Dear Families,

Last Friday, 11th November, our school recognised Remembrance Day through a special liturgy in the school hall. This is a day for remembering the many people who died during war and while protecting Australia and promoting peace in our world. The concepts, and practices, of peace and justice are essential in building and fostering a healthy learning community at St Joseph’s school. Our liturgy tied in the teachings of Jesus and how we remember these in our school community.

*Surely the Lord’s mercies are not over, God’s deeds of faithful love not exhausted; every morning they are renewed; ‘and so I shall put my hope in him.’*

*Lamentations 3:26*

As the year rolls on, teachers are busily engaged in creating your child’s report, being mindful of ensuring that it is an accurate record of achievement during the year. These take time and much thought in order to represent your child well.

Teachers are also involved in the testing of literacy and numeracy skills to update the data we have on your child’s learning journey.

What a wonderful experience it was for everyone at school on Friday to have so many eager children participate in our Walkathon. It was also heartening to see that the weather was kind to us this year after the rain we had in 2015!

The children were very excited as they participated in the Walkathon and were also buoyed by many parents joining in!

Thank you to the Parents and Friends for co-ordinating the day and for preparing the fruit platters! These were a big hit with the children, and a healthy way to finish the event! Special thanks to Paula Gowans for helping to co-ordinate the event and to our parent helpers for preparing the fruit. *Well Done!*

Yesterday, we again had the pleasure of our 2017 Foundation (Prep) students joining us as they participated in their second transition session. It was great to see the excitement on their faces as they entered the library ready for another exciting time.

They will continue to join us over the next few weeks. We look forward to having them as full time members of St Joseph’s school community next year.
Foundation (Prep 2017) Information Evening
On Tuesday 29th November we will hold our Foundation Information Evening for the parents of our 2017 Foundation (Prep 2017) children and parents. The meeting will take place in the school hall for tea (parents and children) followed by an information session for parents in the library. Start time 6.00pm.

Orientation Day
On Tuesday 6th December, we will hold Orientation Day when our new Foundation (Prep 2017) children come to our school and for our other classes to move into their new classrooms with their new class teachers. This day provides a great opportunity for your children to familiarise themselves with their new classmates and class teacher.

Class Groupings
Detailed below shows the class groupings for 2017. Each year the class groupings are considered in relation to the numbers of students and how we can organise them in a practical way. There are many discussions held around this decision each year and we support the work of the teachers in this area.
Foundation (Prep): two classes
Years 1& 2: four classes
Years 3&4: five classes
Years 5&6: five classes
This will leave us with 16 classes for 2017. Children will know their classes and teachers on Orientation Day.

Class Lists
As noted in previous newsletters, teachers are currently working on class lists for next year and many hours are spent on this task. Please be assured that teachers use their professional knowledge of students and their judgement of what is best for each individual child when considering groupings.
In assigning students to classes, teachers are asked to consider the following criteria to ensure an even spread of:
• learning abilities
• gender
• even grade levels
• learning friends - these are not necessarily playground friends but students they enjoy and work well with. In many instances students are asked for their input in this area.
• friendship groups/social connections.
• learning data
A great deal of consultation occurs between teachers, data collected and parent requests. The requests made does not guarantee that the lists will reflect your suggestion, as we also have faith in the judgement and decisions made by the teachers who best know these children in the learning environment. Your input can sometimes give us a different perspective when considering class groupings. Once class lists are announced on Orientation Day there will not be changes made to grades unless there is an error on our part.

Booklists
The 2017 Booklists will be sent home shortly. Please read these carefully to ensure you understand the requirements and instructions. Please also note the due date!

Rose Planting on Saturday 12th November
Thank you to Prue Metcalfe for acquiring a number of carpet roses for our school, and for organising the planting of these on Saturday morning. Thank you to our parent helpers; Brent Schuurmans, Prue Metcalfe, Anna & Bernie Miron and Carmela Jean for assisting with the plantings.
**Dropping Of Children**

Please note that the front of the school (new admin area) is not a drop off zone, or pick up area, for children. In the past two weeks a number of cars have been dropping children off in this no parking area. We respectfully ask families to use the car line or car-parking areas that are readily available in the mornings. Parents are also not to use the old admin end of the school for dropping off or pick up. This area is primarily a staff carpark. Parents with specific permission from the school, may be able to use this area on temporary basis.

**Playground Chatter**

Children often talk about many different topics in the playground: some helpful and some not! Often they will talk about what they have heard from others, from adults, from the media and from the internet. Unfortunately the information can often be distorted as it may have passed through many filters and with many different perceptions of the event or story. For some children this may be the cause for concern, fear or apprehension in regard to what they have heard. For example when Donald Trump was elected the President for the USA, some children became concerned that this may be the trigger for World War 3.

For parents it is important to be aware of your child’s access to the media or internet and have open and positive channels for positive communication. Trust is essential for effective family communication. If your child comes home from school with a concern over what they have heard, talk to them about it and answer their questions as honestly as you can. Children need to be reassured that there are still adults around them (school and home), and that they will care for them and ensure they’re safe to the best of their capacity.

As adults, teachers and parents, we can help children by giving rational, age appropriate answers to questions. It is unhelpful to make statements we can’t be sure will happen (such as there won’t be a war) because if these things do happen, children learn that adults shield them by not telling the truth.

If we give age appropriate, reassuring information, children are more likely to feel reassured and safe even through uncertainty. They are also likely to believe adults will tell them what they need to know while keeping them safe from information likely to make them worried.

Strong communication avenues in the family enable children to share negative as well as positive feelings. Children can find acceptable ways of voicing their feelings and are more likely to use assertion and positive ways to deal with unsettling information.

Please inform us if your child struggles to settle with their concerns. Teachers can often find effective ways to support children and deal with perceptions of events and/or misinformation which may be circulating in the playground.

**Warmest regards,**

**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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**Children’s Liturgy For Term 4:**
Sunday 20th November  
(No Children’s Liturgy – First Holy Communion Masses)  
Sunday 27th November (9:00am Mass – Warragul)  
Sunday 4th December (10:30am Mass – Drouin)  
Sunday 11th December (9:00am Mass – Warragul)  
Sunday 18th December (10:30am Mass – Drouin)

**Sacrament of First Holy Communion**

On Sunday at St. Ita’s Church, Chloe Bell, Jessica Haley, Sam Heenan and Riley Pratt celebrated their First Holy Communion. This coming Saturday night and Sunday at our Parish Masses, 29 more children from St. Joseph’s will receive Jesus in the Sacrament for the first time.

Children are reminded to bring your Baptismal stole, be at the Church 15 minutes before the Mass begins and bring a plate of morning tea/ supper to share. Thank you to Ruth Thompson and Father Peter who have been preparing the children since Term 3.  
Please pray for these children as they take their next step on their journey of faith this weekend: Lachlan Barry, Joshua Cutler, Chloe Davidson, Matisse Debnam, Mackenzie Handley-Dorling, Callan Heggart, Maci James, Tia Jenkins, Kailey Kelton, Seth Lear, Jacob Lennox-Ramm, Magenta Licciardello, Katrina Malacarne, Mia Malady, Caleb McKenna, Adam Mills, Ryan Murphy, Brydie Nyko, Ellie O’Connor, Matthew Parker, Alby Phillips, Autumn Polimeni, Makayla Roberts, Elijah Ryan, Rebekah Schreyer, Connor Seymour, Tess Talbot, Capprice Wells & Sapphire Wells.

**Deepest Sympathy & Condolences** to the Dastey family; Mariah, Jason and Hamish in Grade 5/6 Clancy on the recent passing of Mariah’s father/Hamish’s Pop. Please keep the Dastey family in your prayers.
On 2nd-4th November the Grade 6’s spent a great 3 days in Ballarat learning about life on the goldfields in the 1850’s. The children saw candle and lolly making demonstrations, had a tour through the Red Hill Mine, saw gold smelting, experienced the ‘Blood on the Southern Cross light show’ and played ‘Gold Fever’ a hands on role play experience of the goldfields. This year we also attended the Pantomime which was very entertaining and we learnt about etiquette and politeness in the 1850’s. The Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka was a great new experience.

I would like to thank our wonderful parents; Daniel Hollier, Jason Hodder and Tammy Somerville for giving up their time to attend.

Also a big thank you to Mr Baker for helping organizing the camp and Mr Mulqueen, Mr Tomkins, Mrs Farina and Bernie and Kerry for all their help and assistance.
What’s Happening In And Around Classrooms

Grade 6 Camp
## Awards Term 4, Week 6 - Stewardship

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### Library News - Barb Bird

**Book Club**

Issue 8 Book Club orders need to be finalised by this coming Friday. Thank you for your support once again. We appreciate all the new resources we have been able to add to our library collection as a result of bonus points received as commission. We look forward to this partnership continuing next year.

**Library Returns**

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to follow through on the overdue slips sent home last week. Please remember that books are available for loan, for a period of two weeks. Thank you for encouraging the children to be responsible library users.

### Concert News

The concerts are next week (Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th November) and all classes are busy rehearsing their item. The doors open at 6.00pm and an admission cost of $3.00 per adult will be payable at the door with concerts commencing at 6.30pm.

By now all students have been informed of any costumes required and the main cast are giving up their lunchtimes to rehearse which shows great commitment on their part.

We look forward to next Wednesday and Thursday nights and hope you enjoy the shows.

*Concert Committee*
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 18th November  Carmela Jean
Friday 25th November  Leanne Dunsmuir
Friday 2nd December  Meg Height

St. Joseph’s Parents & Friends
Volunteers Needed
St Joseph’s Parents and Friends have a number of events programmed for Term 4 and we need your help! In order for these events to go ahead we ask that you volunteer by signing up using the following links;

Icy Poles
Every Wednesday during the summer terms (Term 1 & Term 4) children can purchase icy poles for 50c. Please register and choose a Wednesday@12.40pm to help & be finished in 40 minutes - you'll be your child's hero! https://www.volunteersignup.org/AXYMD

Walkathon - Friday 11th November
Reminder that money from the walkathon, now needs to be returned to school by Friday 25th November to be eligible for prizes. Winners will be announced at assembly on Friday 2nd December.

Thank you for your support.
**Gospel Value — Humility**

Humility is being humble and modest about yourself. People who show humility are those who do not believe they are better than others or more important than others. Someone who spends their life taking care of others shows humility. They can put others before themselves and not speak about themselves or act in a way that would put others down as less important.

**Student Wellbeing — Basic Needs**

What are our basic needs in life? We all have different priorities. According to one academic we have five basic needs:

1. to love & belong
2. to be powerful
3. to be free
4. to have fun
5. to survive

All of these needs are built in for people but to varying degrees. Some people may have a strong need for survival whereas others may have a strong need to be loved and belong. We all have these needs, just to varying amounts.
**Upcoming Term 4 Dates**

**WEEK 8**
Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th November - School Concerts (6.30pm)

**WEEK 9**
Monday 28th November - Prep 2017 Playgroup (11.45am-1.00pm)
Tuesday 29th November - Prep Information Night (6.00pm)
Thursday 1st December - Fairview Christmas Party

**WEEK 10**
Tuesday 6th December - Orientation Day (9.30am-11.00am)
Wednesday 7th December - Prep - Grade 2 Swimming Sports
Thursday 8th December - School Canteen Day
Friday 9th December - Grade 3-6 Swimming Sports

**WEEK 11**
Tuesday 13th December - Triathlon
Wednesday 14th December - Grade 6 Graduation Dinner
Friday 16th December - End of Year Mass, Grade 6 Day Out,
Final day for students

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**Reminder – 2016 Grade 5 Parents**
**Commemorative Polo T-Shirt**

Order forms for Grade 5 students to order a Commemorative Polo for sports next year have recently been sent home. **The cost of the polo is $40.** The polos will be specially printed with the St. Joseph’s logo on the front and all the Grade 6 student’s names on the back. As the polos are made to order, **full payment of $40** will need to be received when ordering your child’s commemorative polo. Orders are to be handed to the office in a clearly labelled envelope.

**LIMITED SAMPLE SIZES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE**
for fitting purposes.

*It is very important to check the samples as the commemorative polos are a smaller fit than the normal St. Joseph’s school polos.*

Due to the requirements of the printing process, it is imperative that all orders, with full payment, are in by Friday 2nd December 2016.
**Notice Board Items**

**ST JOE’S PLAYGROUP**
Every Monday morning at 9.30am or straight after morning assembly in the Hall.
All Welcome

**NEEDED FOR ART CLASSES**
Mrs. Leary is looking for any scrapbooking paper that you may have at home and not have a use for. If you are happy to donate them, could you please drop them into the Office.
Thanking you.

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**You Can Make A Real Difference To A Child’s Life Today**
Anglicare Victoria urgently needs foster carers to help vulnerable children in our community build better tomorrows.

**Why Become a Carer?**
As a foster carer you have the chance to help change a young life for the better. And you don’t have to be a superhero to do it! You just need to be willing to open up your heart and home to support children in need. In fact, many of our carers say it’s the little things they do as foster carers that makes being a carer so rewarding. This could include taking a child to the footy for the first time or reading them a story at bedtime.

To find out more contact Anglicare Victoria
gippsland.carers@anglicarevic.org.au
03 5133 9998
anglicarevic.org.au

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**ST JOSEPHS NETBALL CLUB**

**Annual General Meeting**
When: Sunday 27th November 3.00pm
Where: Newmasons - Mason Street, Warragul

We are seeking new faces to join the Committee - please come along and show your support.
Thanks
St. Joseph’s Netball Club
stjosephsnetballclub@gmail.com

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**Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?**
Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:
- school uniforms and textbooks
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), such as full-time, part-time, casual or seasonal work, and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Rick Pemberton, your local Saver Plus Worker:
(03) 5120 2582 / 0407 567 312
or rpemberton@berrystreet.org.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered across Bass Coast and South Gippsland.
The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.

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**Head Lice**
Several cases of head lice have been reported within the school. Please be vigilant in checking your children for head lice. Children cannot return to school until they have been properly treated.