Dear Families,

Open our hearts in welcome.
Remove the things that hinder us from
Receiving Christ with joy
So that we may share his wisdom
And become one with him
When he comes in glory
For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit
One God for ever and ever.

Our Christmas Tree and Advent Wreath are now on display in the foyer. If there are families who would like to leave a gift under the tree we shall take these to be given to families in need. Christmas can be such a joyous time but also a very lonely and sad time for some but we can make a difference. If you would like to donate a gift, please collect a tag from the tree, and purchase for the appropriate age and gender of the child. We speak often about Social Justice and living the Gospel; this is social justice in action!

The children are starting to become very tired at the moment. As the year winds down please help them manage their school days by ensuring they get a good night’s sleep EVERY night!! Tiredness is usually the reason why children are teary and unable to manage situations and emotions.
Today the children will have transitioned into their class for the 2017 school year. Our class selection process takes into account many considerations based on academic, social and emotional needs of children and what will be the best arrangement for all children and staff.

We are ever aware that the dynamics of each class can vary from year to year and from teacher to teacher. All children learn at different rates and have different learning styles. We are acutely aware that 21st Century learning requires flexible and open learning areas, working collaboratively with a broad cross section of children. Composite groupings (or multi-age structures) provide the platform for such collaboration and a differentiated curriculum allowing children develop their own learning further. They also provide an effective means to develop and enhance the social and emotional needs of the children.

We also know that learning occurs best when children, parents and teachers work together in a positive and supportive atmosphere.

For 2017 our classes will be:

**Foundation:**
- 2 grades
- Teachers: Chantelle Jeffers and Vanessa Barry

**Grade 1 & 2:**
- 4 grades
- Teachers: Hayley Roberts, Kellie Ford, Kristian Thompson and Jenny Carpenter

**Grade 3 & 4:**
- 5 grades
- Teachers: Michael Shannon, Meagan Maunder, Leonie Dodman, Lisa Wans and Emma Van Boven/Ann Maree Daley

**Grade 5 & 6:**
- 5 grades
- Teachers: Mick Clancy, Karla Proietto, Jonathan Baker, Kevin McKee and Melia Silver

Please note that determining classes has been intensive and involved process. Now that the grades have been announced I stress that there can be no changes made!

**Book Lists**

Book lists for all Grades have been sent home with students. If you haven’t received a booklist please collect one from the office. Please note that they need to be returned by **THIS FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER.**

**End of Term**

Classes conclude at 3.20pm on Friday 16th December. Classes resume on Thursday 2nd February, 2017.

**End of Year, End of Year Mass**

We are celebrating the end of the 2016 school year with a whole school Mass on Friday 16th December. The Mass will commence at 9.30am in St Joseph’s Church. Parents are very welcome to attend. This will be the student’s final day. Dismissal is 3:20pm. Reports will also be issued on this day.

**Grade six Graduation**

Our Grade Six graduation Mass and Dinner is being held on Wednesday 14th December, commencing with Mass at 6.00pm at St Joseph’s Church. Following the Mass, families will gather for dinner in our school hall. This year, grade five families will not be required to supply dessert or clean up on the night. Our caterers will facilitate both dessert and removal of cutlery/crockery at the end of the night.

**Final Assembly**

Our final assembly for 2016 will be held on Thursday 15th December at 2:50pm.

**Deepest Sympathy & Condolences**

Our deepest sympathy and condolences are with Jo & Doug Benson and family on the passing of their son Simon at the week-end. Please keep the Benson family in your prayers.

Warmest regards,

Paul Mulqueen
Principal
Leadership Positions For 2017

Violet Pyle (School Captain)
Livinia Armstrong (Vice Captain)

Luke Garner (School Captain)
Jarrod Clynes (Vice Captain)

Mary House Captains
Regan Malady
Charli Hendrikse
Liam Lyle
Ripley Pyle

Luke House Captains
Ava Gaul
Molly Schuurmans
Will Auldist
David Baker

Therese House Captains
Tess Talbot
Meaghan Romano
Jonty Kennedy
Todd Gowans

John House Captains
Caeley Hurst
Indiana Smart
Lara Codling
Jack Logan
Patrick Alger
**Weekend Mass Times For The Parishes of Warragul & Drouin:**

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**WEEK 10**

FRIDAY MASS/LITURGY: 9th December NO MASS AT SCHOOL

DISPLAY: Christmas Tree

MONDAY ASSEMBLY: Preps

**WEEK 11**

FRIDAY MASS/LITURGY: 16th December WHOLE SCHOOL MASS AT CHURCH END OF YEAR

**Children’s Liturgy For Term 4:**

Sunday 11th December
(9:00am Mass – Warragul)
Sunday 18th December
(10:30am Mass – Drouin)

**RCIA**

If anyone is 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 on 0407748646.

**Christmas Present Appeal**

Our Christmas appeal is well under way and I would like to thank those families who have already contributed with gifts or food. For those of you who haven’t yet had a chance to collect a gift tag from our tree located in the administration area, there is still plenty of time!

The small gift cards, with the gender and age of a child, are hanging from the tree just waiting for families to collect. It would be great if you could involve your children in the buying of the gift, asking them what they think would be a fun and age appropriate. Return your wrapped present, with the tag attached, to the basket under the tree. All of the presents will be delivered to St Vinnies in Warragul in time to reach families in our local area for Christmas.

As an alternative your family may like to donate a non-perishable food item. This food will be added to Christmas hampers which are being prepared for vulnerable families in our local community.

Every time our school community collects food items or raises money for, and awareness of, those in society who are less fortunate than ourselves, we strive for the common good. Jesus taught that God asks each of us what we are doing to help the poor and needy: “Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me” (Matthew 25:40). By working together on Social Justice projects we are striving to improve the wellbeing of all.
**Reading Books**
This is the last week for take home reading books. We would like to thank everyone for borrowing regularly and developing their reading skills. We urge you to continue to read over the holidays. The Warragul Library always runs a holiday reading program to stimulate our young readers. Hopefully a gift of a book is on everyone's shopping list too. Why not write your own holiday story and turn it into an illustrated book to read over and over again. There are so many opportunities to engage in reading over the holidays. How creative will you be?

**Library Returns**
Please use this week to ensure all items are returned. We are currently stocktaking resources so hopefully we will also unearth some resources that might have gone astray through the year.

**Thanks**
We would like to take this opportunity to thank all library helpers. Kim Wood volunteers her time each morning to assist us with the Take Home Reading Books. We are so lucky that Kim helps kick start each day with our children with a smile and interest. Lolly pop lady, Jill can also be seen in the library. Jill helps put books back on the shelves once they have been returned. Rachel Faithful has also been coming in to help keep our books in order of late. We are most appreciative of all the offers of help that are extended to the library program. We also thank the students who have volunteered to be Library Monitors this year. They have stuck by their commitment and have been of great assistance. We have a great resource area. We look forward to ensuring the library will continue to support the school's programs once again next year.

“There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island.” — Walt Disney

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**Awards Term 4, Week 9 - Patience**

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Swimming Sports

Junior Swimming Sports
The Junior Swimming sports are **TOMORROW** (Wednesday) at the Warragul Leisure Centre. Students will be walking to and from the Leisure Centre and weather permitting will have lunch at the park. We had a run through of all the relays last week and it was great to see the children enjoying the activities. Thank you to all the parent who have offered to help out on the day.

Senior Swimming Sports
Our Senior Swimming sports are this Friday at the Drouin outdoor pool starting at 10.00. Children will travel by bus to and from the venue. Children will need to pack their lunch, snacks and plenty to drink. There is a canteen at the pool but children will not be permitted to purchase food. It would not be possible to run the sports without parent helpers and I would like to thank all those parents who have volunteered their time.

Triathlon
Tuesday 13th December is this year’s Triathlon day. With the pool now re-opened we will return to our original format and run the event in the park across from the Leisure Centre. There will be both team and individual events. The children had a meeting yesterday to sign up for events. Children who have entered the individual or bike leg of a team event must have their bike dropped off to Mr. Clancy/Mrs. Silver outside the Warragul Triathlon Club (opposite Warragul Leisure Centre) from 9.00am on the day. Bikes will also need to be picked up from this venue between 11.30 and 12.00. Children riding must have a helmet or will not be allowed to compete. The swim leg is 50m, the ride is approximately 1.5 Km and the run is approximately 800m. We will need some parent helpers to supervise around the course, if you are available please email msilver@stjwarragul.catholic.edu.au

Wellbeing - Michael Tomkins

Gospel Value
Our final week of the Gospel values and we are celebrating any of the gospel values from this term. **Generosity, Charity, Service, Respect, Tolerance, Stewardship, Humility and Patience.** Teachers will be looking for any of these Gospel values to reinforce values from the term.
Bakers Delight at Coles
Centrepoint
Dough Raiser Program
Simply mention St Joseph’s Primary school at the Bakers Delight near Coles, Williams Square in Warragul 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.

Warragul Cinema Tickets
Warragul Cinema vouchers/tickets available for $13.00 from the school office.

Cake Raffle Roster—Friday at Assembly 50 Cents
Please remember no nuts when baking and to provide a list of ingredients with the cake. The cake is required at School by 2.00pm on a Friday afternoon so raffle tickets can be sold prior to assembly. Thanking you, Meg Height 0438 514027 or admin@thesummit.net.au.
Friday 9th December  Silvia Pongracic
Friday 16th December  Paula Gowans  (END OF TERM)

St Joseph’s Primary School
Parents and Friends
Welcome
Morning Tea
Thursday 2nd February 2017 after assembly in our School Hall
Everyone welcome
Tissues provided

St Joe’s Playgroup
Every Monday morning at 9.30am or straight after morning assembly in the school library.
All Welcome

School Canteen Day
This Thursday 8th December
Orders have now closed

Change To Icypoles Tomorrow
Due to the Prep - Grade 2 Swimming Sports being held tomorrow
ICYPOLES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT RECESS RATHER THAN LUNCHTIME

Christmas Raffle
Parents and Friends have decided to support the St.Vinnie’s Christmas Appeal, rather than a Christmas raffle. Please donate to the Christmas tree located in the office foyer. Thank you for your support.
Upcoming Term 4 Dates

WEEK 10

Wednesday 7th December - Prep - Grade 2 Swimming Sports  
(Warragul Leisure Centre - 12.00noon - 2.30pm)

Thursday 8th December - School Canteen Day  
Library Monitor Afternoon

Friday 9th December - Grade 3-6 Swimming Sports  
(Drouin Outdoor Pool - 10.00am start at Drouin)

WEEK 11

Tuesday 13th December - Triathlon (Grades 3-6)

Wednesday 14th December - Grade 6 Graduation Mass & Dinner 6.00pm

Thursday 15th December - Final Assembly for 2016 at 2.50pm

Friday 16th December - End of Year Mass at Church 9.30am,  
Grade 6 Day Out, Final day for students 3.20pm

2017 Dates

Monday 30th January - Teachers Return

Tuesday 31st January & Wednesday 1st February  
Testing Days for Students (letters will be sent home shortly)

Thursday 2nd February - School Starts,  
Assembly and Welcome Morning Tea

Wednesday 8th, 15th & 22nd February - No School for Preps

Donations Of Flowers

Donations of flowers are needed to make table centrepieces for our  
Grade 6 Graduation Dinner which is being held on Wednesday 14th December.

If you are able to donate some flowers,  
could you please drop them off in the  
School foyer on Tuesday 13th December.

Thanking you.