MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Prayer For The New School Year: We Are Called To Walk With Those in Our Care

As we step into this New Year, restore our spirits. Renew our passion for sharing your wisdom and nurture our compassion for those in need of greater support. Transform us as we seek to transform; guide us as we seek to guide; open our minds and hearts as we seek to open minds and hearts.

To the Good News of justice and peace. Help us listen more deeply to the world and to your Word, so we can walk with those in our care, attentive to the Wisdom that calls us all to the Kingdom of God.

Adapted from a prayer by Jane Deren (http://w.educationforjustice.org)

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school. It felt very strange to not be in a class over the previous couple of days but it is also exciting for me to be acting principal for the first two terms. I hope any teacher would welcome me in their grade for a little while if I am missing teaching too much over the next few months. I hope your break was fun and restful. Term 1 is always a busy term and before we know it the term will almost over. Whilst the weather wasn’t as warm as it usually is, any time with family and celebrations can be fun.

So much information to share. As part of our school Sunsmart policy the children are required to wear a hat and sunscreen when outside. I would also encourage your children to make sure they have a water bottle.

Staffing News

We welcome Emma Rhodes to St Joseph’s as part of our Foundation (Prep) team. We look forward to Emma having a long and enjoyable teaching time with us. We also welcome back Ged Shelton and Janelle Skwarek from leave. Melinda Mulqueen is taking leave and Patricia Bertacco will be teaching Italian.

Sad News

We were all very sad to hear of the passing of Terry Synan. Terry was a past Director of the Catholic Education Office and, very influential in Sale Diocese education and his knowledge and wisdom will be sadly missed. We offer our deepest sympathies to the family of Terry.

Whole School Mass This Friday

We are celebrating mass as a school this Friday at 9.30am in the hall. Please attend if you can. All very welcome.

New Bishop Of Sale Diocese

The new Bishop of Sale Diocese will be installed on Thursday 26th February at Sale Catholic College and I will be attending along with our Religious Education Co-ordinators Ged Shelton and Kristian Thompson. They are important moments in the Sale Diocese and I would recommend anyone with an interest to attend. The installments are not every day occurrences and are a good reflection of the Church and its rituals.

Michael Tomkins
Acting Principal

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Term 1 Dates

| WEEK 2 | Thursday 5th February | - | Swimming Trials |
| WEEK 3 | Tuesday 10th February | - | Family BBQ 6.00pm |
|        | Wednesday 11th February | - | School Committee Meeting 7.00pm |
| WEEK 4 | Tuesday 17th February | - | Shrove Tuesday |
|        | Wednesday 18th February | - | Ash Wednesday |
|        | Thursday 19th February | - | School Interviews 1.50pm - 7.30pm |
| WEEK 5 | Tuesday 24th February | - | District Swimming |

Upcoming Events & Other News

Sacrament of Reconciliation
The Sacrament of Reconciliation has an enrolment session for parents this Thursday in the Marian Room. The children will make their First Reconciliation in the final week of this term.

Family BBQ
Our family BBQ (sausages in bread) to welcome the new year is being held on Tuesday 10th February on the school oval. This is an opportunity to gather and socialise with other school families. A donation of $5.00 per family would be appreciated. Payment can be made on the night, or beforehand at the Office. 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 let Mr. Tomkins know.

New Administration Area
Builders are well into our new administration area building and we are excited at the prospect of the building being ready in March. This will allow us to move our administration in and begin the process of turning our current staffroom into an Art room and the Office area into a Performing Arts/Italian.

Closure of School Access
Due to the new building construction whilst welding works are taking place access to carline will be fenced off and not available due to safety reasons. As from next Thursday 13th February until the following Monday & Tuesday (16th & 17th) February access will not be permitted. If the situation changes and access is available we will let you know.

Deepest Sympathy & Condolences to the Harris family on the passing of Gary’s Dad. Our prayers and best wishes are with; Gary, Richelle, Charlotte & Henry.

Deepest Sympathy & Condolences to the Richards family on the passing of Silvia’s Dad. Our prayers and best wishes are with; Anthony, Silvia, Max, Samantha & Christopher.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
Friday 27th March
(LAST DAY OF TERM 1)
Religious Education & Parish News
School Masses & Liturgies Term 1

Weekend Mass Times for the Parishes of Warragul & Drouin:
Warragul: Saturday 7pm & Sunday 9am
Drouin: Sunday 10.30am
Neerim Sth: Saturday 5.30pm

Children’s Liturgy of the Word
Children’s Liturgy will take place at both parish masses this weekend, Saturday 7th at 7.00pm & Sunday 8th February at 9.00am. All primary aged children are welcome to attend.

Parishes Mission Timetable
Our next Parish Mission conducted by Fr. Ray Sanchez C.P. will be held from Saturday 14th Feb to Friday 20th Feb 2015, beginning Mass 5.30pm Neerim South and 7.00pm Warragul.
Morning sessions will be held at St. Ita’s 10am to 12pm.
Evening sessions will be held at St. Joseph’s 7-9pm

The First session:
Sunday 15th Feb St. Joseph’s Church 7-9pm
‘On being a Christian’

The Second session:
Monday 16th Feb:
‘Jesus and Justice’

The Third session:
Tuesday 17th Feb
‘Male and Female Sexuality’

The Fourth session:
Thursday 19th Feb
‘Third Age and final Journey’

The Fifth session:
Friday 20th Feb
‘The problem of Evil and God’s mercy’
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

An Information meeting for the Sacrament of Reconciliation is to be held on **Thursday 5th February at 7.00pm in the Marian Room**. Children need to be in grade 3 or above, and be baptised to receive this Sacrament. If you would like your child to receive this sacrament please attend this meeting. If possible, could parents please bring their **child’s Baptismal candle, (or any candle)** to the meeting to be used in our prayer. For more information ring Liz Schellekens on 5623 1642 or see Mr. Thompson at St. Joseph’s School.

**Parish Picnic**

Families are invited to our Parish Picnic on Sunday the 15th of February, at Glen Cromie Park, commencing at 12pm. Admission to the park is $2.00 per head and please BYO everything including chairs.

**School Support**

We are currently setting up the meals roster for school support. School support is a service we have in place to help out school families who are in need of a meal during difficult times, such as illness in the family or the arrival of a new baby. Each week we regularly hand out 3-4 meals so require between 40-50 people to be part of this invaluable service. If you are able to be on the roster and provide a meal once a term, please let me know via email or leave your name and email address (if you have one) at the office. All meals are kept in the school freezer until needed. It would be greatly appreciated if anyone who is able to can provide a meal in the next week in order to re-stock the freezer.

Many thanks, Naomi Simpson simpsonsings@bigpond.com

**St Joes Uniform Shop**

Closing Down Sale
Limited Stock
Friday pre and post assembly in the School Hall

**St Joseph’s Playgroup**

Every Monday morning 9.30am or straight after morning assembly in the library. All welcome. For further information contact Silvia 0418 764 954 or silviantony@vic.australis.com.au.

**Icypoles Term 1 Wednesdays**

Icypoles available on Wednesdays during Term 1. Vouchers available for 50 cents from your classroom teacher on Wednesday mornings.
**Book Club**

Once again we will be offering families the chance to purchase books from the Scholastic Book Club. Twice a term, flyers will come home with the children. Please do not feel under any obligation to make a purchase. The school receives bonus points from each purchase enabling us to add to our book and resource collection in our library. The first set of flyers will be sent home at the end of this week. If you wish to make a purchase, the order form, along with the money, cheque or credit confirmation slip, need to be returned by **Friday 13th February**, to the classroom teacher. Family orders may be placed together with the one payment. Cheques need to be made payable to Scholastic. Once the orders are collated and sent off they are usually sent back to the school a week later, then given to the children to take home. If you want to pick up book club orders in person, please indicate this on the order form and we will hold the order for you. This is a good option if shopping for presents.

Thank you for your anticipated support.

**Library Bags**

It was good to see some of our lost books found over the holidays. Thank you to the families who made this effort to seek out the books. In order to keep our books clean, together and well looked after please ensure children have access to a library bag. Any library bag will do; there are plenty on the market. We have some cloth bags available to purchase for a donation of $2.50. These are available from the library.

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**Sports News - Melia Silver**

**Swimming Trials**

This Thursday, 5th of February, children in Grade 3 who are interested in competing in the district swim team and are strong swimmers (must be able to swim 50m confidently) are invited to the Warragul Leisure Centre to compete in the swimming trials. The district swimming team will compete on the 24th of February at the Warragul Leisure Centre. This is also an opportunity for any new students or students who missed last years swimming carnival to also compete in a time trial in order to make this years district team. Please talk to Mrs Silver if you are interested in competing in these trials by this Wednesday (TOMORROW).

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**Noticeboard Items**

**Lost**

Blue & Yellow toy monster truck (approx. 20cm long). Lost on last day of Term 4 (17th December) belonging to Jack Surman from (Grade 1/2 Jeffers).

**Drum Lessons**

at St Joseph’s Primary School during school hours
30 minute lesson
Contact Pete Brown 0437 595 490 monkeydrum@live.com.au

**Trafalgar Victory FC Registration Day**

Saturday 21st February
10.00am - 2.00pm
Trafalgar Recreation Precinct
Teams available for boys and girls from Year 7 to Year 12
New players most welcome
0400 505 320 admin@tvfc.com.au tvfc.com.au