Welcome Back!

Dear Families,

What a delight it was to welcome back our many excited students and happy (not to be confused with relieved) parents on the gate Monday morning. Perhaps the most pleasing aspect was the manner in which the children seamlessly transitioned back into routines with a tremendous sense of calm across all classrooms. This was a lovely indication of a relaxing break in readiness for a big term of learning ahead. I trust that we will return to healthier habits in the coming days as we noted a few remnants of the Easter Bunny in lunch boxes on Monday.

Canteen News

Next week we will re-open our much anticipated canteen. I thank you for your patience and understanding during this extended delay and remind all families to register for this online service. Details flexischools can be found on our new school website. A scrumptious menu to follow.

Winter Uniform

All children will be expected to be in their full winter uniform by the commencement of week 2. The weather forecast is up and down this week, so we anticipate a mix of uniforms for the remainder of this week only.

A quite substantial uniform delivery arrived Monday, so this may address a few outstanding items for parents. It was a particularly busy day for our volunteers, Vicky, Maxine and Emily, organising these supplies. We’re most grateful ladies.

Sneakers

Regardless of before school sport commitments, all children are required to change back into their school shoes. Sneakers are not an option unless a note is provided.
 EARLY DROP OFF & LATE PICKUPS
Despite only being back a few days, I remind families that unless the children are attending extra-curricular activities, they cannot be dropped off before 8:30am for staff supervision. The same applies for after school. Unless arrangements have been made directly with the office, children after 3:45pm will be redirected to aftercare.

PARKING MATTERS
I ask families to be mindful and respectful not use the Elsternwick Club parking unless you intend to use the facility. This is strictly for patrons only. We have forged strong relations with the club and look to maintain and build upon these in the future. Your cooperation is appreciated.

We request that you do not double park when dropping children off in the morning. We had two very near misses this morning. We ask for your patience as roadworks continues in Sandilands Street.

NEW WEBSITE
A significant development over the term break has been the launch of our new website. Our intent is to make this our communication hub for the school. In time, we will likely phase out the weekly newsletter, focusing more on 'rolling/current' news and events. The new site is device friendly and all calendars can sync with smart devices.

In the meantime, we will remain with an emailed PDF newsletter to allow families time to gently move across to this new site. By the end of the term, all newsletters will need to be accessed via the site. Newsletter subscriptions can be obtained on the home page. www.sjielst.catholic.edu.au
It is important to subscribe for future push out notifications and reminders.

We warmly welcome the Magdalena & Luis Zeljko into our community. I’m thrilled at how welcoming our children are when new members join our beautiful school. This sense of welcome is a hallmark trait at St. Joseph’s.

I wish to extend our condolences to the Fyfe family. Alannah, Lachie and Imogen’s grandfather (Nick’s father) sadly passed away over the holidays. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time.

RE-DEVELOPMENT NEWS
You may have noted the proposed substantial redevelopment over the Coles precinct. This will entail a 10 storey complex accommodating over 200 apartments. Whilst I’m generally supportive of redevelopment, I’m disappointed to learn of the sheer magnitude of this proposal. At present we have a significant number of commuters already avoiding this intersection because of the overwhelming congestion, subsequently diverting down Sandham and Sandilands Street. On this matter, we continue to work with the council on addressing this growing concern. Sadly, I believe this proposed building will greatly escalate our safety and practical concerns for student and traffic management around our school. I encourage families to review this proposal and its likely implications to our school community. This proposal closes Friday.

STAFFING CHANGES
I again wish to inform families that Mrs Rachael Morris (Art Prep -2) has accepted a teaching position closer to home over the holidays. We thank Rachael for her contributions and wish her every success at her new school. We are grateful that Mrs Lidia Chris has taken on the junior school art program until the end of the school year.

We have also made some minor changes to the specialist programming for Term 2, although the dedicate sports day uniform remains the same as Term 1.

HOW FORTUNATE ARE OUR CHILDREN?
From time to time we come across something that can put things into perspective. Below is a link that should remind us all of how fortunate we are to have our spacious playground.
I thank you for your consideration with the many matters raised above. Many serve as a gentle reminder largely around safety and functionality. A noted aspect of our highly successful school has been the manner in which we operate with a shared understanding. Adhering to safety, order and clear structures are paramount and importantly supported by all.

Looking forward to another great term at St. Joseph's.

Don't forget to check out the new website. Your feedback is valued.

Sincere regards,

Simon Collis
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY’S DESK

From the Deputy’s Desk

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope that families had time to relax and unwind during the break, and that students are ready for a fun-filled term of learning and friendship at St. Joseph’s.

We have several extra-curricular programs on offer this term, in addition to our morning tennis/ before school sport/ basketball/ netball/ after school music programs!

I will be running a Mindfulness session each Monday from next week. The classroom teachers are incorporating mindfulness meditation into their daily routines, but many students have been keen to continue with a session during play time. As always, I will make an announcement at morning snack time, and the session will take place in the performing arts room. No need for students to sign up and attendance is flexible from week to week for Prep to Grade 6.

Expressions of interest in the Tournament of Minds competition will go out to our Year 5 and 6s next week. I will meet with the students and talk through the TOM process, and I will also pass on further information about the tournament to the parents.

Eugene from ‘Mathmatters’ will once again be running his Bubble Soccer program, and he will also be adding some other fun physical activities in a multi-sport numeracy program. There will be 5 sessions this term and they are open to any student from Prep to 6. For more information/ enrolment please contact Eugene at info@mathmatters.com.au or on 0421 711 641.

The team from ‘Skipz’ will continue with their highly popular skipping program, after school each Tuesday. All ages are welcome, please call Isabelle on 0403 221 141, or download an enrolment form from www.skipz.org and please hand in to the office.

Chess- I am currently organising the Chess classes for Term 2 and 3. This is open to all students and the cost is approximately $90 per term for one lunchtime session per week. This was hugely popular last year and we over-subscribed very quickly. If you would like your child to attend then please email me at mmoore@sjelst.catholic.edu.au and I will add your child’s name to the list/ answer any questions you may have.

Finally…we are also investigating ‘African Drumming’ lessons, one lunchtime per week, for the term. This program ran several years ago at St. Joseph’s and a number of parents are keen to have it run again. We would need a minimum of 15 students to enrol for it to be financially viable. This would be open for Prep to Grade 6- please email me on the above email if you are keen for your child to be involved. Additional information about the program can be found at www.africandrumming.com.au Have a great week!!

Michelle Moore
TERM 2 SCHOOL FEES
Term 2 School Fee Statements will be emailed out today. The due date for Term 2 fees is 30th April, 2015. If you have any queries regarding your school fee statement, please contact Moira McKinnis in the office or by email on mmckinnis@sjelst.catholic.edu.au

IT’S A BOY!
We would like to congratulate Zoe Mackay (Prep) and her parents Tim and Leanne and family on the recent arrival of a new baby boy.

EAST TIMOR APPEAL
Donations have continued to arrive from parishioners of St Joseph’s and Holy Cross for the East Timor Appeal held on 31st January and 1st and 8th February. The amount donated, including sponsorships of $5115 and book sales of $94, has now reached $14636. On top of that, St Joseph’s Primary School held a fundraiser on 20 March out of which $1000 was donated for the Dental Care Program at Klibur Domin in East Timor. This is a marvellous contribution by the two churches and the school in the Parish. All at Klibur Domin in East Timor and in Ryder-Cheshire Australia express their sincere thanks for your generosity. Special thanks go to Fr McKenney, Fr Burns and Simon Collis for their support of this Appeal. Your contributions will make a huge difference to the lives of many who are sick and disabled in East Timor.

P & F NEWS

TRIVIA NIGHT AND ART AUCTION
Brush up on your trivia because Saturday, 30 May is the bi-annual St Joseph’s P&F Trivia Night and Art Auction and things can get a little competitive! This will be the P&F’s major fundraising event for the year and tickets will be available for purchase from next week...

EASTER RAFFLE
Well done to Emma and Kris who co-ordinated the Easter raffle, which helped raise over $1,700 for the school.

TUCKSHOP
The Tuckshop will be open on Wednesday, 22 April – yippee

P&F Meeting
7.30 pm this Wednesday in the staff room. All Welcome.

WINTER UNIFORM ORDERS
There are a large number of uniform orders ready for collection at the school office and also the shop will be open tomorrow afternoon from 3.00 pm
Winter uniform orders can be placed online via the school website for collection either this week or for some items, the first week for Term 2. Summer uniform can be worn for the first two weeks of Term 2. 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

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Dear Families,
Welcome to Term 2. I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break and are ready for another busy term. Today the Year 1 & 2 students completed our Holy Week Liturgies by celebrating the resurrection of Jesus. I would like to thank all of the families who attended these liturgies. They are an integral part of our students’ faith development.

Reconciliation
All eligible students in Year 3 have received a form regarding their participation in the sacrament of Reconciliation. Please return these to school by the end of this week. If your child has been baptised recently, could you ensure that the school office has a copy of their certificate for our files. If you have any queries regarding any aspect of our Sacramental program please feel free to contact me.

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

Dates for the Diary

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Kind regards,
Peta Overbury
Religious Education Leader
poverbury@sjelst.catholic.edu.au
St Joseph’s TriviArt

Trivia and Art Auction
Saturday 30th May

Book your babysitter!
23 March 2015

Anzac Day 2015

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the ANZAC landings at Gallipoli, Caulfield and New Zealand RSL sub-branches are coming together with the local community to stage an inaugural march down Glenhuntly road preceding the Caulfield RSL Dawn Service at 4 St Georges Road, Elsternwick.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to take part in this event which will include the march honouring those fallen, hymns, prayers, laying of wreaths, the Last Post, a period of silence, the Reveille, and both the Australian and New Zealand national anthems.

The march, which includes several local school students honouring those who lost their lives during the Great War, commences at 6.30am and the Dawn Service commences at 7.00am. Best vantage points are along Glenhuntly road between Orrong and St Georges roads.

To further commemorate this significant event, the rearmost part of 4 St Georges Road is being turned into a creative scene of Gallipoli itself with trenches, uniforms, replicated scenes and simulated artillery. First class performers will headline the entertainment from midday through until 6.00pm.

To entertain families and children we have designed a dedicated Carnivale at the front of Caulfield RSL. The road will be sectioned off to accommodate a farm, professional face-painting, tattooing, balloononing, a jumping castle and non-stop stage entertainment.

Free entry guarantees that everyone can be involved – come and stay all day if you wish.

For enquiries please contact Margaret O’Keefe, Marketing Manager, Caulfield RSL: margaret@crsl.com.au or 9528 3600.
GIRLS BASKETBALL TERM 2
The team lists for our girl’s teams are up on the sports news board in the Atrium. If you/your child has expressed interest in basketball please check that your name is there and provide your contact details. If I have missed anyone, please feel free to email me on tracie.micari@bigpond.com

For the boys teams please contact Scott Noble by email – scott@mott-inc.com

Training days will be in next week's newsletter.

Tracie Micari – 0400 456 258

Learn music here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, here at St. Joseph’s Primary School, Elsternwick.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-on-one lessons give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from $16.20 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 2.

Interested parents should call Sharon during office hours on 9818 2333

Creative Music
www.creativemusic.com.au
Skipping is a fabulous sport that incorporates both freestyle (skills performed to music) and speed elements (timed events where the skipper’s steps are counted). It is one of the best forms of improving fitness with 10 minutes of non-stop skipping equated to a 20 minute jog as well as improves flexibility, balance, coordination and build muscle strength.

The Skipz program provides qualified and experienced coaches who work with all Year and skill levels to provide a full cardio workout to their favourite music tracks with a variety of tricks and challenges that engages all ages and genders.

Our program at St Joseph’s runs from 3.45-4.45pm each Tuesday during term time.

Enrolments for Term 2 are now open. Please contact Isabelle on 0403 221 141 for further information or download an enrolment form at www.Skipz.org.

Master amazing tricks and skip faster than you ever imagined possible!

SCHOOLS CURRENTLY OFFERING THE PROGRAM

www.Skipz.org
EXPERIENCE SUCCESS

PCW
MELBOURNE

Open Morning
9.30 - 11.30AM
6 May

School Tour
9.00 - 10.30AM
21 April
22 May
3 June
19 June

Contact us to discuss enrolment

T: 03 8517 2777  E: enrolments@pcw.vic.edu.au
187 Dandenong Rd, Windsor, VIC 3181

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