Dear Families,

_The Best School of Learning is the Home_

Love the Lord your God with your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

_Deuteronomy 6:5-7_

Welcome back to the 2017 School Year. A particular welcome to all the families new to St Joseph’s. We look forward to you being a part of our school and Parish community, and I know that you will be made to feel welcome by everyone. It was particularly pleasing to see so many smiling faces on the first day of school. Our 52 preps started the day off well as did children in all other classes.

We welcome Haley Roberts (Year 1/2), Karla Proietto (Year 5/6), Kevin McKee (Year 5/6) and also a welcome back to Julie Kennedy (Year 3/4W one day, Students with Disabilities co-ordinator and Literacy Intervention Leader). Also a welcome back to all of our staff for the 2017 school year.

Thank-you to our wonderful staff for all their preparation for the beginning of the school year – the smooth start is a credit to the work they have put in to make it possible.

Janelle Szkwarek has taken maternity leave for this year so she will not be teaching music in 2017. We have decided to teach Music and Art over a two year cycle which will allow adequate coverage of the curriculum in all grades in the above mentioned areas. In 2017 the cycle will commence with Art to all grades each week. In 2018, with Janelle’s return we will then turn back to music. Helen McKay will be replacing Janelle in 3/4 Dodman on Wednesdays. Mrs Robyn Leary will be teaching Art to all grades for this year.

Mrs Emma Van Boven will be taking maternity leave at the end of term 1 this year. Mrs Sonja Moritz will continue in Emma’s role in Year 3&4EA for the remainder of the year.

Attached is a list of our staff for 2017.
**NEWSLETTERS**

In 2017 the school newsletter will be issued on Wednesday of each week, not on the Tuesday. The newsletter is emailed to parents and also placed on the school’s website.

If you have not downloaded the school App, please go to the App store to download it: it’s free! The App provides important notifications and you can also access the newsletter through the App.

**WELCOME/FAMILY BBQ**

Our welcome/family BBQ (sausages in bread) to welcome the New Year is being held on Thursday 16th February. This is an opportunity for all our families to gather on the school oval and have some sausages 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 write that on the envelope as well.

**MEDIA RELEASE—ROYAL COMMISSION**

With the Royal Commission releasing its media report recently, I have attached a copy of Bishop Patrick O’Regan’s recent media statement. (See attached)

**UNIFORM**

This is the time of year to make sure that your child is wearing their correct uniform. All forms of jewellery (rings, chains, earrings, wrist bands/ties etc.) are not part of the uniform. Sport attire and runners must only be worn on specified sport days. Please make sure your child is wearing the correct uniform to avoid any issues down the track!

**SCHOOL ENTRY TIME**

All classrooms will open at 8:40am allowing children, and parents, to enter the classrooms and organise bags/books etc. for the day; and chat with the teacher if required. Children also have the opportunity to go back outside to play once placing their bag inside. At 8:55am music will play alerting all children to go to the toilet, get a drink if required and enter their classrooms ready for formal classes. The 9.00am bell will signal formal classes to commence.

Children and parents are not able to enter classrooms until this time, unless specifically directed by teacher.

Please note that entry into the school is via the admin block, doors on the northern side of the school (near the hall and multipurpose room) and the southern side (near the multipurpose room) and via all classroom doors after 8:40am.  **Entry and exit via the hall and the doors leading into the hall is not permitted!**

**MAINTENANCE WORKS**

During the holidays a number works were conducted aside from the normal cleaning and carpet cleaning. These included:

- Outside of the school cleaned and painted
- Playground lines renewed
- Internal toilets painted, all exhaust fans replaced and new spring loaded taps installed.
- Grounds clean up
- Fence to be installed alongside new footpath into top carpark.

**SIGNING CHILDREN IN AND OUT OF SCHOOL**

If your child needs to leave early, or has an appointment, then parents must sign them out. If they return, or you arrive late at school, the child must be signed in when they return/arrive. A note (or email) must be supplied to the classroom teacher so that they are aware of why the child is leaving and they can then record the absence.

If your child is unwell, speed up their recovery by keeping them at home, not allowing them to return to school until they are fully recovered!

**SUNSMART**

A reminder that all children must be wearing school hats when outside during terms one and four. If your child does not have a hat they will be required to play in a designated shaded area.

*Paul Mulqueen*

*Principal*
St. Joseph's

Welcome/Family BBQ night

We hope you all enjoyed the break and the wonderful weather!!

As part of our welcome back, we are holding a Welcome/family BBQ Night for all families and staff of St Joseph's.

THURSDAY 16th FEBRUARY at 6.00pm

We will be supplying free BBQ sausages and Icy Poles.

If you wish to bring along your own tea / picnic, please do.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 16th February at 6pm.

Please return your RSVP (envelopes with names/numbers) by Monday 13th

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**Staff List For 2017**

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**Religious Education & Parish News**

**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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WHOLE SCHOOL  
OPENING MASS AT CHURCH | 3/4 EA | Grade 1/2  
Thompson |
| 4    | 24th February  
Grade 1/2 Mass  
(School Hall) |         | Grade 5/6  
Clancy |
| 5    | 1st March  
ASH WEDNESDAY  
Grade 3-6 (at Church)  
Foundation & Grade 1/2 Liturgy  
(at School) | 5/6 B | Grade 3/4  
Dodman |
| 6    | 10th March  
Grade 3/4 Mass (School Hall) |         | Grade 3/4  
Shannon |
| 7    | 17th March  
WHOLE SCHOOL MASS  
AT SCHOOL | 1/2C | Grade 1/2  
Ford |
| 8    | 24th March  
NO MASS  
Liturgy at School |         |                 |
| 9    | 31st March  
NO MASS  
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**Sacrament of Reconciliation 2017**

Just a reminder there will be a combined parishes information meeting for parents only, who would like their child to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It will be held this Thursday, 9th February at 7pm in St. Joseph’s Church, Warragul. To make their first Reconciliation, children need to be in Grade three or above. For more information please ring Therese Meggetto on 5623 1642.

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.
**SPORTS NEWS - MELIA SILVER & MEGAN SPENCER**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Swimming Trials**
Monday 13th February,
Warragul Leisure Centre Outdoor Pool

**District Swimming**
Wednesday 22nd February,
Drouin Outdoor Pool, 12:00-2:30pm

**Division Swimming**
Tuesday 7th March,
Drouin Outdoor Pool

**Senior & Junior Athletic Sports**
Geoff Watt Track - Monday 27th February.

**Swimming Trials**
Our Grade 3-6 Swimming Trials will be held on Monday 13th February at the Warragul Leisure Outdoor Pool from 11:00am – 1.00pm. These trials are for confident swimmers who were unavailable to compete at the Swimming Carnival held in December and this year’s grade 3 students who are now eligible for the Under 8/9/10 age group. **Only students able to confidently swim 50m** can qualify for our District Swim Team.

Students will walk to and from the Leisure Centre with Mrs. Spencer, departing school at 10.30am and returning by 1.30pm. Students are to wear their Sport Uniform and will need to bring bathers, towel, goggles, drink bottle and any necessary medication. It is essential that we have some parent helpers for the day to be timekeepers, place judges and recorders.

If you can help, please fill in the slip that was sent home with your child or email Mrs. Silver at msilver@stiwarragul.catholic.edu.au. All permission slips need to be returned to Mrs. Silver by this Friday 10th February.

**School Sports Victoria**

School Sports Victoria Team Vic trials for 12 years and under teams in the sports of Australian Rules, Netball, Football (Soccer) and Basketball for 2017 are now open for registration. Our school is only allowed a maximum of three (3) students for each sport mentioned above to attend these trials so it’s important that as a school, we acknowledge the capacity and ability of these nominated students to be able to participate well in these trials.

It needs to be emphasised that these trials form part of School Sport Victoria’s Gifted and Talented program and are not ‘come and try’ opportunities.

Each child is trialing for a state team and as such we must attest to each child’s athleticism, skill level and school behaviour. Parents wishing to have their child nominated need to contact Melia Silver to obtain a nomination form. Parents will then be responsible for completing the registration online, paying the registration fee and transporting their child to the trial events. Nominations close the 10th March.
Parents & Friends Rosters & News

Bakers Delight Dough Raiser Program
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.

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

Icy Poles - Wednesdays
Opportunities are open for volunteers to help on "Icy Pole Wednesdays - Term 1 2017"
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.
Please click on the following web link (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn't work) to go to the signup sheet: www.volunteersignup.org/BXXYC
To sign up, just follow the instructions on the page. It only takes a few seconds to do.
The kids love these days and it will only go ahead if we have volunteers.

Thank you for help.
Parents and Friends
stjparentsandfriends@gmail.com

Library News - Barb Bird

Book Club
Our first brochure for the year will come home this Thursday. Should you wish to make a purchase please do so by Thursday 16th February so that orders can be processed.

Library Bags
All children are required to make use of a library bag to transport their library books to and from school. A library bag helps to keep our books clean and together. Many books go astray throughout the year so it is important to encourage good borrowing and reading habits. After a book is read at home it can go back into the library bag and thus not get lost. Books may be borrowed for two weeks however the children are encouraged to borrow each week. There are bags available outside the library for a small $2 donation, however any bag will do.

Overdue Books
If anyone managed to find some stray library books over the holidays we hope the books will find their way into the return trolley soon. Thanks for taking the time to look.

Library Days
Tuesday- 5/6 McKee, 5/6 Baker, 1/2 Roberts, 1/2 Carpenter, 1/2 Thompson, 1/2 Ford
Wednesday- 5/6 Silver, 5/6 Proietto, 3/4 EA, 5/6 Clancy
Thursday- 3/4 Wans, 3/4 Dodman, 3/4 Mauder, 3/4 Shannon, (In February- Foundation Jeffers and Barry will have Library on a Thursday)
**Wellbeing - Michael Tomkins**

**Support**
Supporting others is very important and it is great to know we have support from people when we are in need. People thrive in relationships where they feel supported and are in the pursuit of their dreams, goals, and aspirations. Support means being there physically, mentally and emotionally for the other person as well as taking on a greater share of responsibilities when they are in need.

We will commence our Gospel Values next week.

**Child Safety** – Please make sure all asthma action plans, allergy alerts and any other medical information are sent to the office.

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**Notice Board / Other Items**

**Lost**
Lost a calico art bag, hand painted with a dalmation on the front. It is clearly named “Seth Winterton”. If this has been found could it please be returned to Grade 1/2 Carpenter.

**Guitar Lessons**
Guitar lessons are being offered during school hours this year by Joseph Patrick. Please contact Joseph directly on 0498 742 381 or email Joseph on jpatrick.tuition@gmail.com for further details.

**Ellinbank Junior Football Club**

**Has Spots Available For UNDER 12s PLAYERS for the 2017 Season**

If you are interested in playing for a family-friendly club located less than 10 minutes south of Warragul, please contact Martin Auldist on 0429 042 165 or email ellinbankjuniorfootballclub@gmail.com

FREE shorts and socks for all new players.

**Lunch Orders**
Please ensure that you are using the new price list for lunch orders. A new price list was emailed out yesterday and copies are also available from the office. Thanking you.

**Deepest Sympathy & Condolences To**
Trish & Paul Mulqueen on the passing of Trish’s mother. Please keep Trish, Paul and their extended family in your prayers.

**Congratulations & Best Wishes To**
Mandy & Lindon Moore on the recent birth of a baby girl “Milla”, a baby sister for Campbell in Grade 1/2 Roberts and Rykin in Grade 1/2 Ford.
Upcoming Term 1 Dates

WEEK 2
Wednesday 8th February - No School for Foundation (Preps)
Friday 10th February - NO ASSEMBLY

WEEK 3
Monday 13th February - Swimming Trials
Wednesday 15th February - No School for Foundation (Preps)
School Committee Meeting (6.00pm)
Thursday 16th February - Welcoming Family BBQ (6.00pm)
Friday 17th February - Whole School Opening Mass at Church (9.30am)

WEEK 4
Wednesday 22nd February - No School for Foundation (Preps)
District Swimming (Drouin Outdoor Pool)

WEEK 5
Monday 27th February - Athletics Carnival (Geoff Watt Track)
Tuesday 28th February - Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 1st March - Ash Wednesday
Wednesday 1st March - Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews

WEEK 6
Tuesday 7th March - Division Swimming (Drouin Outdoor Pool)
Wednesday 8th 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 March - Grade 4 Camp (Forest Edge)

WEEK 9
Friday 31st March - END OF TERM