The 2015 Parish Fete is just over a week away on Saturday, 21st March. Please place this date in your diary. The success of the day is very important to our parish as it financially supports the parish and our two schools.

The committee is asking for volunteers to look after stalls for a short period of time during the Fete. Many volunteers are required to ensure the smooth running of the Fete. Lists have been placed near the foyer of the school – please put your name down to assist. If you are unable to get in to school to put your name on a list please contact the office.

Helpers are also required to set up the Fete on Friday, 20th March. “Many hands make light work” – please don’t leave this job to just a few regular helpers!

Thank you for donating a family sized block of chocolate or $4.00 for the Fete’s “Choc a Toss” Stall last week. Your donation is greatly appreciated. If you forgot to bring your block or money in, these can be left at the office during the week.

Next week is Catholic Education Week. The theme for Catholic Education Week 2015 is “Seek God with all your heart”. There are a number of activities organised by various schools and parishes in the Melbourne Archdiocese. Our Year 6 school leaders will represent our school at the annual Mass of St Patrick for Schools and Concert to be held at St Patrick’s Cathedral, Melbourne on Tuesday, 17th March.

As part of our Catholic Education Week preparations, today we held our Annual Visitors Day. This day is an opportunity for existing and potential families to see our wonderful school in operation. Thank you to all families that came along to support this day. Thank you to our School Promotions Leadership Team for their work in preparing for the day and taking guided tours. Thanks also to our choir for entertaining us with a wonderful arrangement of songs highlighting their talents. This Friday, 13th March is Ride/Walk2School Day. Students are
encouraged to ride bicycles or scooters or enjoy a pleasant walk to school. Please remember that if you are riding it is the law to wear a helmet. This is also a great time to reinforce road and bike safety rules with your child.

This **Friday, 13th March** students are encouraged to wear “**Odd Socks**”. In return students are asked to bring in a gold coin donation. This money will be used to support prizes for fundraising efforts during the year.

Preparation commences this weekend for our Year 6 students who will be participating in the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. Students preparing for this Sacrament **must** attend one of the **Confirmation Commitment Masses** this weekend of the **14th and 15th March**. It is compulsory for all candidates to attend one of these Masses. The **Confirmation Workshop** will follow early next term on **Tuesday, 28th April** at St Bernadette’s School at 7pm. Once again this is compulsory for candidates - so please ensure these dates are highlighted in your diary. Candidates are reminded that they must attend most weekend Masses leading up to the **Sacrament of Confirmation** on **Friday, 22nd May**.

The next **School Advisory Council (SAC)** meeting will be held next **Monday, 16th March** commencing at 7.00pm. Committee members unable to attend are asked to contact the office prior to the meeting. Agenda, minutes and reports will be sent home before the meeting.

Our **Parent Helpers Course** to support parents assisting in classrooms this year will be held next **Tuesday, 17th March** commencing at 9am. St Joseph’s School values the partnership that we have with our families in supporting the education of your children and we welcome you into the classrooms. Children thoroughly enjoy their parents assisting in the class which in return benefits their learning.

Please remember if you wish to assist in the classroom; with school excursions, camps; or assist with sporting events you require a **Working With Children Check (WWCC)**. The cost of the WWCC is free for volunteers. Forms are available online at [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au) and then completed forms must be taken to the Post Office with the required documentation. The school must sight this card before you are eligible to assist with any of these activities.

Preparations are well under way for our **Twilight Sports** on **Wednesday, 25th March** commencing at 3pm. The students have had great fun learning new athletic events for the evening and look forward to showing off these newly acquired skills. The **Annual Year 3-5 400m races and Year 6 Marathon** will precede this evening next **Wednesday, 18th March at 9.15am**. A note went home last week asking for volunteers to assist with the sports. This is an event that requires the support of our parent community. We ask that you complete and return the form as soon as possible if you are able to help out.

Next week on **Thursday, 19th March** we celebrate our school’s **Feast Day – St Joseph**. On this day we will be celebrating Mass at 9.10am (please note change of time from calendar). We invite everyone to join us in this special Liturgy.

Our first **Special Lunch day** for 2015 will be held on **Thursday, 19th March**. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who are organising this event for your children. The special lunch will be supplied by Foothills Café, Ferntree Gully.
Just a reminder there will also be a **School Closure Day** (no students attend) on **Friday, 20th March**. On this day the school is being set up for the Parish Fete. Staff will be working in their planning teams to prepare their Inquiry Units for Term 3.

Preparation continues for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. As mentioned previously, in readiness students are required to attend most weekend Masses leading up to the Sacrament. The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** for these children will be celebrated on **Thursday, 26th March** at 7pm. We ask you to keep these students in your prayers as they prepare for this sacrament.

Once again our Parish will be participating in the **Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle**. There are some sensational prizes that I have listed below:

- **1st Prize** – Toyota Corolla Ascent Sport
- **2nd & 3rd Prize** - Toyota Yaris YR
- **4th & 5th Prize** - Coles Myer Gift Cards (Valued $1000 each prize)
- **6th – 14th Prizes** - Coles Myer Gift Cards (Valued $500 each prize)

As an added incentive and to say thank you for supporting this raffle, any family that returns their Combined Parishes Raffle Book by next **Wednesday 18th March** will receive a free ticket into our **commUNITY@StJoes Easter Raffle**.

**Easter Raffle tickets** were sent home last week by the commUNITY@StJoes team. We ask that you support this fundraising effort and return tickets by **Wednesday, 25th March**. The Easter Raffle will be drawn on **Wednesday, 25th March** during the Twilight Sports.

What is **commUNITY@StJoes**? During late 2014 our P&F (Parents and Friends) association was operating with no executive members and only a few committee members. These committee members continued through the year ensuring that activities on the school calendar continued. We are extremely grateful for the wonderful work the P&F has done in the past and the amazing members of the community that have contributed to this team over the years. However, we acknowledge that times have changed and we need to relook at how groups operate within the school. We must be mindful of our families busy lifestyles and commitments. We appreciate that it is difficult to commit to regular meetings and assist with frequent fundraising and social activities. Therefore this year we are launching a brand new idea and a different way of organising things... **commUNITY@StJoes**! CommUNITY@StJoes gives all families an opportunity to be involved in a small way and not just a few people therefore sharing the load. Two of our dads Steven Taylor (April – Year 3/4H and Oliver Year 1/2B) and Brian Cross (Sienna – Year 5/6D And Ben – Year 1/2A) will lead this group. Further information will be distributed in the coming week highlighting how this will work and how you can be involved. We look forward to this exciting new way of doing things and working together with all our families. “**Everybody Matters!**”

Students have already been preparing work samples for their **Student Learning Portfolios**. Student Learning Portfolios were one of our successfully implemented initiatives in 2013. These will be sent home at the end of each term and will further support our overall reporting process at St. Joseph’s School. The Student Learning Portfolio will allow us to present samples of your child’s work from a variety of curriculum and specialist areas (including: Religious Education, English, Mathematics, Integrated Studies, and specialist subjects). Therefore over a year you will receive a “snapshot” of your child’s progress. Each term the Student Learning Portfolio will contain a Term Overview and various work samples related to a particular task. At the end of each term there will be an opportunity for students and parents to reflect on the learning that has
Applications are now open for 2016 enrolments at St. Joseph’s. If you currently have a child attending 4 year old kinder, please call into the office and pick up an application form.

To be eligible for Prep in 2016, your child must turn 5 before April 30, 2016.

OFFICE NEWS

COMBINED PARISHES RAFFLE

Thank you to the families who have returned their raffle books

All books sold or unsold need to be returned to the office by MARCH 18.

The Parish has paid $5 per book to participate in this raffle, so it is really important to sell as many tickets as possible. Extra books are available from the office for anyone requiring them.

CDF Student Banking

CDF SCHOOL BANKING DAY is every Tuesday. CDF encourages you to open an account for your child, to teach them about saving. As a practical sign of appreciation, there is a welcome gift for each child who opens a CDF Student Account. Further information/or an application form can be obtained from the office.

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TEACHING & LEARNING

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (P.E)

Sports Stars


Twilight Sports

The Twilight sports are fast approaching so please look out for the notes which will come home over the next 2 weeks. The children are preparing in earnest for their running, jumping and throwing events and I was very pleased last week to see the Preps learn to do the long jump and land on 2 feet. It is wonderful that our Grades 5 and 6 sports leaders are doing such a great job of gathering the troops and working on their cheer leading routines. The talents of these children from Prep to 6 never cease to amaze me. The captains and participants are also showing good organisational skills and commitment throughout these lunchtime practises. Please let me know if you are able to help in any way on the night.

Have a great week!

Peter Vanstan
**KITCHEN GARDEN**

Kitchen Garden will be spread over 2 weeks again due to short weeks and 5/6 excursion. Jarrod Macs, Lachlan Buis, Alicia Fry, Kaylee Dye, Angus McIntosh, Shaun Constable, Alex Kund and Jasmine Keefer.

**ART NEWS**

Thankyou to the families who enjoyed the Knox Festival and voted for our banner, unfortunately the ‘People Choice’ is still to be announced, let’s hope all our votes make us successful. Congratulations to the following schools for being announced as the winners in the following categories – ‘Best Use of Materials’ Lysterfield Primary, ‘Most Original’ Kent Park Primary, ‘Judges Award’ Eastern Ranges School. I must say all the banners looked wonderful.

Congratulations to all students for the wonderful work they have produced thus far in the Art Program. We have many very talented and creative students here at St. Joseph’s. Please take a walk into the classrooms or down the passage way to view some of the art pieces.

**Art Stars of the Week**

Prep – Corey Singh Sawyers, Maya Kelaita.
1/2A5 – Peny Weston, Sebastian Drago. 1/2B – Oliver Taylor, Isobel Sillern.
5/6D – Victoria Pickard; Herwyn Naraidoo. 5/6SM – Sophie Triandafillou, Tinus Van Reenan.

**EXTRA CURRICULAR**

**GREEN AND GOLD SONGBIRDS—CHOIR**

This year we have 35 members our biggest choir ever! 22 of our members are new to choir this year. Choristers are students from Grades 3-6.

**Aims of Choir in 2015**

- For all students to have fun and enjoy singing.
- To have a minor focus on singing scales, breathing control, eg. Use of diaphragm, control breathing.
- To focus on singing in unison primarily.
- Build upon singing in unison to include rounds and two-part harmony.
- To incorporate beat, rhythm, tempo dynamics and movement into choir sessions.

To perform at school assemblies, local eisteddfods, parish and school functions and community functions as requested.

On Sunday March 1, we performed at the Knox Festival in front of a huge crowd of supporters. For many of our members it was their first time performing and they were amazing! Today the songbirds performed at our Visitors Day and we are currently preparing for our performance at the Fete next week. A very busy term indeed. Congratulations to Gareth, Aria and Kaylee who have been voted by their peers as choir monitors for this semester. Well done! Gayle Ashdowne Choir Co-ordinator
CommUNITY group @ St Joe’s

Support refugee children’s education by buying a unique recipe book.

One of the Mums of our school has just returned from living and working in Malaysia for a few years. Here she volunteered in teaching Christian refugees children aged 4 to 15, from Myanmar (formerly Burma). The children form these families have no schooling or other opportunities and have to make do with what they can get from their own cultural groups, churches or volunteers. They live in transition in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, before they can be placed as refugees by the UN. Together with other volunteers working with refugee children, Herna has compiled a tested recipe book. All ingredients are available anywhere in the world, and all methods used are easy to do. A full colour book, with over 40 traditional recipes – tested by non Burmese mums and cooks.

When purchasing a book, you can cook food from Myanmar in your own kitchen, while helping these refugees’ children. All proceed from the book go towards the Chin Student Organisation charity in Malaysia. The volunteers are originally from Australia, United Kingdom, South Africa, New Zealand, USA and Canada. Volunteer teachers help to educate the children and also make them proficient in English for their journey’s ahead.

The ladies prepared the food, enjoyed it with their families and even the Chin children in the schools and then shares their comments. All photography in the book has also been done by the volunteers. A printing company has joined the effort and printed the books free of charge. The Chin Student Organisation (CSO) is a registered voluntary community organisation, whose aim is to teach Chin refugee children residing in Kuala Lumpur. The Chin people are from one of Myanmar’s most vulnerable and victimised Christian ethnic minority groups, located in the west of the country. There are approximately 500 students enrolled in the CSO. So far no less than 800 students have successfully graduated from CSO in Malaysia.

For more information, visit www.csomalaysia.com.

The book is for sale at $20 cash. Just email or call Herna and she will deliver your copy to school. Herna van Reenen hannareen@bigpond.com, 0428 730 300

Don’t forget ODD-SOCK day is on THIS Friday March 13. Gold coin donation. All money raised is going toward our Easter Raffle. So when you ride your bike to school you can do it in odd socks!

ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

If your child has achieved something notable as part of a club/hobby, we would love to acknowledge it in the newsletter. Information can be sent via email to:
gashdowne@sjboronia.catholic.edu.au

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to Ben Randall who is celebrating his birthday this week.
Wantirna South Netball are recruiting junior through to senior players to play in a Saturday Competition at Mountain District Netball Association (Knox Regional Netball Complex).

If you are interested in playing please contact Sue Hall via email to registra-tion@wantirnasouthnetballclub.com or Log onto our website: www.wantirnasouthnetballclub.com

Complete the contact form under the contact us tab

***Junior’s must be 8 or over***

Season Commences March 14th 2015

Club Fees $150 for 1st player of the same family and $130 for every family player after that

Netball Victoria Membership $47 for Juniors (under 18)
$67 for Seniors (over 18)
Saturday 21st March 2015, 10am – 4pm
Our major fundraiser for the year!

FETE FLYERS TO DELIVER
There are still bundles of fete flyers outside the office with a map on the window. If you are able, please take a bundle to deliver in an area of your choice (please remember to fill in your details on the form). A great way to get fit & to tell others about our fete!

VOLUNTEER ROSTERS
Thank you to all the people who have already volunteered their time on a stall. We still require LOTS of helpers for the fete – set up, car parking, helping on the various stalls on the day & finally for clean up at the end of the day. If you haven’t already, please add your details on the rosters or alternatively please fill in the section at the end of this form & we will choose a stall for you.

DONATION DRIVE
Our chocolate donation drive was very successful last week and we are very appreciative of your generous donations. Thank you everyone for a wonderful effort.

DONATIONS
Thank you to all our generous families who have already donated items for our trash ‘n treasure stall, please continue to fill the tub outside the uniform shop! (No clothes please)

DISCOUNTED WRISTBANDS END NEXT WEEK!
Friday March 13th is the last day that you can order your All Day—All Ride Wristbands with a saving of nearly $10.00 each! Another order form is attached or you can order on the trybooking website at www.trybooking.com/GQIW

DRAWING COMPETITION
Entries for the drawing competition were distributed last week. Completed entries will be displayed on fete day where you can vote for your own or another fabulous work of art for 50 cents! Great prizes & entry is free. Drawings are due back Wednesday 18th.

FACE PAINTING TUTORIAL FOR VOLUNTEERS
If you are interested in learning the basics, tips and tricks of face painting or just want to practice, I will be running a face painting tutorial on Friday the 13th of March from 4 pm onwards in the staffroom. No experience necessary. Children welcome. RSVP Shantelle on 0400 836144. Shantelle is also looking for volunteers to help collect money on her very busy face painting stall, spray paint hair and apply tattoos...ALL VERY EASY TO DO...please check the roster and see where you can help.

BAKE SOME GOODIES FOR THE CAKE STALL
Our cake stall is always very popular and always sells out. Plate have already been distributed so as fete day approaches, please consider baking a cake, slice, cookies or other goodies to bring on fete day. Contributions can be delivered to the cake stall at any time during the fete and don’t forget to include an ingredients label.
Our Fete is proudly sponsored by:

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If you are unable to fill in your details on a roster at school, PLEASE return this form via the bucket BY WEDNESDAY 18th & we will allocate where you are needed.
Please tick the time(s) you are available to help with the FETE:

- [ ] Fri 20th from 9am (set up day)
- [ ] Sat 21st 9.30am – 11am
- [ ] Sat 21st 11am – 1pm
- [ ] Sat 21st 1pm – 3pm
- [ ] Sat 21st 3pm – 5pm
- [ ] Sat 21st 11am – 1pm
- [ ] Sat 21st Clean up from 4pm

Your name ______________________________  Child’s class ___________  Phone________________________
Pre Fete Garage Sale!!
Large furniture items on sale:
Tell your family and friends to come get a bargain!
212 Boronia Rd, Boronia (under the church)
THIS Saturday 14th March 2015
8.00am – 12.00pm

All Day - All Ride Wristbands
For $25 each Early Bird purchase (before 13th March otherwise $35) you get Unlimited and All Day access to the following activities at the fete:

- Hurricane ($6 per ride)
- Laser Skirmish ($6 per turn)
- Jumping Castles ($3 per ride)
- Pony Rides ($3 per ride)
- Mini Golf ($3 per turn)
- Formula 1 Racing Cars ($3 per ride)
- Inflatable Slide ($3 per ride)
- Cup & Saucer ($3 per ride)
- Trackless Train ($3 per ride)
- Petting Zoo ($3 per visit)
- Remote Control Cars ($3 per turn)

PURCHASE ONLINE PRIOR TO FETE DAY
You can purchase your wristbands online at the TryBooking website. There is a discount of nearly $10 each for purchasing in advance.
To book online go to: www.trybooking.com/GQ1W

OR complete the following form and return to school via the yellow bucket system by Friday 13th March (wristbands will be $35.00 each after this date)

FAMILY NAME: _________________________________

ELDEST CHILD: _________________________________CLASS: ____________

NAME OF EACH CHILD REQUIRING A TICKET:

_____________________________   ____________________________

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TOTAL NO. OF TICKETS _______@ $25 =$ ______ENCLOSED

Receipts will be forwarded home with the eldest child via the bucket system.

Please bring along your receipt(s) on fete day, as proof you have pre-purchased an All Day-All Ride Wristband and it will be swapped for a wristband.
St. Josephs, Boronia | 10th March 2015

Term 1 - 2015!

“Minute-to-win-it March”

To change things up at OSHC, the children enjoyed the fast paced action of Minute-to-win-it challenges. These challenges have provided great fun for all the involved, with a range of difficulties testing all children's patience and skills. Some of the activities already completed are: Ping Pong Bucket Bounce, Ping Pong Plate Challenge, Cup Stacking, Weetbix Challenge, Sit Up / Push Up challenge and many more.

A scoring system has been devised with all children doing a fantastic job.

The Top 3 at the end of last week are as follows:

1st Spencer Skillern – 38 POINTS
2nd Alexandra Kund – 35 POINTS
3rd Nathanael Haryanto – 30 POINTS

A big congratulations to our Top 3. HOWEVER, due to the success of Minute-To-Win-It, we at OSHC have decided to extend it until the end of TERM 1, with our overall champion taking home the very first MINUTE-TO-WIN-IT TROPHY.

With holidays just around the corner, we encourage all families to join us at Holiday Club for more fun filed excursions, incursions and club based days.

Here at St. Joseph's OSHC we aspire to provide the best quality care for your children and we welcome any feedback you may wish to give. There is a feedback box located on the sign in table or you can contact Adrianna directly on: 0450776281.

HOW TO GET STARTED

Before using our programs register online for an account. This enables you to make bookings, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day. Registering is quick and easy. Visit www.campaustralia.com.au/newparents
### St Joseph's Primary School, Boronia Holiday Club

212 Boronia Road Boronia VIC 3155  
0450 776 281 (08:00-18:00)

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* Daily Requirements: Children must bring their own lunch and refreshments (no nut products please) wet weather gear, art smock and suitable clothing for an active and sunsmart day.  
* An afternoon fruit snack will be provided.