A Snapshot of the extra curricular options at St. Joseph’s

- Chess Club
- Choir
- Art Classes
- Basketball Training
- Friday After School Sports Program
- Dance Classes
- Before School Sports Program
- Environment Club
- After School Care
- Quiet Club
- African Drumming
- Creative Music
- Netball
- Bubble Soccer
- Skipping Club
- Tennis Lessons
- Meditation Classes

Dear Families,

Coupled with the lovely Sacrament of Reconciliation with our students last Wednesday, we had a wonderful finish to our school week, successfully taking out the Zone Cross Country Championships.Whilst our students were clearly thrilled with this result, I was more proud to learn of their behaviour and manner. I was affirmed at how encouraging our students were towards one another and those they competed against.
For most, the motivation and rewards were simply having the opportunity to participate and be part of a team on the day. With a number of very successful individual performances, this 'team spirit' is sometimes not identified in a trophy cabinet but rather shown through words and actions. One student in particular did not have a podium finish in her age group, however, she bettered her previous result by 40 places. The team's response to her achievement was priceless. It is these personal achievements supported by others that we ultimately strive for in our students.

Winning isn't everything, but with effort and determination, big gains and rewards can be achieved. With a record number of students in attendance and many personal bests, I would like to thank those staff and parents that supported on the day, and in particular Mr Bamhoorn and Mr Eddy for training with the children each week leading up to the event.

A staff member, when asked how their day was with the students, replied, “I had the best day ever.” No greater feedback.

WORKING BEE
Once again, I’m indebted to the parents who were able to assist with the Working Bee on Saturday morning. Your weekends are so very precious and giving up a few hours on Saturday to support the school community is always appreciated. We managed to tidy the rear playground, clean more bricks, paint handrails, sort through literacy resources and fill yet another skip bin. Thanks to Rohan Saunders for coordinating these efforts. These physical contributions not only strengthen community but assist in reducing the school maintenance costs. A tidy rear garden area will provide a clearer run for Matt Morris and our brickie Mark to finish the gardens. These are looking superb!

CANTEEN NEWS
Quietly working away in our parent community is the well-oiled canteen team. The divine home cooking/baking smells are making it increasingly difficult to focus in the office area. You’re doing an incredible job ladies preparing over 300 orders a week. Please don’t forget to remind the children to use their manners when they purchase over the counter. Manners cost nothing, but the returns are enormous. A simple please and thank you goes a long way.

PREP INTERVIEWS
Prep interviews for 2016 have begun and we have applied a rigorous enrolment process and policy to all applicants. Over the years, a highlight and privilege of my role has been meeting and welcoming so many beautiful families into our community - essentially starting the relationship building at these meetings. Perhaps a good problem to have, sadly there's the inability to accommodate all applicants. An increased number of siblings and a strong focus on excellent teaching and learning and wellbeing practices, as well as St Joseph’s healthy reputation within the broader community has clearly contributed to this oversubscription. We have come a tremendous way as a school community, and I thank my highly dedicated staff, aspiring students and supportive parents for building this culture of success and growth.

WHAT GETS IN THE WAY?
During a recent ‘You Can Do it’ Lesson run by Mrs Quinn, two chairs were placed some distance away from each other, one marked homework and the other marked getting started. The children were asked to come up with things that are obstacles, which delay them starting their homework.

Some of these distractions were:
- Doing other stuff in the house for other people in the family
- tv
- ipads
- hunger
- tiredness
- exploring
- thoughts - this is boring, too hard, I don't understand
- finding a place to do homework
- added stress from mum and dad
- too noisy
- other homework has to come first - music, Kumon, Chinese
- sports practice

The children were then asked to rank the order of which is the biggest obstacle and how could you work around that? My encouragement to you, is how can you best support your child to focus on their learning at home should these obstacles get in the way?
**THE CHICKEN OR THE EGG**
How wonderful to see our little hatchery outside the Prep classrooms. Keep an eye out families for some special visitors in the coming days.

*I'm thrilled with the positive energy permeating throughout all aspects of the school at the moment.*

Let's keep it up,

Simon Collis
Principal

**Afterthoughts…**

**HELP WANTED!**
A couple of handy dads to hang some heavy art pieces on our walls.

Here are some updates regarding anything and everything ICT – Mrs Bell

**GAFE**
Exciting news! Year 4 are officially on Google Apps for Education! Year 3 will follow in the next fortnight, they are ready to go. Year 2 will move over by the end of the term and the plan is to set up Year 1 in early Term 3. Prep is yet to be determined.

**CYBER SAFETY INFORMATION SESSIONS – REMINDER**
Tuesday 9th June in the MPR
Years 3-6: 2:15pm
All staff: 3:45pm
Parents: 6:30pm

**LITERACY NEWS**
Many thanks, Mrs Pepper, for coming in Saturday and working with a few parents to sort out our amazing new books for the senior literacy program. These are superb and will hopefully be filtered into the classroom in the coming days.

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**FROM THE DEPUTY’S DESK**

**PEACEFUL KIDS PROGRAM**
In recent weeks Miss Dullard, Mrs Skehan and myself have had the good fortune to complete the facilitator training for a ‘Peaceful Kids’ program. This training was provided by student wellbeing expert Georgina Manning, who has developed this practical 8 week program to assist students who are experiencing anxiety.

‘Peaceful Kids’ is a Mindfulness and Positive Psychology based program to lessen anxiety and stress and increase resilience in children. The program has been created to fulfil a need in schools to offer all children a developmentally appropriate program that gives children the skills, practice and support to utilize coping strategies that lessen the symptoms of anxiety and stress. The program also involves parental involvement and commitment to supporting the strategies at home.

We are planning to run the Peaceful Kids sessions during Term 3, with a Prep / Grade 1 group and a Grade 2-6 group. There will be between 2 and 6 students enrolled into each group and staff will be surveyed as to who would benefit from this program. When we, as a staff, have identified students, we will send permission forms home and invite parents to an information session early in Term 3. This will be a very valuable addition to our student wellbeing program at St. Joseph’s.
‘THE WONDER OF LIVING’ FAMILY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM FOR GRADE 5/6 STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS:

We have many requests from the parents of our senior students to provide a program of education around personal development, adolescence and puberty. We have employed the services of Open Doors, an ecumenical organisation based in Ringwood, who have an excellent reputation for its sensitive, engaging presentation of this program in schools. This organisation is fully endorsed by the Catholic Education Office to work in catholic schools in Melbourne.

The program includes:

- Introduction to ‘what is adolescence’?
- Guided conversations between parents and children about - what makes us special to each other/special family memories
- DVD - puberty information for boys and girls
- Activity - parents and children complete a worksheet to help remember facts given in the DVD
- Introduce - how can we handle ups and downs?
- Story - The Blue Day Book for Kids. This leads into discussion about emotional ups and downs, body signals when we are down and how to manage down times
- Guided conversations between parents and children about body signals when we are sad or worried; support networks
- Things to take home: a Girls’ changes or Boys’ changes brochure and Resilient Kids Wallet Card for the children; brochures etc available for parents.

There will be a parent only session on Wednesday 5th August at 7pm and a parent/child session on Wednesday 12th August at 7pm. Online booking details will be sent home with the 5/6 students soon and will also be published on our website. There will be a cost of $10 per session per family and this can be paid on the night.

The Parent Only Information Session will give you the opportunity to:

- find out about the Parent/Child sessions
- pre-view DVD content
- ask questions
- consider your child, sexuality and values – don’t leave it to the media!
- get tips and encouragement and find out about helpful resources

The purpose of the Parent/Child Sessions are to encourage good communication amongst families about these important topics. Open Doors is committed to empowering parents as the primary educators of their children in the area of sexuality education. Even if you do not intend to bring your child to the family night, the Parent Information Night will be valuable for you as a parent.

Have a great week!
Michelle Moore – Deputy Principal
mmoore@sjelst.catholic.edu.au

SPORTS NEWS

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to our fabulous team of students who all contributed to our win last Friday in the District Cross country! Your enthusiasm was above and beyond anything I have ever seen before at St Joseph's. Proud is an understatement!

Thank you to all the Year 3-6 teachers for their dedication towards your training - in particular Mr Eddy & Mr Barnhoorn. A huge thank you to our supporting parent helpers who came along on the day to lend a hand. A special mention must also go out to Alison, our tennis coach, for marshalling on that day!

Lastly, well done to the following children who have shown outstanding running ability last week and have been rewarded with a spot in the Beachside Cross Country team:

Evan Hermus, Joff Richardson
Jasmin Edmond, Summer Williams
Isla Mottram, Hayley Hermus
Edie Noble, Imogen Hart
Eleni Nicholls, Tilly Mottram, Gen Pennington
NETBALL & FOOTBALL LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIPS
The Year 5 & 6 children will be competing in the district lightning premierships on the 18th (netball) 19th (football) June. If you are able to assist with the teams, please contact Mr Eddy. If you are able to offer assistance with umpiring we would love to hear from you!

Yours in sport,
Louise Howell
Dear Families,

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**
Tomorrow evening at 7pm, our second group of candidates will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Joseph’s Church. I would like to thank the teachers and parents who support our Sacramental Program and who have prepared these students so well for this important event.

**Caritas Australia Nepal Earthquake Appeal – Cake Stall**
Just a reminder that this Friday 29th May at 3.15pm the Social Justice Leaders will be conducting a cake stall to raise funds for Caritas and their work with the Nepalese people who were affected by the recent earthquake. All cakes / items must be sold, with all proceeds going to Caritas. Thank-you!

**The Social Justice Leaders ~ Cormac, Stella, Chloe and Cara**

**St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal 2015**
As many families may be aware, our annual Winter Appeal in support of St. Vincent De Paul is being conducted this term. The Social Justice Leaders have placed baskets in all of the classrooms with a list of the desired food items that can be most easily distributed to families and people in need this winter. These food items include: tinned soups, tinned vegetables, tinned tuna, packets of pasta, coffee, tea, preserves, blankets, toiletries, milo, and biscuits – sweet and savoury. This is an important initiative for our students, helping them to connect the Principle of Catholic Social Teaching: Preferential Option for the Poor with an action they can be part of. Please discuss this with your children at home and start sending food items in as soon as you are able.

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

**Dates for the Diary**

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LITERACY NEWS

ADULT HELPERS NEEDED!

We need more adult helpers in our classrooms to help with the Literacy block, especially in the prep grades. We believe there are excellent people resources in our community that we need to tap into. Perhaps you know someone in the community who would really benefit from helping a student to read or write. Perhaps it is you!

We would like to extend the invitation “to help out in our junior grades” to interested individuals in our parish community. We welcome parishioners, grandparents, aunts, uncles who believe they could support our students at St Joseph’s with their speaking, listening, reading and writing.

We connect with the saying that it “takes a village to raise a child” and know there would be benefits to both parties involved.

Perhaps you know someone who may be available to help out for one hour per week? Please ask them to contact Geraldine Pepper via email gpepper@sjelst.catholic.edu.au or call the school to register your interest 9528 1614.

As always a valid Working with Children Check is essential for all classroom helpers.

LEMONS FOR SALE ~ 3 FOR $1
LOCATED IN FRONT FOYER
(HONESTY BOX)
FUNDRAISER
FOR NEPAL EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS
Beautiful, home grown, totally organic lemons.
We invite you to come and join us to enjoy “The Brother’s Quibble” by Aaron Blabey. St. Joseph’s Primary school is excited to be participating in the National Simultaneous Storytime next Wednesday 27th May at 11.00 a.m. Later that day at 2.30 p.m. our wonderful Orrong Road Kinder buddies will be coming across to share the story with our year 3’s.

We invite all Parents and siblings to come along and share the experience. Thousands of people all over Australia will be enjoying the wonderful picture story book “The Brother’s Quibble” by Aaron Blabey.

National Simultaneous Storytime is an annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. Now in its 15th successful year it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy using an Australian children’s book. National Simultaneous Storytime is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country.

By facilitating National Simultaneous Storytime we aim to;

- promote the value of reading and literacy;
- promote the value and fun of books;
- promote an Australian writer and publisher;
- promote storytime activities in public libraries and communities around the country;
- provide opportunities to involve parents, grandparents, the media and others to participate in and enjoy the occasion.

We hope that you can come along and enjoy the experience next Wednesday.
**END OF TERM MOVIE @ THE CLASSIC**
There will be a special screening of the Minion Movie on **Friday, 26 June** @ the Classic. Tickets can be purchased via FlexiSchools.

**TRIVIA NIGHT AND ART AUCTION**
Brush up on your trivia because **Saturday, 1 August** 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. Bookings will be via FlexiSchools from next week.

**TUCKSHOP**
A huge thank you to our volunteers from last week – Pia, Sheridan and Monika. We filled a huge 330 orders! This week we welcome Anne Hart and Andy Sutherland of 3Ba. Thanks again for your support.

Any parents who have children with food allergies or intolerances – don't forget to note this on your order (it is the very first "food" option on the front page) or if you would like a list of ingredients of Tuckshop menu items, please email: amber.sanderson@optusnet.com.au

Remember we will be open every Wednesday for Tuckshop. Please place orders by 9am Wednesday morning by using the link shown below, or via FlexiSchools, (www.sjelst.catholic.edu.au/page/199/Tuckshop).

**Click here to order online.**

With thanks from The Tuckshop Team
**Amber, Kellie, Penny, Rach and Sherelle**
St Joseph’s MOVIE TIME!

PRESENTS

MINIONS

FRIDAY 26TH JUNE - 2PM
(After School breakup)

FIRST IN BEST DRESSED!
tickets are limited

Classic Cinema – 9 Gordon St, Elsternwick

Tickets on sale via Flexi Schools
$15 per ticket (adults and kids)
Ticket price includes a small drink and snack

Siblings welcome as long as accompanied by adult
Sign In and Sign Out required

RSVP: Tickets are on sale until Friday 12th June
FloodSafe Week
The State Emergency Service ~ Flood Awareness Week

The State Emergency Service (SES) is a volunteer based organisation that provides emergency assistance to thousands of Victorians each year. Over the last few years there have been major storm events leading to serious flooding in Glen Eira where homes were inundated, and roads closed, especially in Ormond, Bentleigh and Caulfield areas. Large numbers of residents were evacuated from their homes, some for over 12 months while their homes were repaired.

Driving into floodwater is the main cause of adult deaths in floods; playing in floodwater is the main killer of teenagers and children. 20cm deep fast flowing water can knock an adult off their feet.

Flood water contains debris, sewage, broken glass and any number of dangerous objects and chemicals. Even if water looks still, drains and strong currents could lurk underneath, turning jagged objects into missiles. Floodwater washes out roads and land, causing sinkholes and gaps to form.

Even shallow fast flowing water has enough force to wash a car completely off the road, rendering it, and the driver helpless and putting them, their passengers and rescuers in serious danger.

The key message from your local Glen Eira SES Unit is “NEVER WALK, RIDE, SWIM, PLAY OR DRIVE THROUGH FLOOD WATER. YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU ARE GETTING INTO. It may look harmless and fun, but it is potentially deadly... so stay out and stay safe!”

For all flood and storm emergencies call 132500, for all life threatening emergencies call 000. To learn more about being safe around flood waters, FloodSafe, and the State Emergency Service, visit www.ses.vic.gov.au
The community is becoming increasingly aware of the impact that bullying can have on children of all ages. Identifying bullying can sometimes be difficult, as some conflicts between children are a normal part of growing up. But bullying is generally conducted out of sight of adults – with children often reluctant to report it to a parent or guardian.

This interactive session presented by Katina Astles from the Alannah and Madeline Foundation, will discuss:

- What bullying is;
- What’s known about the nature and prevalence of bullying;
- Warning signs;
- How to support your child regarding issues of bullying; and
- Information and resources on bullying

Date: Wednesday 27 May 2015  
Time: 7.30pm-9.30pm    
Caulfield Park Pavilion, Balaclava Road, Caulfield  
Cost: $8 per person

Places are limited. Registration and payment must be received prior to the session. To book online, visit [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au) or phone 9524 3333
Basketball Coaching Sessions available during Term 2 school holidays!

Wednesday 1st July from 9am to 12pm for kids in Prep to Grade 2
Wednesday 1st July from 1pm to 4pm for kids in Grade 3 to Grade 6

Wednesday 8th July from 9am to 12pm for kids in Prep to Grade 2
Wednesday 8th July from 1pm to 4pm for kids in Grade 3 to Grade 6

All kids welcome regardless of age or experience!
$35 per child per session at Oakleigh Recreation Centre
Comfy clothes to be worn and a basketball to be brought along!

For more information, please email tania.casonato@iinet.net.au
Art at St Joseph’s - Term 2, 2015
Mondays & Thursdays ~ 3.30 - 4.30
with Signora Clewer in the Italian Room
Classes run for 10 weeks

Dear parents & children,

please note the following changes:

This week there will not be art on
Thursday, 28th May or in week 8,
Monday, 8th June (Public Holiday – Queen’s Birthday)

All remaining classes will run as usual until the end of week 11.
Signora Clewer

For more details, speak with Signora Clewer
or email rclewer@sjelst.catholic.edu.au
Enjoy a fun day out at the Good Food & Wine Show discovering new ideas, products, tips and hints to inspire your next foodie adventure. See culinary stars in action, including Ainsley Harriott, Adam Liaw, Sarah Wilson, and Sammy & Bella; participate in wine, beer and cider appreciation sessions; and sample food & drink from hundreds of exhibitors. Save 20% on Friday tickets by using code word SIZZLEMELB! Visit www.GoodFoodShow.com.au for information and to purchase tickets.

You’re invited to receive 20% discount on tickets to the 2015 Good Food & Wine Show on Friday 5 June!

Claim your discount by using code word SIZZLEMELB

Enjoy a fun day out with friends at the Good Food & Wine Show discovering new ideas, products, tips and hints to inspire your next foodie adventure.

- Watch culinary stars such as Ainsley Harriott, Frank Camorra, Adam Liaw, Miguel Maestre, Sarah Wilson and Sammy & Bella cook live on stage in the Good Food Theatre, picking up hints and tips to recreate them at home
- Participate in wine appreciation sessions at the Cellar Door
- Receive mid-week meal inspiration at the Laucke Creative Kitchen
- Meander down Tucker’s Natural Cheese Alley, find a new favourite beer in Brewers Lane, enjoy dining at the grazing garden, and go behind the labels of boutique producers in Artisan Lane.

With hundreds of local and international exhibitors in one place, your new favourite food and drinks are only a sample away.

Start planning your adventure at www.goodfoodshow.com.au!

If you’d like to arrange for a group of 15+ and receive 30% discounted tickets, please email goodfood@divcom.net.au

Terms & Conditions: Not to be used in conjunction with any other offer. Valid for general admission adult tickets booked online. Ticket price $27.20; standard ticket price is $34. Children 11 and under are free.
### TERM TWO – 2015

#### WEEK 7

**MAY**

- **25 Mon**: Prep Interviews - New Families
- **26 Tue**: Prep Interviews - New Families
- **27 Wed**: National Simultaneous Storytime ~ 11:00am
- **28 Thu**: National Simultaneous Storytime ~ 11:00am
- **29 Fri**: Assembly ~ Year 4
  - Whole School Mass @ 12:00 - Led by Junior School
  - Nepal Earthquake Cake Stall - from 3:30pm

#### WEEK 8

**JUN**

- **01 Mon**: Preparations
- **02 Tue**: Prep Interviews - New Families
- **03 Wed**: Prep Interviews - New Families
- **04 Thu**: National Simultaneous Storytime ~ 11:00am
- **05 Fri**: Assembly ~ Year 4

#### WEEK 9

**JUN**

- **08 Mon**: Queen's Birthday (Public Holiday)
- **09 Tue**: World Environment Day ~ Dress Up Day (Theme ENERGY)
- **10 Wed**: World Environment Day ~ Dress Up Day (Theme ENERGY)
- **11 Thu**: World Environment Day ~ Dress Up Day (Theme ENERGY)
- **12 Fri**: Assembly ~ Year 4
- **14 Sun**: Whole School Family Mass @ 10:30am (Led by Year 1D & 1G)

#### WEEK 10

**JUN**

- **15 Mon**: Prep Interviews - Sibling Families
- **16 Tue**: Prep Interviews - Sibling Families
- **17 Wed**: Prep Interviews - Sibling Families
- **18 Thu**: Prep Interviews - Sibling Families
- **19 Fri**: Prep Interviews - Sibling Families

#### WEEK 11

**JUN**

- **22 Mon**: Prep Interviews - Sibling Families
- **23 Tue**: Prep Interviews - Sibling Families
- **24 Wed**: Prep Interviews - Sibling Families
- **25 Thu**: Prep Interviews - Sibling Families
- **26 Fri**: Prep Interviews - Sibling Families

**Friday Assembly: Year 4**

**Principal’s Award:**

**QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY (PUBLIC HOLIDAY)**

**Cyber Safety - Parent Workshop**

**Senior Swimming Program - Years 3-6**

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**Assembly ~ Years**

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- **26 Fri**: End of Term 2 – 1:00pm Dismissal
- **END OF TERM MOVIE @ THE CLASSIC (MINION MOVIE)** Stay tuned for details