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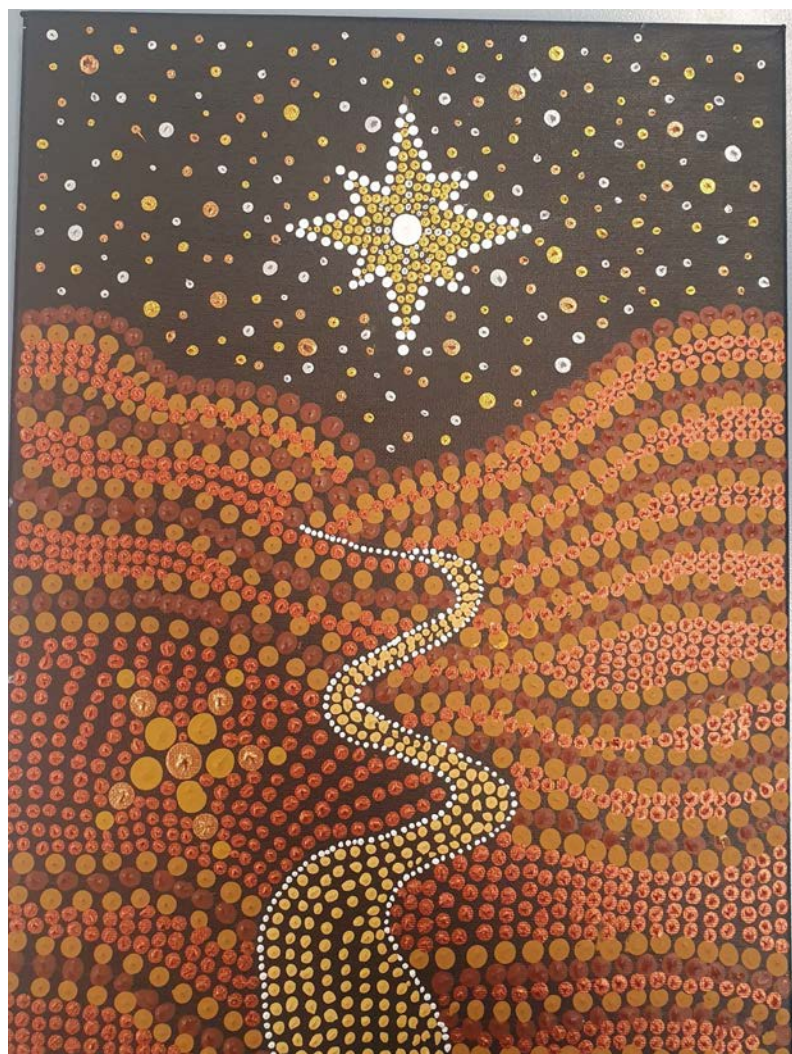
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St Michael's Newsletter Term 4 Week 2 20 October 2025

2025 Jubilee Pilgrims of Hope



Congratulations to Zeke Stephenson for his beautiful artwork 'The Path to Resilience'. Zeke won the Catholic Observer award at the Bathurst Diocese Christmas Art Exhibition and his amazing artwork will be the front cover of the next Catholic Observer. Well done Zeke.

Judging for the Sydney Christmas Art exhibition is next week with our four artworks being judged. Good luck to all.

We respect and embrace the Wiradjuri people of this region as the traditional custodians and cultural knowledge holders of this land

IMPORTANT DATES

Year 4 & 5 Leadership Day - Coolah
Wednesday 22 October

SPEAK OUT - Thursday 23rd October

Pupil Free Day - Friday 24 October

Mission Week - 27 to 31 October

P&F Meeting - Everyone Welcome
Monday 27 October

Y5 St Johns College Experience Day
Friday 31 October

Halloween Barefoot Bowls
Friday 31 October

Preschool Orientation
Tuesday 4 November
Tuesday 11 November

Pupil Free Day - Monday 10 November

Y6 Orientation Day - St Johns College
Wednesday 12 November

St George Football Players Visit
Thursday 13 November

Multicultural Day - Friday 14 November

YK-2 League Tag Gala Day -DCS
Friday 21 November

Captain & Y6 Reflection Speeches
Friday 21 November

K-2 Intensive Swimming
1-12 December

Y5/6 CPR Training
Wednesday 3 December

End of Year Celebration, Year 6 Farewell and Christmas Mass
Friday 5 December

Loreto Sydney Excursion
15 to 16 December

Last Day of Term - Wednesday 17 December

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Acting Principal News

Welcome back to Term 4. We hope all families had a well rested break, and spent some quality time together as a family.

Ms Gibson on Leave

Ms Gibson is on Long Service Leave, as she has been preparing for the wedding of her eldest son, Tom. We wish Tom and Rebecca all the best, as well as Ms Gibson and her family on this special occasion. She will return this Wednesday.

Mission Week

October is Mission Month, and our school is taking part in a special initiative to help those less fortunate than ourselves. This year, our focus is on Zambia, where many mothers struggle to feed their children and provide for their families. Together, we can make a difference.

During Mission Week, we are inviting all students to bring in loose change each day next week. Coins can be placed around the word 'Zambia' displayed in a central area of the school.

♥ Every coin counts. Every act of kindness helps.

All funds raised will go to Catholic Mission, supporting projects that provide food, education, and brighter futures for families in Zambia.

Thank you for your generous support!

PINK UP Dunedoo

Today, our staff and students are proudly supporting Pink Up Dunedoo – a fun and meaningful way to raise awareness and funds for a cause that touches so many lives.

Cancer affects us all – almost everyone knows someone who has faced this challenge.

All monies raised will go towards breast cancer research.

"One in seven women will develop breast cancer in their lifetime. The earlier breast cancer is found, the better the chance of surviving it"

SPEAK OUT

Parents and friends are welcome to SPEAK OUT, our Public Speaking Competition, this Thursday 23rd October.

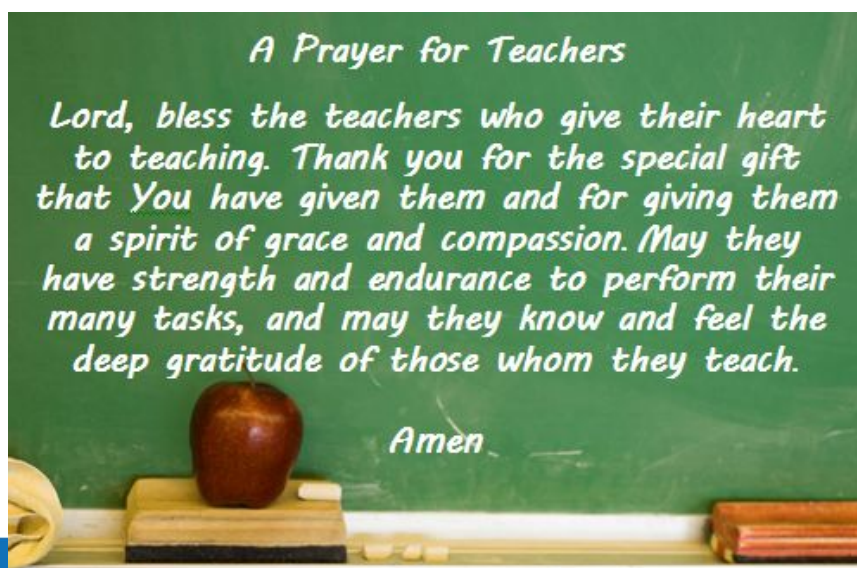
We will be starting at 10.00 with Year 3, then recess. We will then resume at 11.30 with Year 2, Year 1 and then Kinder. Year 4, 5 & 6 will then follow. Hopefully we will be finished by lunch at 1.10.

Please ensure that your child has their speech ready and has had ample opportunities to practice in front of your family. We look forward to hearing our competent and confident public speakers.

DON'T FORGET PUPIL FREE DAYS.....

FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER & MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

World Teachers Day - Wednesday 29th October



"Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the little voice at the end of the day that says I'll try again tomorrow."

– Mary Anne Radmacher

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Happy Birthdays to:
Marley, Beth, Madison,
Archer, Walter, Sophie
and Eli

Claim the dates:

**P&F BBQ & Halloween
Barefoot Bowls
Friday 31 October**

REC News

Do you and your family pray together?
Each day at school your child prays with their friends many times during the day.
Here is a simple prayer for your family.
Maybe you can say this short prayer as you prepare your family's meal, or share with your family at mealtime.

Monica - REC



Inspired by the example set by St Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods, St Michael's Catholic School aims to foster a love of learning, allowing all children to reach their full potential through a supportive partnership of school, parents and parish.

Principal's Award Term 3 Week 10 Annabelle



Living, Loving, Learning. This sums up Annabelle and her actions and behaviours at St Michael's. Annabelle arrives every day with a huge smile and loads of kindness. She loves learning and models her love of learning in the classroom, every lesson, every day. Well done Annabelle, thank you for living the true meaning of Living, Loving and Learning every day.



MERIT AWARDS

Years K/1/2:

Coco, Maisie, Annabelle, Jake, Alexis, Merie Angel, &

Hary

Years 3/4:

Stefan, Walter, Parker, Audrey, Austin, Charlie D, Stella & Annie

Years 5/6:

Health, Marley & Elodie

P&F Halloween Barefoot Bowls

Our P&F are organising a great social night on Friday 31st October at the Dunedoo Bowling Club. Please support this night.

If you are able to help, come to the meeting on Monday 27th October, or contact President Ben Sweeney or Secretary Roxy Honeysett to offer your support.
We look forward to seeing kids.....and adults.....dressed for Halloween!

RISE Report

The RISE Youth Festival was a very fun and exciting experience. Kids from over 20 schools came from across the Diocese, so I got to make many new friends. The camp was for one night at Ridgecrest Christian Education and Convention Centre, with beautiful views of Lake Burrendong. A RISE bus came to pick me up from St Michael's Church. When I first arrived at camp, everyone was really nice and welcoming. I enjoyed group dances and the 'So you think you can liturgically dance' competition where our team were lucky to win the trophy! Other fun activities we did were team work games, challenges and sports. We were taught about how sports were not just about winning, but about all working together and having fun. There might be some people who aren't aware of sports and people might struggle, but the only thing that matters is that we have a go and help one another, so we can get better and be stronger as a group. We did pottery which was challenging, but I kept giving it a go and trying until I got it. We went on a sunrise walk, where we enjoyed nature and reflected on our faith.

We participated in a reconciliation liturgy and celebrated Mass with the Bishop. The talks at camp helped me learn more about Jesus and my faith, and made my relationship with God stronger. We were reminded how important it is to be kind to everyone and to live like Jesus.

From Elodie



Principal's Award Term 3 Week 10 Jake



When I said the Principal's award goes to a boy who is full of joy, and he even jumps for joy every day, everyone said, "Jake, it's Jake!" Jake, you bring joy to all of us with your zest for life. You really demonstrate our motto, "Live, Love and Learn" every day. Keep up this wonderful attitude!

Aussie of the Week Term 3 Week 10 Jack



Jack is consistently kind and thoughtful. This week he has demonstrated the ability to referee soccer with confidence and fairness. In class, he always tries his best. Jack has great ideas and articulates these clearly. He is helpful, kind and fun.

Primary Visual Arts

Our primary students are working on a unit in Visual Arts this term based on 'Flowers'. They will be looking at works of Van Gogh and Monet and how they represented flowers in their many artworks.

We will also be working on our Jen Armstrong Sustainable Gardening Project for next Year's 'Art for Youth' and creating a wonderful sculpture for our playground, based on the concept of 'Flowers'.

We are asking for donations of plastic bottle tops.....of all shapes and colours. Please bring them into school so that we can begin our amazing artwork.

These are just some examples of what we might be able to make.



Aussie of the Week Term 1 Week 1 Archer



Archer has had a fantastic first week back at school! He comes in each day with a happy attitude and approaches every task with a positive mindset. His work in partitioning numbers has been outstanding, and his recall of the four times tables is incredible. Archer can always be relied upon to get any job done — whether it's handing out books or turning on devices, he's the man for the job! We love having Archer in our classroom. Congratulations and keep it up!

Parish Roster for October

Dunedoo Liturgy Rosters OCTOBER, 2025 10.00am.

If NOT Available on your ROSTERED day, please organise a swap and tell the Welcomer.

	5 TH October	12 TH October	19 TH October	26 TH October
Commentator	Peta Brennan	Donna Lane	Claire Frampton	Anne O'Leary
Readers	Peta Brennan Monica Foran	John Portelli Connie Portelli	Beth Smith Claire Frampton	Judy Gibson Marley
Preparation of Gifts	Anthony Sullivan John Portelli	Christine O'Leary Donna Lane	Frampton family	Anne O'Leary Sandra Hamilton
Prepare Morning Tea	////////	////////	////////	Judy Gibson Anne O'Leary
Sacristan	Monica Foran	Volunteer	Monica Foran Mia	Elodie J. Sr Margaret
Collection	Warren Yeo Greg Sullivan	John Portelli Rachael Hogden	Shaun Coe George I	Michael Court Elodie
Music	Peta Brennan	////////	Monica Foran	Sr Margaret
Altar Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Mik Audrey	Lexie George
Welcomer	Monica Foran	Beth Smith	Frampton family	James family
Altar Linen	Volunteer	Volunteer	Jacqui Coe	Sr Margaret
Money Counters	Michael Court Volunteer	Donna Lane Volunteer	Shaun Coe Volunteer	Claire Frampton Judy Gibson

Lego Club Project

Over the next 8 weeks we will be working on a special Christmas themed project, a Duplo Christmas Tree.

If anybody has some **spare DUPLO at home** they could donate please drop it **into the office over the next 2 weeks**.

We will begin creation in Week 2 and are hoping to be finished by the start of Advent (end of November), so we can display it in our school. **If you would like the DUPLO returned to you at the end of the year please find a way to label each piece and I will do my very best to get it all back to you.** (A coloured circle sticker might do the trick, just label your container too)

Thanks in advance, Mrs Sweeney



YEAR 5

Spirituality & Experience Day



FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2025

You're invited to St John's College Year 5 Spirituality and Experience Day, where you will explore faith and enjoy interactive mini classes. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends from smaller feeder schools, explore faith, learn something new and experience a taste of high school.

PROGRAM

Arrival: 10am

Session 1: "Shine your light" with Mrs Burden

Recess: 11am - Bring your own

Session 2: Two mini classes

Lunch: 12:35pm - St Johns College will provide

Session 3: "Shine your light" with Mrs Burden

Depart: 1:40pm in time to return to school.

Note: Your school will organise transport to and from St Johns College Dubbo



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

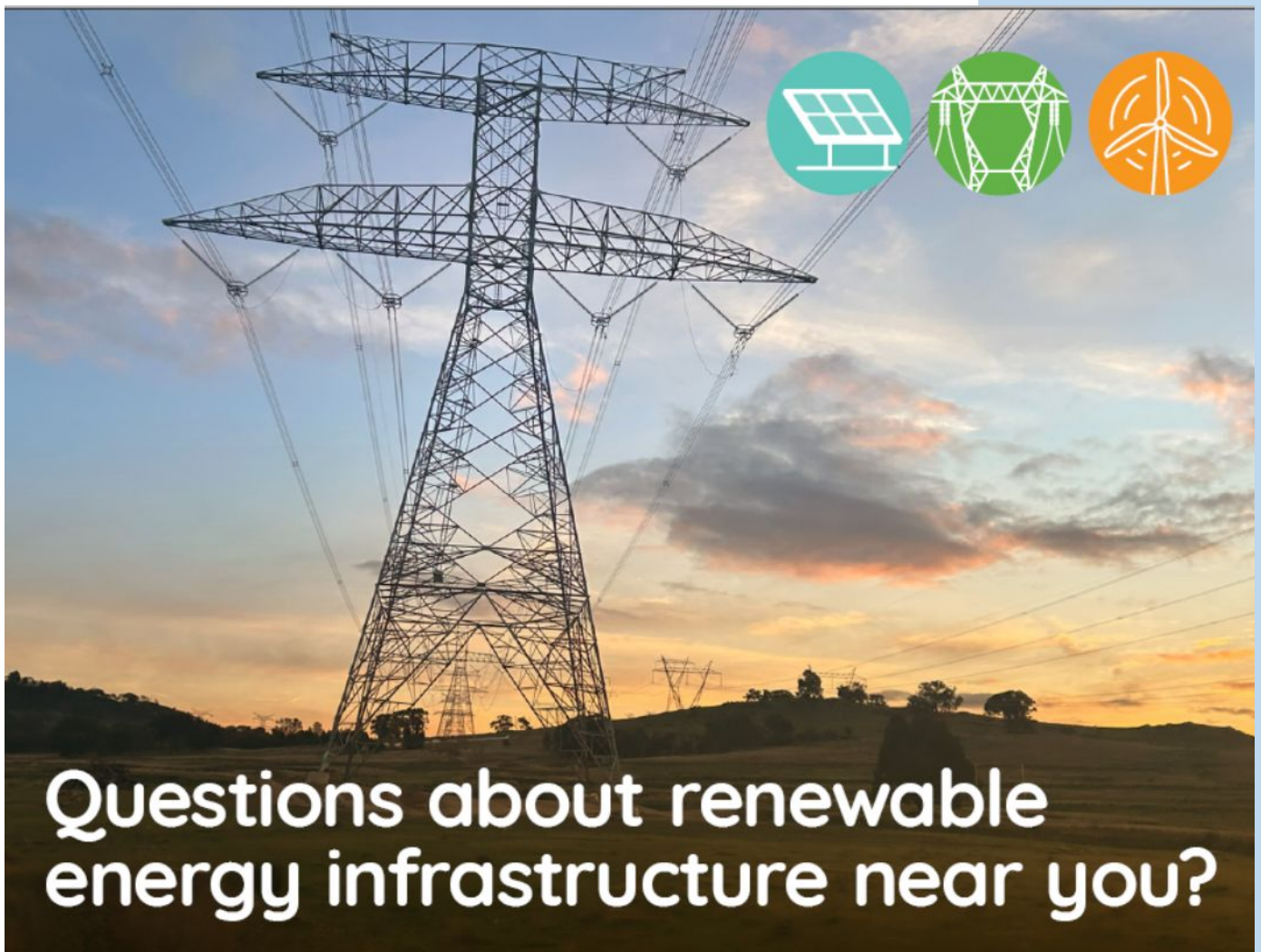
When students attend school consistently, they have more **opportunities** to develop and maintain **positive friendships**.

EVERY DAY AT SCHOOL COUNTS



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Community News



Questions about renewable energy infrastructure near you?

Chat to us at the Dunedoo Sports Club
Friday 24 October, 4-6.30pm. Nibbles provided.



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Free



Fair



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15 October 2025

Expressions of Interest Open for Volunteer Hall Committees

Warrumbungle Shire Council is calling for Expressions of Interest from community members to join Section 355 Volunteer Hall Committees across the region.

Committees are being established for the Baradine Memorial Hall, Binnaway Memorial Hall, Goolhi Hall, Jubilee Hall Dunedoo, Mendooran Mechanics Institute, and Purlewaugh Mechanics Institute.

Section 355 Committees are groups of community members who volunteer their time to help manage Council facilities, care for community spaces, and perform specific functions on behalf of Warrumbungle Shire Council. These committees act as a volunteer extension of Council and play a key role in maintaining and improving community facilities.

Committee responsibilities include assessing hall hire applications, meeting hirers for pre- and post-inspections, receipting payments, managing bonds, and maintaining financial records. Committees may also carry out minor maintenance, such as replacing light globes or tap washers, or report maintenance needs to Council.

The short-term goal is to encourage more community involvement in the management of local facilities, while the long-term aim is for committees to generate enough income to cover running costs and fund upgrades to items such as chairs, tables, and kitchen equipment.

Expressions of Interest are open from 7 October 2025 and will close at 4:30 pm on Friday 7 November 2025.

Community members interested in joining a Section 355 Volunteer Hall Committee can complete the Committee Membership Nomination Form available on Council's website under the Have Your Say tab.

For more information, please contact Facilities Trainee, Lisa-Maree Linnett, or Property Officer, Adele Thomson, on (02) 6849 2000 or email info@warrumbungle.nsw.gov.au.

Media: (02) 6849 2000



We're coming to your community



We're bringing NSW Government services to: Dunedoo, Tuesday 4 November 2025 12PM - 4PM

Visit our Mobile Service Centre to access services like:

- Driver Knowledge Tests
- driver licence, mobility parking and photo card applications
- Working with Children Checks
- NDIS Worker Checks
- birth, death and marriage certificates
- cost of living support and more.

Call **13 77 88** or visit service.nsw.gov.au to check our latest timetable.

Severe weather may mean our timetable has to change at short notice, we strongly recommend you check on the day.



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Multi Purpose Building
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