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**MARCH**

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Dear Families,

“Every child is gifted, they just unwrap their packages at different times.”

On Friday, we will be participating in Well Waters Day. This day is part of our water initiative to earn credits towards paying for our newly installed water tanks. All students will participate in an incursion where they will learn about our water catchment area; how to dispose of trash thoughtfully; and how our gutter system leads to the bay. Students will also be walking the local streets to clean up any trash they can find; this will prevent trash being swept into Elster Creek or the bay.

PARENT HELPERS are strongly encouraged as they also earn a donation/credit of $25 per hour for the school. Please see your child’s teacher if you are available during the morning session. Parent helpers are also required at Elsternwick Park for a celebration BBQ between 1pm - 2:45pm. Many thanks Miss Ryle for coordinating this important day.

In 2016, and in accordance with our Annual Action Plan, we will commence a comprehensive review of our Behaviour Management Policy. Whilst we believe this has evolved over the past 4-5 years into a solid framework and positive approach at St Joseph’s, it is appropriate to review our current policy in light of the considerable growth in families and staff over this time. It is also an opportunity to align our associated policies; class and school practices; and programs, under the one banner.

We anticipate that this process will take time, as we look to engage with all stakeholders: staff, students and parents. In preparation, we have asked the staff to think about how they currently deal with certain behaviours in the classroom, playground and throughout the school. These will be shared and documented to provide a snapshot of our current practice across the school.

Our goal is to establish a consistent approach and shared understanding that best serves the needs of our community and ensures that St Joseph’s remains a safe and positive learning environment where the rights of all are respected and managed accordingly. Your feedback in time, will be valued.

CLASSROOM HELPERS & INVOLVEMENT
It has been simply wonderful to see so many parents involved in various classroom or community activities so early into the school year. From literacy helpers, to cooking, cake stalls and assembly attendees, we’ve had a brilliant start to 2016!

Parents have an extremely important role to play in their children’s education. Research shows that school children are more confident and happier when they feel that their parents are showing an active interest in their learning. We understand that many professional or other commitments just don’t provide parents with the freedom to spend time in the classroom. However, if your days are somewhat flexible and you would like to give a little of your time, we would really value your contributions to our dynamic learning environment as a classroom helper.

All helpers require a current ‘Working with Children Check’ and should undertake a literacy helper’s workshop at school. This program outlines some guidelines helpers will be expected to follow when in the classroom. This program will be run by Mrs Pepper later in term, and more details will follow. In the meantime, please remember a copy of your Working with Children Check must be on file in the office. Working with Children Checks can be obtained online or at the Post Office.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Thank you parents for attending the informal catch ups last week. These can provide helpful information about the children academically and importantly, socially and emotionally. This forms part of the ‘big picture’ and reinforces the value we place on student wellbeing and parent partnerships.

ASSEMBLY FRIDAY
Year 3Ba, thanks for the assembly on Friday. We all appreciate the time that goes into preparing these presentations in the context of a busy week. Our assembly items remain an important avenue to share and celebrate the wonderful learnings in our classrooms and promote such programs as Mindfulness and Circle Time.

FATHER VARGHESE CLASSROOM VISITS
I could not have been happier with the warm welcome when Father Varghese visited our classrooms last week. He was so very impressed and spoke most highly of the staff and the children. He was also overwhelmed by the parental turnout at assembly on Friday. In the coming weeks, Father will visit the classrooms during morning prayer time. Don’t forget to introduce yourself to Father Varghese.
PREP READING INFORMATION NIGHT – 7 PM TUESDAY 1ST MARCH (TONIGHT)

This valuable session has been a most welcome addition to our calendar over the past few years, and we encourage Prep families to attend this session to gain some helpful tips on how best to support their child's reading. We’re most grateful to Mrs Pepper, Mrs Skehan, Miss Dullard and Mrs Dugosija for organizing.

ORMOND U11 FOOTBALL teams are looking for players to bolster their list numbers. They are just short of enough players to field 2 teams. Any boys at school who are interested in joining should contact Mathew Wood – mathew.wood@omegapharm.com.au. Boys just need to be no older than 10 years on January 1 2016.

Have a terrific week,

Simon Collis
Principal

Important afterthoughts...
Remember it’s only the NAB pre-season football competition. A fragile Blues supporter.

CONGRATULATIONS
To Ana and Andrew Ryder on the birth of their baby boy, “Bowie James”, on 8 February, brother for Ryder (2M) and Marlo (4yo Kinder at Orrong Road).

SCHOOL FEES
Overdue school fee statements were sent out today. A minimum of one quarter of the total amount outstanding is now due and payable. BPAY is our preferred method of payment.

DO YOU HAVE A HEALTH CARE CARD?
If you have a valid Health Care Card on the first day of Term 1, or the first day of Term 2, you are eligible to claim the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF). It is also important for the school that anyone with a HCC applies for the CSEF as an additional funding of approximately $1000 per student is also received by the school. Applications were sent home to all families via CareMonkey recently, or can be collected from the office. A copy of your HCC must also be included when applying for CSEF.

Moira McKinnis
Finance Administration Officer

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE NEWS
Dear Parents

YLV Out of School Hours Care will be available on both school closure days, Thursday 10 and Friday 11 March 2016. We have had some interest already so please notify Georgia (0417 231 301) if you need the service in order for us to arrange staff and activities:

Time: 8:30am to 6:00 pm – Thursday 10 and Friday 11 March
Bring: Allergen free morning snack and lunch. (Afternoon snack provided.)
Any technology for supervised sessions of games and play (usually up to 2 x 30-40 minute sessions as a group around snack times)
Format: Group games, outside play, art and craft, a movie, face painting, and possible sports incursions.

Of course you are welcome to use the service for any part of, or for the duration of the days.
This term the staff have been focusing on the many aspects of Student Wellbeing at St Joseph's. One of the key areas where we explicitly teach social and emotional learning (SEL) is through the 'You Can Do It' curriculum. YCDI is made up of 5 key foundations (keys to success), which supports the development of students' social, emotional and academic capabilities.

These keys are:

**Confidence (academic, social); Persistence; Organisation; Getting Along, and Resilience.**

Central to the development of these 5 Key Foundations is working with students to develop 12 Habits of the Mind, including:

- Accepting Myself; Taking Risks; Being Independent; I Can Do It; Giving Effort; Working Tough; Setting Goals; Planning My Time; Being Tolerant of Others; Thinking First; Playing by the Rules, and Social Responsibility.

This term the students from Prep to Year 6 are focusing on the foundation skill of 'Organisation'. Organization means setting a goal to do your best in your school work, listening carefully to your teacher's instructions, planning your time so that you are not rushed, having all your supplies ready and keeping track of your assignments' due dates. Examples of organized behaviour include: making sure you understand the teacher's instructions before you begin work, having all your school supplies ready, recording your assignments and their due dates, and planning when you're going to do your homework so that you have enough time.

Positive Habits of the Mind that help develop a young person's Organization include: Setting Goals – thinking that setting a goal can help me to be more successful at a task. Planning My Time – thinking about how long it will take me to do my schoolwork and planning enough time to get it done.

A SEL curriculum is most powerful when parents and teachers work together to reinforce this important learning, so have a chat with your child about their own organisation skills and ask about the work they have been doing in school.

Our teachers were asked to define Student Wellbeing at St Joseph's, and I thought this summed up our approach perfectly: “At St Joseph's, student wellbeing is about looking after the individual needs of each student, which impact their academic, social, emotional, physical and spiritual development.”

What a great definition!

Have a great week,

Michelle Moore
Deputy Principal
Education in Faith

Dear Families,

As the term swiftly moves towards its close and the last days of Lent approach, I continue to encourage you all to support the endeavours of Caritas through their initiative ‘Project Compassion’. Our Social Justice Leaders have produced some information for families about this and will continue to remind all students about this important work at assembly on Friday. I ask that you continue to talk with your children about the importance of giving to others throughout the season of Lent.

Holy Week Liturgies
In the coming weeks the students will be presenting the story of Holy Week for the school community. Families and friends are most welcome to join us throughout this time. Please see the calendar below for the relevant days and times.

Kind regards,
Peta Overbury
Religious Education Leader
poverbury@sjelst.catholic.edu.au

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|                  | Year 6 students attending mass @ St Patrick’s Cathedral             |
| Friday 18th March | St Joseph’s Day – Whole School Mass @ 12 noon  
|                  | Year 5 presenting a reflection during mass  
|                  | All Welcome                                                           |
| Friday 18th March | Holy Week Liturgy – Palm Sunday Preps @ 9.00am                       |
| Monday 21st March | Washing of the Feet – Year 3 @ 3.00pm                                |
| Tuesday 22nd March | The Last Supper – Year 4 @ 3pm                                       |
| Thursday 24th March | Stations of the Cross – Year 6 @ 9.10am                              |
Caritas Story of the Week

Third Sunday of Lent — Year C

Dominic (36) lives with his wife and four children in the Jiwaka Province of Papua New Guinea (PNG), where generational poverty has led to many challenges, including inequality, alcohol abuse and violence. Dominic admits that he too faced some of these challenges. But when Caritas Australia and local partner, the Sisters of Notre Dame, established the Community Conversations program, he saw an opportunity to create change. “I was inspired to hear of the different issues highlighted and processes used to come up with solutions” Dominic explains. Through regular Community Conversations training sessions, Dominic learnt communication and problem solving skills that helped him lead open, respectful community discussions in his village. By empowering everyone to voice concerns and play a role in community decisions, Dominic’s village has achieved greater peace and increased respect, as well as reduced violence and alcohol abuse. Now, Dominic’s community has a chance to thrive and create a better future for themselves. “When we start to realise we have power to stand independent to change ourselves and help ourselves, we feel liberated.” says Dominic. “I am most proud of the positive changes I am witnessing. I pass on my big thanks and pray God will bless our supporters in Australia.”

Please support St. Joseph’s and the work of Caritas by donating to Project Compassion 2016 and help others create a life-long source of food and income that will benefit entire communities.

Thank-you,
The Social Justice Leaders

REFLECTION

God’s word can be revealed to us in times of challenge if we open our hearts. God’s word is also revealed to us in those around us. This week of Project Compassion we are invited to focus on our close northern neighbours, the people of Papua New Guinea. In a nation overflowing with the beauty of its people and the richness of their cultures, we can embrace our near neighbours as they enhance their capacity to build communities of lasting peace. When we hear stories of goodness and hope we are all nourished by God’s living word calling forth in us compassion and generosity. Seeing the face of God on the mountain calls us to see the face of God in our neighbour.
DISTRICT SWIMMING


A big thank you to our parent helpers who came along and assisted and supported us on the day.

Louise Howell  
PE Teacher

The interschool cross-country competition will be held in Term 2 and, as we have our title to defend from last year, we are keen to make a start on training right away. All Years 3-6 students are invited to participate, as it is a great way to keep fit as well as represent the school. Last year an incredible 80 students represented the school at this competition.

Training will be held on a Thursday after recess and students are encouraged to bring their runners in their school bag. This training is for all students in Years 3-6 including those who choose not to enter the competition.

Additional training sessions will be held on Tuesday mornings before school. We ask that children get dropped off at Harleston Park, Elsternwick. The meeting point will be the rotunda; training will commence at 8:00am sharp and conclude at 8:20am. Students will then be walked back to school by 8:30am.

If any parents are interested in joining training on a Tuesday morning you are more than welcome. We would also appreciate parent support to supervise students during training and walking back to school.

We are looking forward to seeing many students and hopefully some determined parents, starting on Tuesday 23rd February. Any queries please see Mr Barnhoorn or Mr Eddy

How terrific it was to see so many of our Year 3-6 children starting their Tuesday morning with a run around Harleston Park. Their enthusiasm, motivation and teamwork was exceptional and great to be involved with. Thank you to those parents who helped supervise, as well as walk back to school with our red faced students. A reminder that there will be training each Tuesday morning and everyone is welcome to join no matter your running experience. We will also have a quick training session at school on a Thursday after recess so the children are encouraged to bring their runners in their bags.
PREP PARENT READING INFORMATION TONIGHT – Tuesday 1st March @ 7pm

Just a reminder to all our Prep parents to come along to our Reading Information Night tonight. It is an extremely worthwhile night that will provide you with knowledge and tips on reading with your child at home. Reply via CareMonkey.

LITERACY RESOURCES TO BE COVERED

A very big ‘Thank you’ to all the people who have assisted with either stamping, reinforcing, covering our new Literacy resources. Your support is very much appreciated! If anyone is available to help again please do not hesitate to let either Monica Linke or Geraldine Pepper know. Thanks again as many hands make light work :)

CLASSROOM PARENT HELPERS – Tuesday 22nd March – 6:45-8:45pm

At St Joseph’s Primary School we have a wonderful junior literacy program. If you are interested in helping out in the classroom, then we provide an opportunity for you to partake in the Parent ‘classroom helper workshop’.

In response to feedback, we will be holding the Parent Helper’s Course in the evening this year. This will be held in the last week of Term 1 so that our parents are ready to support in the classrooms in Term 2. Normally the parent Classroom Helper’s Course is taken over 2 x 1.5 hour sessions. We recognise that at this time of the year it is often difficult to find a spare hour or two, however, I would highly recommend attendance if you have not been before. This year it will be a condensed course that covers how to support learners in the classroom in the area of reading, writing, spelling, speaking and listening. If you would like to attend the ‘Classroom Helper Workshop,’ please can you respond to the CareMonkey note or email gpepper@sjelst.catholic.edu.au with any queries.

Just a reminder:

- Parents who have already completed the ‘Classroom Helper Workshops’ and have a ‘Working with Children Check’ are greatly appreciated and encouraged to assist in the classrooms. Please sign up, even if you can only do once a term!
- Parents/helpers who have not completed the ‘Classroom Helper Workshops’ are encouraged to do so prior to assisting in the classrooms.
- As well as completing the ‘Classroom Helper Workshop,’ it is imperative that parents have a ‘Working with Children Check.’ Applications are available from Australia Post outlets. Once you have your ‘Working with Children Check’, then the certificate must be taken to the school office and entered into our database so we have an up to date register.

I thank you for your continued support.

Geraldine Pepper (Literacy leader)

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

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WORKING BEE – SATURDAY 5TH MARCH

Please join us this Saturday 5th March for the whole school WORKING BEE. The working bee will aim to clean up our school and the local environment. Well waters will offer St Joseph’s a rebate of $25 for every volunteer hour - Come along and support our school Well Waters project. Every little bit helps - Many hands make light work!

We ask that you RSVP to Kate Stanistreet (kate.stanistreet@gmail.com) or Claire Ryle (cryle@sjelst.catholic.edu.au) for this event, as numbers will determine the activities that are planned. Alternatively, you can write your name on the list provided on the notice board next to the tuck shop.
EASTER RAFFLE – 12 GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON
This week you received your tickets for the annual EASTER RAFFLE. Please return your tickets together with the correct money in an envelope to the locked box in the front entrance (next to the office) by Thursday 24th March. There are 12 great prizes to be won. The Easter Raffle will be drawn on the last day of Term 1.

WELCOME DRINKS
We hope the parents of Grades 1, 3 & 4 enjoyed catching up over the weekend. Thanks to those families who offered up their homes for hosting! Please see the remaining dates for the year level welcome drinks below:

- Friday, 4 March – Grade 2
- Saturday, 5 March – Grade 5
- Friday, 18 March – Grade 6
- Saturday, 19 March – Prep

CAKE STALL – OVER $770 RAISED FOR OUR SCHOOL
Well done to the Grade 4 parents who baked delicious treats and successfully ran the cake stall last Friday. Their wonderful baking helped raise over $770 for our school. Many thanks – your hard work was much appreciated!

TUCK SHOP
Fun Fresh Food will continue our tradition of offering fresh food for your children to enjoy at both recess and lunch. Food will be made fresh on Wednesday with a variety of fun and healthy choices. Home baked goods are also available to purchase over the counter.

To get started:
- Visit www.funfreshfoods.com.au
- Click on the St Joseph’s link
- Click ‘Online Ordering’
- Complete the registration form
- Receive a confirmation email with activation link
- Activate your account and log into the website
- Add your children and credit to your account
- Order at your own convenience up to two weeks in advance
- Orders need to be placed online before 10pm Tuesday

If you require any assistance with getting started please do not hesitate to call 1300 116 637. If you would like to place an entire term’s order, then a Pre-Order Form needs to be completed and returned to the Tuckshop basket in the school office. Payment for this service is by cash or credit card. All forms can be found online at www.funfreshfoods.com.au. Please join us in welcoming Siobhan, Liz and their team to our school.

UNIFORM SHOP
We have engaged the services of Nicholls Furnishings in Martin Street Brighton, to manage our new off-site Uniform Shop. They have many years of experience in this area. Currently they supply uniforms for St James, St Joan of Arc, Star of the Sea and Brighton Secondary College. They are conveniently located close to our school, open 6 days a week and offer a lay-by service. They are currently ordering supplies for the winter uniform for the start of Term 2.
Swan Hill Supporting MS

Our Story
By Miss Dullard

Swan Hill Supporting MS is proud to support everyone impacted by MS and help raise much needed awareness for MS in our 8th consecutive year of involvement in the MS Melbourne Cycle.

We will look to build on our $255,000+ we have already raised, but our primary aim in 2016 is to continue to raise awareness for Multiple Sclerosis.

My twin brother and Team Captain, Thomas, created the following film about MS, which features my mum, Kerry.

Video link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e_kFZ_75HS

Thomas created Swan Hill Supporting MS with my dad, Vin and his best friends to try to raise $1,000 after mum was diagnosed with MS nearly thirteen years ago. Amazingly, we have gone on to be joined by hundreds and hundreds of riders, raised more than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars and spread the word about what Multiple Sclerosis is.

Today, we are here to support everyone in the Swan Hill region suffering with MS, as well as all others after an overwhelming fundraising journey.

This Sunday I will be participating in the MS Bike Ride and I will be pedalling 50km around the suburbs of Melbourne.

If you would like to sponsor myself, please follow the link below.

Donation link:

Thank you for your support.

Kindest Regards,
Monique Dullard
Finding yourself pushed for time after school pick up?
Want fresh, healthy, affordable meals?

DELICIOUS TAKE HOME FAMILY DINNERS PREPARED by AMBER

AVAILABLE AT PICK UP ON A MONDAY OR TUESDAY
FROM THE SCHOOL KITCHEN

My aim is to take the stress out of preparing dinner
All meals are kid friendly & dietary requirements can be catered for

If you would like to know what’s cooking each week & how to order
join my email list by contacting me at amber.sanderson@optusnet.com.au

Alternative pick up times and delivery available on request

TENNIS VACANCIES
Tuesday morning at 7.45 am, Prep or Grade 1 beginners would be suitable for this class - 2 spots available.
Tuesday morning at 7.30 am more experienced - 1 spot available

Alison would like to welcome Marcus Napier who will assist her by clearing the waiting list, which now means a new waiting list can be available for students wanting to learn tennis before school.

Please phone Alison on 0417 577 694 if you are interested in your child having tennis lessons at St. Joseph’s.
# TERM ONE- 2016

**Assembly:** @ 3pm  
**Principal’s Award:** Showing a love for school life

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Tri Skills – Prep to Year 2 |

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Harmony Day ~ Celebrations 9:30am-11:00am |
| 22 Tue | HOLY WEEK ~ Liturgy: Washing of the Feet @ 3:00pm  
Classroom Parent Helpers @ 6:45-8:45pm |
| 23 Wed | St Joseph's Athletics Carnival |
| 24 Thur | HOLY WEEK ~ Liturgy: Stations of the Cross @ 9:15am  
END OF TERM MASS @ ~ 12:00  
END OF TERM 1 ~ 1:00PM DISMISSAL |
| 25 Fri | GOOD FRIDAY |

**TERM 1 BREAK – Monday 28 March – Friday 8 April**