



*The little school  
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

**By Hugh**—Hello parents this week we have made the character strengths wall. This term we have made a diagram of everyone's character strengths (all students) . This is good for knowing what sort of things different students in the school like so we can look at this wall and learn the characteristics of our friends.

On Wednesday we had a threatened species day, a lady visitor taught us all about threatened species and what they do in nature, then we painted some cut-outs of threatened species in Victoria most students enjoyed this. (pictures on page 8)

Safety message for the week, stay away from a web browser called the Tor Browser **THIS THING IS MALWARE** (malware is a software program made by hackers to steal personal info like bank details) google chrome extensions can also have malware a example of this is hardware.



## Upcoming Reminders

- Book Week Saturday 16th to Saturday 23rd August.
- Book week Parade on **Tuesday 19th August**, dress up as your favorite book character.
- Science Arvo Thursday 21st August.
- Pupil Free day Wednesday 27th August.



## Principals Wrap up for the week : A focus on Expert Teaching

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

As we move through the term, I want to take this opportunity to remind our school community of our key priorities. A core belief that underpins all that we do is that **every teacher in our school is an expert teacher**. Our commitment to this is reflected in the continuous professional learning our staff undertakes. These opportunities are not simply one-off sessions; they are strategically designed to inspire a deep professional commitment to practices that will ensure every student has improved life chances. We are dedicated to the challenge of continuous improvement and are focused on helping every teacher understand the components of expert teaching and the high-impact strategies that make a real difference in the classroom. We support our teachers in identifying and pursuing specific areas for improvement, always with the goal of enhancing student outcomes.

This commitment to expert teaching is woven into the fabric of our school priorities, including:

- **Victorian Curriculum F-7:** We are using the latest version of the Victorian Curriculum 2.0 to guide our teaching and learning, ensuring a consistent and comprehensive approach across all subjects.
- **Religious Education (RE) Curriculum:** Our RE curriculum 'To Live in Christ Jesus' is designed to be engaging and meaningful, fostering a deep understanding of our school's values and Catholic identity.
- **Whole School Approach to Positive Behaviour Support (WSAPBS):** We are building a positive, safe, and predictable environment where all students can succeed. Our framework is guided by the '3 Cs' matrix: **Caring for Self, Caring for Others, and Caring for our Environment.**"
- **High-Impact Wellbeing Strategies:** We are dedicated to implementing strategies that support the mental and emotional health of our students, recognising that wellbeing is essential for learning.
- **Child Safety:** Our commitment to child safety is unwavering. We have robust policies and procedures in place to ensure the safety and protection of all students.

By linking our professional learning to these priorities, we are building a culture that promotes deep learning and engages the unique talents and interests of every student. We have high expectations of all our staff, and their dedication to continuous improvement is what makes our school a dynamic and successful learning environment. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to provide the best possible education for your children.

Warm regards,  
Kirsten Daly  
**Principal**



[Bullying No Way: National Week of Action](#) is the key initiative for anti-bullying, which will be held from August 11 to 15 in 2025. This week focuses on connecting schools and communities to prevent bullying and violence, with the theme 'Be bold. Be kind. Speak up.'. It encourages everyone to play a role in creating a safe and respectful environment by speaking up against bullying. Here is what our students have to say about anti-bullying.







# THE NEXT GENERATION: STRENGTH, VISION & LEGACY

6-13 JULY 2025



The students received a special bag on National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Day 4th August, filled with activities and things to do.

## Snapshot of what's happening in the Art room.

Francis class have been finishing off their "I see you, You see me masks". They have been reflecting on their own character strengths, and the character strengths that others identify in them.





## Snapshot of what's happening in the Art room.



Foundation year are working on their painted sticks, getting them ready to glue all sorts of found and glitter objects on to. I think they will look like giant wands when they are finished?



Grade 1-2 have been working on their Kandinsky inspired drawings. Kandinsky felt that he could express feelings and music through colours and shapes in his artworks. The students have been exploring this in their artworks.





## Birthdays

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

### August

4th—Bryce

21st—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 Willianson who is in recovery from surgery. May you have a quick recovery.  
Amen



### Prayer through St. Mary MacKillop

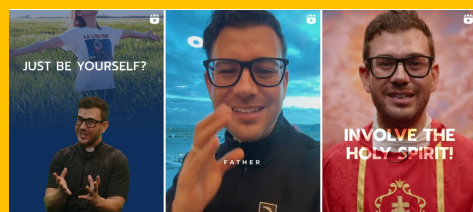
Bountiful and loving God,  
You have filled the heart of  
Mary MacKillop with  
compassionate love for  
those who are in need  
at the margins of our society.  
Deepen that love within us  
that we may embrace  
the mystery of the Cross  
which leads us through  
death to life.  
We ask this in the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

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Original painting by Raffaele Gagliardi 1925  
Nihil Obstat, Sydney, April MMLX  
www.marymackillop.org.au

## School Closure Days

**Wednesday 27th August** so St Joseph's staff can join with Nagle College in their professional Learning Day. **NO STUDENTS**

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





# Term Calendar

## August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week 2					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

Parents &  
Friends  
Association

Social News

Have an idea,  
send us an email!

Fundraising

Next meeting  
TBC

## 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			

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EAT WELL

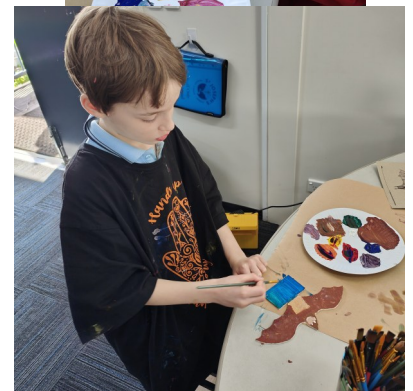




On Wednesday the whole school was lucky to have Areka Brown from the East Gippsland Art Gallery for an incursion. Areka spoke to the students about Threatened Species Day and the threatened species that are local to our area.



Students received a wooden cut out and information about one of the endangered animals to paint. They will be displayed together on Threatened Species Day to create awareness in our community. We will keep you up to date as to where that may be. Threatened Species Day is commemorated annually on the anniversary of the death in captivity of the last known Thylacine, or Tasmanian Tiger on the 17th of September.





3 C's—Students in action

Caring for ourselves

Caring for Others

Caring for the environment

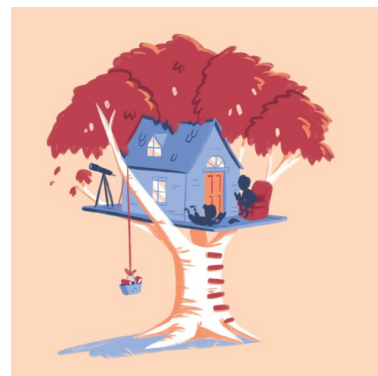


BOOK AN  
*Adventure*



2025 Children's Book Week®  
16–23 August

The 2025 theme for book week is Book an Adventure!  
On Tuesday the 19th August come dressed up as your Favorite book character.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

**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.trybooking.com/event/  
eastgippslandshirelibraries  
Scan the QR code

**Libraries Change Lives**

**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**

# FATHERS DAY COMPETITION 2025

**Draw a picture of you and your dad or grandad or write a poem and tell us why he is the best for your chance to win him a great prize.**

*To enter, send your entries with your name, age, phone number, and the name of your father or grandfather to:*

**Father's Day Competition**  
Email: [competitions@jamesyeates.com.au](mailto:competitions@jamesyeates.com.au) or drop into our office at 65 Macleod St, Bairnsdale 3875  
Entries Close 5pm Friday, 29th August 2025

**Terms & Conditions:**  
The winner will be contacted by phone and published the Papers on the 3rd September 2025  
All entries published in our Fathers Day feature for 2025

## 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](http://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.

Competition Closes 5.00pm Friday 5 September, 2025.  
Visit our website to enter [catholicschoolsguide.com.au/competition](http://catholicschoolsguide.com.au/competition)

**Happy Treasure Hunting!**

Scan to Enter Now!

**ALL WELCOME TO THE ORBOST HOCKEY CLUB TRIVIA NIGHT**

**Saturday Aug 16th**  
at Orbost Community College Hall 7pm  
BYO Drinks & Nibbles  
Raffles on the night!

**\$10**  
per person / table of 8

**BOOK A TABLE AT ANDREWS LAND AND SURF!**  
This is the Hockey Clubs major fundraiser for the year! So see you there!