Dear Families,

The Paradoxical Commandments (adapted)
People are unreasonable, illogical, self-centred
... love them anyway.

If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives
... do good anyway.

The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow
... do good anyway.

People really need help but may attack you if you try to help
... help people anyway.

If you give the world the best you have, you may get kicked in the teeth
... but give the world the best you have
... Anyway.

Dr. Kent M. Keith

Welcome/Family BBQ

A reminder that our welcome/family BBQ to start our school year, meet staff and new families, is being held this Thursday 16th February, starting at 6pm at the school. This is a great opportunity for all families to gather and share tea together. There will be an icy pole provided for the children. This year the BBQ is free for all families-the school and P&F will support the event. It is preferable for all families to send an envelope with their name and number of family members attending so that we can order enough food for the night. Please BYO drinks and picnic blankets or chairs. The BBQ will commence at 6.00pm. It will not be a late night. If you can help out on the BBQ, or with serving, please include that on the envelope.
**Parent/Teacher/Child Meetings**

These meetings, or a ‘Meet & Greet’ opportunity have been scheduled for Tuesday 28th February (*Please note the change of date: not Wednesday 1st March as listed in the dates of our last newsletter.)*

This is a time where parents can meet with their child’s teacher and relay any information that may impact on school life. Children can have an active role in these meetings talking about their strengths, likes and dislikes! Teachers will provide some feedback on how each child has settled into their class.

It is your choice if you would like to meet with your child’s teacher. It would be lovely to see all our new parents attend and have a chance to chat about their children. There will be more formal parent/teacher/child meetings scheduled in late term two. These will delve more into student progress and ways to improve learning.

**Level Newsletters**

Level (Foundation, years 1&2, years 3&4, years 5&6) term overviews/newsletters will be coming home soon with all the information pertinent to your child’s learning this term and what will be happening. We are constantly working toward building more effective ways to improve communication and our partnerships with parents. If you have any questions about the newsletters, or the learning in the classroom, please ask your child’s teacher.

**Sustainable Practices**

We are constantly working towards creating a sustainable and environmentally friendly school. We encourage all children to bring ‘nude food’ to school. This means not using unnecessary wrapping etc. in school lunches. We are encouraging our children to place all rubbish in bins or bring it home in their lunch boxes. In this way we teach our children to look after our school environment and eventually create a rubbish free school. Learning this will hopefully provide each child with knowledge and experience of how to look after our environment.

**SUN SMART**

As we are in the season of Summer, a reminder of the following important information that applies for our staff and students: Applying sunscreen throughout the day, wearing a school hat whenever outside, remembering our school policy “No hat - No play”. A designated area under shade is available for children without a hat.

Remember to drink plenty of water on hot days. In fact, the best drink for all children to have at school is water! Avoid drinks with high sugar content as this can have an effect on children’s ability to concentrate and learn!

**Top tips on sunscreen at school - Important notice from SunSmart**

Teachers at school are not expected to apply sunscreen to students but SunSmart does ask that schools have strategies in place to help remind children to apply sunscreen before they go outside. Regular use of sunscreen has been shown to reduce the incidence of melanoma and squamous cell carcinoma, both in the short and long term.

Choose SPF 30 or higher broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen.

- Make sure it is within its use-by date.
- Children BYO SPF 30 or higher broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen – one that suits their skin.
- Store sunscreen with lunchboxes and/or hats so when children grab their food or hat before going outdoors, they will also be reminded to slop on sunscreen.

Paul Mulqueen

Principal
Weekend Mass Times For The Parishes of Warragul & Drouin:
- Warragul: Saturday 7pm & Sunday 9am
- Drouin: Sunday 10.30am
- Neerim Sth: Saturday 5.30pm

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The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process whereby adults enter the Catholic Church. RCIA sessions are held every Wednesday 7.30pm Marian Room at St. Joseph’s Church Warragul. We do not meet during school holidays. If you are interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith you can contact: Fr. Peter or Joan Robertson at the Parish Office: 56231642 or Deacon Mark Kelly on 0407748646. All are welcome.

Sacrament Of Reconciliation
The final Commitment Mass for children wishing to make their First Reconciliation will be held at St Ita’s Church, Drouin this Sunday 19th February at 10:30am. Parents and children please arrive at St Ita’s Church by 10.15am; we will meet in the foyer of the Church. Parents please bring your purple enrolment form and photo sheet provided in your information pack to this Mass. If you are still needing an information pack, you can pick one up from your child’s school or from St Joseph’s parish Office in Connor St, Warragul. Please phone 5623 1642 to arrange for one if needed.

Reconciliation Parent Only Meeting
The next Reconciliation Parent only meetings will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 22nd February, at St Ita’s School Hall Drouin OR at 7pm on Thursday 23rd February at St Joseph’s Church, Warragul. Please note, parents must attend one of these meetings. Enquiries: Therese 56231642 or email sacraments@warragulparish.org.au Tuesdays to Thursdays. Many thanks for your co-operation.
**District Swimming**

Having completed our swimming trials on Monday we have now selected our District team and permission slips have been sent home today. Children are only allowed to compete in two individual events and a relay at this level. Children who won multiple events at our school sports or swim trials have been asked to choose their best events. Only 50m events are competed at District. Please return all permission slips to Mrs. Silver this week. We will need parent helpers at the swimming carnival. If you are available and have a current working with children check please indicate your availability on your child’s permission slip. Thank you to Bernard Miron and Karen DiGrandi for helping out at our trials and all the family members who came to support their children.

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**Our District Swim Team**

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**Athletic Sports**

Our Senior and Junior Athletic Sports will be held on Monday 27th of February at the Geoff Watt Track. We will need parent helpers to set up, as age group leaders, timekeepers and place judges. Please check your diary. We will be sending a note home this week to ask for volunteers. Due to the busy day we will be running the 1500m and high jump at school next week. Children interested in running the 1500m it will be held on Monday from 2.00pm – 3.00pm and high jump will be held on Friday from 10.30am starting with the senior age groups.

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**SSV State Teams Trials**

We have had several parents indicate they are interested in their child being nominated for the SSV Trials. We again stress that these trials are part of the gifted and talented program and are not come and try days. I would like to send out the nominations Friday so this will be the last week to indicate your interest.

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**Library News - Barb Bird**

**Book Club**

If you wish to make a purchase from Issue 1, please do so by the Loop ordering system explained on last week’s newsletter or forward orders with money or cheque to school by tomorrow. We thank you for your support.

**Library Bags**

Thank you to all the families who have made the effort to obtain and use a library bag. There are still library bags available for purchasing. Some children are using their take home reading folders instead of a library bag. This causes confusion for our junior students who are just beginning to develop their library routines. Please help them by giving them access to a library bag as well.
Gospel Value of Mercy

Our first Gospel Value for the year is Mercy. When we speak about mercy in relation to gospel values, we think: Look at the world through Jesus’ eyes – how would he act? Mercy means showing compassion, forgiveness and kindness to those around us. When do we show mercy to others?

Encouraging

We all benefit from encouragement in our close relationships. This can take the form of reminding someone of their strengths, past successes, or positive qualities. Remember that encouragement is most effective when it is authentic and honest. In the classroom, encouragement is when we encourage someone to have a go at a task they are having trouble with or have something they have not attempted before. It is also about us encouraging ourselves, as well as others, to do our best and be our best.

School Counsellor News

This year, Linda Davis is our new school counsellor, coming to us from the Schools Unit from Catholic Care and will be working in our school each Monday. Linda has a background in family counselling and post-separation counselling and has worked and lived in Gippsland for the last 10 years. Linda has qualifications in both psychology and counselling.

Referrals for counselling are made through the school. Parents need to discuss with their child’s teacher any concerns before referrals are made. Some of the responsibilities of a school counsellor include:

- Making assessment of the child within the family and classroom so as to identify and clarify presenting problems
- Liaising with staff and parents
- Providing counselling to children
- Referring children and/or their families to other agencies as required

A school counsellor can usually see 5 to 6 students per day. Linda uses a range of counselling techniques including play therapy and narrative therapy to help children to feel comfortable speaking about any concerns. Counselling is always confidential between the counsellor and the child.

Linda is happy to talk to parents who want to gain further information about how counselling may help children.

St. Joseph’s Netball Club

The St. Joseph’s Netball Club are seeking players for the Warragul District Winter Netball Competition. Please email the club stjosephsnetballclub@gmail.com if your daughter is interested.

Thanks, Fiona Hayden 0409820275
St. Joseph’s Netball Club Secretary stjosephsnetballclub@gmail.com

Lunch Orders

Please ensure that you are using the new price list for lunch orders. A new price list was emailed home last week and copies are also available from the office. Thanking you.
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<td>Simply mention St Joseph’s Primary school at Bakers Delight and they will give 5% of sales back to our school. Fresh bread tastes even better when you know it’s helping raise money for our school.</td>
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| **Warragul Cinema Tickets** |
| Warragul Cinema vouchers/tickets available for $13.00 from the school office. |

| **St. Joseph’s Playgroup** |
| Every Monday morning at 9.30am or straight after morning assembly in the school library. All Welcome |
| Rachel Faithful 0417 032 695 |

| **Icypole Roster** |
| Thank you to those who have already volunteered for Icy Pole Wednesdays. We have 3 vacancies left for the term, so if you are able to assist, Please click on the following web link to view the vacant spots and signup: [www.volunteersignup.org/BXXYC](http://www.volunteersignup.org/BXXYC) |
| Detailed Instructions with everything needed is contained in the Icypole box from the P & F cupboard, it takes about 40 mins and no preparation or training needed. Thank you for your help. |

| **School Support Roster** |
| We are currently setting up the meal roster for School Support. School Support is a service in place to assist school families who are in need of a meal during difficult times, such as an illness in the family or the arrival of a new baby. If you are able to provide a meal once a term please follow the link below to add your name to the sign up sheet. [www.volunteersignup.org/RY8KA](http://www.volunteersignup.org/RY8KA) |
| Ideas for your meal includes lasagne and pasta bakes, pies, casseroles and slow cooked dishes and soups. Anything homemade or purchased which freezes well is appreciated. If you are unable to make a meal when rostered on, please make it when you are able. There will be a reminder in the weekly newsletter. Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you again for your generosity, Naomi Simpson - 0438 558 152 simpsonsings@bigpond.com |

| **Cake Roster** |
| Every Friday a cake raffle is held at the end of assembly. One volunteer each week is required to bring a cake to school by 2pm. Students will sell the raffle tickets prior to assembly. Please remember no nuts when baking and to provide a list of ingredients with the cake. Please follow the link below to add your name to the sign up sheet [https://www.volunteersignup.org/J9CM3](https://www.volunteersignup.org/J9CM3) |

**Thank you for volunteering! Parents and Friends**
Upcoming Term 1 Dates

**WEEK 3**

*Wednesday 15th February* - No School for Foundation (Preps)
*Thursday 16th February* - Welcoming Family BBQ (6.00pm)
*Friday 17th February* - Whole School Opening Mass at Church (9.30am)
  (Grades 1-6)

**WEEK 4**

*Wednesday 22nd February* - No School for Foundation (Preps)
  District Swimming (Drouin Outdoor Pool)
  School Committee Meeting (6.00pm)

**WEEK 5**

*Monday 27th February* - Athletics Carnival (Geoff Watt Track)
*Tuesday 28th February* - Shrove Tuesday
*Tuesday 28th February* - Parent/Teacher/Child Meetings
*Wednesday 1st March* - Ash Wednesday

**WEEK 6**

*Tuesday 7th March* - Division Swimming (Drouin Outdoor Pool)
*Wednesday 8th -10th March* - Grade 5 Camp (Foster)

**WEEK 7**

*Monday 13th March* - Labour Day Public Holiday
*Wednesday 15th March* - School Committee Meeting (6.00pm)
*Friday 17th March* - Whole School Mass

**WEEK 8**

*Monday 20th - 21st March* - Grade 4 Camp (Forest Edge)
*Friday 24th March* - School Photos

**WEEK 9**

*Friday 31st March* - STATIONS OF THE CROSS
END OF TERM 2.20PM