Dear Families,

WHAT A WEEK JUST GONE!
Reconciliation, Firefighters and Trucks, Chickens, Report Writing, Junior Mass, Year 2&3 Excursion to Glen Eira, Year 4-6 Shelford Production, Winter Sport, Prep Interviews, Year 4 Assembly, Cake Stall for the Nepal Earthquake (a senior student initiative), Wizard of Oz Rehearsal and dare I say, 2 Office Clowns.

CROSS COUNTRY
Today we wish every success to the following children representing St Joseph’s at the Regional Cross Country Championship. We’re thrilled to know that you will represent your school with pride and determination within this elevated level of competition.

Good Luck: Hayley Hermus, Evan Hermus, Joffre Richardson, Jasmin Edmond, Summer Williams, Isla Mottram, Edie Noble, Imogen Hart, Eleni Nicholls, Tilly Mottram and Gen Pennington.

Hold the Press!!! Cross Country ~ Congratulations to Hayley Hermus who placed 10th and Evan Hermus who placed 5th. Hayley and Evan have qualified for the next round of Cross Country. All the other children can be very proud also, as they too ran a great race.
**RECONCILIATION**

Congratulations students for receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation last Wednesday. We thank the staff and families for supporting the children with this important aspect of their faith journey. We also thank Fr Ross, Fr Burns, Miss Brennan, Mr Barnhoorn and Miss Overbury for preparing the children for this special evening. Our next sacramental focus will be preparing the students from Year 4 for the First Eucharist in August.

**ASSEMBLY AND ENVIRONMENT DAY**

Thank you Year 4s for the most informative and, at times, comical assembly last Friday. A strong message being driven out of our impressionable middle school, hopefully permeating our community as we look to increase and maintain sustainable habits within our immediate and broader environment. We look forward to the Environment Day on Thursday and thank Miss Ryle and her environment team in advance for preparing this special day.

**SPORTS EQUIPMENT AND STUDENT PICKUP**

Last Thursday, I collected approximately 20 balls left in the playground. These balls were used and left out by children after school, despite restrictions on ball games after dismissal. This is a safety and supervisory matter with a large number of toddlers and people in the grounds during this period. I was disappointed with the disregard for this equipment and the number of children that were playing unsupervised. Whilst we are always happy to see the children play after school, we remind parents that closer supervision upon handover is expected.

**REAR PLAYGROUND**

Last week, the final bricks were officially laid in the redevelopment of the gardens near the veggie patches and play equipment. This has been a vision of Matt Morris and Rohan Saunders’ for some time and it has proudly come to fruition. It looks amazing! I would again like to thank Mark (the Brickie) and the many parents that have supported this project, in particular Matt and Rohan for their coordination and voluntary labour. Many, many hours... We are so very appreciative as these gardens will serve our community in the years come.

**JUNIOR MASS**

Well done Year 2s and the junior school for a lovely Mass on Friday. What a ‘Wonderful World’ and delightful celebration with our school. We may have had a full church had we had the Year 5/6s in attendance. Thank you to those families that were able to support this celebration with the children.

**SCHOOL CLOSURE FRIDAY 5TH JUNE – FEEDBACK PROFESSIONAL LEARNING**

The focus for this week’s closure is feedback. Research identifies feedback as one of the most powerful influences on learning and achievement. Feedback can take many forms. It can be teacher-student, student-teacher, teacher-teacher, student-student, parent-staff, staff-parent.

We will look at what effective feedback looks like in general and develop some key elements for teacher-student feedback in particular. All staff, and importantly the students, will benefit from this informative PD. The timing of this closure is perfect leading into the long weekend. It will provide a well-earned mini break for the students before we tie up our busy and highly productive term.
PREP NEWS
Great to see the Preps have started a Global2 Blog. This is another wonderful way to share and indeed celebrate the exciting happenings in this level. The students have so, so much to look forward to and bounce through the gates each day. This forum ensures the parents have the opportunity to share in these rich experiences.

WIZARD UPDATE!
Thanks for the audience support last week from various grades across the school; it’s great for the students to perform for others so early on in rehearsals. Thursday was a delight, rehearsing the big Munchkin scene with so much expert support for our students: Betty (Grandmother of Rowland & Stella Hill) with her acting guidance on the sidelines, Mrs Quinn conducting the singing and our very own ballerina, Miss Brennan adding the stunning finishing touches to the choreography. Wow! Mrs Moore continues to do an exceptional job bringing this much anticipated production together.

PSGs
I’d like to gratefully acknowledge our teachers and support staff for their significant dedication and contributions to the children in their care. I had the privilege to be present at a number of PSGs over the past two days and witness the positive team approach and level of professionalism and care that goes into supporting our children in our school setting. These meetings provide an opportunity to reflect on learning plans, celebrate the many successes and reinforce, refocus and introduce a plan with new goal/s. This whole school approach/relationship between home and school is paramount and ensures the best possible outcome for the children. Thanks again to Miss Overbury for coordinating these, and my amazing staff for actioning these plans, with much support from home.

Looking forward to another terrific week, with a productive and positive closure day on Friday.

Enjoy the mini break,

Simon Collis
Principal

Afterthoughts…

Mrs Skehan’s comment: “Mental note, don’t get chickens during report writing time.”

One parent suggested two chicks be called Buckley and Malthouse.

The artwork for the Trivia and Art Auction Night (1st August) is looking fabulous. I appreciate the time and effort that goes into these pieces. The staff and students have done a wonderful job with these, and we again thank Fiona Childs for framing up these pieces.

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

Youth Leadership Victoria, Out of School Hours Care will be available for the School Closure day on Friday 5 June from 8:30am to 6:00pm if enough children require it. So far I have had four inquiries. BYO lunch and snacks and Aftercare will provide afternoon tea.

On a technological note, Aftercare now has the use of a WII for computer-based, virtual sports activities. This was purchased with cold, dark and rainy winter afternoons in mind, will be used only sparingly, and closely supervised throughout its usage. So far, we have played sports in pairs, and it is proving fun and a good exercise in cooperation and teamwork, as the children who are familiar with the technology have been really helpful in teaching others. It’s interactive, sport-based and played as a group activity, and is an adjunct to the sports, games, and art activities that comprise Aftercare. Please let us hear your views on this addition to the Aftercare programme and also advise if you will be using Aftercare this Friday 5 June.

Thank you
Georgia and John (our new staff member and replacement for Andy)
Dear Families,

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Congratulations to the candidates who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation over the past two weeks. It was wonderful to witness the maturity with which all of these students conducted themselves over the two evenings.


**Caritas Australia Nepal Earthquake Appeal – Cake Stall**

A huge thank-you to all of the families who volunteered to bake for our cake stall last Friday. It was an enormous success, managing to raise over $700 which will benefit the people of Nepal who are being assisted by the work of Caritas. Thank-you also to all of the families that came along and purchased from the stall. We hope you enjoyed the baked goods you purchased.

**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
*R*eligious Education Leader

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**Dates for the Diary**

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There will be a special screening of the Minion Movie on Friday, 26 June @ the Classic. Tickets on sale now 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. Tickets are on sale from this week, via FlexiSchools.

TUCKSHOP
Thanks to Anne, Andy and Sharon who volunteered last week, and helped us serve 310 orders! This week we welcome Evonne Williams, Chon Scarr and Surinder De Young. Next week’s volunteers are Kris Dalton, Sheridan Younan and Carola Risi from 3Br. Service is 9 till 3.

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
St Joseph’s TriviArt

Trivia and Art Auction
Saturday 1st August
7.00pm for 7.30pm

WHERE: St Joseph’s Primary School


REFRESHMENTS: Antipasto platter provided. Alcohol and soft drink available for purchase.

AUCTION: A collaborative piece from your child’s art class will be auctioned on the night, along with other great silent auction items, including holidays – so bring along your cash, card or chq book.
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
Need a babysitter????

My name is Lily Zuzek and I completed all my primary school education at St. Joseph’s Primary in Elsternwick. After completing Grade 6 in 2011, I commenced at Star of the Sea where I am now undertaking Year 10.

I am 16 years old and I live in the Caulfield South – Elsternwick area. I enjoy looking after young children and am very responsible and sensible. I can cook and I’m also into fitness.

I am available for babysitting duties either on a regular basis or else for when you need to attend occasional, special events.

Please feel free to phone or text me in regards to any further details. My mobile number is 0452 536 967.

Thank you,
Lily Zuzek

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
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
Emma Carney

2 x World Triathlon Champion
4 x World Number 1 Triathlete
9 x Australian Triathlon Champion

Helen Boileau (Amelie’s Mum – 3BR) trains with Emma Carney every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 6am at the Tan. We run for one hour and make it home in time for the pre-school madness – with loads of energy! Emma has some regular running training sessions available to all levels of abilities. Spend this winter working on your fitness while learning from one of the world’s best athletes.

If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to contact Helen on 0411 335 141.

Hope to see you at the Tan!

Check out the session details here:
https://www.emmacarney.com/event/melbourne-based-athletes-tuesday-thursday-running-sessions/

online training is now personal
SIGN UP NOW http://www.emmacarney.com
GLEN ELIRA CITY COUNCIL

TEEN SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Activities are open to young people aged 12 to 18 years, who live, work or study in Glen Elira.

Bookings for activities are made online and places are limited. To book, go to www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/youth and follow the links.

The cost for activities excursions $10, incursions $5. There is no charge for families that can provide a copy of a valid Health Care Card. All bookings are considered final, non-transferable and non-refundable.

Bookings open at 11am on Tuesday 9 June and close at 5pm on Friday 19 June.

For further information or to book, contact Youth Services on 9524 3676.

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Winter warmer — Tuesday 30 June
Get creative in the kitchen by making your own delicious winter snacks including chocolate fondue and caramel popcorn, then kick back with some friends to watch an awesome DVD or take part in some winter board games. A great way to chill out and beat the winter blues!
What to bring: N/A
Time: 1pm–5pm
Pick up/drop off: Caulfield Park Pavilion, Balakaia Road, Caulfield
Cost: $5

Thrill of the ice — Wednesday 1 July
Experience the thrill of the ice as we head to Icehouse for some skating. Then get a bird’s-eye view of our fabulous city on the Melbourne Star Observation Wheel and explore all that Harbour Town has to offer. Please note: we are catching public transport for this excursion.
What to bring: a valid Myki, lunch or money to buy lunch, walking shoes, socks for ice-skating and wet weather gear.
Time: 9am–5pm
Pick up/drop off: McKinnon Hall, 118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon
Cost: $10

Scienceworks — Thursday 2 July
Spend the day exploring the interactive world of science. Check out the Think Ahead exhibition, or flex your mind and muscles in the Sportsworks exhibition. All participants will get the opportunity to attend one of the museums exciting extra shows or exhibits.
What to bring: lunch and a drink.
Time: 9am–5pm
Pick up/drop off: McKinnon Hall, 118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon
Cost: $10

Strike bowling and escapism — Tuesday 7 July
‘One room, one team, 50 minutes, a bit of thinking and a lot of fun.’ It’s escapism! In a room, work together to solve riddles, find hidden objects and crack the clues to beat the clock and escape the garden room. Then enjoy a game of ten pin bowling. Please note: we are catching public transport for this excursion.
What to bring: a valid Myki, lunch or money to buy lunch, walking shoes, socks for bowling and wet weather gear.
Time: 9am–5pm
Pick up/drop off: McKinnon Hall, 118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon
Cost: $10

Ultimate sports day — Wednesday 8 July
Get your blood pumping by joining ‘Team Glen Elira’ as we take on school holiday programs from around the southern metro area in a massive round robin of sports and games.
What to bring: wet weather gear. Please wear comfortable clothes suitable for sports. Lunch provided.
Time: 9am–5pm
Pick up/drop off: McKinnon Hall, 118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon
Cost: $10

Rock climbing — Thursday 9 July
Test your strength and endurance with indoor top rope rock climbing. Climb up to 12 metres high, with lots of different angles to try. It doesn’t matter if you are a beginner, anyone can have a go.
What to bring: a drink. Please wear runners and comfortable clothes suitable for rock climbing.
Time: 1pm–5pm
Pick up/drop off: McKinnon Hall, 118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon
Cost: $10
## TERM TWO – 2015

**Friday Assembly:** Year Principal’s Award: Bouncing into school every day with enthusiasm and a readiness to learn

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**END OF TERM 2 – 1:00PM DISMISSAL**

**END OF TERM MOVIE @ THE CLASSIC (MINION MOVIE)** Stay tuned for details