

*God of all time,*

*help us enter the New School Year quietly,  
thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others,  
mindful that our steps make an impact  
and our words carry power.*

*May we walk gently.*

*May we speak only after we have listened well.*

*Creator of all life,*

*help us enter the New School Year reverently,  
aware that you have endowed  
every creature and plant, every person and  
habitat*

*with beauty and purpose.*

*May we regard the world with tenderness.*

*May we honour rather than destroy.*

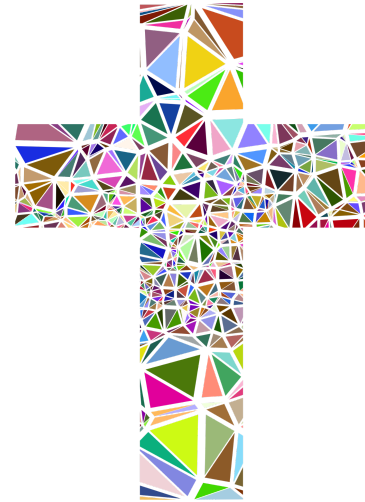
*Source of all Hope,*

*help us enter the New School Year joyfully,  
willing to laugh and dance and dream,  
remembering our many gifts with thanks  
and looking forward to blessings yet to come.*

*May we welcome your lavish love.*

*In this new year, may the grace and peace of Christ bless us now and in the days ahead.*

*Amen*



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,



Across the year levels the children have quickly got into routine and established themselves in their classes. So to celebrate, we all enjoyed a treat on Friday afternoon and gave ourselves a big pat on the back!

### Welcome to Good Samaritan

It is with great pleasure that we welcome the following new families to our school community.

The **Ah-Mu** Family

The **Butrus** Family

The **Ibrahim** Family

The **Krikor** Family

The **Pannu** Family

The **Zablocki** Family

The **Al-Qatwna** Family

The **Eskander** Family

The **Johnstone** Family

The **Labeeb** Family

The **Shiha** Family

The **Asargon** Family

The **Hannoo** Family

The **Kalw** Family

The **Pallickal** Family

The **Shrwen** Family

We have enjoyed a wonderfully joyful start to the new school year. It has also been an incredibly busy start as we have had a flood of new enrolments.

The most pleasing aspect of the past week has been the enthusiasm of the children. Our youngest children in the Foundation classes have embraced the start of their school journey with big smiles on their faces and eagerness to learn.



Thank you for choosing Good Samaritan as the place to nurture your child's learning journey. We are very blessed to have you join our school family.

### Safe Use of Digital Technologies

At Good Samaritan Primary School we support the right of all members of the school community to access safe and inclusive learning environments, including digital and online spaces.

Digital technologies and their use in classrooms are opening up new opportunities for learning, and previously unimagined approaches to teaching and learning. Today, young people have access to knowledge, people and new

ideas like never before. They are able to connect, collaborate and build relationships with peers, educators and the wider global community. The use of digital technologies within our school supports the children to question, evaluate and consider the validity of information and then search for truths contained in those ideas. Learners are empowered to demonstrate adaptability and versatility in thinking and strategies as they select, use and manage a range of applications and technologies.



Our goal is to develop children who are responsible and ethical communicators, creators and publishers in the digital community. Therefore, all children from year 3-6 will receive an ICT User Agreement which outlines their responsibilities when using the school's technology.

I ask that you read and discuss the agreement with your child(ren), sign it and return it to school as soon as possible. Your child will not be permitted to use school technologies until

they have returned a signed agreement to school. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher should you have any questions.

## Family Learning Conversations



We are very excited to be hosting Family Learning Conversations again this year. Family Learning Conversations are designed to share understandings of how the children in your family learn and highlight the important role of the family and the community in this learning. This parent and student knowledge enables our staff to be better equipped to design learning that suits your child's interests, talents and personal learning needs.

The conversation is also an opportunity for you to know your child's/children's educators and develop a learning partnership with them. The strength of the learning relationship between the student, family and staff enables your children to be successful learners.

The Family Learning Conversations will be held on Tuesday, 20 February and Wednesday, 28 February.

## A Busy Term Ahead

For your easy reference, I have included with this bulletin a calendar for the term ahead. These dates are also included in our online calendar which is available to you via the [school website](#) and via *Audiri*

Please be aware that there are days this term when the children either finish the school day earlier than usual or do not attend at all - these dates are marked in red.

## We Welcome New and Returning School Staff

This year we also welcome the following new and returning staff members to our school. We are very fortunate to have such great talent joining our staff group. I am sure that you will join me in making everyone feel welcomed and part of this wonderful community.





**Jacinta Ionnidias**

Coeducator, Jordan Village



**Sharon Healy**

Home Group Teacher, Nazareth Red



**Kulwinder Kaur**

Home Group Teacher, Nazareth White



**Amanda White**

Home Group Teacher, Bethany Green



**Simon Tafea**

Home Group Teacher, Emmaus Purple (Year 6)



**Mary Nakos**

Home Group Teacher Emmaus Blue (Year 6)

## Uniform Update

This year we are introducing a new blue coloured polo top for the children. This replaces the current white polo top which will no longer be sold and will be phased out over the next two years.

There is also a new sports top, this will be phased in as well. Both tops look fantastic on the kids ( and are much easier to care for and keep clean!).

Children commencing in Foundation or new to the school in 2024 will be required to wear the blue polo and new sports top.

Children in Years 1 - 6 may still wear the white polo top and /or sport tops until such time they purchase the new style.



The new polo top  
for daily wear



The new sports top  
for **wear only on sports days**

God bless,

PAUL SEDUNARY

Principal

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## SCHOOL NEWS

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### OUR DAILY ROUTINE



**The school gates are opened at 8.30am**

**CHILDREN ARE NOT TO BE AT SCHOOL PRIOR TO 8.30AM.**

Any child who arrives at school prior to 8.15 will be sent to before school care and the child's family will be charged the full session amount.

Please avoid gathering in groups while waiting for your child.



### Afternoon Pick up

The school gates will open at 3.10pm each afternoon

## SCHOOL SHOES

- Totally **Black** school shoes are to be worn every day, except on the designated sports day.
- Runners are not to be worn, except on the designated sports day.
- Open footwear is not permitted as it is not safe

Examples of acceptable styles of school shoes:



## UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is now open each week of the school term at the following times:

**Monday 2:30pm - 4:00pm and Wednesday 8:30pm - 10:00am**

## Being Sun Smart

Our school is a registered member of the Cancer Council Victoria's SunSmart Program as we are committed to ensuring the health and safety of your child.

During term 1 all children are required to wear the school hat while outdoors.



Please ensure that your child's hat is clearly labelled with their name.

We encourage all children to apply sunscreen at the start of the day and make sure they have sunscreen in their bag ready to be reapplied throughout the day. Any sunscreen that is SPF30 or higher, broad-spectrum and water-resistant is suitable for use.

It's a good idea to store sunscreen with lunchboxes and/ or hats so when your child grabs their food or hat before going outdoors, they will also be reminded to slop on sunscreen.

## OUR FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2024

### **Family Fee**

The Family Fee amount per family is \$1,600.

Families may nominate to pay their fees annually, quarterly (each term), monthly, fortnightly or weekly. Regular statements will be sent home to keep you informed about your fee account.

Statements will be issued on:

- Term 1 Friday, 15 March
- Term 2 Friday, 24 May
- Term 3 Friday, 23 August
- Term 4 Friday, 1 November 2024

Prompt payment will save the embarrassment of having someone ring you with regards to fees. Direct Debit forms are available from the office.

### **Program Levy Per Child**

The Program levy is \$370.00 per child. This is paid in addition to the Family Fee.

The Program Levy is inclusive of all books, materials, aquatics program and excursions.

The Family Fee and Program Levy are to be paid by no later than 30 November 2024.

### **Year 5 & 6 Camp Levy**

The cost for camp is \$320 per child.

This includes: 2 night's accommodation, meals and an instructed program.

This will be invoiced separately to families with children in Years 5 & 6 and is required to be paid prior to attending camp.

## MACS CONCESSIONAL FEES PROGRAM

Concessional (reduced) school fees are available to any family that meets at least one of the following eligibility criteria:

- Of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage
- Hold a Health Care Card and is eligible for CSEF
- A CSEF application must be submitted each year with the Concessional Fee application form.
- Refugee, where the child has attended a school in Australia for less than five years
- Experiencing severe financial hardship (*NOTE: Any family applying for the Concessional Fee under this criteria, is required to make an appointment to speak with the Principal*)
- Hold a DVA Gold Card

The **Concessional Fee** charged for eligible families are:

- 1 child: (\$780 per year
- 2 children: \$1,196 per year
- 3+ children: \$1,560 per year

### Camp Levy

The Camp Levy is charged for all children in Years 5 and 6. This contributes to costs associated with the camp program: **\$320 per child.**

PLEASE NOTE:

- The concessional fee does not cover the cost of the Camp Levy .
- The Camp Levy (\$320) must be paid in addition to the Concessional Fee for children in Years 5 and 6.

Application forms for the MACS Concessional Fee Program will be made available from Monday, 12 February.

## FROM THE LIBRARY

Welcome back to our families and carers and a big hello and welcome to our new families and carers from Miss Rafaela and I. We are looking forward to an exciting and magical year in the Good Samaritan Library, sharing our fabulous range of resources with you and your children.

This year the Library operates on a Week A & B Timetable. This is Week 2 B and we have begun Library Sessions. Each class visits the Library once a fortnight.

Jordan and Nazareth have a 1 hour session during which we explore and learn to care for our resources, respond to literature and borrow books to read and enjoy at home.



Bethany and

Emmaus visit the Library with their Home Room Teacher for a half hour session which includes borrowing books to enjoy at home and in their Home Room.

All children are required to use a Good Samaritan Library Bag to borrow books to take home. The books are on loan for 2 weeks. They are encouraged to select books which interest them. Please enjoy these books with your children.

Our Library is also open before and after school for borrowing should children wish to change their books before their class sessions.

Our additional opening times are: Monday - Friday 8:30am - 8:50am (Children need to collect a Library Pass from their Home Room Teacher) Monday - Thursday 3:15 pm - 3:25 pm (Children need to arrange this with parents/carers)

If you have any questions please contact me :

Naomi Marron - Teacher Librarian



Email: [nmarron@gsroxburghpark.catholic.edu.au](mailto:nmarron@gsroxburghpark.catholic.edu.au)

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Our annual Good Samaritan cross country competition for children in year 4, 5 and 6 will be held on Friday, March 15th. All year 4,5 and 6 students are invited to train for this event and compete on the day.

- children who turn 9 or 10 years of age this year and in year 4 or older, (born 2015/2014) will compete in the 10 year olds age group and will run 2 kilometres (8 laps of the soccer field)
- children who turn 11 years of age this year (born 2013) will compete in the 11 year old age group and will run 3 kilometres (12 laps of the soccer field).
- children who turn 12 or 13 years of age this year (born 2012/2011) will compete in the 12/13 year old age group and will run 3 kilometres (12 laps of the soccer field).



To help interested children prepare for cross country, training sessions for year 4,5,6 will begin on Monday, 12 February from 8.10 - 8.30am on the soccer field. Training sessions will be held each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday morning.

Children must wear runners to train and bring their school shoes to change into before class.

Younger brothers and sisters who are not running, may come out with you and may also run or walk around the track or otherwise only sit and watch.

Please contact me should you have any questions.

Julie Carroll, PE Teacher.

## COMING UP THIS TERM

Wednesday, 14 February	FOUNDATION CLASSES DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL TODAY 12.00pm ASH WEDNESDAY MASS (Years 3-6) in the Chapel and Hall
Tuesday, 20 February	<b>CHILDREN FINISH AT 12.30PM</b> <b>1.30 - 7.30PM FAMILY LEARNING CONVERSATIONS</b>
Wednesday, 21 February	FOUNDATION CLASSES DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL TODAY <b>6.30PM FIRST RECONCILIATION FAMILY NIGHT</b>
Tuesday, 27 February	<b>6.30 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT - YEAR 5 SCHOOL CAMP</b>
Wednesday, 28 February	FOUNDATION CLASSES DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL TODAY <b>CHILDREN FINISH AT 12.30PM</b> <b>1.30 - 7.30PM FAMILY LEARNING CONVERSATIONS</b>

Monday, 4 March	FOUNDATION CLASSES COMMENCE FULL TIME THIS WEEK 6.30pm SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING in Jericho Village
Saturday, 9 March & Sunday 10 March	RECONCILIATION PRESENTATION WEEKEND AT PARISH MASSES
Monday, 11 March	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY SCHOOL IS CLOSED CHILDREN DO NOT ATTEND TODAY
Wednesday, 13 March	YEARS 3 & 5 NAPLAN TESTING PERIOD BEGINS <b>6.00PM CELEBRATION OF FIRST RECONCILIATION</b>
Friday, 15 March	GOOD SAMARITAN CROSS COUNTRY FOR YEAR 4,5 AND 6
Tuesday, 19 March	<b>9.30AM NEW ARRIVAL FAMILIES MORNING TEA</b>
Wednesday, 20 March to Friday 22 March	<b>YEAR 5 ATTEND SCHOOL CAMP - YMCA Mt EVELYN</b>
Monday, 25 March	YEARS 3 & 5 NAPLAN TESTING PERIOD ENDS <b>6.30pm SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING in Jericho Village</b>
Tuesday, 26 March	<b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL TERM FOR CHILDREN</b>
Wednesday, 27 March	STAFF SEMINAR 1: CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT CHILDREN DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL TODAY
Thursday, 28 March	STAFF SEMINAR 2: FIRST AID TRAINING CHILDREN DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL TODAY
Friday, 29 March	GOOD FRIDAY SCHOOL IS CLOSED CHILDREN DO NOT ATTEND TODAY



# COMPUTER CLASS

## دروس الكمبيوتر

Every Monday, 12:30-2:30 pm  
كل يوم اثنين، 12:30-2:30 مساء

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# ONLINE CITIZENSHIP COURSE

دورة المواطنة عبر الإنترنت

**EVERY MONDAY, 10:30AM-12 PM**

كل يوم اثنين ، **10:30** صباحا - **12**  
مساء

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## Jericho English Classes دروس اللغة الإنجليزية

MONDAY ,9:00AM-10:30AM ( ON-LINE)  
الاثنين 9:00 صباحاً - 10:30 صباحاً (عبر الإنترنت)

TUESDAY - 9:00AM -10:30AM ( INTERMEDIATE)  
10:30AM -12:00PM  
الثلاثاء - 9:00 صباحاً - 10:30 صباحاً  
صباحاً (فئة متوسطة) 10:30 صباحاً - 12:00 مساءً

WEDNESDAY - 9:00 AM-11:00 ( ADVANCE )  
الأربعاء - 9:00 صباحاً - (فئة متقدمة) 11:00  
11AM-12PM ( FACE 2 FACE)  
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THURSDAY - 9:00AM - 10:30AM ( INTERMEDIATE )  
الخميس - 9:00 صباحاً - 10:30 صباحاً (فئة متوسطة)  
10:30 AM -12:00 PM  
الخميس - 10:30 صباحاً - 12:00 صباحاً (فئة متوسطة)  
(CHILDMINDING AVAILABLE )  
رعاية الطفل

FRIDAY - 9AM-11AM (ON-LINE)  
الجمعة - 9 صباحاً - 11 صباحاً (عبر الإنترنت)

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# SEWING GROUP

## جماعة خياطة

Every Monday  
9:00AM-11:00 pm

Jericho Village

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9:00 صباحاً 11:00 مساءً

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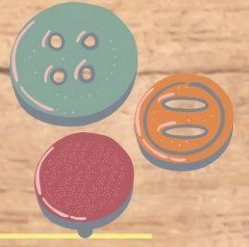
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## KOLBE CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Applications are currently open for Year 7 2026, with the cut-off date the 16 August this year. Due to high demand, in order for your family to be considered for enrolment at Kolbe Catholic College it is imperative that your application is in prior to the cut-off date.

PLEASE NOTE: We are no longer accepting applications for Year 7 2025.



**KOLBE CATHOLIC COLLEGE**  
GREENVALE



**COLLEGE TOUR**  
Wednesday 6 March at 5:30pm  
We are delighted to invite you into our College to meet the Principal and tour our facilities.

**Register online now**



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