merimbula.

Competition Starts 6:00am Saturday 5th July. Fishing will **Finish** 6:00pm, Friday 18th July.
Fish Capture sheets accepted daily at either tackle shop, Entry CUT OFF Saturday 19th July 1pm

Eligible Species: Bream, Flathead, Trevally, Tailor, Salmon.
Free Workshop: Hosted by Tackle Tactics, fun hands-on session covers casting techniques, knot tying, Fish identification & regulations for safe sustainable fishing practices.
Workshop Date: Sunday 13th July, 10:00am – 1:00pm (Lunch provided)
Where: MBGLAC Clubrooms, Spencer Park, Merimbula
Max 30 participants – Registration essential. Register via email: juniorfishing.mbglac@gmail.com

Prizes (One prize per angler, excluding biggest bag)

- First - Longest fish** in each species (Junior & Small Fry) – Individual prizes valued at \$150
- Second – longest fish** in each species (Junior & Small Fry) – Individual prizes valued at \$90
- Third – longest fish** in each species (Junior & Small Fry) – Individual prizes valued at \$45
- Biggest bag of 5 fish** – Prize value TBC (Junior & Small Fry) – Individual prize valued at \$200
(Biggest bag of 5 fish with minimum of 3 fish, must be 1 of each species)

Presentation Day
When: Sunday 20th July, 2:00pm
Where: MBGLAC Clubrooms, Spencer Park, Merimbula
FREE sausage sizzle All Anglers & Families are encouraged to attend for a chance to win **bonus prizes!**

Share Your Catch!
Facebook or Instagram: @MBGLAC @tackleworld_merimbula @bossoutdoormerimbula
For full event details visit: www.mbglac.com.au



Mental Health and Wellbeing

Helping every mind shine bright.

Gender Diversity

In today's world, many young people are exploring who they are - not just in terms of career aspirations or friendships, but also how they understand themselves, including their gender identity. For some, this journey is straightforward. For others, it can involve questioning, rethinking, or expressing gender in ways that may not align with traditional expectations.



As a parent or caregiver, it's completely natural to feel uncertain or even overwhelmed at times. You might have questions, concerns, or simply want to better understand how to respond in a way that's helpful and affirming. The important thing to know is that gender diversity is not new - but our awareness and understanding of it is growing. It means recognising that not everyone experiences gender in the same way. While many young people feel comfortable with the gender they were assigned at birth, others may experience or express their gender in ways that feel different to what's traditionally expected.

Supporting a gender-diverse child doesn't require you to be an expert - it requires you to be present, open-minded, and willing to listen. Research shows that young people who feel accepted and supported by their families have significantly better mental health outcomes, regardless of where they are in their gender journey.



Gender Diversity

A SchoolTV topic supporting
modern-day parenting

