Dear Families,

**A Reflection for Lent**

When you are inspired by some great purpose, some extraordinary project all your thought’s break their bonds: Your mind transcends limitations Your consciousness expands in every direction, and you find yourself in a new great and wonderful world. Dormant forces, faculties and talents become alive, and you discover yourself to be a greater person by far than you ever dreamed yourself to be

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**St. Joseph's Day**

This Thursday, the 17th of March we are going to be having a celebratory day for our patron saint St Joseph. This year the day falls on St Patrick’s Day so the children will be participating in some activities for each saint. As in previous years the children are encouraged to wear something red to help signify the significance of the day. At our assembly last Friday, the children were reminded about the Feast Day and informed that they could wear something red. We will be having a liturgy to celebrate St Joseph’s Day in our school hall at 9.15am. All parents are welcome to join us.

In the morning of this day we are also going to be having a whole school focus on Reconciliation.

**School Closure**

A reminder to all families that the school will be closed this Friday 18th March for all children. Staff will be participating in a Religious Education Professional Learning Day.
School Photos
Order forms have been sent home today for School Photos which are being held on Monday 18th April. Sibling portrait order forms are available from the Office should you wish to have a sibling photo taken.

Staff Changes Term Two
Commencing term two 2016, the following changes will take place;

Sonja Moritz 3/4ML will be taking maternity leave. Patricia Bertacco will be replacing Sonja for the remainder of the year.
Michelle Inchincoli will also be taking maternity leave in mid term two. Janelle Szkwarek will be replacing Michelle for the remainder of the year.

Sacrament Of Reconciliation
This week will be the ceremony of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This will be on Wednesday the 16th of March at 7pm at St. Ita's Church, and 7pm on Thursday the 17th of March at St. Joseph's Church. Please keep the following St. Joseph's children in your prayers as they complete this Sacrament:

Matthew ARMSTRONG, Eva BARRY, Tyler BEST, Molly BINGHAM, Millicent BROWN, Tayla CLARK, Tarynt DAVIDSON, Angus DUNSMUIR, Cody GEARY, Evelyn GRAAFSMA, Charlotte HARRIS, Oliver HILTON, Skye HUGGINS, Miller IRELAND, Sydelle ISAACS, Maci JAMES, Heath JINKS, Chloe JINKS, Darcy JONES, Logan JOYCE, Reagan JOYCE, Isaac KITTELTY, Seth LEAR, Thomas LOGAN, Alana MAGYAR, Noah MCDONALD, Zali MIRON, Ryan MURPHY, Will O'BRIEN, Tyson O'LEARY, Xavier OLSSON, Cooper PATTERSON, Thomas PATTERTON, Noah RIDSDALE, Elijah RYAN, Rebekah SCHREYER, Joseph SIMPSON, Rylee SOMERVILLE, Tess TALBOT, Cameron THOMPSON, Jake VAUGHAN, Sienna WAKEFIELD, Ava WEBSTER.

Harmony Day
Harmony Day is held each year on 21 March. It's a day to celebrate our cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. The message of Harmony Day is everyone belongs and this year’s theme is ‘our diversity is our strength’.

Schools have always been Harmony Day’s greatest supporters. Since 1999, more than 65 000 events and activities have been held across the country, from the smallest childcare centres to the largest businesses.

Harmony Day coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. This year marks 50 years since the declaration of the Day.

Classes can celebrate Harmony Day in a variety of ways – cooking, music or stories from different cultures. Each class will choose their own lesson focus and will present a thirty second snapshot at a very brief school get together on Monday afternoon.
Upcoming Term 1 Dates

**WEEK 8**

**Tuesday 15th March** - Catholic Education Week

**Wednesday 16th March** - Parents & Friends Meeting 2.30pm
School Committee Meeting 7.00pm

**Thursday 17th March** - St. Joseph’s Day (Whole School Liturgy)
Regional Swimming

**Friday 18th March** - SCHOOL CLOSURE

**WEEK 9**

**Monday 21st March** - National Harmony Day

**Wednesday 23rd - 24th March** - Grade 4 Camp (Forest Edge)

**Thursday 24th March** - Stations of the Cross, Easter Raffle (last day of term)

**END OF TERM FINISH 2.20PM**

Teacher School Email Addresses

To assist with communication between teachers and parents, please find teacher email addresses listed below. Please remember that teachers will respond to emails when they are able, during office hours, and this will not necessarily be as soon as you have emailed them. If you need to contact the school immediately, ringing reception is still the best option on 5623 2943. The principal email address is listed on the front page of the newsletter.

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Grade 5/6 Farina - lfarina@stjwarragul.catholic.edu.au
Grade 5/6 Silver - msilver@stjwarragul.catholic.edu.au
**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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**Children’s Liturgy**

Children’s Liturgy of the Word will be held weekly during the school term at the 9.00am mass in St. Joseph’s Church, Warragul and at St. Ita’s Church, Drouin at 10.30am. Pre-schoolers, as well as primary aged students are warmly invited to attend. Parents are welcome to attend with their children if necessary. For more information ring Liz on 5625 2253.

*Let the children come to me.*

(Matthew 19:14)

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Before enrolling in the Mondulkiri Community Health Program, supported by Caritas Australia, young midwife Sreymom lacked the practical experience necessary to safely assist childbirth. Now, with the skills and knowledge gained through the program, Sreymom is a trusted midwife who is helping to improve the health of indigenous women and children in her region.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help healthcare workers in isolated areas of Cambodia gain vital training to improve the health and wellbeing of the region’s indigenous women and children. You can donate through School boxes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.
HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE 2016

RECONCILIATION 2nd RITE
Tuesday 22nd March Warragul 7.30pm

HOLY THURSDAY 24th March
Mass of the Lord’s Supper:
Drouin: 7.30pm (Adoration until 10pm)
Neerim South: 7.30pm

GOOD FRIDAY 25th March
Stations of the Cross
Warragul: 10am
Drouin: 10.30am

Celebrations of the Lord’s Passion
Warragul: 3.00pm
Drouin: 3.00pm

HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL 26th March
Warragul: 7.00pm

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES 27th March
Warragul: 9.00
Neerim South: 9.00am
Drouin: 10.30am

EXTRA INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATIONS
Warragul: Wednesday 9.00-9.25am
Drouin Saturday 9.00-10.00am
Warragul: Saturday 10.30-11.30am
February 18, 2016

The Principal
St Joseph’s Primary School
Bourke Street
Warragul 3820

Dear Teachers and Students

Once again we would like to thank you very much for the lovely gifts we received for our needy people, to make their Christmas a bit more joyful.

The hampers and gifts are very much appreciated by all who receive them.

The St Vincent de Paul Conference is very grateful for the support from our young people at our Catholic schools, and the support your teachers give to get these programs going.

We would also ask the students to thank their parents for their generosity to St Vincent de Paul Conference not just at Christmas but during the year by the tinnies for Vinnies collection we received.

Wishing you all a Happy New year and a great school year in 2016

Sincerely Yours,

Mary Stadegaard  For: St Vincent de Paul Society Conference Warragul

Signature  

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**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.

**School Support Roster**
Ideally we still need some more volunteers to be part of this service. If you are able to provide a meal once a term to feed a family of 5, please contact Naomi.

_Thank you again for your generosity, Naomi Simpson 0438 558 152_

March 14th  Meg Height, Richelle Harris, Emma Pilla, Erika McInerney
March 21st  Mary Rothmeier, Fiona Armstrong, Holly Stockdale, Kylie Logan

**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._

**Iron On School Logos**
These logos are available in green & yellow for application onto school polos and school jumpers. Logos are available from the office at $2.50 each.

**Grade 6 Commemorative Polos**
Students will be given their Grade 6 Commemorative Polos this week.

**St Joes Playgroup**
Every Monday morning at 9.30am or straight after morning assembly in the Art Room (old Staffroom)
All Welcome
For further information contact
Contact Silvia 0418 764 954
or silviantony@vic.aultrasil.com.au

**Icy Poles Term 1 Wednesdays**
Available on Wednesdays only at lunchtime for 50cents

**Next Parents & Friends Meeting**
_Tomorrow_ Wednesday 16th March at 2.30pm in the Staffroom
St. Joseph’s Easter Raffle 2016

Don’t forget our Parents and Friends’ Easter Raffle. There are 10 great quality chocolate prizes to be won, which are on display in the office.

Please complete each side of the tickets, there are 10 tickets per book @ $1.00 each. Please see the office for more tickets and to return all money, sold and unsold tickets.

RAFFLE DRAWN AT ASSEMBLY Thursday 24th March, (last day of term)

Thank you for supporting St. Joseph’s Parents and Friends Auxiliary

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**Book Club**
Thank you for all the orders for Issue 2. Hopefully goods ordered will arrive early next week. Our school received $200 worth of resources due to your support.

**Coming Soon**
This year we will be holding a Book Fair early next term. We will need lots of help in order to have a successful fair so please consider volunteering your time. The fair will take place in Week 4.

**What’s Been Happening In Our Library?**
During the term all classes have been exploring Aboriginal Culture. Many stories have been read and viewed. Focus questions have been posed and small research tasks have been undertaken by some classes. During lunch time the children have been invited to explore different learning centres. These centres included dot painting, weaving, symbols in art, reading stories and enjoying our Library space.
Today, about two dozen people came to visit the grade sixes to talk about a genetic disease called Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. More than three quarters of the visitors would have been cyclists who are doing a big ride from St Kilda, round to San Remo, up to Warragul, through Healesville and back to Melbourne again so that they can raise money for kids with the disease.

The cyclists talked about being road safe and also wearing the right gear. When it was time for the visitors to head off, we all got to go outside and line up in two lines so that all the cyclists could ride through the middle of the two lines and give us high-fives. It was so much fun!!!

by Ella Dunn
Grade 5 Camp - Rawson

Wednesday the 9th of March was the beginning of a big adventure for our grade 5 students. They all headed for the camp in Rawson at Rawson Village. We were accompanied by teachers and parents and the adventure began. A big thank you to the parents who sent their children to camp and to the parents; Tim Kubale, Stuart Gowans, Kellie Jones, Katrina Hendrikse and Deb Van Rossom and staff; Mick Clancy, Michael Tomkins, Bernie Rigano and Lynda Farina who came on camp with us.
My favourite was the flying fox. We had a big safety harness that was hard to get out of. On the flying fox you could jump forward or jump backwards. When you got to the end of the wire you bounced off of a tyre. (Sienna Webster)

I thought that it was fun and it never got boring. My favourite activities were abseiling and high ropes. We also got to make damper which tasted very nice if you cooked it properly. If you didn’t cook it properly, it was a different story. (Huon Coghlan)

I thought that the abseiling was really fun. Climbing up was a challenge and then coming back down felt like you were flying. (Izzie Jones)

It was fun. The high rope was scary. If you went all the way to the top on the Tarzan it started with the ropes close and then they got wider, which was hard. I liked the flying fox because you could jump backwards or forwards. (Connor Eade)

My favourite activity was the flying fox because I liked going high. I also thought that the food was good. I really enjoyed the activities. (Indiana Smart)

I liked the abseiling because you got to jump off from the top and it was 11 metres high. The safety harness was easy to get into. I also liked the Commando course because you got really muddy and there were a lot of fun stations. It was really cool. (Tyler Wiegerink)

I loved the food at the camp. It was really good and I loved the commando course because you could do it a few times and I got really muddy. (Stevie Einsiedel)

I think that the camp was spectacular. All the activities were really fun and I want to go again. (Luke Garner)

I liked the activities. My favourites were the flying fox and the commando course. I liked the initiatives activity, especially when I was passed through the big spider web. (Mikayla Magyar)

My favourite part was the commando course because you could get really dirty. I liked the food a lot. (Jack Logan)

On the abseiling, the flying fox and the high rope we had to have a safety harness on. On the abseiling you could stand up the top. All the activities were great. (Tess Talbot)

The camp was a really good experience because of all the activities. My favourite activity was the flying fox. (Dan Isaacs)

When we went to Rawson camp I had a lot of fun and I learnt a lot too. One of the things that I learnt was how to put on a body harness. (Caeley Hurst)

Rawson was great fun because it had great food and fantastic activities. My 3 favourite things were high ropes, rock climbing and the commando course. (Todd Gowans)
**Gospel Values**

We are refreshing the values already focussed on this term – teachers will still be looking for values we have focussed on already. Mercy, compassion, empathy and forgiveness. From the Gospel: How would Jesus act and what would you knowing how Jesus would act?

**Resilience**

Resilience helps our children to become problem solvers. Instead of asking for a parent / teacher or adult to solve the problem, give children the room to solve the problem themselves. It is okay to act as a problem consultant rather than problem solver. Allow your child to talk through a course of action they might take to solve their situation and draw out from them any other possible solutions. The easiest thing is to solve the problem for them because it might be less hassle, however children who can problem solve develop skills to think for themselves and generate possible solutions.

**Sports News - Melia Silver**

**Regional Swimming**

This Thursday we have 16 children competing in Sale at the Regional Swimming Carnival. Children travelling in Mrs Mulqueen’s or Mrs Silver’s car must be outside the office at 7.50am. We wish all the children the best of luck.

**District Athletics**

The District Athletics Carnival is the first Friday next term, the 15th of April. Children are able to compete in two individual events and a relay. Children who choose to compete in the 1500m are able to compete in 3 individual events and a relay. There is no 8/9 year old events at District so children in this age group must have faster times or better results than the 10 year old competitors to qualify. This week we will finalise our team and permission notes will be sent home next week.
Congratulations girls on achieving runners up in the Under 12 Basketball Tournament at Traralgon during the long week-end.

St Joseph’s Netball Club
The St Joseph’s Netball Club are seeking players for the Warragul District Winter Netball Competition which will start on Saturday 30th April. Please email the club stjosephsnetballclub@gmail.com if your daughter is interested. Alison Lisle 0437 008 802, St. Joseph’s Netball Club Secretary.

Let’s Play Hockey!
The West Gippsland Hockey Association provides the opportunity for all people to enjoy the game of hockey in a fun & supportive environment.
We would love you to join one of our 4 Clubs to play in the winter competition this year.
There are four clubs under the West Gippsland Hockey Association.
All games and training are at Bellbird Park, Lampards Rd, Drouin.
Games are primarily played on Saturday morning for the younger Junior age groups, commencing 8.00am, and early afternoon for the older Junior ages.
Adults are very welcome to join and play in the senior competition.
No experience is necessary, you are never too old to learn this fabulous and spirited game.
For further information please contact Natalie Oellermann, WGHA Development Officer Phone 0499601411.