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Bishop’s Ordination

I will be attending the Ordination of Bishop Elect Patrick O’Regan on Thursday in Sale. After quite a few months we will finally have a Bishop again to lead Sale Diocese. Ged Shelton and Kristian Thompson will attend with me, in their roles as Religion Leaders for St Joseph’s. Three of our student leaders will also represent our school and be presented to the new bishop.

Dear Parents,

School Crossing

A reminder to all families to please utilise the school crossing when crossing over Burke Street. This is the safest and only way that students should be crossing the road to and from school.

Family Update Forms

Please return your family update forms as soon as possible with any phone number changes and or address changes. Our Classroom Contacts List for each class will be produced from this information.

Hooptime Coordinator Required - Help Please

We need the help of someone who is willing to take on a role as a Hooptime Co-ordinator for our school. We have all letters and forms at school and advice and assistance is also being offered. If you are able to help I know there will be some very happy basketballers. Please let Kitty/Deb or myself know if you can help. It may be two people work together.

Thank You

Thankyou to all of the families who came for parent teacher interviews. We realise they are another addition to already busy lives. We obviously value these interviews as part of our partnership in educating your children so, thankyou for your time and commitment. If you did not have an interview, please make a time to speak with your child’s teacher.

New Building

The builders will have odd times where they need to close access to the oval side of the school outside the library. They are concreting paths and roofing the walkway. We are getting closer to completion so hopefully it will all be very short term.

Year Six Commemorative Polos

Clarifying questions we have had about Grade 6 polo shirts and when students may wear them. Students may wear the Year Six polo to school on their designated PE day and other sporting days such as interschool sports and athletics day. Hope this helps.

Cyberbullying Evening

A final reminder of the Cyberbullying information evening that is on offer this evening (Tuesday). It starts at 6.00pm in the multi purpose room and will finish at 7.00pm. We are offering supervision of children whilst parents attend the information evening. Babysitting does finish with the end of the evening’s talk.

Preps - People In Our Community

Congratulations to all Preps who came dressed up as people in our community who help us. Thank you to families who assisted our students to be part of this special day. Michael Tomkins, (Acting Principal)
Term 1 Dates

WEEK 5
Tuesday 24th February
- District Swimming
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- Cyber Safety Information Night (6.00pm - 7.00pm)

WEEK 6
Tuesday 3rd March
- Division Swimming
Wednesday 4th March
- Parents & Friends Auxiliary Meeting (9.00am)

WEEK 7
Monday 9th March
- Labour Day Holiday
Wednesday 11th-13th March
- Grade 5 Camp (Rawson)

WEEK 8
Monday 16th-17th March
- Grade 4 Camp (Forest Edge)

WEEK 9
Thursday 26th March
- Canteen Day (Order forms shortly)
Friday 27th March
- END OF TERM
  SCHOOL CLOSURE

Awards Term 1, Week 4 – Positive Attitude

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SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
Friday 27th March
(LAST DAY OF TERM 1)
Religious Education & Parish News
School Masses & Liturgies Term 1

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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Sacrament of Reconciliation Parent/Child Workshop
The next meeting at the Marian Room is on Thursday the 5th of March. Parents need to attend one of the sessions with their children—either 4pm or 7pm. See Mr. Thompson if you need to hand in forms or photos.

Brisbane Lenten Programme: ‘Rich In Mercy’. ST. Joseph’s, St. Ita’s and St. Ignatius
As a follow on from the Mission all parishioners are invited and welcome to participate in a Lenten Prayer and Discussion Group. The six scripture reflections in the Resource have been written by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. All participants will be provided with a book. These sessions are being offered on a Tuesday evening beginning on Feb 24th 7.30pm in St. Ita’s Meeting Room Drouin and Wednesday 25th Feb 1.30pm Marian Room St. Joseph’s Warragul. Enquires: Anne Bauer: 0458778550 or Barbara Durand: 56251430

Project Compassion
Project Compassion boxes have now been sent home. If you missed out, please see Kitty at the office.

Choir
Our newly formed choir did a wonderful job at the Ash Wednesday Mass. If any children want to be involved, please see Mr Thompson. We will be singing again at the Grade 3-6 Mass next Friday at the Church. If any parents can offer their singing talents to the group, please feel free to come and have a chat to Mr. Thompson.
Literacy News — Donna Synan

Literacy Assessment has been a priority since the opening of the school year. Last Thursday afternoon/evening a scheduled time for parent and teacher conversations took place for both parents and teachers to share insights into your child’s development, including their approach to literacy.

This year we continue to have an emphasis on collecting literacy assessment data at the beginning, middle and end of the year to track each child’s development. Most assessments are diagnostic which provide useful information on what the child knows and what the next step for them is. In some instances, the same test is re-administered to identify progress made. Assessments examine Phonological Awareness, Oral Language, Reading, Writing and Spelling.

Teachers are busy organizing their classrooms to cater for the range of learners in each class and making literacy resources accessible for all. This includes creating a literacy rich classroom with books, charts, word walls, resources for learning new words- topic words/ vocabulary, word charts, dictionaries, paper for planning and drafting and multi-modal resources for listening, speaking, reading and writing with the use of technology. Families are encouraged to immerse their homes with such resources to support our young learners to rehearse what they know at home and to make new discoveries themselves.

This year we are asking families to work with teachers to renew their focus on home reading across all levels in our school. Daily reading at home, builds reading stamina, enables rich conversations about books to take place and improves each child’s ability to make their reading sound good with accuracy, phrasing and fluency.

What more can I do to help my child with their reading?
Consider helping your child to set a reading goal and during each week, work on that goal and reward with positive feedback on the efforts made towards the goal. When that aspect of reading becomes more under control, eg. fluency, retelling, answering how and why questions, breaking words apart etc., encourage your child to decide on another. Help them take control of their own reading by providing support, modelling and time to share their reading with you.

Library News — Barb Bird

Book Club
Thanks to everyone who placed an order from Issue One. Most orders were sent home on Friday. Issue 2 will be hot on the heels of Issue 1 due to the short term.
Parents & Friends Rosters & News

School Support
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 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 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. If you are unable to make a meal when rostered on, just make it when you are able. There will be a reminder in the weekly newsletter. I am only at school periodically so if you become aware of a family who could utilise a meal from the freezer, you can let me know or go directly to Kitty or Deb in the office. Any questions please don't hesitate to email or ring me.
Many thanks, Naomi Simpson simpsonsigns@bigpond.com 0438 558 152

February 23rd - Cath Kubale, Katrina Bertacco, Leonie Broeren
March 2nd - Margot Baker, Jen Pritchett, Christine Dicker
March 9th - Lisa Heggart, Lauren Kew, Michaela Codling
March 16th - Angela Campbell, Kate McDonald, Kathryn O'Leary
March 23rd - Richelle Harris, Paula Gowans, Leanne Dunsmuir

Cake Raffle Roster - VOLUNTEERS WANTED
Fridays At Assembly 50 cents
Once again we are wanting volunteers to form part of our cake raffle roster for Friday afternoon assemblies. We all know how the children love this treat on a Friday afternoon. Please remember not nuts when baking and to provide a list of ingredients with the cake. The cake is required at School by 2.45pm on a Friday afternoon so raffle tickets can be sold prior to assembly. If you are interested in this please contact me.
Thanking you, Meg Height 0438 514027 or admin@thesummit.net.au

February 27th - Cath Kubale
March 6th - Emma Kemp
March 13th - Paula Gowans
March 20th - Melissa Patterson

St Joseph’s Playgroup
Every Monday morning 9.30am or straight after morning assembly in the library. All welcome.
For further information contact Silvia 0418 764 954 or silviantony@vic.australis.com.au

Icypoles Term 1
Wednesdays
Icypoles available on Wednesdays during Term 1. Vouchers available for 50 cents from your classroom teacher on Wednesday mornings.

Movie Money
Movie Money available from the office at $13.00 each

Parents & Friends Meeting
Our 1st Term Meeting is being held at 9:00am on Wednesday 4th March in the staff room, all welcome to attend.
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<td>There is approximately a ten minute opportunity for students to write during a Reading Recovery lesson. This includes time for the teacher to have a genuine conversation with the student about everyday happenings and use this to stimulate an idea for writing. Talking and sharing of ideas is always necessary before the task of writing commences. The student thinks about what they would like to write, communicates that to the teacher and commences the task of writing. The student has much to think about when writing their message; their choice of vocabulary, use of punctuation and the spelling strategies they need to use. Even when a student is constructing a simple sentence much work occurs to bring their learning to the writing. Questions they need to be asking themselves: Where is a capital letter needed? Can I clap the parts of the word into syllables to help spell the complete word? Do I know another smaller word with a similar sound and use that spelling pattern in this word? Do I know the different ways this sound can be represented in words?</td>
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Noticeboard Items

Free Uniform
Long grey pants, size 6 (Beleza brand), 6 pairs
Long grey pants, size 6 (PSW brand), 1 pair
Long grey pants, size 8 (Beleza brand)
Long grey pants, size 10 (Beleza brand), never worn
Green tracksuit pants, size 5 (Beleza brand), 1 pair, never worn
Green windcheaters, size 12, worn but in good condition.
Uniform items free to a good home, please contact Danielle Auldist if interested in any item.
danielle.auldist@gmail.com
0400 50 39 38

Shave for a Cure
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WANTED - Single Bed Base
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Check out the link... www.summitsurvivor.com.au

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MARIST SION
Year 7 2016 Information Event
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Parents & Friends Auxiliary
Expressions of Interest
Volunteers for 2015 School Events

The Parents and Friends Auxiliary are looking for families and friends of St Joseph’s who might be interested in lending a helping hand in 2015. With so many talented people among you, we are confident 2015 will be a great year. Please let us know which events take your fancy and what your awesome skills are.

Please tick the box/es below to indicate your choice/s.

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- Decorating
- Organising
- Wrapping
- Waitressing/Waiting
- Promoting
- Baking
- Making Sandwiches
- Selling at Stalls
- Finding Donations
- Making Signs/
- Creating

Name: _____________________________________________________

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Many thanks for your support, we truly appreciate it.

The P & F Team