

Term 4 - 15th November 2024

# NEWSLETTER



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

*Principal's*  
REPORT



Dear Families,

We welcomed our incoming Foundation students for 2025 this week.

The whole school came together for a special prayer service in observance of Remembrance Day on Monday and finished the week with a reflection prayer in our Assembly. It's a time for us to pause and reflect, to remember and honour those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. As we honour our fallen soldiers, we must also renew our commitment to creating a world where future generations may live in harmony, free from the horrors of war. History teaches us that peace requires more than words; it demands compassion, understanding, and, above all, a collective will to prevent conflict before it arises. In an ever-changing world, the divisions that seem to grow deeper between nations and peoples make it easy to become disheartened. But on this day, let us remember that the soldiers we honour did not fight for division; they fought for unity, preserving human dignity, and hoping for a better world.

Last Friday, teachers participated in their final Mathematics Professional Development session with Dr. Matt Sexton, reinforcing the importance of continuous professional learning for staff. Additionally, this week, Learning Support Officers (LSOs) have registered for a session on Pathological Demand Avoidance, where they will explore scientific insights and strategies to better support students. These opportunities reflect the school's commitment to equipping staff with knowledge and skills to enhance student outcomes.

The Parents and Friends (P&F) group met for the final time this year. I'd like to take this opportunity to Thank: Farah, Jess, Shelbie, Rachel, and all our dedicated parents for the wonderful support and enthusiasm you bring to our school community. The gardens are looking fantastic, and our solid green fence has come down, opening up our beautiful playground, Indigenous garden, and yarning circle for all to see. It's a truly beautiful space, and I'm looking forward to the exciting possibilities next year!

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

God Bless,  
Kirsten Daly  
**Principal.**



**School Vision:** *United, as a school community, we walk in the light of faith, guiding our students in learning with compassion towards a purposeful future.*



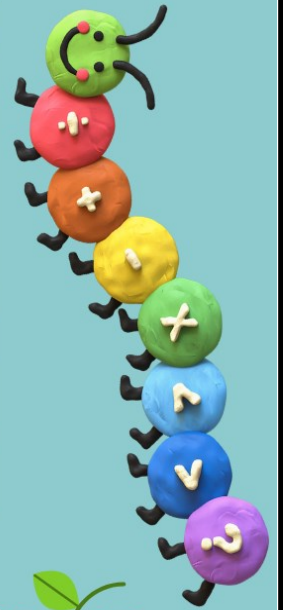


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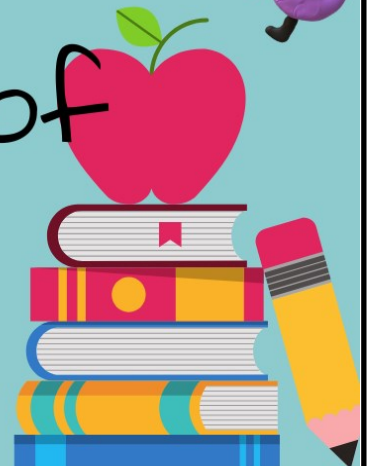
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## Our first day of SCHOOL





# Science

In Chemical Science, MacKillop has been learning about materials. For this week's lesson we investigated how food can be mixed to form different products.

On Tuesday, we were lucky enough to have a parent volunteer (Logan's Mum), help us make playdough.



# Maths

In Maths, MacKillop has been engaging in Turn & Talks, whereby students share their thinking with the student sitting next to them. They then share with the whole class.

This helps develop mathematical language - a very important skill!



# Commendations

## Caring for Self:

Entering learning space going directly into learning- **Hugh**  
Signally, then asking for help from a classmate in a nice way with a smile - **Lillian**  
Entering the school independently, achieving a personal goal - **Breeanna**



## Caring for Environment:

Picking up and putting away equipment all the time- **Neave**.  
Watering the garden everyday - **Oliver**



## Caring for Others:

Lending equipment, pencil, during learning time to another class mate so they could finish their work- **Neave**  
Persisting to chop onions super fine despite watery eyes and garlic fingers-**Harper and Bree**  
For helping organise resources for our prep Ollie - **Ollie J, Isaac, Moki, Raffie, Ruby, Logan and Neave**

# THE IMPORTANCE OF

## SCHOOL SAFETY



Safety Message  
By Hugh

At St Joseph's we care about everyone's safety with safe play times for all students and with responsible teachers there is no school that is more safe than St Joseph's





## Prayer

Prayer for peace in the Holy Land

God of our longing,

Remember those who wait and hope for peace.

Hear our Prayer and our lament

for our brothers and sisters in Israel and Palestine.

With them, we share a common story,

set in a common homeland.

Make common also a will to forgive,

to reconcile,

to make a just peace for the sake of the ancestors,

for the sake of the children.

Open ears, eyes and hearts

And make a way toward justice

In our war-torn world.

God of merciful, you dwell in all human hearts

And the holy land is wherever you make your home.

Heal these broken places where prophets preached

Where Moses and Jesus and Muhammad kept faith with you.

Be a support for those who work toward reconciliation

And make us all, however far away,

Steadfast in their cause.



Amen



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## Christmas Craft

### After School Craft Activity



Join us for some Christmas fun!

Get into the holiday spirit with our After School Christmas Craft session at the library! This fun, festive workshop is perfect for kids to express their creativity while making adorable Australian animal Christmas ornaments.

Whether it's getting crafty or simply just listening to a Chrissy story there's something for everyone.

**Bairnsdale Library**  
Tuesday 17 December  
4.00 pm - 5.00 pm

**Lakes Entrance Service Centre**  
Tuesday 17 December  
3.45 pm - 4.45 pm

**Orbost Service Centre**  
Tuesday 17 December  
3.45 pm - 4.45 pm

**Paynesville Service Centre**  
Tuesday 17 December  
3.45 pm - 4.45 pm

**Omeo Service Centre**  
Tuesday 17 December  
3.45 pm - 4.45 pm

**Mallacoota Service Centre**  
Friday 20 December  
3.45 pm - 4.45 pm

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## Lakes Aquadome Bus

DEPARTS ORBOST 8.15AM  
DEPARTS LAKES TO RETURN AT 11.45AM

\$5 for bus plus pool/activity  
upon entry to the pool

Weekly Booking essential



Please contact Orbost Neighbourhood House for further details  
Registrations are required and conditions apply

EVERY MONDAY  
FOR TERM 4

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# NOVEMBER



# 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 	4 School Closure Day	5 Melbourne Cup Day 	6	7	8	9
10	11 Foundation Orient 9-11am Forge Creek MacKillop	12	13 Parents & Friends Meeting 2.30pm 	14	15 Assembly 2.30pm	16
17	18 Foundation Orient 9-11am	19	20	21	22	23
24 	25 Foundation Orientation 9-12.30pm	26	27	28	29	30 



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# DECEMBER



# 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 	2 Foundation Orient 9.00am-1.40pm	3 OCC Grade 6 Transition Full day	4 OCC Grade 6 Transition Full Day	5 OCC Grade 6 Transition Full Day	6 OCC Grade 6 Transition Full Day Assembly	7
8 	9 Christmas Concert and Dinner	10	11 Grade 6 Graduation and Mass	12	13 Water Experience Orbost Pool	14
15	16	17	18 Last Day for Students 2.15pm	19 <i>Happy</i> <b>HOLIDAYS</b>	20	21
22	23	24 <b>CHRISTMAS IS COMING</b> 	25 <b>Christmas</b> Day	26 <b>BOXING DAY</b>	27	28
29 	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>				

