



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— Ruby, Bree, Esther back to fun and learning

#### **Ruby-**

*"The thing I liked about this week was seeing friends and doing learning".*

**Esther** — *"What I have enjoyed most was being able to see all my friends, and the bad thing is that I am more tired than last year for some reason".*

**Bree**— *"What I am happy about being back at school is being with my friends. When I'm dropped off at school I feel happy and excited. What I find hard at school is Maths but I never give up".*

### *A Prayer for our School*

Dear God,

Thank you for looking after our School.

Thank you that you love each and everyone of us here.

Help us to learn, play and share together,

So that the wonderful world you have

made becomes more beautiful everyday.

Amen.

### Upcoming Reminders

- 12 Feb Toddler Gym  
10am-12pm Hall
- 12 Feb—Swimming Carnival Volunteer Forms return—**Cancelled**
- 17th Feb Shrove Tuesday
- 17th Feb—Teacher placement Kylie Curnow Francis Room
- 18th Feb—Ash Wednesday
- 19th Feb—Toddler Gym  
10am-12pm Hall
- Fri 20th Feb -Bishop Greg visit to Bless the dove
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## A Message from the Principal

### Upcoming Event: Bishop Greg's Visit & Blessing of the Dove

It is hard to believe we are already into **Week 3** of the school year! Our students have settled into their school routines with incredible speed and enthusiasm, filling the classrooms with a wonderful energy that sets a positive tone for the year ahead.

We are thrilled to announce that **Bishop Greg** will be visiting us next **Friday at 11:00 AM** for a very special occasion: the **Blessing of the Dove**. This ceremony provides a beautiful visual image of our commitment to fostering a peaceful, inclusive, and spiritually grounded learning environment. We warmly welcome all families and members of the local community to join us for this blessing, followed by a **light lunch in the school hall**. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect and celebrate our vibrant school spirit.

**Toddler Gym** kicks off tomorrow in the school hall! This is a fantastic opportunity for our youngest community members to get active, develop their motor skills, and have a great time in a safe and welcoming environment. Whether it's climbing, tumbling, or simply making new friends, there is plenty of fun to be had. We look forward to seeing many energetic faces in the hall as we launch this wonderful program. Please see the flyer at the back for more details.

### Communication Reminders

- **Fortnightly Newsletters:** To help you stay ahead of school events, our newsletters will now be sent out every **Wednesday afternoon** on **odd-numbered weeks** (*next few: 11th Feb, 25th Feb*)
- **SIMON /PAM Support:** parent workshop at school on **Thursday 19th Feb 3:30pm**. We will help you with all your questions regarding the parent communication portal of SIMON.

Have a wonderful week and keep cool in this hot weather.

**Warm regards,**

**Kirsten Daly**

Principal.



**Ash Wednesday Mass**  
**St Brendan's Church Lake Entrance**  
**9:30am**  
**We will be joining with St Brendan's as a catholic school community.**





## Whole School Approach to Positive Behavior

3 C's—Students in action

**Caring for ourselves**

**Caring for Others**

**Caring for the environment**



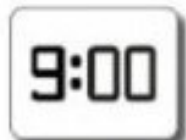
### EVERY MINUTE COUNTS ...

Lost minutes mean lost learning!

When your child misses just ....	that equals...	which is....	and therefore, from Prep to Year 12, that is ...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning time each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
1/2 an hour a day	½ a day of learning each week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1½ years of learning of learning
1 hour a day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year	Over 2½ years of learning

**Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...**

School starts at  
9.00 AM  
**DON'T BE LATE!**



**Good time keeping means making sure that your child is at school and ready to learn BEFORE the school bell rings!**

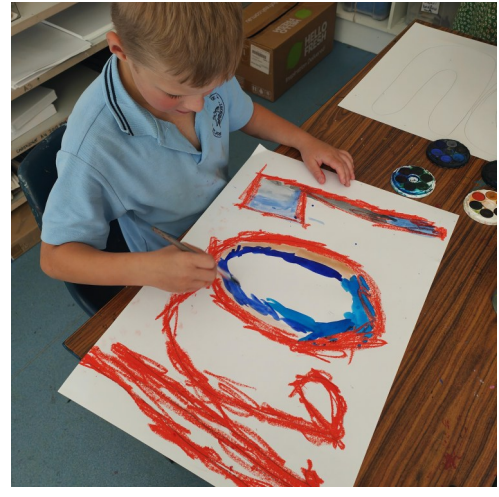
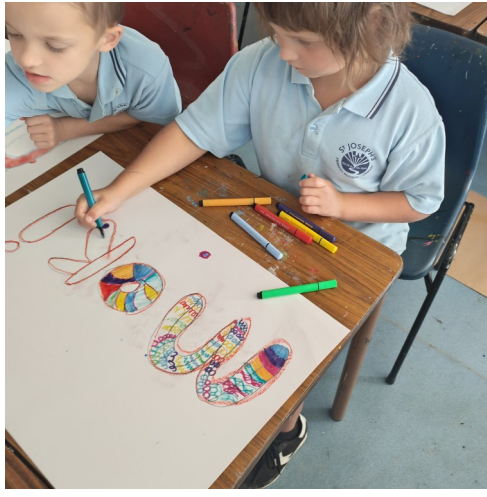
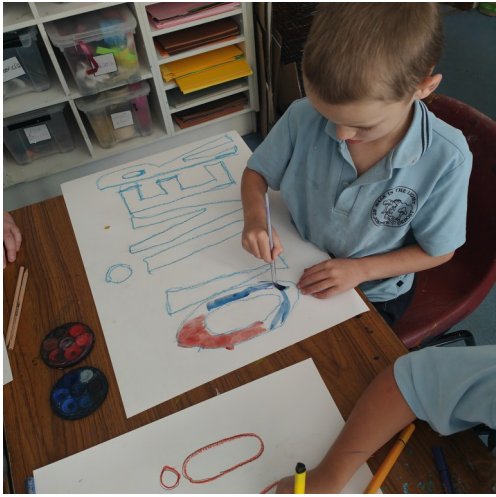
**VIC KIDS  
EAT WELL**



# First week of art — Starting our

## portfolios

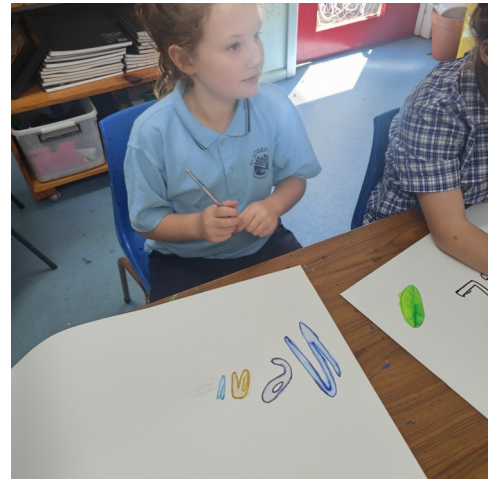




# Creativity

is God's gift to us.  
Using our creativity  
is our gift back to God.

--Julia Cameron



## Birthdays

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

### February

No one has a birthday in February.

## 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

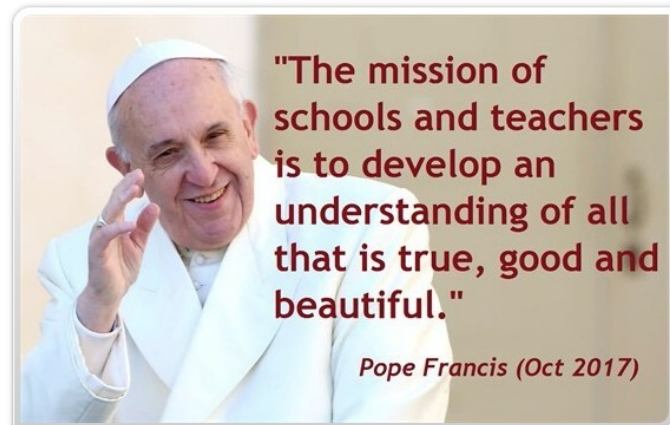


### Prayers for our Community and student

#### Prayer To Focus At School

Lord, I come before You today, ready to face the challenges of this day. I ask for Your wisdom to flood my mind like a river, clearing away the clutter and making space for what matters most. Help me to see every lesson as a step closer to Your purpose for me, and to move through my day with patience, grace, and a quiet confidence that You are with me. May I be a light in the classroom, shining Your love and truth, and may my focus be sharp like an arrow, aimed directly at what You want me to learn.

*Amen*



### Term dates

**Term 1** : Thursday 29th January—Thursday 2nd April



# Term Calendar

February 2026						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Week 2	2	3	4	5 Toddler Gym 10- 12pm	6	7
8 Week 3	9	10	11	12 Toddler Gym 10- 12pm  Swimming Carnival	13	14
15 Week 4	16	17 Shrove Tuesday & Project compassion launch	18 Ash Wednesday	19 Toddler Gym 10- 12pm	20 Bishop Greg's visit to bless Dove	21
22 Week 5	23	24	25	26 Toddler Gym 10- 12pm	27	28 Clean Up Australia Day

March 2026						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Week 6	2	3 School Curriculum Planning- No students	4	5 Toddler Gym 10 - 12pm	6	7
8 Week 7	9 Labor Day Holi- days	10	11	12 Toddler Gym 10 - 12pm NAPLAN	13 NAPLAN	14
15 Week 8 National Harmony Week	16 NAPLAN	17 St Patrick's Day NAPLAN	18	19 Toddler Gym 10 - 12pm St Jo- seph's Day	20	21
22 Week 9	23	24 Collabora- tive Confer- ences	25	26 Toddler Gym 10 - 12pm Collaborative Conferences	27	28
29 Week 10	30	31 "The Box Show" Ex- cursion to Forge Thea- tre				

Parents &  
Friends  
Association

Social News

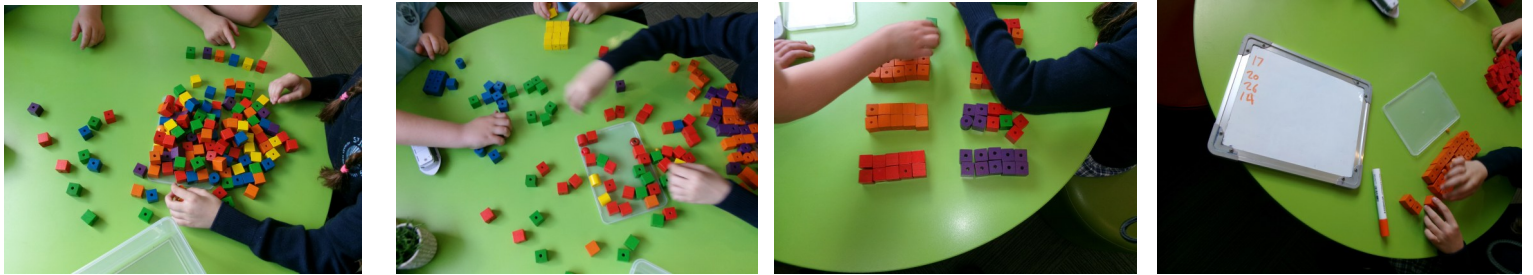
Have an idea,  
send us an email!

Fundraising

Next meeting

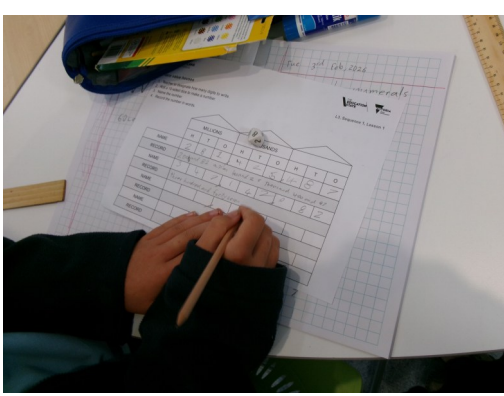
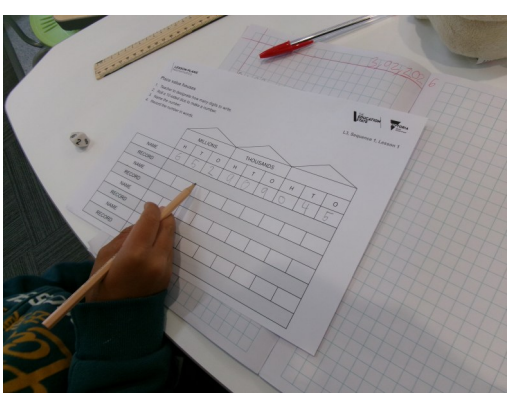
# Francis—Maths

This week in Maths students have been recalling their knowledge of place value and extending their skills in naming, recording and writing very large and very small number. They began their units by finding the most efficient way to count very large quantities. They discovered that when they organised these quantities using the base ten number system it became much easier to count, name and record. Soon they were confidently generating their own large and small numbers to name, record and write. Please ask your child if they can remember their largest or smallest number.



Place value houses  
 Teacher to designate how many digits to write.  
 Roll a 10-sided dice to make a number.  
 Name the number.  
 Record the number in words.

	MILLIONS			THOUSANDS					
	H	T	O	H	T	O	H	T	O
NAME	4	3	1	1	8	6	8	0	8
RECORD									
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# This week Francis made some TSP prayers

## T-Thankful

Egher  
 Dear god  
 thank you for helping  
 me make lots of  
 friends and sorry for  
 everything I did  
 wrong <sup>and this help me to fix my mistakes</sup>  
 I promise you that  
 I will try my hardest  
 to be kind ~~and~~

Noah

Dear Lord,  
 thank you for the people  
 who created videogames  
 like Robtop who created my  
 favourite game Geometry  
 dash.  
 I'm sorry for my parents  
 spending so much money  
 on toys for me that I don't  
 really play with like  
 my cars, beyblade, tons and  
 tons and tons of lego, books,  
 coloring books, 1000 teddy  
 and bears.

## S-Sorry

Dear Lord,

I'm thankful for my house  
 family and animals, I'm sorry  
 for not doing any jobs  
 lately. I promise to do more  
 jobs.

River  
Dear God,

Thank you for my friends and  
 family. I wish for my mother  
 to become healthy. I wish  
 for my best friend Olive  
 close. I'm sorry for  
 making my mother sad again.  
 I promise to become better

Amen

Dear Lord,

Thank you for giving us kind and caring parents.  
 I am sorry that I haven't been a good friend this week.  
 I promise to try to be a better friend this week.

Amen

# COMMUNITY NEWS



## All Abilities Netball

Enjoy netball in a fun, friendly environment where you will learn new skills, stay active and enjoy being part of a team built on belonging and inclusion.

**Date:** 26/02/2026- 28/05/2026

Excluding School Holidays

**Cost- \$100**

**Time:** 4.00pm-5.00pm

**Location:** WORLD Precinct- 99 Wallace Street, Bairnsdale

**Contact:** Janet Parker at 0430 480 405

**REGISTER TODAY!**

On our Facebook page



## We belong

ART COMPETITION 2026

Deaf Children Australia's annual Art Competition supports, promotes, and celebrates the creative pursuits of young deaf and hard of hearing people. This year's theme is 'We belong'.

**Submissions open now.**

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE 22 JUNE 2026**

Exhibition in September, details to be announced.

### CATEGORIES & ART GRANTS

<b>8 to 11 Years</b> 1st Prize \$500 Runner Up \$250	<b>12 to 17 Years</b> 1st Prize \$700 Runner Up \$300
<b>18 to 23 Years</b> 1st Prize \$1000 Runner Up \$500	<b>Early Education Group Project (0 to 11 Years)</b> 1st Prize \$800 Runner Up \$450

For more info go to:  
[deafchildrenaustralia.org.au](http://deafchildrenaustralia.org.au)  
or email us with any questions:  
[events@deafchildren.org.au](mailto:events@deafchildren.org.au)



Deaf Children Australia

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### Little Bang Discovery Club



**Paynesville Service Centre**  
10.30 am - 11.30 am

Thursday 19 February  
Thursday 26 February  
Thursday 5 March  
Thursday 12 March

#### Book Now

At your library  
51 52 4225  
[www.trybooking.com/eventlist/eastgippslandshirelibraries](http://www.trybooking.com/eventlist/eastgippslandshirelibraries)  
Scan the QR code

#### Join us for this four-week science program!

Little Bang Discovery Club (LBDC) is a four-week course designed for pre-schoolers (aged 3-5) and their accompanying adult co-learners.

The aim of the LBDC is to develop ideas and skills that inspire further scientific exploration, discovery and learning. Key features of the LBDC are the hands-on activities, question and answer time and a Discovery Box and Book loaned to each child for the duration of the LBDC. Activities experienced during each session can be safely replicated and further explored at home.

A Discovery Club Passport is provided to each child and stamped after each session and a graduation ceremony follows a Science Fair in the final session. Participants are encouraged to attend all four sessions



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**ORBOST PLAYGROUP**  
**WEDNESDAYS 10AM - 12PM**  
**ORBOST KINDER**  
 Play • Create • Explore • Connect  
 Join us for a relaxed, welcoming  
 playgroup where children learn through  
 play and families connect.

- ★ Songs & stories
- ★ Craft & sensory play
- ★ Indoor & Outdoor Play
- ★ Social connection

**TODDLER GYM**  
**THURSDAYS 10AM - 12PM**  
**ST JOSEPHS PRIMARY**  
 Jump • Climb • Balance • Roll  
 A fun movement program designed  
 especially for toddlers!

- ★ Builds confidence
- ★ Supports gross motor development
- ★ Encourages social skills
- ★ Safe, supportive environment

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
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