Dear Families,

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
This Friday, we will look forward to celebrating a very special birthday in our community. We respect their wishes to remain nameless, despite recently blessing our new school building. Many, many happy returns to a most valued member of our community on behalf of the families and staff at St Joseph’s.

SCHOOL BLESSING
On Sunday, we warmly welcomed friends, families, parishioners and special guests to our official opening. I thank you for your attendance and time on this very special day and again acknowledge those families that put in their apologies. This memorable occasion allowed the St Joseph’s community to look back on its past achievements and at the same time open a new building for its future success.
As educators we are increasingly aware of the interaction between physical spaces and a learning environment. These modern facilities have improved not only the school’s physical environment, but also its learning culture. But the building alone cannot infuse the vision and passion that guide the school’s development. It is the community and interaction between staff, students and families which will make the difference and ensure the facilities supports higher levels of learning.

St Joseph’s, started over 80 years ago, devoted to developing its students into young women and men of wisdom who are committed to pursuing excellence. Over 80 years of history in Elsternwick, St Joseph’s has maintained, and certainly built upon, this cherished culture of trust and respect for the individual, characterized by a strong sense of identity and community. Today we remain a proud and prominent school with 290 students and 196 families.

With the efforts of our devoted and supportive priest, Fr Ross, the joint parishes of Holy Cross and St Joseph’s, parents, grandparents and educators, we are delighted to see positive changes in our primary school and flourishing community. The new building will be the place where students will build their capacities and their aspirations with the support of their teachers.

I wish to again extend my overwhelming gratitude to our parent community, past and present, who have invested time, energy and funds in this spectacular learning facility and I’m sure, will continue to do so. Your partnership and generosity is so greatly valued and this spectacular building is but a small legacy of your commitment.

I thank my staff, new and past for their dedication in sharing the vision for our outstanding school. To the School Board and Parents and Friends Association, for your unwavering commitment, consultancy, generosity and patience. You simply never stop giving of your time and energy. You clearly love your school and have the utmost trust in its future direction.

To the heart of St Joseph’s community, the reason why we exist, our children. Our current and future successes rest with you. Enjoy these facilities, grow, learn and aspire and importantly, respect, for they will serve you well.

A special thanks to those parents that prepared the morning tea and assisted with this celebration, either setting up or packing up. It was much appreciated to come in Monday morning with the school in order and ready to go for the students.

Finally, I applaud my staff for their professionalism and efforts in presenting the school in the stunning manner it was received on Sunday. I was immensely proud of their efforts and the exceptional standards throughout all aspects of the building. How very impressive our school looks - conducive to a wonderful learning environment!

**But wait there’s more…**

On Sunday, the Elwood Life Saving Club had their Nippers Championships. The following families participated in the championships: Armenio, Burke, Edmonds, Fyfe, Glass, Jones, Miller, Mottram, Sanderson and Sexton. St Joseph’s was well represented and placed in all age categories and events with three Club Championships won by Xavier Edmonds, Isla Mottram and Tilly Mottram. Well done everyone, we’re so very proud of you.

**YEAR 5/6 CAMPERs**

On Monday, we farewelled our excited senior campers as they headed off to Camp Rumbug for 3 full days of fun and adventure in South Gippsland. This program is a fabulous opportunity for the children to venture outside the creature comforts of home. These worthwhile experiences strengthen relationships in a less structured setting and develop independence. Despite Mr Eddy’s policy of, “What happens on camp, stays on camp,” we look forward to hearing the many stories upon their return. Thank you to our staff and the parents, Pia and Brian, who were able to attend the camp. Another big commitment and responsibility.

**WORKING BEE SATURDAY 28th – 9am - 12pm**

While I accept this will be an unaccustomed second Working Bee for the term, we are looking to quickly turn around the garden developments in the rear playground. This will be quite a stunning area when it is all finished. Matt Morris and Rohan Saunders have some terrific plans for this space to ensure this is not only aesthetically pleasing, but also practical for the children to engage in the gardens - a hands on learning experience. Miss Claire Ryle continues to coordinate these efforts as our Sustainability Leader and she has a number of significant and promising projects in the pipeline, namely the resurfacing of the front playground and installing fence-line gardens. Miss Ryle is also reviewing our energy usage with Planet Savers and we hope to push a bit closer to installing solar panels this year. In the background, Steven Griffin (Emily Year 1) has been working with the team reviewing our water efficiency. Approximately 70% of water usage comes from the toilets. Whilst this is not our focused area in 2015, in time we will look to pump tank water back into the system. We also have potential to harvest a great deal of water from our roof area.

**WEBSITE DEVELOPMENTS**

In the coming months we will roll out a new website with the aim to improve our communication strategy within the school community. The website will serve as the ‘hub’ for all communication i.e. newsletter, calendar, P & F, School Board, class news, student portal and important and relevant policies. This will also be a great source of information for prospective families. News will be current, eventually moving away from a PDF newsletter. Research and analytical data strongly suggests that this is not the best means of communicating news to a parent community. The new site will be ‘mobile device friendly’ and have a stronger focus on quick convenient messaging, news and reminders with links to calendars. Many thanks to Liz Bell, Michelle Moore and Wayne Morrison for assisting with this process.
The inaugural staff ‘Techie Brekkie’
The staff will gather every couple of weeks to do skills sessions in ICT. Life-long learners in action. Well done staff!

6 volunteer dads (Chris, Will, Adam, Paul, Theo and Sam) and 24 children each Tuesday morning. What a great sight!

TUCKSHOP UPDATE
I’m sorry to say the Tuckshop will be delayed until Term 2, having a few teething problems with our new commercial range hood.

REMINDER FOR HEALTHY CHOICE LUNCHES AND SNACK FOODS
Here at St Joseph’s, we promote healthy food choices for lunchboxes. Hence, the removal of lollies from the Tuckshop two years ago. From time to time, a birthday treat or reward for effort is fine, but it would be great to keep these to a minimum.

As peer pressure can be a challenge, we request that all parents be mindful of including lollies, fruit juice boxes and chips etc in children’s lunches.

We have also become aware that some students are purchasing lollies for playground time at the ‘Discount Lollie Shop’ in Glenhuntly Road. This should be discouraged. The children are welcome to have nude food available during class time ie a small container of dried fruit or sliced carrot or celery (YUM!!)

Good luck to those students taking participating in the Zone Swimming Carnival today.

In appreciation of your ongoing support,

Simon Collis
Principal
The 15th anniversary of Harmony Day is officially celebrated on March 21st. The School Representative Council are working together to lead their classes in organising stalls to run on Friday 20th March, to raise money for Caritas and Klubur Domin in East Timor, and therefore give something to others during this Lenten period. This year we are also officially participating in the ‘Bullying No Way’ day which also falls on March 20th. The combination of these events will provide a strong message of respect and harmony at St Joseph’s.

The message of Harmony day is ‘Everyone Belongs’ and it is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home; from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

Each grade will be required to run two stalls, and it is up to students to decide on the themes of these stalls.

Our celebration at St Joseph’s is fully organised by the children, and for the children, to allow them to see first-hand that they have a role to play in both our school and wider-school communities. Such an experience aims to foster positive relationships, responsibility, cooperation and leadership and therefore teachers and parents are encouraged to take a step back and allow the students to lead and enjoy it. In the coming weeks the students will be given a note from their teacher that will outline what they need to organise for their stall at home.

We ask that on this day the students wear casual clothes and bring up to $10 which they will use to support the stalls of their peers. Stalls that are selling nut free food items will be required to have a list of ingredients to assist students with allergies in making informed choices. The SRC have already made the decision not to have lollies for sale, and I commend them for this sensible and healthy approach to Harmony Day.

We look forward to a day of student-led fun!

Mrs Moore
Deputy Principal
mmoore@sjelst.catholic.edu.au
What a busy and successful start to the year we have had already with our environmental projects at St Joes.

Recently, our staff were part of a professional development session with Randy Mendez from CERES Education, we learnt all about our ResourceSmart program and have begun to write our SEMP (Sustainability Environment Management Plan). This year our focus is energy. We will look to embed a whole school approach to reduce our energy consumption through a sustainable lens.

On Monday 16th February the Environment Captains performed a Level II Energy Audit on our school buildings with the assistance of Planet Savers. We have received a detailed report documenting both behavioural and infrastructural changes which we can make to reduce our energy intake. We will be making infrastructure changes in the coming weeks using the Energy Efficiency Grant that we received from Sustainability Victoria in late 2014. This includes replacement of old T8 lighting systems in the old section of our building for energy efficient incandescent lighting panels.

**ENVIRONMENT REPRESENTATIVES ANNOUNCED**

Congratulations to the following students who were elected as environment representatives by their peers:

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I will be working closely with these students and our School Environment Captains; Luke Ellem, Eleni Nicholls, Chloe Zheng and Emily Chen, on environmental issues concerning our school and local community.

Thank you to all of the families who attended our ‘Back to School Working Bee’. The turn-out was the best we have seen and what was achieved was beyond expectation.

**WORKING BEE**

This Saturday 28th February is our Term One Working Bee from 9am – 12pm. The focus of the working bee will be to complete the digging and filling of footings for our retaining wall in the rear playground, as well as cleaning the bricks for the retaining wall to be completed shortly. There will be a water slide for the kiddies and a sausage sizzle at the end of the morning.
Family Fun Day & Working Bee

Saturday 28th February
9am – 12pm

All families encouraged to come

WATER SLIDE - BRING YOUR TOGS!

- Completion of the footings for the retaining wall in rear playground
- Cleaning of bricks ready to build retaining wall
- Planting of succulent vertical garden
- Removal of nut tree in rear playground (under instruction from the Catholic Education Office)
- Concrete in posts and installation of rio steel
Last Sunday, Ina (5/6G) competed with the Glen Eira Moorabbin All-Stars at Softball Victoria’s 2015 Under 12 Spectacular Playoffs. Ina played all 5 games throughout the day as Pitcher, Catcher and Short-stop. She is unfortunately wearing a tape on her right elbow (after a visit from the Physio last Monday) and will be resting her injury for 2 to 3 weeks.

Good day!!!
Yours in sport,
Louise Howell

CAKE STALL THIS FRIDAY
The Year 5-6 parents are hosting a Cake Stall this Friday. Delicious cakes, biscuits, cup cakes and slices will be on sale from 3.15pm in the front playground. Our last cake stall raised around $1,000 for the school!

YEAR 3-6 DRINKS THIS FRIDAY NIGHT
Parents with children from Years 3-6 are invited to kick up their heels this Friday night from 7.30pm at the Caulfield RSL on St Georges Road, Elsternwick. All welcome.

UNIFORM SHOP
We are still seeking volunteers to help man the shop on the first Wednesday of each month. If you are interested, please put your name and contact details on the form at the door of the Uniform Shop. If you need something urgently, please contact Maxine Davidson (maxine.davidson@optusnet.com.au). Thank you and see you in the Uniform Shop.

Emily Antonis, Vicky Rentaris and Maxine Davidson

NEXT MEETING
7.30pm this Wednesday (25 Feb) in the staff room

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St Joseph’s P&F invite you to

Years 3 to 6
Parents Welcome Drinks

Caulfield RSL
St Georges Road
Elsternwick
(upstairs function room)

7.30pm Friday
27th February

Drinks at bar prices
CAKE Stall
this Friday
3.15pm
(until sold out!)

A range of cakes, slices, cupcakes & biscuits for sale.

DON'T MISS OUT!!
Art at St Joseph’s!
Term 1 2015
1 hour classes after school
Mondays & Thursdays
3.30 - 4.30
with Signora Clewer
Starting Monday 9 February
in the Italian Room
Classes will run for 6 weeks

With drawing as the starting point, we’ll experiment and explore
an infinite range of ideas, materials and techniques.
Prep to 6, remember to use it or lose it! Put your imagination to
work!

For details, please speak with Signora Clewer
or email rclewer@ajeist.catholic.edu.au
NETBALL AT ST JOSEPH’S

Netball is a great game, and at St Joseph’s we have a team registered through the Caulfield South Netball Club – the Chargers, consisting of a group of Year 4 and 5 students, playing in the Under 11 competition at Duncan McKinnon reserve on Friday evenings. We train at the school, after school on Mondays and our Coach and Assistant Coach are both former St Joey’s students! (Beth McLelland and Georgia Burke)

We are into the second week of the Winter Season, with one win and one loss under our belts. Although the team is currently full, the club would support us with a second team for the next season (starting in July). We would need a Manager, but the coach will graduate from the current team!

The NetSetGo program is a great introduction to netball and is also run by Caulfield South Netball Club – so if you’re interested in giving netball a go, this is a good way to get your son or daughter interested in the game! Happy to discuss – email Rachael McDonald (Burke – Millie Year 5 and Maddie Prep) rmcdonald70@gmail.com

Net Set Go is a skill development program and a modified game, which enables children to learn skills and court positions in netball. Caulfield South Netball Club will run two NetSetGo programs in 2015. Each program runs for 15 weeks. The first season will commence 3rd March 2015, the second season in July 2015.

Who: Years Prep to Three
Where: Elwood Secondary College – enclosed outdoor courts
When: Tuesdays 4pm – 5pm
Cost: $100 for 15 weeks
Registration: To reserve a spot in the 2015 semester one NetSetGo program email your details to: netsetgoelwood@hotmail.com
De La Salle College is excited to be offering scholarships to students in Years 7, 10 and 11 in 2016. General Excellence Scholarships will be available for students going into Year 7 in 2016 and Academic, Sport, Performing Arts and General Excellence Scholarships will be available to students going into Years 10 or 11. Albert Higgins Memorial Scholarships will also be available at Years 7 and 10. Applications will open on Monday 2 March, closing on Thursday 30 April.

Visit the scholarships page on our website for full details. Please contact us on (03) 9508 2100 if you would like to enquire further.

1318 HIGH ST MALVERN PH: (03) 9508 2100
EMAIL:enrolment@delasalle.vic.edu.au
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