



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

23rd September - Newsletter #05 Term 3 2025

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### Reminders:

**Last day of school this Thursday.**

- Last skiing day
- MUFTI day for students at school.

**PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR CHILD'S ENROLMENT FORM FOR SCHOOLING 2026. BY THE 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER SO THAT WE CAN ARRANGE INTERVIEWS**

**Remember:  
BUY YOUR TICKETS IN  
THE WOOD RAFFLE**

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday 24th  
12:30pm  
School awards  
assembly this week

Open Evening  
Wednesday 24th 5:30-  
7pm

### Responsibility

*Responsibility means that you do the right thing, even when it's not fun, cool or noticed by anyone. Responsibility and leadership often go hand in hand, and leaders must be not only organised but also prepared to take the blame if something goes wrong. It's like being someone that God can count on!*

## CONNECTING AS A COMMUNITY

Tomorrow, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September, I look forward to welcoming our school community and friends to our Open Evening. We will have displays and information from 5.30 - 7pm. (BBQ sausage sizzle provided.)

This is an excellent opportunity for you to see our work and share in the community spirit of St Joseph's.

Thank you children for your great work this term. It is wonderful to see you flourishing and improving each day. I hope you and your families have a relaxing and refreshing holiday break. Stay safe and we will see you back at school on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October.

Mrs S Tighe  
Principal



Every day counts, as regular attendance helps students to:

- develop a sense of belonging
- develop and maintain friendships
- be more engaged at school
- progress with their learning

*Supporting positive school attendance is a shared responsibility - everyone has a role.*

# Enrolling now

for 2026



**Contact us to enrol  
your child today!**

Enrolments required by end of September

Visit our website for more information  
[www.stjbombala.nsw.edu.au](http://www.stjbombala.nsw.edu.au)

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Enrol online



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# CALENDAR – TERM 3 2025

\*\* Please note that events and times are subject to change and information regarding changes will be provided as soon as available.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
22 WEEK 10	23 School Photo Day	24 Awards assembly 12:30pm  Open classroom evening 5.30 - 7pm	25 <u>Last Skiing Day 5</u>  <u>Last Day of Term 3 for Students</u> <u>MUFTI DAY</u>	26  School holidays start for 2 weeks	27	28
29	30	01	02	03	04	05
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
13 WEEK 1 Term 4 Staff Return	14 Students first Day Back for Term 4	15	16	17	18	19
20 WEEK 2	21 BOOK FAIR AND CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY	22 SCC Meeting	23	24	25	26
27 WEEK 3	28	29	30	31 Day for Daniel  World Teachers Day NSW	01	02
Year 5/6 to Canberra	Year 5/6 in Canberra	Year 5/6 in Canberra				

## 2025 STUDENT ATTENDANCE DATES

TERM 3      22 July to 25 September

TERM 4      14 October to 18 December



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



## Anchored in Truth - Galong Retreat

Last week I had the opportunity to attend the annual RE leaders retreat at Galong. The retreat was an opportunity to collaborate, share and reflect with many other RE leaders from our Archdiocese.

The theme for this years retreat was Anchored in Truth.

A key learning I took away from the retreat was of the 'transcendentals' which are present in all creation and help us perceive the presence of God in the world and in ourselves. A beautiful sunset, music, art are all places where these footprints may be found.



**TRUTH**  
**BEAUTY**  
**GOODNESS**  
**UNITY**



Alice Shannon  
Religious Education Coordinator



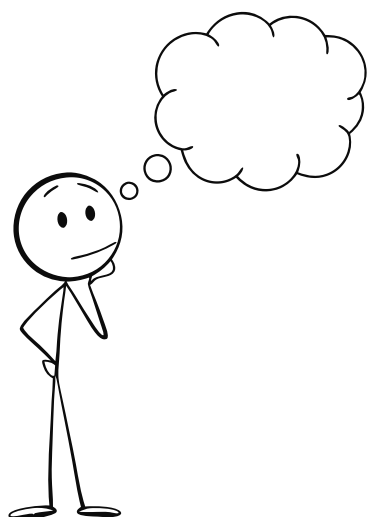
# SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**NEXT MEETING: 29TH OCTOBER 5.30PM ONLINE**

Please note a change of date for our next meeting. Mrs Tighe is away on the 22nd.

You are welcome to join us for the online meeting.

Our final meeting for 2025 will be in person on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. This will be the AGM. Please consider if you can support the committee by taking on a role.



## TERM 3 CANTEEN ROSTER

Term 3 Canteen Roster 2025	
Canteen supplied by <i>IGA Bombala</i>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
	Step 1: Pick up filled lunch orders at <b>1pm</b> and drop to school office.
	Note: Lunch orders will be ready for childrens lunch break at <b>1:15pm</b>
23/07/2025	Trudie Thornton
30/07/2025	Rosie Gillespie-Jones
6/08/2025	Missy Brownlie
13/08/2025	Jan Sanderson
20/08/2025	Jess Baird
27/08/2025	Chris Byrnes
3/09/2025	Missy Brownlie
10/09/2025	Bernadette Warren
17/09/2025	Jess Baird
24/09/2025	Chris Byrnes

Thanks For  
Your Support



*St JOSEPH'S PRIMARY  
SCHOOL BOMBALA*

# SCC MONSTER WOOD RAFFLE

**ONE TRUCK LOAD OF  
SEASONED WOOD**

**\$5 PER TICKET**

All funds raised will go  
towards upgrading the  
schools outdoor  
facilities



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**WINNER WILL BE DRAWN  
THURSDAY 25TH  
SEPTEMBER 2025**



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# TEACHER LEARNING

## MASTERY SCHOOLS AUSTRALIA

Mrs Tighe, Mrs Shannon and Mrs Peadon recently visited the Varsity Campus of Mastery Schools Australia in Queensland.

Our students are very familiar with the principal of Varsity, Mr Andrew Pirie, as he is a regular visitor to our school. Mr Pirie supports us with classroom coaching and is always very complementary of the work we do here.

“ In my role as HITP Coach since 2022, I have witnessed the high performing nature of the St Joseph’s Teaching Team firsthand. Led by Susan Tighe, the school has successfully rolled out whole school pedagogical reform in Mathematics and English.

What elevates this team above others comes down to one simple and yet incredibly complex dynamic – teamwork. Their unity of action, willingness to work together and commitment to pursuing best practice in the best interests of the students and school community is exceptional.”



# Welcome **ST JOEY'S OPEN EVENING**

**WEDNESDAY  
24TH SEPTEMBER**

**5.30 - 7PM**

free BBQ tea

Come and see what we do.  
Classroom displays and  
information sharing across all  
our rooms.



# SAFETY & WELLBEING

## The Digital Landscape By the eSafety Youth Council

EDITION 1 - SEPT 2025

Straight from the Youth Council group chat - written by young people, for young people. Here's what you need to know about online safety this term.

### ONLINE SAFETY IN THE NEWS



**Big change coming!** From mid December, under 16s won't be able to have accounts on some social media platforms.

More young people are making reports to eSafety when experiencing online harms. No one should have to deal with it solo, support is always there.

### ONLINE MEDIA IN POP CULTURE

**Heartbreak High (M15+)** is chaotic in the best way - friendship drama, break-ups and online chaos. It's a reminder of how fast things can spiral online, and while it's fiction, the risks are all too real.



**QUESTION**  
What online safety red flags did you spot? How would you handle it if it happened at your school?

### DIGITAL WELLNESS TIPS



Use the 'not interested' or reset algorithm button to clean up and balance your feed.



**Avoid doomscrolling** before bed - it disrupts your sleep cycle. Podcasts, journaling, and reading are good alternatives!



Use **Do Not Disturb** or **Focus Mode** when you need to concentrate.

### IN FOCUS: SEXTORTION

#### WHAT IS IT?

**Sextortion** is a form of blackmail where someone threatens to share a nude or sexual image or video of you unless you give in to their demands.

#### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Tell someone you trust and report it straight away. Under 18s can report to **ACCCE**, 18+ can report it to the platform. If the image or video is shared report it to **eSafety**.

#### THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

**Blackmailers** can be anyone (strangers or peers) so be mindful of who you meet and talk to online. They can hide behind fake profiles.

**Stop all contact** and do not pay the blackmailer or give them more money or intimate content.

**Keep the receipts** - take screenshots, photos or screen recordings of messages and profiles so you have evidence to report.

**It's never your fault.** You're not alone and help is always there.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Cyberbullying reports to eSafety have **increased by 450%** in the last 5 years.
- **1 in 3** young women and **1 in 5** young men have experienced online sexual harassment.
- **Australia's eSafety Commissioner** is a world-first government regulator focused solely on online safety.

### HELP & REPORTING

**Report to eSafety**  
[esafety.gov.au/report](https://esafety.gov.au/report)  
**Take it Down**  
[takeitdown.ncmec.org](https://takeitdown.ncmec.org)

**eSafety Young People**  
[esafety.gov.au/young-people](https://esafety.gov.au/young-people)  
**Kids Helpline**  
[kidshelpline.com.au](https://kidshelpline.com.au)



eSafety Commissioner

[eSafety.gov.au](https://esafety.gov.au)

## SCHOOL COUNSELLING

School counselling is provided to Joeys from Marymead Catholic Care, Canberra & Goulburn. Jessica Colton is here with us every Thursday.

Jess will be working with groups of children across all our classrooms as part of our Health & PD programme

Please feel free to fill out the referral form if you feel this service may be helpful for your child/ren:

click [here](#) to fill out the referral form.



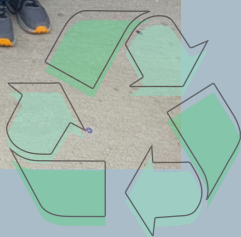
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## THANK YOU TO THE KELLAND FAMILY!

A big thank you to the Kelland Family for donating wonderful blue bins to help support Dwight's Return and Earn fundraiser initiative.

Thank you Dwight and family! Your efforts are for a fantastic recycling project whilst raising money for the school. Well done!



# BOOK FAIR

## SAVE THE DATE

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>  
October**

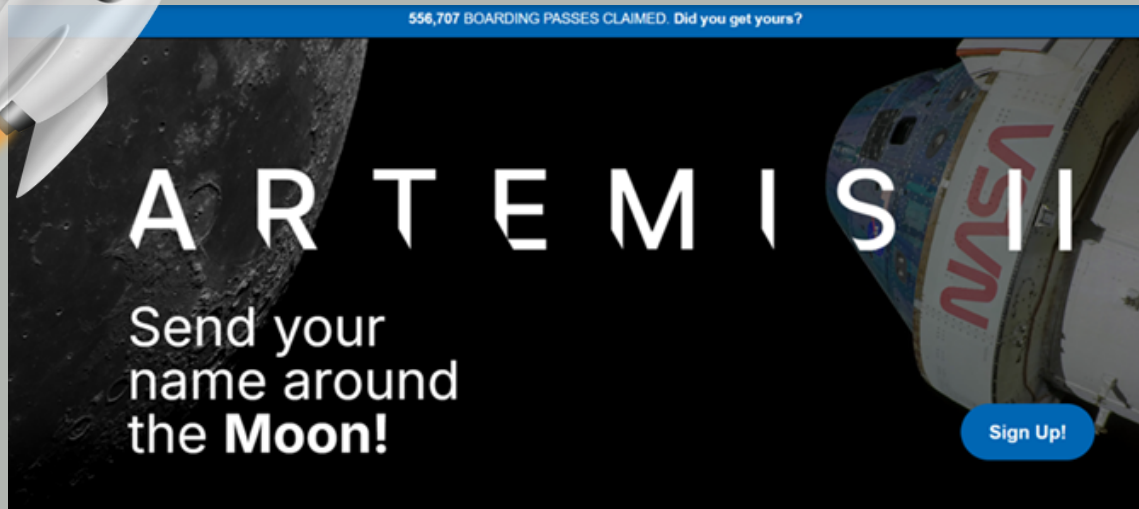
Week 2, Term 4

***More details to come  
Week 1 next term.***





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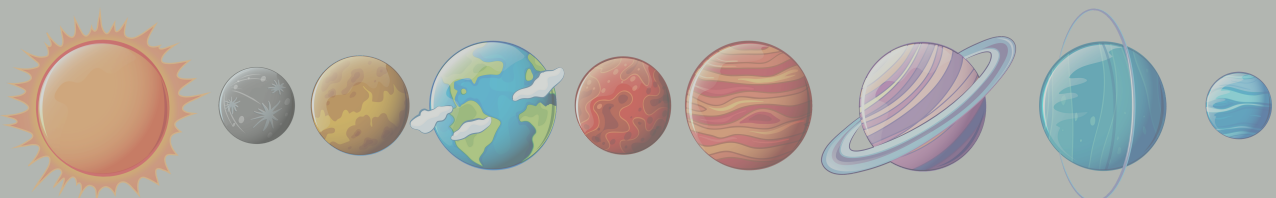
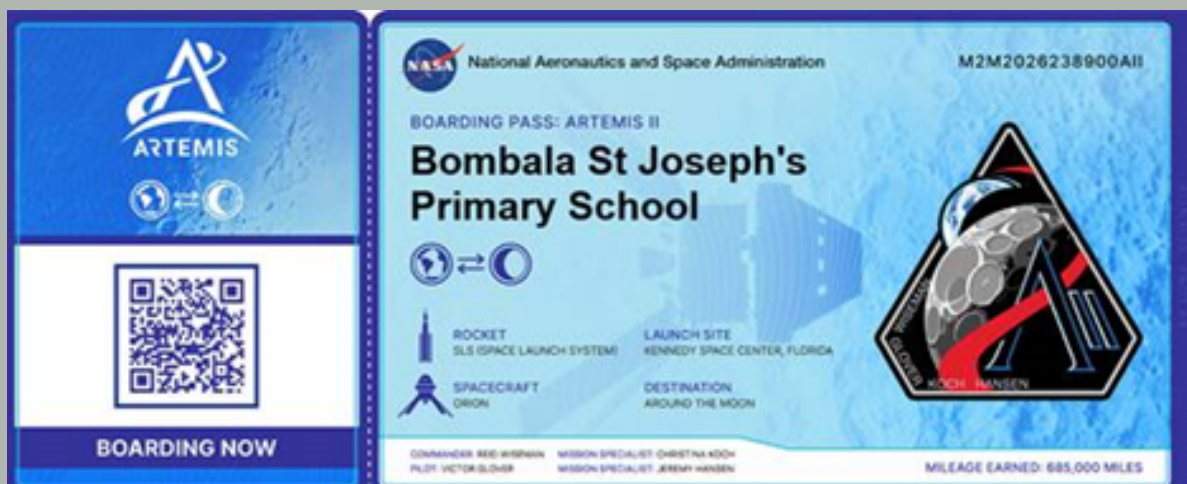


In 2026 four astronauts will embark on the Artemis II mission to fly around the Moon and back, and you can have your name go along for the ride!

Names submitted will be stored on an SD card aboard the spacecraft when it launches next year.

Want to learn more? Join us at our Open Classroom Night! We'll help you sign up and even print your personal boarding pass for the mission.

(Ask any K/1 student for more details!)



# SCHOOL NEWS

## Joey's snapshots



K/1 leading mass



Novel reading with Mary



Lego legends



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### **CECG Family Offer Foundation to Yr6 Novels**

To support your child's reading and studies, The Book Cow offers a 15% discount to all CECG Families on the Foundation to Yr6 Novel List.

To secure this offer, order online via this QR code.

Use this 15% discount code -

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Code applicable to CECG Novel List only. Excludes the Poetry list and general Book Cow online catalogue.

  
47 Jardine Street KINGSTON    www.bookcow.com.au    Ph 02 5100 2730

Select 'school delivery' at check out and then remember to note your child's name, school's name and classroom name/roll class.



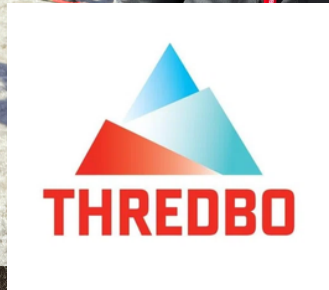
The Book Cow will deliver your order direct to the school with no delivery charge.

Code Expires 12th Dec 2025



# SPORT NEWS

Joey's snow program concludes this Thursday. What an amazing season we have had. A big thanks to the staff at Thredbo for making it such an enjoyable experience for our students.





## Spring School Holidays at Bombala Library

Monday 29 Sept to Friday 10 October 2025

Join us for crafts, movies and STEAM  
activities at our Bombala library!

When	What's On
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2pm	STEAM Craft - Rockets
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct 2pm	LEGO Builds Session
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Craft - Paper Mosaic
<b>WEEK 2</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Oct - 10<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2pm	LEGO Builds Session
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct 10.30am	STEAM - Fractal Suncatchers
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct 10.30am	Movie Time!

For more information and to register your interest  
contact Bombala Library  
P (02) 6458 3196

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## Spring School Holidays at Cooma Library

Monday 26 Sept to Friday 10 October 2025

Join us for crafts, movies and STEAM  
activities at our Cooma library!

When	What's on!
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept 10.30am	LEGO Session
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct 10.30am	MOVIE Session
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct 10.30am	STEAM - Rocket
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct 10.30am	LEGO Session
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct 10.30am	Craft - Paper Mosaic Art
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct 10.30am	STEAM - Fractal SunCatchers

For more information and to register your interest  
contact Cooma Library - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL  
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## Spring School Holidays at Jindabyne Library

Monday 29 Sept to Friday 10 October 2025

Join us for crafts and STEAM activities at our  
Jindabyne library!

When	What's On
<b>Week 1 *</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> Sept - 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct</b>
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct 2pm	STEAM Craft - Rockets
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct 2pm	Craft - Paper Mosaic Art
<b>Week 2 *</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Oct - 10<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2pm	STEAM - Fractal Suncatchers
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2pm	Movie Session

\* Limited spaces. Booking essential.

For more information and to register your interest  
contact Jindabyne Library  
P (02) 6451 1655

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## \*TENNIS CAMP TIME\*

\*School Holiday Fun in  
Bombala!!!!

\*When: \*Thursday 2nd Oct or  
Thursday 9th Oct

\*Time: \* 9am to 3pm

\*Cost: \* \$80 per camp  
(includes Tennis, Prizes, and  
BBQ!)

\*RAIN OR SHINE!\* We're  
definitely on, no matter the  
weather!

\*Limited Spots Available!\*  
Min 6, Max 15 spots - don't  
miss out!

To sign up

\*Contact: \* 0404838049

\*Learn a Skill for Life!\*

25 years of experience with  
Tom Perea,

- Expert coaching from Tom  
Perea

- Fun tennis drills and games

- Delicious BBQ lunch

- Exciting prizes to be won!

\*Get Ready for a Tennis  
Adventure!\*



## HOLIDAY CLINICS

**DATE:** 8/10/2025  
**TIME:** 9.30am - 12.30pm  
**AGE:** 5-12 years  
**COST:** \$59  
**WHERE:** Bombala Showground



**LEAGUE  
STARS**



**FREE FAMILY FUN DAY**  
AT THE PARLIAMENT OF NSW

**Friday 10 October**  
9.30am - 3pm

Free activities for children up to 12 years at the Parliament of NSW

Visit Australia's oldest Parliament, step inside history and get creative in workshops and role plays.

- Visit our heritage rooms
- Make craft animals and objects
- Play music and draw with Blak Douglas
- Have your say in a committee role play
- Learn how to vote
- Enjoy live music and more...



**FREE ENTRY**  
Activities 9.30am to 3pm  
**LOCATION**  
Parliament of New South Wales,  
6 Macquarie Street  
Opposite Martin Place  
**The public café will be open.**

**BOOKINGS  
ESSENTIAL**

P: (02) 9230 2047 or  
E: [dp.education@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:dp.education@parliament.nsw.gov.au)



## 2025 Friday Street Stalls

Bombala Street Stalls Calendar

Please contact Council if you are not using your street stall allocation so the date can be re-allocated

<b>January</b> 05 10 17 24 31 07 14 21 28	<b>February</b> Management Committee 14 Delegate Pastoral and Agricultural Society 21 Friends of Bombala Railway Inc 28 Anglican Parish Council	<b>July</b> 04 Delegate Early Settlers Hut Committee 11 St Vincent de Paul 18 25
<b>March</b> 07 ANDO Hall Committee Inc 14 Rotary Club of Bombala 21 Southern Monaro Community Fund Inc 28	<b>April</b> 04 Bombala Tennis Club 11 Lions Club of Bombala 18 25	<b>August</b> 01 Bombala Golf Club 08 15 22 Bombala and District Historical Society 29 Cooma Bombala Legacy
<b>May</b> 02 Bombala Historic Engine and Machinery Society 09 Bombala and District Rugby League Football Club 16 United Hospitals Auxiliary - Bombala Branch 23	<b>June</b> 06 St Mary's Catholic Parish 13 Bombala and District Rugby League Football Club 20 Delegate Presbyterian Church 27 St Joseph's Primary School	<b>September</b> 05 Bombala Exhibition Society Inc 12 Bombala Tennis Club (2) 19 Currawarna Assisted Living Unit 26 Anglican Parish of Southern Monaro
<b>October</b> 03 Bombala Youth Booth 10 Tentative booking 17 Bombala Playbox Men's Shed 24 United Hosp. Auxiliary - Nursing Care Unit 31 Bombala District Swimming Club	<b>November</b> 07 Bombala and District Country Music 14 Catholic School of Arts 21 Delegate and District Preschool 28 Delegate RSL Sub-branch	<b>December</b> 05 Bombala and District Garden Club 12 St Joseph's Primary School (2) 19 Lions Club of Bombala (2) 26 Public Holiday

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## 2026 Enrolment Calendar

### College Open Day

All Welcome  
Wednesday, 21 May 2025 - 9:00am to 5:00pm  
Information Session at 9:15am & Tours from 9:45am

### Orientation Days

**Kindergarten 2026**  
Day 1 Tuesday 4 November 2025 - 9:00am to 10:15am  
Day 2 Thursday 13 November 2025 - 9:00am to 10:15am  
Day 3 Tuesday 18 November 2025 - 9:00am to 10:15am  
Day 4 Thursday 27 November 2025 - 9:00am to 10:30am  
Children attend all 4 days and bring a drink.  
Parents drop off Days 1 - 3 and invited to stay Day 4 for an Information Session

**Year 7 2026**  
Wednesday, 19 November 2025 - 9:00am to 3:20pm  
Students wear their primary sports uniform and runners. Please bring a pencil case, recess, lunch, drink & hat. A sausage sizzle will be held at lunchtime.  
For further information please contact the Enrolments Officer on 6495 8888 or email [lcc@lco.catholic.edu.au](mailto:lcc@lco.catholic.edu.au)

