

St Francis Primary Newsletter



2021

Friday 26th March

Dear Families,

We are now in the home stretch with only one more week left in the term. Thanks to all the families who have participated in learning conversations and in PSG meetings this term.

It's been a positive start to our year and the communication between school and home can only enhance the learning opportunities for the children.

I wish all families a safe and happy Easter and hope you have time to enjoy the break.

Illness: There have been a number of students absent due to illness as we approach the end of the term. Thank you to everyone for keeping their unwell children at home with cold and flu symptoms as they recover.

Any children experiencing symptoms compatible with COVID-19 is encouraged to seek the advice of their healthcare professional who can advise on next steps.

We appreciate your support with this as we continue to follow COVID-19 requirements to keep our school community healthy and safe.



As we head into Term 2, a reminder we have our school photos on Friday 23rd April (the first week back).

Individual "Shoot keys" will be sent home with students early next week.



P&F Raffle: The P&F Easter raffle will be drawn at the Nathalia Easter Market on Saturday 3rd April. Raffle tickets were sent home with the last newsletter.

We kindly request that families send in a donation for the Easter Egg Raffle – chocolate eggs, rabbits, easter craft items etc... Could donations please be returned to school by Tuesday 30th March.

Additionally, we ask that all raffle tickets are returned to school by Wednesday 31st March. We thank you for your contributions.

The Easter Egg raffle is a much anticipated event and thoroughly enjoyed by the children.

Caritas Casual Clothes: Next Tuesday will be a casual clothes day with a gold coin donation being collected to support Caritas.

Additionally, we will be running a coin line competition for classes on the day, so check the car, couch or recliners for any spare silver.

Caritas work alongside our partners to build on existing local strengths and resources, so that local Australian and

Important Dates

Term 1

Tue 30 th Mar	Caritas Casual Clothes
Tues 30 th March	School Advisory Council Meeting
Wed 31 st March	Cross Country
Wed 31 st March	Last day Term 1 3:20pm finish
Thu 1 st April	Pupil Free Day
Sun 4 th April	Easter Sunday

Term 2

Mon 19 th April	Term 2 begins
Fri 23 rd April	School Photos
Sun 25 th April	ANZAC Day

Jesus, dear Savior,
during these days of Lent,
I want to fast,
to repent and to pray.
Above all else I want
to stay in the circle
of Your love.
Walk with me and
surround me with
Your light; lead me and
guide me in Your footsteps.
During this season of Lent
help me to follow You
and imitate Your love.
May this cross remind me today
and throughout Lent of
Your great love for me.

Amen.

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Child Safe

international communities can drive their own development. They are the international aid and development agency of the Australian Catholic Church and are driven by social justice and the dignity of every person.

Foundation Information Session: We are holding a session for our 2021 Foundation parents next Tuesday 30th March @ 9am. Kerry and Valerie will discuss learning in the foundation classroom, school events and how families can be involved with their child's education. They will also be able to answer any questions you may have.

We look forward to seeing families after postponing this session last year due to COVID restrictions.

Closure Day: Next Wednesday 31st March will be the last day for the students this term - 3:20pm finish.

Thursday 1st April will be a pupil free day with professional learning for staff.

Finally, the change of seasons marks the beginning of winter sports, a welcome return for some community sports which suffered largely in 2020.

I hope you have a chance to get involved in some of these wonderful community sporting organisations, who provide so much opportunity for our young people.

Thanks

Matt Knight
Principal

SCHOOL NEWS



Cross Country: All students will participate in our Cross Country event next Wednesday. Permission forms went home through PAM this week.

Students are welcomed to don their House colours for the day. Families are also able to attend this outdoor event. **There will be no lunch orders available on the day.**

School Advisory Council: Our next meeting is on Tuesday 30th March @ 6:30pm. The meeting will be held in the Assisi Administration Building at school.

Easing of COVID restrictions @St Francis: Once again, I'd like to thank all families for your patience with restrictions put in place over the past 12 months.

Beginning next term, we will ease some of these restrictions within the 'Catholic Schools Operation Guidelines' to allow parents and carers greater access to the school. More information to follow after we receive the updated guidelines.

Lunch Orders: Robyn will be introducing an online ordering system for our canteen lunch orders. We will provide families with further details about the process in the coming weeks.

Breakfast Club: There is no breakfast club next week due to our closure day on the last day of term.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY



Sacramental Programs: We are excited to be able to begin planning the Sacramental program for the children, ensuring we 'catch up' on last year and continue to provide this year's group and the important faith development involved. Our Sacramental Program will be led by Veronica Williams and Tony Kent. Further information will be sent to families in the coming weeks.



CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS

FUND: The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) is a Victorian Government initiative that commenced in 2015.

The CSEF provides payments for eligible students to assist families with the cost of attending camps, sporting activities and excursions. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to receive the CSEF (\$125.00 per year is paid for eligible primary school students).

Payment is made directly to the school and is credited against the costs associated with any camp, sporting activity or excursion the student participates in, including the costs of programs such as athletics, swimming, cross country, etc. that have been included in the student levies.

Did you receive the CSEF in 2020? If so, you do not need to reapply as you will automatically receive the CSEF if deemed eligible in 2021.

Families who are new to the school and are eligible for the CSEF should submit an application form to the office. Application forms are available at the office. Payments are made from March to eligible applicants.

Please Note: parents in shared custody situations are encouraged to make a decision as to who applies for the CSEF as the system only allows one application per student.



Happy Birthday to our staff and students who celebrated their birthday over the last few weeks. We hope you all had fantastic days!

Javier, Matilda, Payton, Xavier, Taylah and Ryder V

AWARD WINNERS



Foundation	Thomas M	For always being a responsible student, both in our room and outside... a fantastic role model for his friends. We think you are awesome Thomas!
Grade 1/2	Porter	For demonstrating a fantastic work ethic when reading texts and showing improvement with his reading skills.
Grade 1/2	Ryder V	For showing an enthusiastic attitude towards all writing tasks and striving to present his work to a '5 star' standard.
Grade 2/3	Jordyn	For being a caring and responsible member of our class who helps others in need. Well done Jordyn!
Grade 4	Asher	For his great work during Math tasks and his willingness to challenge himself.
Grade 5/6	Dylan	For showing an enthusiastic attitude towards all tasks and great presentation of his work.

Principal's Award



Grace is a caring member of our school community who is always willing to say hello and ask others to join in a game.

Grace has beautiful manners which she demonstrates daily and a great role model to others.

Well done Grace!

Pastoral Wellbeing

Attendance - Every day counts



Explaining Absences

Report your child's absence before school commences

Provide a reason for your child's absence

Notify the school of any upcoming absence

Positive Behaviours Intervention and Support (P.B.i.S)



Congratulations to our 'Gotcha' award winners who demonstrated our PBiS Expectations of being a SAFE, RESPONSIBLE & CARING learners at school.



Parents need to establish digital boundaries and be the pilot (for primary children) and co-pilot (for adolescents) of the digital plane.

Many parents establish screen time limits for their 'screenagers' (i.e. their children and teens) by stipulating how much time they can spend plugged in. Focusing solely on time is not the only digital boundary to consider. It's best to expand our dialogue beyond screen time as the only metric that's used to assess young people's digital behaviours.

See Dr Kristy Goodwin's article, "[Establishing digital boundaries for the screen generation](#)" for more.

IMPORTANT TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Can parents please advise the front office if there are any changes to your children's arrangements for getting home i.e. travelling on the bus, after school care, walking with friends to sport etc... as it causes distress if the students are unsure of arrangements.

Student Plans: Can families please ensure the school has the most current asthma or anaphylaxis plans for your child.

Medication: The administration of medication forms part of the Victoria Education schools common law duty of care to take reasonable steps to keep students safe while they attend school.

Schools can only dispense labelled Prescription medication or medicines supplied to students with a letter signed by the parent, **along with a signature from your doctor or pharmacist.**

This includes any over the counter medication such as Panadol, Cough Medicine, Hayfever medication, creams etc... School Medication forms are available from the admin area at school.



Harmony Week: It is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community.

Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it.

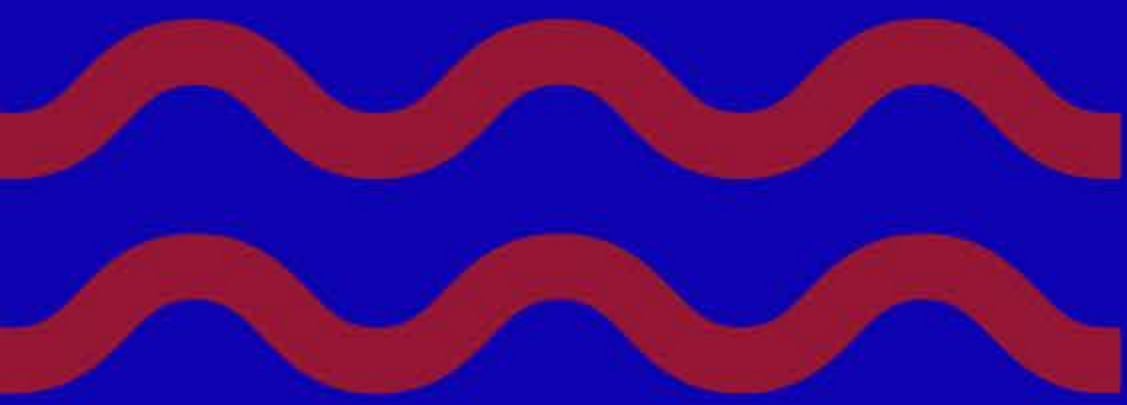
Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.

We asked families to share a photo of your student/staff/family at a cultural event you had been to (it could be a wedding, ceremony, travel or other experience) along with a short description about why it was memorable for you to help celebrate the week. A display is on the window as you walk into the school.



We acknowledge and pay respect to the Yorta Yorta Nations as the original and ongoing custodians of this land we meet on.
We commit ourselves to actively work alongside Aboriginal people for reconciliation and justice for all.





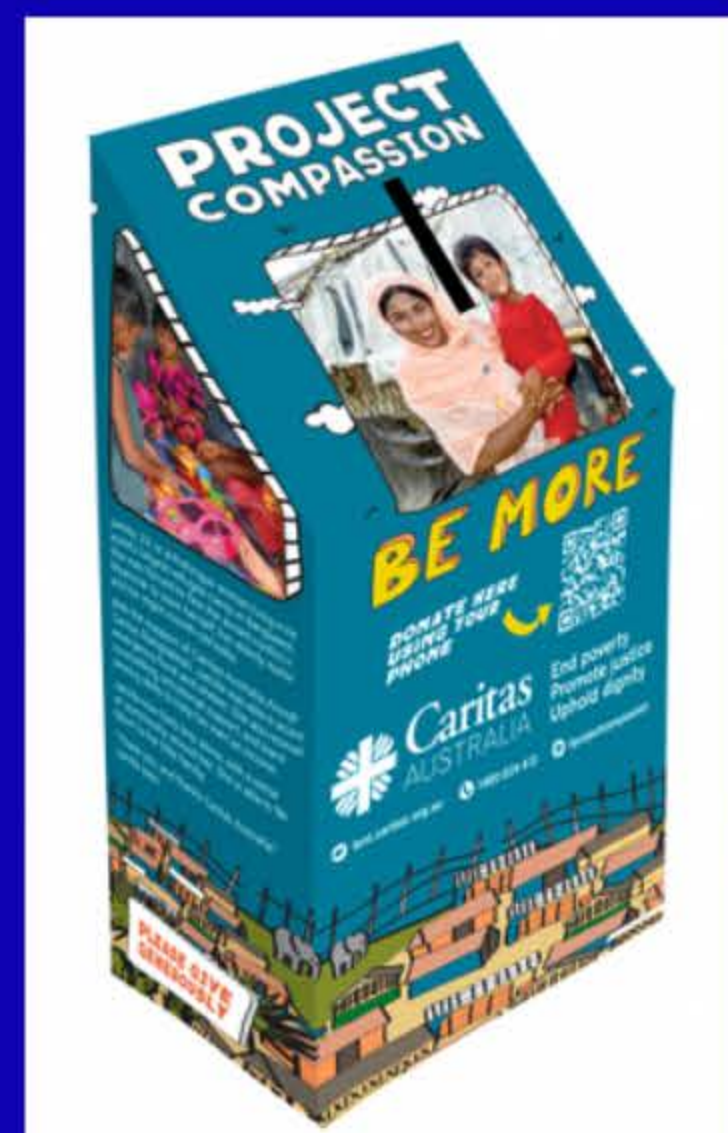
AS LENT DRAWS TO A CLOSE WE
ARE COMPLETING OUR
FUNDRAISING EFFORTS FOR
CARITAS TO HELP THEM BRING
HOPE TO OTHERS.



Caritas Coloured Clothes Day

Tuesday 30 March 2021

**Bring a gold coin donation
and wear casual clothes**



*Any donation boxes
may be returned to the
front office by the end
of term.*



Classes will be challenging
each other to create the longest
silver coin line- so send in all those
small coins and they will all go to our
Caritas fundraising efforts

Cross Country Timetable



Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Cross Country running event will take place on Wednesday 31st March at the Nathalia Recreation Reserve and is our last day of the school term. Below there is a timetable that indicates approximately what time the students will be running throughout the day. We encourage all parents and carers to come along to our school event and cheer on the students as they run. Students are also encouraged to wear their house colours on the day (see list for house colour).

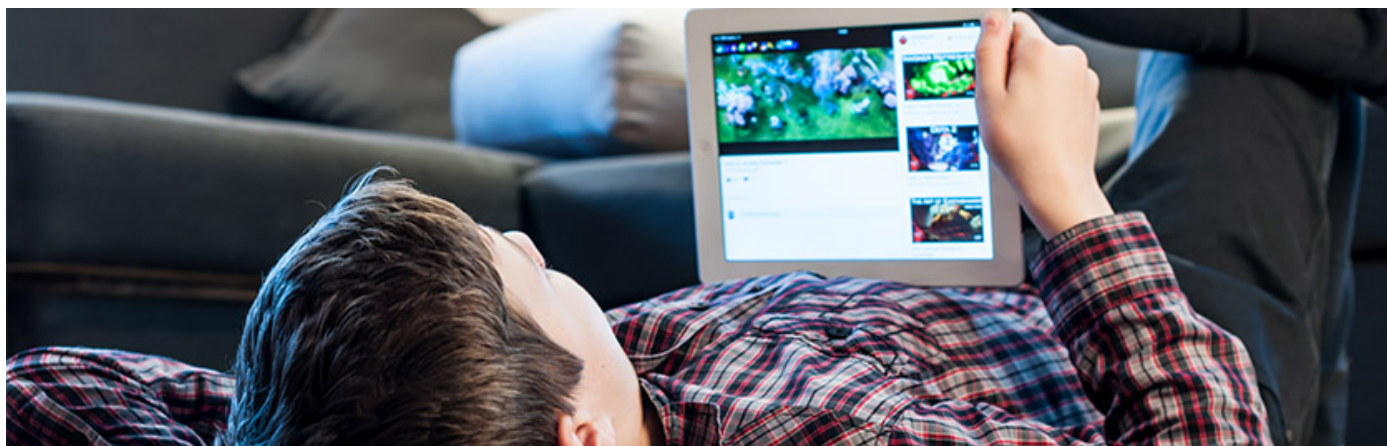
***A reminder to pack lunch and drink bottles as there will be no lunch orders on this day**

11:00am	Grade 1/2 Boys
11:15am	Grade 1/2 Girls
11:30am	Grade 3/4 Boys and Girls
11:50am	Foundation Boys and Girls
12:10pm	Grade 5 Boys and Girls
12:30pm	Grade 6 Boys and Girls
1:30pm	Awards Ceremony



INSIGHTS

Establishing digital boundaries for the screen generation



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We also need to create boundaries around:

The screens kids use

The most critical boundary parents need to establish with their children and teens relates to what they’re doing online. Have conversations about the apps, platforms, games, videos, TV shows and media they consume and create. Visit the [eSafety Commissioner’s](#) or [Common Sense Media’s](#) websites to help you understand the various platforms and tools, so you’re better prepared to know the risks and lessen some of the potential pitfalls.

The time of day

Establish what technology can be used at different times of the day. Ideally, devices would be switched off at least sixty minutes before bedtime as the blue light can delay the onset of sleep and reduce the quality of their sleep. Minimise exposure to rapid-fire, fast-paced screen action before school as this can hyper-arouse the brain and make it challenging to pay attention in class.

Technology zones

As a family, determine the ‘no-go tech zones’ in your house such as bedrooms, bathrooms, meal areas and play areas. Encourage them to use technology in publicly accessible, high-traffic areas of the home such as the kitchen, dining or lounge area. A young person is very unlikely to be sending nudes whilst sitting on the lounge or kitchen bench!

The people they interact with

Talk to your child or teen about who they’re interacting with online and reassure them that if there’s a problem online, they need to come and talk to you, as the pilot or co-pilot of the digital plane and avoid withdrawing screen time as a punishment.

Setting and enforcing firm digital boundaries with children young people is vital if we want them to cultivate healthy digital behaviours. These skills are critical if the screen generation is to thrive in the digital world.



The Nathalia Lawn Tennis Club is hosting its annual Easter Lawn Tennis tournament from Friday the 2nd of April to Monday the 5th of April.

Our tournament is a social weekend catering for players of all levels and for those who do not play. Except the open events, all grades and age groups are played using the round robin format, allowing every participant multiple sets and restricting events to specific days so that you are not committed to a four day event.

There are many social and non-tennis events throughout the tournament, the main one being our Sunday night roast and music night featuring local singer songwriters Phoebe Belle and Charlotte Neilson. Anyone is welcome to join us for the meal and music. However, bookings are essential through the online booking form.

To enter visit www.tennis.com.au/nathaliatc

(See attached for more information)



VENUE

Waaia Football Netball Club

SESSION DAYS & TIMES

Every Thursday in Term 2, 5pm

START DATE

22nd April 2021

CONTACT

Jemma - 0437 912 018
or via our Facebook Page

Find your nearest centre at play.netball.com.au



IGNITE A PASSION FOR THE GAME!

Waaia Football Netball Club

Every Thursday in Term 2, 5:00pm-6:00pm

Commencing 22/04/2021

Contact Amy Carey on 0457 756 648 for any queries
Optional game on Saturday's

play.afl/auskick



NET SET GO

Nathalia Football and Netball Courts

Time: 3.45pm
Thursday 11th March
Click on link above to register



Amy Carey
Netball Coordinator



If you have a child between 5 and 10 who is keen to learn the beginning steps of netball, this is for you.

When: Friday nights
Time: 5 – 5:45pm
Where: Numurkah Netball Club
Dates: 23rd April – 25th June (Term 2)
Cost: Victorian netball registration \$68



Please register interest on this survey:

<https://forms.gle/T3ywa4GbuARodPx29>

Please register your child online (Netball Results Vault) before the first Friday training

<https://netball.resultsvault.com/common/pages/reg/welcom.e.aspx?type=6&prodid=438989&id=94381&entityid=43092>

Feel free to contact the Numurkah Football Netball Club for more information or Net Set Go coach Leanne Rawson on 0429 729 766.



OPEN NOW:
Get Active Kids Voucher Program

The Get Active Kids Voucher Program helps eligible families get their kids involved in organised sport and recreation activities by reimbursing the cost of membership and registration fees, uniforms and equipment. Eligible children may be able to receive up to \$200 each.

How does it work?

- The parent, legal guardian, carer of a child can register their children for a voucher towards eligible activities or programs (e.g. for registration, uniforms and new or used equipment costs).
- Eligible applicants are required to pay up front for their chosen activity or program and then complete an application form (with copies of their invoice/s and receipt/s).
- The applicant is reimbursed up to \$200 towards eligible costs

To be eligible your child/dependant must be:

- aged 4 to 18 years at the time of application
- a resident in Victoria
- named on a current (at the time of your application) Australian Government Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, and
- named on a valid Australian Government Medicare card.

If you are eligible, you can be reimbursed for costs related to:

- membership, registration or general fees to participate at an affiliated sport or active recreation club, association or program
- equipment required to participate in the nominated activity, including second-hand equipment
- uniforms and clothing required to participate in the nominated activity, including second-hand uniforms

For more information or to apply, please follow the link:

<https://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers/>

NATHALIA EASTER MARKET & BARDI GRAS

Sat 3rd April 2021
9am - 1pm, Blake St. Plantation



Free Kids Activities all day

Local Producers

Great Food and Coffee

Live Music

Easter Bunny with eggs for all!

Bardi Gras Activities Timetable

9:45am Opening
10am Line Dancing
10:30am Costume Parade and Prizes
12pm Closing

10 Years of Bardi Gras in Nathalia Celebrate Our Environment!

Wearable Art/Dress Up Competition - Come as a Local Bush Animal, Bird, Butterfly or Moth

Like and follow our Instagram and Facebook Pages to keep up to date:

- @western_moira_markets
- Nathalia Easter Market
- Nathalia Bardi Gras & Street Parade



To have a stall, contact Kristen 0410 952 647 or westernmoiramarkets@gmail.com

\$500 in Prizes

provided by Western Moira Tourism

\$100 for Overall Best
\$50 Senior
\$50 Adult
\$50 Teenage
\$50 Junior
\$50 Toddler
\$50 Pram and baby
\$50 best decorated gopher on the theme
\$50 best bike on the theme

\$150 possible as a take away prize!
Other fun categories will be awarded on the day and every participant will receive an Easter Egg.

* In the event the market and Bardi Gras needs to be cancelled, the competition will be completed online





activities in the park



FREE AND LOW COST ACTIVITIES FROM SEPTEMBER TO APRIL

ALL
FREE!



April School Holiday Fun!

ALL ACTIVITIES REQUIRE REGISTRATIONS

CATEGORY	DAY	DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	TOWN	TIME
	Tuesday	6/4	Rainbow Painting	KidsTown	Mooroopna	10.00am - 12.00pm
	Tuesday	6/4	Orienteering	Mactier Gardens	Tatura	9.00am - 11.00am
	Wednesday	7/4	Nurture Nature	Australian Botanic Gardens	Kialla	9.15am - 11.30am
	Wednesday	7/4	Basketball Half Court Challenge	Sanctuary Drive Basketball Court	Kialla	10.00am - 12.00pm
	Thursday	8/4	Breakfast with the Birds	Cussen Park	Tatura	8.00am - 10.00am
	Thursday	8/4	Nüdel Kart Play	KidsTown	Mooroopna	10.00am - 1.00pm
	Friday	9/4	Pedal Go Karts	Congupna Recreation Reserve	Congupna	10.00am - 11.30am
	Friday	9/4	Run, Jump, Throw!	KidsTown	Mooroopna	10.00am - 11.00am
	Saturday	10/4	Family Fitness Fun	Victoria Park Lake - Western Park	Shepparton	9.00am - 9.45am
	Sunday	11/4	Inflatable Velcro Soccer Darts	Toolamba Recreation Reserve	Toolamba	10.00am - 1.00pm
	Monday	12/4	Stand Up Paddle Boarding	Victoria Park Lake - Southern Boat Ramp	Shepparton	10.00am - 3.30pm
	Tuesday	13/4	Nature Trail Wildlife Detectives	KidsTown	Mooroopna	10.00am - 12.00pm
	Wednesday	14/4	Nurture Nature	Australian Botanic Gardens	Kialla	9.15am - 11.30am
	Wednesday	14/4	Fruit and Veggie Kids - Pre School	KidsTown	Mooroopna	10.00am - 11.00am
	Wednesday	14/4	Fruit and Veggie Kids - Primary School	KidsTown	Mooroopna	11.30am - 12.30pm
	Thursday	15/4	Teddy Bears Picnic	St Anne's College	Kialla	9.30am - 10.30am
	Thursday	15/4	Pedal Go Karts Cycling Tour	Victoria Park Lake - Northern Foreshore	Shepparton	10.00am - 1.00pm
	Thursday	15/4	Spotlight Walk	Provided on registration	Shepparton	6.00pm - 7.30pm
	Friday	16/4	Inflatable Velcro Soccer Darts	Larsen Reserve	Tallygaroopna	10.00am - 1.00pm
	Saturday	17/4	Primary Kids Yoga (Lower Primary 6 - 9 years)	KidsTown	Mooroopna	10.00am - 10.45am
	Saturday	17/4	Primary Kids Yoga (Upper Primary 10 - 13 years)	KidsTown	Mooroopna	11.00am - 11.45am
	Saturday	17/4	Discover Tat's Bats	Cussen Park	Tatura	5.30pm - 7.30pm
	Sunday	18/4	Salsa in the Park	Victoria Park Lake - Con Palling Reserve	Shepparton	4.00pm - 5.00pm

ENVIRONMENT

FAMILY FUN

SPORT

HEALTHY EATING

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Register via eventbrite
- scan the QR code!



For more information and location details on any listed activity go to

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NATHALIA LAWN TENNIS CLUB

IGA NATHALIA

2021

Easter Tennis Tournament

.....FRIDAY 2nd TO MONDAY 5th APRIL.....

14 LAWN
COURTS
2 SYNTHETIC
GRASS
COURTS

CASUAL STEP & NATHALIA POST OFFICE/NEWSAGENT FRIDAY

Friday April 2nd

Open Men's & Women's Singles and Doubles (knockout). Start: 10am
Round Robin Junior Singles. Start: 10am

BENDIGO BANK DOUBLES DAY

Saturday April 3rd

Round Robin Men's and Women's Doubles
Open Singles Final: 3pm
Evening: Beer and cider garden, happy hour and food for sale

LIMO'S HOME HARDWARE MIXED DOUBLES DAY

Sunday April 4th

Round Robin Senior and Junior Mixed Doubles
Open Men's and Women's Doubles Final: 3pm
Evening: Roast Dinner and home-baked dessert.
Meal sittings at 6pm and 7.30pm. Live music.

NATHALIA PHARMACY SINGLES AND DOUBLES DAY

Monday April 5th

Round Robin Senior Singles
Round Robin Junior Doubles

Live music on
Sunday evening
sponsored by
Bendigo Bank

NLTC
supports and
promotes
local
business

Bring 20 new
entries to our
tournament and
receive 12 months
free use of NLTC
courts

To enter:

Visit our website: tennis.com.au/nathaliatc/tournaments and use our [online entry form](#) or email the attached form to Sue Lowe: tennisnathalia@gmail.com. Entries close as events fill. Keep up to date via the [website](#). Preference will be given to entries including payment.

To find out more:

Tournament Manager: Rose Nihill 0438 662 149
Accommodation Enquiries: Barmah Forest Heritage & Education Centre: (03) 5866 2289
Recreation Reserve Camping: John Nihill: johnnihill65@gmail.com 0429 685 533

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NATHALIA



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Easter Trading Hours:

Closed Good Friday

Easter Saturday: 9am - 5pm

Easter Sunday: 10am - 2pm

Easter Monday: 10am - 2pm

13-19 Blake Street, Nathalia

Phone: 03 5866 2593

Come and explore your opportunities

St Mary of the Angels Secondary College INFORMATION EVENINGS 7.30pm

at one of the following locations:

St Mary of the Angels, Nathalia
Monday 26th April

St Joseph's Primary School, Cobram
Wednesday 28th April

St Joseph's Primary School, Numurkah
Monday 3rd May

Tocumwal Golf Club, Tocumwal
Wednesday 5th May

OPEN DAY - Wednesday 12th May, 2021
(Bookings are essential via our QR code)

Enrolment Closing Date: Friday, 25th of June 2021

Scholarships are now available
Scholarship Application Closing Date:
Monday, 31st of May 2021



For an enrolment pack, or to make a booking to attend Open Day
Scan the QR Code, Phone: 03 5866 2222 or visit www.smotanathalia.catholic.edu.au



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