Dear Families,

First Eucharist
Congratulations to our Grade Four students who recently celebrated their First Holy Communion over the weekend. We pray for them and their families as they now continue their faith journey and their relationship with Christ. Thank you also to Kristian and Ruth Thompson for their work and helping to prepare the children and families. Their role continues to support the school and families in the Sacramental Education.

Fundraising for the Height Family
On Father’s Day this year, one of our St Joseph’s School dads – Matt Height, suffered a devastating, severe stroke. Matt and his family have been strong and determined throughout the last few months and we are pleased to say he has now started his slow road to recovery. His family's goal is to get Matt home to his wife Meg and his boys - Darcy and Jade, as soon as possible in the new year. To do that, he needs to be equipped with custom made equipment and have his farm house redesigned to accommodate his disabilities.

A ‘My Cause’ page has been set up to raise the money required for Matt’s: wheelchair, ramps and rails, disability accessible bathroom, electric commode and bed and finally, a disability accessible vehicle. There is no funding available at this stage to cover these costs. Funding that is available has a waiting list of up to 12 months and cannot be used to reimburse monies already expended on equipment or home upgrades.
Those who know of the Height Family would be aware of their commitment to volunteering and fundraising in the community, Meg is our Parents and Friends Auxiliary President and dedicates many hours to support our school, and you would agree that it is fitting to seek support from our school community to help the family and aid Matt’s recovery.

The school community would like to help the Height Family by donating all proceeds from the School Canteen Day which will be held on December 8, which also happens to be Matt’s Birthday!! We have already had amazing offers of donations from Malady, Patterson, Jinks and Dunsmuir families and Parkers Foods, who are donating all of the food and items to ensure all money raised can go straight to the ‘My Cause’ fundraising campaign.

If you would like to donate direct to their fundraising cause, please go to https://www.mycause.com.au/page/141781/bring-big-matt-home

The family are also having a working bee this Saturday 26 November 10 am to 4 pm: if you can make it please text Leanne Dunsmuir on 0407533699 who will provide you with information.

Thank you so very much for your support.

**Concert**

The concert has finally arrived. Our annual school concert is been held this Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th November. Starting time for both sessions is 6:30pm with doors opening at 6.00pm. Car parking is available on the school oval.

*Wednesday November 23 at 6.30pm*

**Night One:** Prep P, 1/2B, 1/2J, 1/2F, 3/4M, 3/4S, 5/6F, 5/6C

*Thursday November 24 at 6.30pm*

**Night Two:** Prep W, 1/2C, 1/2T, 3/4BL, 3/4D, 3/4EA, 5/6B, 5/6S

The students will need to be dropped off at the Multi-Purpose Area doors, parents will not be permitted into the MPR. If you wish to take photos, please take them before bringing your child into the MPR. Children should be wearing their costumes except for the main cast. The main cast need to be here at 5.30pm for costumes and microphone checks. There is a $3 entry fee for adults at the door and only the main hall entrance will be open. The library entrance will not be open for concert entrance.

This year, with the assistance of Bernard Miron, we have had extra platforms made to elevate the stage. We trust that this will improve viewing for the audience. We also request that when taking photos at the concert, you are conscious of others who are trying to watch. Please avoid blocking the view of others.

The children are very excited and enjoyed a preview of the concerts yesterday and the cast have been very busy rehearsing during their lunchtimes. We hope you enjoy the concert and celebrate the efforts of your children and the staff.

**Prep Information Night**

Next Tuesday, 29th November we have our Prep Information Night for 2017. This will commence with a shared tea (provided by school) in the hall, followed by an information session for parents in the library. We look forward to greeting all our new families along with those not so new.

*The meeting starts at 6.00pm and will conclude at around 7:10pm approx.*

**Swimming Carnivals**

Swimming Carnivals - change of venue: see sports news for more information.
School Fees

Thank you to all families who have paid their fees. Your prompt attention to this is greatly appreciated as it helps the school to function and meet our financial commitments.

We ask that you to make every attempt to pay all outstanding amounts within the next few weeks. We have only five more weeks before the end of the school year.

If you are experiencing difficulties and need to make alternative arrangements to pay your fees, please call into the office to make an appointment.

Combined School Committee & Parents and Friends Dinner

School Committee, P&F members and event helpers are invited to our end of year dinner to be held at the Courthouse (upstairs room) on Thursday 1st December, 6:30pm.

Cost for the meal is $15 a head. Drinks to be purchased at own cost. Partners of members are cordially invited as well. If you intend to come to the dinner, could you please let Melissa Patterson know (0414826046) or (mel.patterson@hiotmail.com) by Wednesday 23rd November.

Start Date in 2017

All classes, including preps, will commence on Thursday 2nd February 2017. Teachers commence on Monday 30th January with Tuesday 31st and Wednesday 1st February being testing days for all children. The testing schedule will require each child to meet with their teacher to participate in a numeracy/literacy assessment for about 30 mins. A note will be out later in the term so that parents can book their appointment times online.

Parents and Friends Fundraising 2016

St Joseph’s Parents and Friends Auxiliary have been very busy throughout the year fundraising and supporting families in our school community. All fundraising assists the financial management and purchasing of resources for our school.

Our P&F have supported the purchase of the following items for 2016:

- Bag Lockers
- Marquees
- Football Goal Pads
- School Counsellor
- Numeracy Support
- Literacy Support

Our thermometer shows our progress, events and fundraising tally. With only a few more fundraising activities to go, we are well on our way to reaching our target of $20,000 this year. Thank you so much for your support. If you would like to be involved in P&F, please contact Leanne Dunsmuir on 0407533699.

Staff illness

Leonie Dodman, 3&4D, has been unwell for the past two and a half weeks with a respiratory problem. She was in hospital for a number of days before being released late last week. We wish Leonie a speedy recovery and hope she will return to school soon. We have utilised our replacement teachers to assist with the ongoing educational program in 3&4D.

Warmest regards,

Paul Mulqueen
Principal
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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FRIDAY MASS/LITURGY | DISPLAY | MONDAY ASSEMBLY
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8 | 25th November NO MASS | Prep Paulger | Grade 1/2 Jeffers
9 | 2nd December Grade 1/2 Mass at School | Prep Paulger | Grade 5/6 Farina
10 | 9th December Grade 3/4 Mass at School | Christmas Tree | Preps
11 | 16th December WHOLE SCHOOL MASS END OF YEAR | | |

Children’s Liturgy For Term 4:
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)

Seniors Mass Of Anointing And Luncheon
Special thanks to St. Joseph’s School P&F for preparing and supplying sandwiches for the Annual St. Joseph’s Parish Anointing Mass and Luncheon last Friday. Thanks also to the Parishioners, Parish Pastoral Care group who made slices and cakes and the Year 8 Marist Sion Students who took part in the Liturgy and served on the tables. It was appreciated by the 75 parishioners who attended the luncheon.

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.

Congratulations to the following children who receive Holy Communion for the first time on the weekend at Warragul, Neerim South and Drouin:
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.

Congratulations to Shayla Hughes from 1/2 Thompson who was baptised on the weekend.
**Awards Term 4, Week 7 - Humility**

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**Sports News - Melia Silver**

**Swimming Sports**

**Junior Swimming**
Our junior Swimming sports is being held at Warragul Leisure Centre. The format of the sports will be a series of fun relays for children of all abilities to participate in their house teams. Prep and grade one activities will be in the new water play area and the grade two’s will use the 25m pool. Each grade will need a number of parents to help the children change and walk to and from the pool. If you are available to help on the day please let your child’s teacher know.

**Senior Swimming**
Unfortunately Warragul Council have informed us yesterday that they are having to replace some of the tiles in the new outdoor pool and the pool won’t be ready to hold our senior swimming carnival. Council have arranged for us to use the Drouin Outdoor Pool as an alternative venue. This will mean we will be busing children to Drouin from 9.30am as we did last year.

As always we will need help from parents to run this event so if you are available please email msilver@stjwarragul.catholic.edu.au. We will be looking for people to be place judges, recorders and timekeepers.
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 25th November Leanne Dunsmuir
Friday 2nd December Meg Height
Friday 9th December Silvia Pongracic
Friday 16th December Meg Height

St. Joseph’s Parents & Friends

Icy Poles

St Joseph’s Parents and Friends need your help! In order for icypoles to go ahead weekly, we ask that you volunteer by signing up using the following link;

Icy Poles

Every Wednesday during Term 4 children can purchase icypoles 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

St Joe’s Playgroup

Every Monday morning at 9.30am or straight after morning assembly in the school library.

All Welcome

What’s Happening In & Around Classrooms

Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge

Earlier this year, the Grade 5/6 students were invited to participate in the 2016 Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge. They were required to read 15 books within a given time limit. Of the 44 students that signed up we had 44 successful participants. Congratulations to all on this great achievement.

Grade 5/6 Teachers
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)
Wednesday 30th December - Ipad Information Sessions
(Grade 3 in 2017, 4.00pm OR 6.30pm in School Library)
Thursday 1st December - Fairview Christmas Party
Combined School Committee & Parents and Friends Dinner
(6.30pm at the Courthouse)

**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
(order form included in newsletter)
Friday 9th December - Grade 3-6 Swimming Sports (Drouin Outdoor Pool)

**WEEK 11**
Tuesday 13th December - Triathlon (Grades 3-6)
Wednesday 14th December - Grade 6 Graduation Dinner
Friday 16th December - End of Year Mass, Grade 6 Day Out,
Final day for students

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

**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.
School Canteen Day
Thursday 8th December, 2016
(Orders Must Be In By Monday 5th December
To Ensure You Don’t Miss Out On This Treat)

We are offering two options for each child:

**Option 1:** A hot dog, juice box and bag of potato chips $5.00

**Option 2:** A chicken burger, juice box and bag of potato chips $5.00

Please circle the option you would prefer and place your order and money in a **sealed envelope** to make sure no-one misses out.

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Orders For School Canteen Day on Thursday 8th December

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