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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

Term 3 - 1st August 2025

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Student Report

Christmas in July—by Alyssa. Christmas in July was good as we had dinner at school together. We had meats and potato's, I love them, I ate a lot. There was also desserts, I had Ice cream', and raffle tickets were sold. The prizes were drawn. It was **Amazing**, I love it and I hope I can go next year. My Grandma went and it was great to meet some friends, it was a little loud but I LOVED IT!

Lunch Time Club—by Olly J. On the second last Tuesday of last term we had an awesome obstacle course (created by me). There was a sack race, a balance beam and a ramming pillow. It was a lot of fun and when the bell went everyone helped pack up the equipment. Thanks.

Principals Wrap up for the week

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

What a truly special time we shared recently at our **Parish and School Community Night!** It was a wonderful and unique event, as it always is, and one that we all look forward to each year. My heartfelt thanks go out to all our dedicated staff for their incredible support and efforts in making it such a memorable evening. Their commitment truly shines through and helps strengthen the bonds within our community.

Brekky Club & Vic Kids Eat Well Partnership

We're thrilled to announce that our **Brekky Club** has officially partnered with the **Vic Kids Eat Well** initiative from the Victorian Government! This fantastic program focuses on four key actions, providing clear, simple, and achievable steps to ensure healthy food and drink options are readily available for our students.

To support this, we've adjusted the morning structure of Brekky Club. This new approach empowers students to be more independent with their eating choices. This week, for example, students enjoyed a fantastic spread of fresh fruit, warm porridge, baked beans, Weet-Bix, and delicious banana and blueberry muffins as extra options. It's wonderful to see them embrace these nutritious choices!

Our next step is to explore healthy options for our **Friday lunch order days**. We'd love to hear your thoughts and feedback on this! Please feel free to share your suggestions with us.

Warm regards,
Kirsten Daly
Principal

Upcoming Reminders

- NCCD Census Day 1st August
- Aboriginal Children's Day—4th August
- Mary Mackillop Feast Day—8th August
- Monday 11th August Curriculum Day No students
- Book Week Saturday 16th to Saturday 23rd August
- Book week Parade on Monday 17th August, dress up as your favorite book character

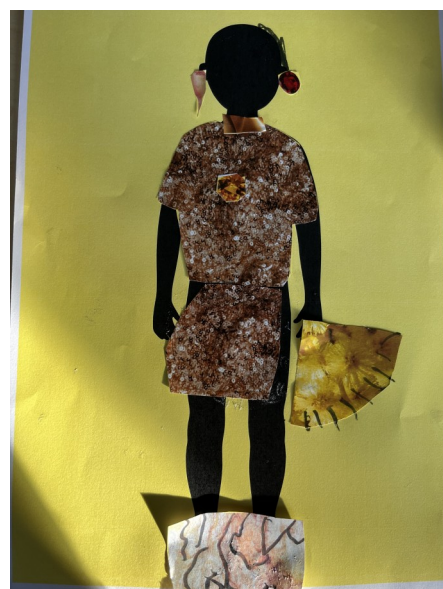




The students participated in NAIDOC Week activities on Wednesday the 23rd of July and made some awesome art work .



**THE NEXT GENERATION:
STRENGTH, VISION & LEGACY**
6-13 JULY 2025



3 C's—Students in action

Caring for ourselves

Caring for Others

Caring for the environment



You can see some of the children's NAIDOC art work in the schools front foyer and through out the school on the walls, we have some very talented artists .

Birthdays

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

August

4th—Bryce

12st—Esther

22nd—Oliver J

27th Jarred



Term dates

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

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

St Colman's Parish

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 5:00pm
Sundays: St Brendan's Lakes Entrance
9:00am
St Colman's Orbost 11:00am

Our Prayers

For Fr. Michael Willanson who is in recovery from surgery. May you have a quick recovery.
Amen



Prayer through St. Mary MacKillop

Bountiful and loving God,
You have filled the heart of
Mary MacKillop with
compassionate love for
those who are in need
at the margins of our society.
Deepen that love within us
that we may embrace
the mystery of the Cross
which leads us through
death to life.
We ask this in the Spirit of
Jesus who having broken
the bonds of death leads us
to everlasting life.
Amen

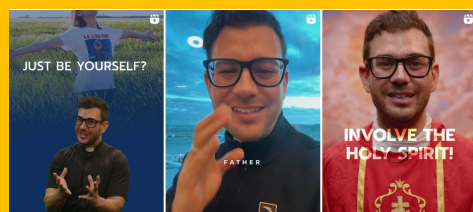
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Nihil Obstat, Sydney, April MMLX
www.marymackillop.org.au

School Closure Days

Monday 11 August- Curriculum Planning - **No Students**

Wednesday 27th August so St Joseph's staff can join with Nagle College in their professional Learning Day.

Guest speaker is Fr. Rob Galea. Check out his website.



Term Calendar

August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week 2 1					1 Assembly 12:30pm	2
3 Week 3	4 Aboriginal Children's Day	5	6 East Gippsland Art Gallery Incursion	7	8 St Mary Mackillop Feast Day	9
10 Week 4	11 Student Free Day Staff Professional Development Day	12	13	14 Eastern District Athletics Day- Cheer for Lillian	15 Assembly 12:30pm	16
17 Week 5 Book Week National Science Week	18 9:00 Book Week Dress Up Parade	19 9:15am Live stream book performance - Mackillop Class	20	21 Science Arvo	22	23
24 Week 6	25	26	27 Student Free Day Staff at Nagle	28	29 Assembly 12:30pm	30

September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week 7 31	1 P & F Meeting 2:30pm	2	3 Yr 6 Camp	4 Yr 6 Camp	5 Yr 6 Camp	6
Week 8 7 Father's Day	8	9 Whole School Prayer 8:55am	10	11	12	13
14 Week 9	15	16	17	18	19 Merit Assembly 12:30pm	20
21 Week 1	22	23	24 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	25	26	27
28 Week 2	29	30	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS			

Parents &
Friends
Association

Social News

Have an idea,
send us an email!

Fundraising

Next meeting
TBC

VIC KIDS
EAT WELL





Christmas in July



Our Christmas in July dinner was a huge success with over 60 guests coming to enjoy a traditional Christmas dinner, we had school families, grandparents, staff, local community members and even some out of towners.



Fundraising Raffle Winners

- 1st Prize - Pam Savory—Crate of wood
 - 2nd Prize—Jeff - Quilt cover and Throw rug
 - 3rd Prize - Marie Donchi—Metung hot springs Voucher
- We raised \$1,142 to go towards new play ground equipment





EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE LIBRARIES
FREE | NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED

CBCA Book Week

Special Storytime

BOOK AN Adventure
Children's Book Week
16-23 August 2025

Join us for a special Storytime in celebration of CBCA Book Week!

This is a wonderful opportunity for children to explore the magic of stories and the joy of reading. Enjoy engaging tales that inspire creativity and imagination, along with fun songs and rhymes!
Storytime sessions are designed for children ages 2-5, each session will last approximately 45 minutes.

Bairnsdale Library
Tuesday 19 August
11.00 am - 12.00 pm

Lakes Entrance Service Centre
Tuesday 19 August
11.00 am - 12.00 pm

Mallacoota Service Centre
Thursday 21 August
2.30 pm - 3.30 pm

Omeo Service Centre
Wednesday 20 August
2.00 pm - 3.00 pm

Orbost Service Centre
Tuesday 19 August
10.30 am - 11.30 am

Paynesville Service Centre
Tuesday 19 August
11.00 am - 12.00 pm

Libraries Change Lives

EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE LIBRARIES
FREE | BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Exploring Space

National Science Week

AGES 5-12

Head into your local library to celebrate National Science Week!

Get ready for an out of this world celebration for National Science Week with an after school space-themed activity session!

Learn some awesome solar system facts, complete some space themed activity sheets and even create your own galaxy in a jar to take home!

Whether you're a budding astronaut or just curious about the cosmos, this is your chance to explore the wonders of space in a fun and creative way!

Bairnsdale Library
Monday 11 August
4.00 pm - 5.00 pm

Lakes Entrance Service Centre
Tuesday 12 August
3.30 pm - 4.30 pm

Mallacoota Service Centre
Friday 15 August
3.30 pm - 4.30 pm

Orbost Service Centre
Wednesday 13 August
3.30 pm - 4.30 pm

Omeo Service Centre
Friday 15 August
3.30 pm - 4.30 pm

Paynesville Service Centre
Thursday 14 August
3.30 pm - 4.30 pm

Book Now
At your library
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www.gippslandshirelibraries.com.au
Scan the QR code

Libraries Change Lives

COMMUNITY NEWS

FREE! Early Years Music With Sally!
Registered Music Therapist
Mondays 10am-10.45am

For further information please contact:
Orbost Neighbourhood House
Ph: 03 5154 6742 Email: orbostnh@orh.com.au

SUPPORTED PLAYGROUPOUT
Orbost & Marlo

COME AND JOIN US!

ORBOST PLAYGROUP
TUESDAYS
10AM - 12PM
ORBOST KIDZ

MARLO PLAYGROUP
10AM - 12PM
WEDNESDAYS
MARLO PREMAST

WHY PLAY WITH US?

- Supported Playgroup through Smalltalk
- Arts, Crafts and messy play
- Storytime & Songs
- Morning Tea provided
- Friendship & Community

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
PETA
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Orbost Girl Guides and Junior Rangers

Every Tuesday during the school term

Ages 5-16 5.15 - 6.30pm

Meet at St James Hall Orbost

Contact Sharon Mekken for more details
on 0490 823 905



Find The Treasures To WIN BIG!

Catholic Schools Guide is giving one lucky entrant the opportunity to win 2 amazing prizes worth over \$2,000!

Every student attending a Catholic school in Australia is invited to enter this competition to win:

Prize 1 is for your Family:

\$2,000 worth of School Fees paid directly to your school.

Prize 2 is for You:

\$100 Roblox Robux voucher.

Runner-up prizes:

20 runner-up entries will receive a \$20 Roblox Robux voucher.

Simple steps to enter:

1. Go to Catholic Schools Guide website catholicschoolsguide.com.au
2. Follow the clues to find the 3 treasures
3. Then complete the entry form and tell us in 50 words or less how you, your family, or your school are making a positive impact as Change Makers in your community.



Scan to Enter Now!

Competition Closes 5.00pm Friday 5 September, 2025.

Visit our website to enter

catholicschoolsguide.com.au/competition

Happy Treasure Hunting!

