Dear Families,

Welcome Back!
Warmer days to come, so please remember the school hat policy: No hat, no play!

Disco Tuesday 16th October - Tickets on FlexiSchools

GREAT NEWS - Congratulations Miss O’Dowd!
Congratulations to Miss Claire O'Dowd and her partner Hugh on announcing their wonderful and exciting engagement over the holidays. We are all so, so very thrilled for you both and wish you much joy and happiness. Happy Days! A very happy Year 4 class on Monday. Let's just say the glow in the classroom from the smiles and engagement ring will save on our lighting bill.
Dear Families,

Welcome back all. It appears that everyone has had that well-deserved break and is looking forward to such a positive end to the school year. We once again had so many happy families on the gate Monday morning, suggesting that the children were ready to return to school. Dare I say, as a father of three beautiful girls, I may have come back to school for a holiday having experienced the joys of sibling rivalry.

Term 4, we warmly welcome back Miss Angie from her travels throughout Europe. I know the children and staff have enjoyed hearing of her adventures. Thanks again Mrs Quitt for covering Year 2 during Miss Angie’s absence last term.

Unfortunately, Miss Di Pietro, is away for the next few days after having her tonsils removed over the break. I believe this is a particularly painful experience as an adult, so we wish her the speediest of recoveries with lots of jelly and icecream. In the meantime, we thank Ms Linke for covering Miss Di Pietro’s Year One class.

In fear of sounding like the AFL Trade Period with all these ins and outs, Mr Barnhoorn will also be away for the first week, on leave. Sadly he is not celebrating a football premiership, as his side went down prior to the break in the Southern Districts Grand Final. Despite some of these notable changes, I’m thrilled to see our staff looking so refreshed, healthy and ready to go for the final term, after coming off the back of a spectacular Term 3, culminating in our incredibly successful Wizard of Oz production.

As the weather warms up and the evenings remain lighter for longer, I encourage all families to maintain sensible sleeping routines to avoid fatigue setting in too early during our long term. Whilst we have a sought to strip back the calendar considerably in light of the full Term 3 program, we still have much to resolve and put in place prior to 2016, namely orientation programs, curriculum planning, Italian Day, testing, establishing classes, two camps, masses, BBQ, Graduation, a disco, school closure (7th December) and the junior swimming program. Phew!

In keeping with a settled theme, we have also revised the assembly roster for this term, so classes only need to do a prayer to share at each assembly. This does not require a whole class item and the associated preparation, but rather a simple and nice reflection from some children to start each gathering. Miss Overbury has also reviewed the school/class masses for the term and these have been strategically placed and delegated to ease the load on classes in preparing for these celebrations.

We ask that you carefully review the upcoming dates and pencil in your calendar.

- 13th Oct - Year 2s Prayers & Pyjamas
- 16th Oct - Senior School Mass - All welcome
- 16th Oct - School Disco - Details to follow
- 19th Oct - Junior Swimming Program Commences (Week 3 – Monday to Thursday)
- 20th Oct – School Board AGM at 7pm
- 25th Oct - Year 2 Parish Family Mass
- 26th Oct - Junior Swimming Program (Week 4 – Monday to Thursday)
- 28th Oct - Prep Info Night at 7pm
- 30th Oct - Italian Day
- 2nd Nov - Melbourne Cup Long weekend Closure
- 3rd Nov - Melbourne Cup
- 4th Nov - Prep Orientation Session #1 at 9:30am
- 9th Nov - Tri Skills Years 3-6
- 11th Nov - Remembrance Day and Prep Orientation #2
- 14th Nov - WORKING BEE
- 16th Nov - Tri Skills Years 3-6
- 18th Nov - Prep Orientation #3
- 20th Nov - Junior Mass - All welcome
- 23rd Nov - Tri Skills Years 3-6
- 27th Nov - Parent Helpers Morning Tea after assembly
- 30th Nov - Tri Skills Years 3-6
- 2nd Dec - 4th Dec - Year 4 Camp
- 2nd Dec - Year 3Br Camp - Roar & Snore
- 3rd Dec - Year 3Ba Camp - Roar & Snore
- 7th Dec - School Closure
- 8th Dec - Transition for all classes for 2016
- 11th Dec - End of Year Mass and BBQ 5pm
- 15th Dec - Year 6 Graduation
- 17th Dec - Students’ Last Day at 1pm

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NEW FAMILIES
We warmly welcome two new families into our school community, all the way from America. Isabelle Edmonds joins Prep D and Jessica Saunders (broken leg and plaster from hip to toes) in Year 1D and Emily Saunders in Year 4R. Such wonderful additions to our community. Please make sure you introduce yourself to our new families in the coming days.

NEW FRONT DOOR MECHANISM
The new buzzer system for the front glass door to the admin building has been installed for increased security purposes. This requires all visitors to press the black buzzer before office staff can release the door mechanism. At present this requires a very forceful push entry until we are able to attend to a sticky door jamb. **(Any door contractors or handy dads would be appreciated in the meantime)**

Let's make sure we have a great and productive end to our school year,

Simon Collis
Principal

Important Afterthoughts …..

Sad News
Mrs T’s mother sadly passed away last week after a wonderfully rich and full life. A highly valued member of our staffing community, Mrs T was extremely positive and upbeat, acknowledging the support from all over the past few years. The school will send flowers on behalf of the community. Please keep the Titheridge family in your prayers.

FROM THE DEPUTY’S DESK

Welcome back to Term 4! Chatting on the gate and in the classrooms, it seems as though we are all well rested after a much-deserved break. We look forward to a gentle term as we approach the end of another fantastic school year at St Joseph’s.

WELLBEING NEWS
During this term, our school will be implementing the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum with students from Prep to Grade 6. The curriculum is based on principles of best practice in child safety education and centres around three key messages: Recognise, React and Report. Through a series of lessons, students will learn how to recognise, react and report when they are unsafe or find themselves in situations that can have a significant detrimental effect on their physical, psychological or emotional wellbeing. At St Joseph’s we recognise that students not only need to be guided with their safety in the online world, but strategies for ensuring personal safety in the real world are equally as important.

I have added the parent handbooks from the Daniel Morcombe program to our school website, and this will give you a thorough overview of the lesson content and resources being used; the handbooks also offer support and advice to parents to guide conversations at home with your children about personal safety.

The Daniel Morcombe Foundation have also developed a fantastic App which can be downloaded free of charge at [http://www.danielmorcombe.com.au/app.html](http://www.danielmorcombe.com.au/app.html)

The ‘Help Me’ App is a great way to not only help keep kids safe, but assist people of all ages, from 7 to 97, covering all kinds of personal emergency situations.

One of the major safety features of the App is the ‘Help Me’ button, which sounds a warning and allows you to send off an SMS text to two (2) nominated ‘safety’ numbers, as part of your Trusted Safety Network. Included in the text are GPS co-ordinates from where the text was sent, so the sender can be located or a last known place of contact is indicated.

Recognise
This week we are starting to implement the first key safety message of the curriculum, which is ‘recognise’. Recognise is about being aware of your environment. Children, young people and adults can all learn to take notice of what is happening around them to help keep themselves safe. Everyone can use clues, such as the things we see, hear, smell or feel to help protect us from harm and keep ourselves safe. Clues can be simple things that warn us about a danger, e.g. hearing a fire alarm or seeing smoke, that prompt us to react. We can also use clues to prepare for potentially unsafe situations, e.g. if we are walking alone at night, then we try to use a well-lit route and avoid secluded lanes or parks.

When we recognise that there might be a safety problem we can take steps to move away or reduce the risk or develop strategies that can help keep us safe. For instance, if you are in a busy environment or a local event where there are big crowds, you might consider what you and your child could do if you became separated. Strategies could include: going to a highly visible pre-determined meeting spot; writing your phone number on a card and placing it in your child’s pocket; identifying who your child could approach if they become lost, e.g. police, staff at a booth.

If you have any questions regarding this program then please feel free to email or pop in for a chat.

I encourage you to check out the ‘Parent Handbook’ on the website so you are able to support and reinforce these valuable safety messages at home.

Have a great week,
Michelle Moore
mmoore@sjelst.catholic.edu.au

END OF EARN & LEARN 2015

As you know, St Joseph’s has been participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. The program has now finished for this year, so a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who supported our school. We are now at the important stage of the program where the Sticker Sheets are collected and lodged as our Earn & Learn claim. We will then be able to obtain new educational equipment for our school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem.

So, this week, please send in your Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheets and any loose Earn & Learn stickers you may have. Remember to check your handbag, the glove box or they may be stuck on the fridge. Every little bit helps. Thanks again for all your support.

The box to deposit your Earn & Learn sticker sheets is located in the main foyer outside the Tuckshop.

SPORTS NEWS

Good Luck to Good luck to our future stars basketball team who will be competing in the hoop time play offs next Monday. The team will be coached by Mr Nathan Eddy.

Dane Carroll
Luke Ellem
Jack Orrell
Quinton Glen
Audrey Smith
Natalie Way
Claudia Allenby
Hayley Hermus
Thomas Childs

Yours in sport,
Louise Howell
Dear Families,

**Prayers in Pyjamas**

Next week we invite all Year 2 students and their families to attend a Prayers in Pyjamas session at school. This is an opportunity for the children and their parents to pray together and also learn about different forms of prayer. The evening will begin with shared prayer before the students break off into small groups and complete some simple rotational activities. The evening will conclude with all families gathering back together for a final prayer before going home. Students are encouraged to put on their favourite pjs and bring along a cuddly toy as well. All Year 2 students and their parents are asked to arrive at school by 5.45 for a prompt 6pm start.

We look forward to seeing you next week!

Kind regards,

Peta Overbury

*Religious Education Leader*

`poverbury@sjelst.catholic.edu.au`

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**Dates for the Diary**

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THE WIZARD OF OZ HARDBACK PHOTO BOOK

Our talented admin officer, Moira McKinnis, has created a beautiful book of The Wizard of Oz, with a stunning collection of photographs from the recent show. Moira is a talented photographer and she took many photographs during rehearsals, and on the nights of the show, to create this beautiful journal of our talented students.

The book is a 60 page hardback, and is available to order now, until the end of October. The cost is a very reasonable $30; please see Moira in the office to order your copy and payments need to be made upon ordering, either with cash or through EFTPOS.

Miss Dullard and Mrs Skehan loved the Prep photographs in the book! Thanks Moira!

There is a copy of the book outside Moira and Kerry’s office so please feel free to come and have a browse.

P & F NEWS

P&F Committee ~ 2015

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Just a reminder to all St Joseph’s families to please support our local Bakers Delight bakery at every opportunity. They are located in Glenhuntly Road and **if you mention St Joseph’s Primary before your purchase is rung up, they will donate 5% from each sale and provide the P&F with a cheque at the end of the year.** This certainly adds to the P&F’s fund raising efforts.

Our wonderful, local Bakers Delight has also provided us with bread on many occasions such as Trivia Night, Winter Sleep Out just to name a couple from the last 2 weeks.

**Please remember to support our local Bakers Delight**
THE SCHOOL DISCO IS BACK
Kids practice your dance moves because the school disco is back! The junior school will be invited from 5.00pm – 6.30pm and the senior school from 6.30pm – 8.00pm on Friday, 16 October. More details to follow.

OVER $600 RAISED AT THE CAKE STALL
Well done to Anne, Kate and the Grade 3 families whose wonderful baking helped raise over $600 for the school.

KEEP CUPS FOR SALE
The P&F has teamed up with the Environment Club to help reduce waste – starting with the growing number of disposable cups being used by our coffee-obsessed parents!

For a limited time we will be selling branded Keep Cups. These cups will enable us to reduce our carbon emissions and landfill waste but also help fund other green initiatives around the school. A number of local cafes are supporting this initiative by offering students and parents with a St Joseph’s branded Keep Cup a 25c discount on their coffee. You can purchase a cup via FlexiSchools, The Little Coffee Van or the Environment Club.

TUCKSHOP
Tomorrow, Wednesday 6 October, TUCKSHOP CLOSED DUE TO LACK OF VOLUNTEERS.

Remember we will be open every Wednesday for Tuckshop, (providing we have a sufficiency of volunteers). 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
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DISPOSABLE CUPS AND KEEPCUP

COMPARE THE FACTS

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You can purchase your cup from The Little Coffee Van on Friday’s before assembly or via Flexischools.

Options

Keep Cup Original (choice of colours for cup, lid and plugs) $17.50 which includes one free coffee

Keep Cup Brew $22.50 which includes one free coffee
St Joseph's 2015
Dads & Kids Camping Weekend Away

When: Sat 14th to Sun 15th November 2015

Where: Point Leo Foreshore Caravan Park approx. 1 hour from Melbourne

Address: Point Leo Road, POINT LEO 3916 head in Flinders direction
BALNARRING 3926
http://pointleo.com

What to bring: your tents, sleeping bags and lilos, deck chairs, swimming gear, wetsuits, and cricket bats and balls, brekkie items a bowl, a cup and a plate plus utensils, snack foods, torches, campfire stories and don’t forget your tooth brush.

Little brothers and sisters welcome

What time: 10 am Saturday

Activities: in no particular order
Beach cricket, dads versus kids soccer, surfing, beach-walk and much much more

Strictly no iPad or technology of any sort, No alcohol

BBQ Saturday night will be supplied

$15 per person includes accommodation

RSVP
By start of November to confirm numbers
Brendan 0437 225 703 / edmonds.home@bigpond.com

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dren an excellent grounding in music
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limited places in term 4.

Interested parents should call Sharon during
office hours on 9818 2333

www.creativemusic.com.au
Discover why De La Salle College is the right choice for your son

De La Salle College provides a Catholic education in the Lasallian tradition for boys in Years 4 - 12. Join us for our Year 7, 2017 Information Night:

**WHEN:** Wednesday 14 October 2015, from 7:30pm  
**WHERE:** College Gymnasium – Tiverton Campus, 1318 High Street Malvern

Learn about our curriculum, pastoral care program, ICT program and co-curricula opportunities, as well as what sets De La Salle College apart. You will also have the opportunity to hear from our Year 7 Coordinator, College Principal and current Year 7 students.

While this event is primarily for parents who are considering enrolling their son/s at De La Salle College in Year 7, 2017, anyone is welcome to attend. De La Salle is a non-zoned school.

Bookings are essential.  
Book your place at [www.trybooking.com/157517](http://www.trybooking.com/157517)

**1318 HIGH ST MALVERN**  
**PH:** (03) 9508 2100  
**EMAIL:** enrolment@delasalle.vic.edu.au
## TERM FOUR – 2015

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