Dear Families,

We trust that all families enjoyed an extended weekend courtesy of the Melbourne Cup celebrations. What a wonderful result and terrific ride from the most impressive, Michelle Payne. From a school perspective, this mini break provides a breather mid way through a full term and a valuable opportunity time for the staff to commence student reports.

In support of this process, all children from Prep - Year 6 will undertake various assessment tasks over the coming weeks. In time, we look forward to sharing this information and celebrating the academic progress/growth of your child over the year.

**SPECIAL SUNDAY 8th NOVEMBER MASS & FR. ROSS FAREWELL**

As you are aware, Fr. Ross has sadly tendered his resignation from the parish, effective the 8th November. This has been sudden and reflective of his health and the immediate support required. Whilst he remains in positive spirits despite this difficult decision to retire, Fr. Ross has been overwhelmed by the support, generosity and care shown within our immediate community. This continues to be warmly welcomed as Fr. Ross prepares for the next chapter of his life.

This coming Sunday at 10:30am will be his last official service as a priest and it is hoped that all families are able to attend and extend their support on this special, yet sad occasion as we farewell Fr. Ross. We welcome all families to attend a special morning tea in the school atrium after mass. Again we request a small plate to share and few parents to set up tea and coffee facilities. We understand if you are unable to commit to these arrangements at such short notice and thank those families that have already notified the school. The mass is under control with Miss Overbury and the Year 2s, although I would appreciate if families could remain flexible during the communion service as I would like Fr. Ross to administer this to families if he is up to it. I believe this would be a fitting and appropriate gesture for his last mass.

Reminder: **School Closure 7th December** - Staff planning for 2016, student data analysis, class structures and handover of all students to teachers for following school year.
At this stage, we are unsure of the numbers and will have to wait and see how the morning shapes up. We have the school chairs ready and the choir loft available, although this will only be available to adults. Thank you in advance for your support with these plans.

In the meantime, we will need to ready for the likely change of priest for the shared parishes. At this stage, I understand that we will have a priest administrator who will simply attend to church matters and not be heavily involved in school matters.

Finally, I ask that all families please keep Fr. Ross in their prayers and thoughts. Whilst this is a sad week for a community as we say our farewells, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge his overwhelming support for our two parishes, his commitment to our school, students, staff and parent community. We have been blessed in so many ways to have Fr. Ross in our lives. His shared vision, wisdom, friendship, care and pastoral relations will remain a legacy for all at St. Joseph’s.

Thank you for your understanding and support in advance in the coming days,

Simon Collis  
Principal

Important afterthoughts…

All staff listed below are directly responsible for classroom duties and specialist programs. All other staff and roles yet to be mentioned will be published in the coming weeks as we look to finalize important leadership positions. Student support personnel, roles and varying hours will be confirmed prior to the end of term as our support funding is still under review.

I’m thrilled we have finally closed our application processes for all new staff for 2016. As with previous years, we firmly believe we have taken the best applicants from all corners of Australia and the globe. Below is a snapshot of where staff have come from in the past couple of years: Birchip, UK, Bendigo, Toowoomba, Northern Territory, ACT, Tasmania, Swan Hill, Ballarat, Gippsland, Mildura, Geelong, Fremantle and Melbourne. What a diverse staff!

Classroom Teaching Staffing 2016

• Prep: Miss Dullard & Mrs Skehan  
• Year 1: Miss Glumac & Miss Di Pietro  
• Year 2: Miss Ryle & Mrs Martin  
• Year 3: Miss Brennan & Mr Barnhoorn  
• Year 4: Miss O'Dowd & Mrs Sargent  
• Year 5: Miss Guy & Mr Hartney  
• Year 6: Mr Eddy

Specialist Staff 2016

• Mrs Howell - PE (2 days)  
• Mrs Chris - Art (2 days)  
• Mrs Clewer - Italian (2 days)  
• Miss Angie - Music P-2 (1 day)  
• Mrs Quinn - Music Yr.3-6 (1 day)

Leadership Release Staff 2016

• Miss Murphy (2 days)  
• Mrs Shea (1 day)  
• Miss Angie (1 day)  
• Mrs Quinn (1 day)
OUR SUSTAINABILITY GARDEN

For those of you that haven’t had the opportunity to check out our rear Sustainability Garden lately, it’s well worth a look. Over the past few weeks we have made significant progress in completing the works in this area of the school. A very special thank you to Matt Morris for your guidance and countless hours of hard work that you put into our school. Also a thank you to parents who braved the heat to cart loads of soil, rocks and sand around to the playground, Mark Brady, David Harris, Will Davidson & Pascale Miller.

The new grass had been laid and in a week or so students will be able to use this area. It will be a quiet space where students are invited to forage through the gardens. It has been so pleasing to see the students taking a keen interest in what is happening in their playground. They have been asking to taste, harvest and learn all about the weird and wonderful things we are growing. Last week we harvested our carrot crop, we produced enough to completely supply the canteen with carrots. Year Four students claimed “this is what real carrots taste like. Yum!”, such a delight to hear conversation about fresh and healthy produce.
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 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 provided us with bread on many occasions such as Trivia Night, Winter Sleep Out just to name a couple.

Please remember to support our local Bakers Delight

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN UNIFORM SHOP DURING PREP ORIENTATION**

We need a number of volunteers to help in the Uniform Shop during Prep Orientation. Please contact Maxine Davidson (maxine.davidson@optusnet.com.au) if you are able to assist, even for an hour or two.

**TUCKSHOP**

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*

**KEEP CUPS FOR SALE**

Don’t forget to purchase a ‘Keep Cup’ via FlexiSchools, The Little Coffee Van or the Environment Club, for a limited time only.

**LOST UNIFORM ITEM**

**PLEASE CHECK NAME LABELS ON STUDENT CLOTHING**

Christiana Karantzas (4R) has misplaced her bomber jacket, which was labelled with her name. It is quite possible that it may have been picked up in error. Please check labels at home and return any items to the office, if found. Thank you.
KEEP CUP PROMOTION

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.

DISPOSABLE CUPS AND KEEPCUP

COMPARE THE FACTS

A number of local cafes (Ernst V, Loco, Rockley’s, Bagelicious, Glover Station, The Little Coffee Van so far) 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 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 plug) $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, soccer (dads versus kids), 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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Buxton is Back In Elsternwick and Caulfield!

A new team has arrived and we are ready to service you, your family, your friends and your colleagues property needs.

To tie in with this arrival we would like to extend a great offer to you and your community. Buxton will **reward every new client or client referral with a $100 pre-paid visa card** upon securing the successful Sales Listing, Rental Agreement and/or Property Management Agreement. And your **Club or School** will also **receive up to $500**.

Please contact Pia Noble to find out more or to register for your reward. **Valid until 31 Dec 2015.**

Pia Noble: 0415 056 929  
Email: p.noble@buxton.com.au

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**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-to-one lessons of up to 30 minutes 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 4.**

Interested parents should call Sharon during office hours on 9818 2333

Creative Music  
www.creativemusic.com.au
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