Dear Families,

**Lent**
During the Lenten period, we endeavour to help children understand the sacrifice Jesus made for us and how we can prepare ourselves so that we can grow closer to God. We seek reconciliation with God and with the Church community. Joining in penance by prayer, fasting (self-denial) and almsgiving (works of charity) is a concrete way we express our repentance and identify more closely with Jesus our Saviour.

During Lent each one of us needs to carefully select the form of penance that we consider most appropriate for our own circumstances, our family and for our own growth in the Christian life. Days of fasting and abstinence from meat occur on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**.

On all other Fridays of the year, the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

**Prayer** - for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary.

**Self-denial** - for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor through Project Compassion, Caritas or St Vincent de Paul.

**Helping others** - for example, special attention to someone who is poor, physically or mentally ill, bereaved, depressed, elderly, lonely, addicted or overburdened.

On Fridays during Lent any one of the above can be used as penance.

Our role as educators, and parents, is to teach our children the meaning of penance and the purpose of during the season of Lent.

**Athletics Carnival**
Attached to today’s newsletter is an outline of the events for our carnival, with probable times for events. These are only approximate times! We cannot guarantee that they will be exact but they will provide a timeline of the day. Thank you to Melia Silver and Megan Spencer for spending extra time to organise this schedule.

**Parent/Child Workshop Reminder**
Our first Parent/Child workshop is next Thursday, March the 3rd, in the Marian Room at St. Joseph’s. You must attend one of the sessions at 4.00pm or 7.00pm. If Thursday is not suitable, you can attend the Wednesday session at St. Ita’s instead at 7.00pm.
**ENTRY TO SCHOOL**
A reminder to all families that entry and exit to school is now not via the doors (south side) to the Hall. This change is in place for the security and the overall safety for all children in our school. Entry to the school is via the office, doors on the north and south side of the multipurpose room, doors near the hall on the north side and all classrooms after 8:40am. Please note that children are not permitted in classrooms before 8:40am.

**BBQ THANKS**
Thank you to everyone who came along and shared in the school BBQ last week. Whilst the weather was a little unkind to us, it was an excellent opportunity for families to come together and share a simple meal, with lots of conversations and the chance to meet new families and staff. A big thank you to all those who helped with the organisation, cooking and distribution of the food for the night.

**HELP NEEDED!**
With P&F support, we have recently purchased bag lockers for six classes along the hallway of the main building. The children will place their school bags in the lockers rather than on the current hooks. The current arrangement using the hooks, is proving to be difficult and also presenting some OH&S issues in regard to travel along the corridor.
We have the lockers but now require some help from parents to remove the current bag hooks so the lockers can be moved and utilised by the children. *If you can help us please contact myself, or Debbie/Kitty in the office, Thank you!*

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**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 3/4 Shannon** - mshannon@stjwarragul.catholic.edu.au  
**Grade 5/6 Clancy** - mclancy@stjwarragul.catholic.edu.au  
**Grade 5/6 Baker** - jb@stjwarragul.catholic.edu.au  
**Grade 5/6 Farina** - lf@stjwarragul.catholic.edu.au  
**Grade 5/6 Silver** - msilver@stjwarragul.catholic.edu.au
Upcoming Term 1 Dates

WEEK 5
Tuesday 23rd February - Parent Teacher Interviews commencing from 2.00pm
Wednesday 24th February - Preps at School, Athletics Carnival
Thursday 25th February - Prep day off

WEEK 6
Wednesday 2nd March - Division Swimming
Friday 4th March - Whole School Mass at Church 9.30am
School Canteen Day (order forms to follow shortly)

WEEK 7
Wednesday 9th—11th March - Grade 5 Camp (Rawson)
Wednesday 9th - Prep Literacy Info Session 6.30pm

WEEK 8
Monday 14th March - LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday 15th - Catholic Education Week
Wednesday 16th March - 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 - Thursday 24th March - Grade 4 Camp (Forest Edge)
Thursday 24th March - Stations of the Cross, Easter Raffle
END OF TERM 2.20PM
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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**This Week’s Gospel Value Is Compassion**

When we show compassion we are inspired to serve others as our brothers and sisters with Jesus as our model. It is a feeling of wanting to help someone who is in need (sick, lonely, hungry, in trouble). This might look like inviting someone on the playground to join in your game or encouraging someone who has made a mistake to learn from their mistake and move forward in a positive way. During Lent we can also donate money for the people in our world who are hungry. Again the guiding thought would be if someone was sick, what would Jesus do? How would Jesus act with people in our world who are hungry?

**Being Confident**

Showing confidence to your child is a good thing to do. There is however, a difference between confidence and arrogance. An arrogant person will brag about their skills or achievements whereas, a person who is confident in their own abilities will let their actions speak for them. In this regard, modelling behaviours for our children is so important. When our children see we have the confidence in our ability to complete a hard task or do something we do not normally do, they can see value. The children see confidence to have a go because that is what they have seen. It is okay to not be great at everything, but having the confidence in yourself to have a go at anything is a valuable thing for our children to see in their parents and others around them.

**Project Compassion**

Project Compassion, is Caritas Australia’s annual Lenten fundraiser. This appeal raises awareness and brings thousands of Australians together in solidarity with the world’s poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

The Project Compassion boxes were sent home last week and there are bigger boxes in each of the classrooms if your children would rather bring donations to school. Please put the boxes in a prominent position in your homes and remember that together we can make a real difference.

Project Compassion is an extraordinary, ongoing demonstration of the faith, love and generosity of caring supporters, all in the name of justice and peace. It is the lifeblood of Caritas Australia; without it, they could not do the vital work they do. Thank you for your support.
**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.

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**Warragul Cinema Tickets**

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

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**School Support Roster**

Thank you for volunteering your time to help out with school support. Please make a family sized meal to feed approximately 5 people. Can all meals please be labelled with the name of the meal, ingredients and the date it was made. Please include your initials. Some ideas for your meal includes lasagne and pasta bakes, pies, casseroles and slow cooked dishes and soups. Anything homemade or purchased which freezes well is appreciated. Due to nut and sesame seed allergies at school, please don’t include them in the meal. Please bring your meal to school in a disposable container sometime during your rostered week. Meals can be taken to the office where Kitty or Deb can show you where the freezer is located.

If you are unable to make a meal when rostered on, please make it when you are able. Any questions please don’t hesitate to email or ring me. A roster was emailed out yesterday. If you did not receive a copy, please let me know.

Thank you again for your generosity, Naomi Simpson 0438 558 152

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**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.

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**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 Silvia 0418 764 954 or silviantony@vic.australis.com.au

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**Icy Poles Term 1 Wednesdays**

Available on Wednesdays only at lunchtime for 50cents

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**Next Parents & Friends Meeting**

Wednesday 16th March at 2.30pm in the Staffroom
**Notice Board Items**

**Leukaemia Foundation**

**Movie Night**

A movie for “The World’s Greatest Shave” is being shown at the Warragul Cinema on Thursday 3rd March.

“The Lady in the Van” starring Maggie Smith is based on a true story. Tickets are $15.50 which includes supper.

Tickets are available after weekend Masses or phone Jan Steven 0401 491703.

**Free Kids Dental**

The Child Dental Benefits schedule continues in 2016. The Commonwealth Government dental scheme provides eligible children with a $1000 free dental benefit. To gain access to benefits, children must be eligible for Medicare, must be between 2 and 17 years of age with the child or parent/carer receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A. Contact your local Pacific Smiles Dental Centre to check if you are eligible.

**YOUTH GROUP**

**Kids Life**

Come join in the fun at St Ita’s School Hall this Friday 26th February. Water fun and games followed by hotdogs.

From 5.00pm-7.00pm

Bring a towel and a gold coin donation.

**RSVP:**

Jess: 0447 664 337

Dcn Mark: 0427 774 646

**Marist-Sion College**

**Year 7 2017**

**Information Event**

March 2nd, 2016

4.15pm - 7.15pm

For further information call our Enrolment Officer on 56235944

Marist Sion College

www.mscw.vic.edu.au
**Sports News - Melia Silver**

**District Swimming**

The District Swimming Carnival was held last Friday the 19th February at the Drouin Outdoor Pool. We had 30 children compete and many children received ribbons. Lainie Gowans, Todd Gowans, Ella Dunn and Caleb McKenna all made it through to the Division Swimming Carnival in individual events. Also competing will be the 10 year old boys and girls freestyle relay teams and the 11 year old boys and girls freestyle relay teams. The Division Swimming Carnival will be held next week on the 2nd of March at the Drouin Outdoor Pool. Well done to everyone who competed and represented St Joseph’s with great sportsmanship.
**Athletics Carnival**

This Wednesday 24th (tomorrow) is the School Athletics Carnival. This year it is being held at the Geoff Watt Track. Senior children will be walking down to the track, leaving school at 9.00am for a 9.30am start. The Preps will be catching a bus to and from the track leaving school at 11.45am for a 12.00noon start. The grade one and two classes will be walking to the track leaving at 11.30am for a 12.00noon start.

A huge thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to help out on the day. We are still looking for a helper for the 12/13 boys age group. If you are able to help please see myself or Megan Spencer on the day. If you sent your parent helper form in after Wednesday you won’t have been allocated an official job but please see you child’s age group leader and offer your assistance.

**Cancellation**

If we need to cancel the event due to inclement weather we will send an email message/alert on the day between 7.30am and 8.00am.

**Food**

The Parents and Friends Committee are running a free sausage sizzle for all students. Children are welcome to bring their own lunch and snacks. Every child will need to have a named drink bottle to carry with them around their events. Children will need to bring a small backpack or named plastic bag to carry their food and drinks. **There will be no lunch orders on this day.**

**Clothing**

Children are asked to wear a t-shirt in their house colour and must have their school hat. We ask all children to apply sunscreen before arriving and we will have more available at the venue.

**Parents wishing to take children home from the track**

If you wish to take your child home with you from the athletic’s track please write a note to the class teacher letting them know about your intentions and then make sure you see the teacher before you leave to have your child signed out.
OUR PARISH COMMUNITY provides so much for parishioners and generously contributes to others in need. Through the celebration of the Eucharist and the many opportunities for prayer and the Sacraments, it provides us all with the spiritual nourishment we need for our journey through life. OUR PARISH COMMUNITY celebrates our faith together.

We are committed to loving service of one another. We recognise that service and outreach are key responses to our baptismal call. Through service we grow as individuals and as a parish community. We have many wonderful opportunities to be involved in parish life - whether through involvement in liturgy, outreach to the community or in our many social activities. OUR PARISH COMMUNITY values engagement in parish life.

We also recognise the importance of providing the financial resources to sustain our parish today - and to grow and respond to Pope Francis' call to mission (Evangelii Gaudium 273). We believe in the need to prioritise our financial commitment to our parish. To plan and budget for it before we think of spending money on the luxuries of life - entertainment, alcohol, movies etc.

During this Stewardship Program, we are invited to make a meaningful financial commitment to our parish - to make it a priority in our lives. In this way we will help ensure that OUR PARISH COMMUNITY continues to support our parish generously.

PARISH INFORMATION MEETING

When: Tuesday, 23 February 2016 at 7:30 PM
Where: Marian Room, St Joseph’s Church
- Discuss our achievements
- Hear about our plan
- Discuss what it means to be part of our Parish Community

Who: EVERYONE IS INVITED!
RSVP: at Mass this weekend or email to Michael.iaccarino@cam.org.au

We cannot be Christians part time. If Christ is at the centre of our lives, he is present in all that we do.”
Pope Francis - 19 August 2013

“The Lord loves a cheerful giver......may we learn to be generous in giving, free from the love of material possessions.”
Pope Francis - 19 July 2014