This Saturday, 14th February we have our Opening of School Year Mass at 6.00pm in the church. We invite all families to share in this liturgy to welcome the new school year. At this Mass our Year 6 students will be presented with their Leadership Jackets and our Prep students will be presented to the school and parish community. Mass will be followed by a BBQ dinner. We look forward to seeing all families there on the night.

On Monday, the Reconciliation Reflection Night was held for parents of children wishing to make the Sacrament of Reconciliation this year. As part of the preparation for this Sacrament students MUST attend one of the Reconciliation Commitment Masses this weekend the 14th (Opening of School Year Mass) and 15th February.

Our first School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting will be held next Monday, 16th February. Agenda, minutes and reports will be sent home prior to the meeting. If members are unable to attend they are asked to place their apology with the office.

Our Parent Teacher Chats will be held next Tuesday, 17th February. These meetings are an opportunity for teachers to gather information about the students in their classroom from their parents. School concludes at 1.00pm on this day to allow staff to meet with all families. Notes went home last week further explaining the Parent Teacher Chats. Bookings can again be completed by families online or by contacting the office if you do not have this facility. Please note that if you have a PSG meeting with your child, that you do not need to attend a Parent Teacher Chat.

Next Tuesday, 17th February is Shrove Tuesday, this may also be known as Pancake Tuesday. Traditionally in the church this day was to use up eggs and fat before the season of fasting began. On this day each year we continue this tradition by eating pancakes together as a community before the symbolic fasting of Lent begins.

Shrove Tuesday is followed by Ash Wednesday. This is the first day of our Season of Lent. On this day Christians have a cross placed on their foreheads in ashes. These ashes are made from the previous year’s blessed palms from Palm Sunday. The Season of Lent spans 40 weekdays from Ash Wednesday to Holy Week. It is a time of prayer and preparation to celebrate Easter.
**Wednesday, 18th February** students will attend the Ash Wednesday Mass where they will receive the ashes. Families, friends and parishioners are welcome to attend and participate in this liturgy commencing at 11.30am.

Our first **School Improvement Committee (SIC)** meeting was on Monday to plan for our first **Working Bee** on **Saturday, 21st February**. All families are encouraged to attend the working bee with the focus on preparing our grounds for the Parish Fete. The Parish has also scheduled a working bee for this day so it will be great to work in partnership. Families who attend the working bee will be re-credited the $75 Working Bee levy. (It is essential that you sign in at the start of the working Bee at 9am and sign out at the end to ensure that we have a record of your attendance and participation so we can deduct the working bee levy from your fee account.) We look forward to your attendance on the day; we need many families on this day to complete the many planned jobs.

This year we have slightly modified the **bell times** during the day to allow for longer specialist lessons for Physical Education and Indonesian for our students. This has no effect on start or finish times but does alter our lunchtime. Below is a copy of the changes you may want to make these changes to your school calendar.

**2015 School Timetable**

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A reminder for Year 6 parents, the closing date for **Applications for Year 7 to Catholic Secondary Colleges for 2016** is **Friday, 27th February**. Please ensure that you have completed this process to avoid disappointment.

The **2015 Parish Fete** is just over a month away on **Saturday, 21st March**. Please place this date in your diary. Over the coming weeks the Fete committee will also let you know how you can help and be involved to ensure the success of this event.

This week students received a **“Cybersafety User Agreement”**. Could you please take time to go through this in detail with your child/ren before signing and returning this to school. Students will be restricted from using the internet at school for lessons until this form is received.

Students must wear **correct school uniform** to school each day. Students are not permitted to wear runners to school unless it is their sports day. Students not in correct uniform must bring a note from parents. Simple earrings and watches are the only acceptable jewellery. Chains, dangling earrings and bracelets are a safety issue especially on the playground. Make up and nail polish are also not to be worn at school.

St Joseph’s School is a **SunSmart School** – All students are required to wear an appropriate **SunSmart school hat** at all times between 1st September and 30th April when they are outside at play. Students without hats are required to sit in the designated shaded area during recess, lunchtime and during sporting or other outdoor activities.

Can you please ensure that your child’s **clothing and belongings are clearly named**. Already in a week we have found “new” clothes left outside and placed in the Lost Property basket. I appreciate that
families spend good money to purchase school uniforms – if they are named we can hopefully return them to their owners.

To encourage independence in your child we ask you allow them to carry their own bags, to pack and unpack their own belongings and to follow classroom routines at the start and end of each day. Although it is often easier to do these things for them this does not allow your child to be independent and take on these simple responsibilities. It is also important that if you see your child to the classroom (and you are not staying as a classroom helper) that you leave promptly to allow your child and the class to settle into their daily program.

Students arriving late to school MUST be brought to the office by their parent and have a late arrival form filled in and signed. This is not only a legal requirement but also is essential if there was an emergency evacuation. School rolls are completed at the start of the day and without this late arrival form being completed there is no record that your child is on the premises. If you are picking up your child before the end of the school day, you will need to fill out an early dismissal form at the office and take it to your child’s classroom when collecting your child. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

At the end of the school day, children can be met at their classroom, or alternatively they will walk to the designated pick up area located in the lower car park in front of the hall. A teacher will be on duty until 3.45pm. Supervision of students is from 8.30am—3.45pm. If your child has not been collected by 3.45pm they will be taken to afterschool care (unless contact has been made with the office).

If your child is celebrating a birthday and you wish to bring along food to share, this must be prearranged with the class teacher. When planning this staff need to take into account food allergies and special dietary requirements. Prearrangement is crucial as we have students in the school who are Anaphylactic, a severe peanut allergy which is life-threatening. Students are also reminded not to share any food or drink as we have students with severe food allergies and Anaphylaxis. We ask to avoid providing Peanut Butter and Nut products in your child’s lunch to support these students. Please also discuss and stress with your child/ren the importance of washing hands following eating.

Finally, before school commences each day teachers are preparing for and focusing on their day with their students. Unless prearranged this is not the most practical time for an unscheduled meeting. At St Joseph’s School the teachers are very approachable and always happy to meet with parents to discuss any concerns, however, at the start of the day their focus must be on their class and their students. To make a suitable time to meet, please arrange this with the class teacher or contact the office. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Have a great week!
Peter Vanstan

Hello Everybody,
This Saturday night at 6.00pm is the Opening of the School Year Mass. At this Mass the Year Six students will be presented with their Year Six leadership jackets, our new Prep students will be introduced to our parish community and for the Year Three children who will be making their First Reconciliation, it is also their Commitment Mass weekend. Our wonderful School Choir will be singing as well. I hope to see everybody at our Opening of the School Mass this Saturday. Also next week we will be celebrating Ash Wednesday by attending Mass at 11.30am. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. What will you be doing for Lent?
Yours in Faith,
Nerida Byrden
For all families new to St. Joseph’s we use the ‘bucket system’ to distribute correspondence. In each classroom there is a bucket where correspondence from school to home and from home to school is sent. The buckets are brought to the office at the beginning of the day and returned to the classroom at the end of the day. Fee payment, Uniform Shop Orders, Special Lunch Day Orders, Student Banking or any other correspondence can be sent to the office via this system. Please don’t hesitate to contact Marg or Gayle if you have any further questions.

Please contact the office if you have changed any of your personal details i.e. Phone number, address, emergency contact etc. If you would like to receive the newsletter electronically you can do so by emailing your details to gashdowne@siboronia.catholic.edu.au or filling out the form below.

The school newsletter is distributed each WEDNESDAY via email. All information for inclusion in the newsletter must be submitted by Tuesday 4pm to Gayle Ashdowne at the address above. The newsletter will also be placed on the school website: www.sjboroniacatholic.edu.au each Wednesday afternoon.

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.

All students in Grades 3-6 require a diary. These can be purchased from the office for $3 if you haven’t already done so.

I would like to receive the school newsletter via email/hardcopy - please circle

Name:___________________________________________________________________

Email address:___________________________________________________________________

Please return this form to the office via the bucket system Thank you.
Hello Everyone,

Did you know that St Joseph’s is a health promoting school? We are partnering with Healthy Together Knox to improve the health of everyone in our community. 50% of people in Knox are overweight or obese and 65% of children aged between 4-12 years do not eat the recommended serves of fruit and vegetables per day. The evidence is clear that we have rising rates of chronic disease and we know that healthy students learn better. So why not have a chat with your child about healthy food choices, beginning with Sip and Crunch. This snack is brain food aimed to energise students mid-morning. It should be a piece of fruit or vegetable, cheese or unprocessed food and water. Our Kitchen Garden Program develops the students’ understanding of how food is grown, and how to harvest and prepare healthy food. ‘Everybody Matters’, and in a literal sense, every body matters. Let’s help our children understand how our food and exercise choices affect our bodies, minds and overall wellbeing.

With this in mind, Friday 13 March is National Ride to School Day. You could encourage your child to prepare for this by walking or riding to school as often as possible, especially while the weather is warm.

Have a great week,

Liz Miller
**PHYSICAL EDUCATION (P.E)**

It was great to begin last week with PE lessons and as usual the children were enthusiastic and full of energy. We are already beginning preparation for the Twilight School Sports which will be held on Wednesday March 25. The first two lessons involve running activities which aim to improve running techniques and fitness levels. Next week we will begin concentrating on the jumping events. Dates have also been set for the Grades 3 / 4 / 5 400M Sprints, and the inaugural Grade 6 Marathon. These will be on Wednesday March 18 at 9.15. Everyone is invited to cheer on the competitors. I am also in the midst of organising sporting clinics for the year as it is a wonderful opportunity for children to try lots of different sports out.

Anne Baumann

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**Sports Stars Week 2**


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**ART NEWS**

Welcome back to each of you, with a special welcome to all the new students and families. I look forward to working with all the students throughout 2015.

To begin the year all levels will be exploring colour, line and pattern and developing skills in the areas of drawing, painting and collage. The senior school will focus on the art movement ‘Surrealism’ with some art pieces influenced by these artists. You will have the chance to enjoy the talents of all students as their work will be displayed in the corridor of the school and in the classrooms.

You also have the opportunity to see a whole school art piece at the

**Knox Festival**

Saturday 28th February and Sunday 1st March

At Ferntree Gully Reserve.

Our school has entered into the Primary School Banner Competition. I encourage you to take the family and enjoy the entertainment at the Festival and Vote for Our School Banner.

An enjoyable term lays ahead.

Julie Klep

Visual Arts Specialist

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**Art Stars Week 2**

All Families and Friends of St Joseph’s School Community

Are invited to our

OPENING OF SCHOOL YEAR MASS
ON
SATURDAY, 14th FEBRUARY 2015
Commencing at 6.00pm

St Joseph’s Church, Boronia
Year 6 Students will be presented with their leadership jackets
Prep students will be introduced to the school and parish community
Year 3 students making their First Reconciliation will make a commitment at this Mass.

Mass will be followed by a Sausage Sizzle Dinner. BYO picnic rug & drinks
(If you are able to assist with the BBQ on the evening please leave your name at the school office)

All Families and Friends of St Joseph’s School Community

Happy Birthday
Happy Birthday
Happy Birthday
Happy Birthday
To Matthew Wicks, Zackary Kelaita, Sophie Triandafillou, Orlando Alliotta, Liam Maxwell & Miss Bennett who are celebrating their birthday this week.

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

ENROL NOW FOR MUSIC LESSONS AT ST JOSEPHS PRIMARY

** MUSIC TUITION INCREASES CONFIDENCE, SELF ESTEEM AND HELPS TO IMPROVE SCHOOL SUBJECTS – MATHS, LITERACY, SCIENCE, READING ETC**

ST JOSEPHS Primary School in association with Metro Music School is now offering Music Lessons to students who are interested in learning an instrument at school every week. Lessons are held during school hours (30 mins/once per week) at suitable times. (Prep to Gr 6) Enquiries are welcome on 9460 4818 (Metro Music School). Lessons Offered: KEYBOARD PIANO GUITAR SINGING

Discount Hiring and Purchase also available. Contact us for details or visit our online shop at www.metromusic.net.au
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 registration@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 (18 and over)

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**SINGING LESSONS**

Affordable singing tuition for school students
Develop solid singing technique.
Focus on learning appropriate repertoire.
Explore numerous styles of music, vocal technique, stage craft and discover your own true voice.
Increase your self-confidence and vocal range.
Strengthen your voice.
Improve your pitch and tone.

**Ms Carli Leishman**

Certificate III in Music Skills
Currently studying Bachelor of Music - Monash University
Valid ‘Working with Children’s Check’

Mobile: 0467 555 195
Email: carli.leishman@outlook.com

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**2015 Enrolments Open!**

Join Ferntree Gully Girl Guides!

Girl Guides is a fantastic way to make friends, gain new skills and have fun!

Gumnuts (5-7 years old), Monday @ 6:00-7:15pm
Butterflies (7-10 years old), Tuesday at 5:00-6:30pm
Watermelons (10-14 years old), Thursday at 6:30-8:30pm

Contact Jane (0408 505661)

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**KREATIONZ**

Boronia and Emerald Studios

**JAZZ ~ CHEERLEADING ~ HIP HOP**
**CONTEMPORARY ~ GLEE CLUB**
**TAP ~ CLASSICAL BALLET ~ POINTE**
**KINDER DANCE ~ MUMMY & ME**
**FAIRY BALLET ~ VCE DANCE**
**TUMBLING ~ STRETCH & TECHNIQUE**

Recreational and competitive dance and cheerleading classes for toddlers through to adults.

0422 413 167
www.kreationzdance.com.au
Saturday 21st March 2015, 10am – 4pm
at St Joseph’s Primary School, Boronia
Our major fundraiser for the year!

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).

Ceramic & terracotta pots can be donated to sell at our garden stall.
Any live plants can be left at the garage doors under St Joseph’s church.

Another way in which you can donate is if you are willing & able to offer your services (amateur or professional) for a few hours (i.e. handyman, cleaning etc.). We could enter your offer in the silent auction which would be won by the highest bidder.

Some “SERVICE” examples may be:
HAIRDRESSER: hair cut voucher
ELECTRICIAN: electrical safety audit
PLUMBER: water saving audit; check washers, shower heads etc.
HOUSE CLEANING/ CARPET CLEANING/ GARDENING
COMPUTER services, “virus” screening, system health-check, advice

ALL DAY - ALL RIDE WRISTBANDS
Please see attached form for details on how to order all day fun at the fete!

VOLUNTEER ROSTERS
Our school is responsible for a selection of stalls at our fete, so rosters will be up at the Parent Teacher Chats on Tuesday for you to add your name where & when you can assist. Grade 6 students are also encouraged to help! Many hands make light work!!

ATTENTION SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS
If you have a business or know of one that would like to gain the benefit of advertising while helping our fete, we have sponsorship packages available & we are also seeking donations of new goods & services for our raffle hampers & silent auction in exchange for advertising. Please contact Marita Pravidur on 0413 614 716 for more information.
Our Fete is proudly sponsored by:

GOLD SPONSORS:

Bank of Melbourne

SILVER SPONSORS:

BRONZE SPONSORS:
All Day - All Ride Wristbands

For $25 each Early Bird purchase (before 13th March otherwise $35) you get Unlim-
ited 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)

J Inflatable Slide ($3 per ride)
J Cup & Saucer ($3 per ride)
J Trackless Train ($3 per ride)
J Petting Zoo ($3 per visit)
J 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/GQlW

OR complete the following form and return to school via the yellow bucket sys-
tem 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:

_____________________________   _________________________________
_____________________________   _________________________________

TOTAL NO. OF TICKETS _______@ $25   =   $

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.
OSHC is back for 2015!

“The St. Joseph’s Open”

A warm welcome back to all parents and children for another action packed year in 2015!

A much needed holiday break has the staff at St. Joseph’s OSHC pumped to get straight back into the swing of things.

This week at OSHC we are hosting our very own St. Joseph’s Open, in celebration of the recently concluded Australian Open.

This week will give all children participating to have a hit of tennis on the tennis court, learn some basic techniques and skills that are essential to the game, and discuss who their favourite players are.

Awesome tennis colourings have also been provided for the week, and the best judged will receive a small tennis prize package! Here at St. Joseph’s OSHC, we are thrilled to be back on board for another year. We look forward to meeting many new faces, and welcoming back familiar ones as well.

If you are new to the school and require outside school hours care for your child, do not hesitate in coming up to the John Cross Centre and asking Adrianna or David about the program.

We look forward to a great 2015!

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.

Once registered
You can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day.

Save on Care
Save 50% or more on Before and After School Care with the Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343

Holiday Clubs
Don’t forget about the Camp Australia Holiday Clubs these school holidays. Use the Holiday Club Finder on the website to find the nearest program: www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs

Healthy Snacks
Afternoon tea is served daily. Menus are tailored to children’s tastes, developmental and nutritional needs. Afternoon tea includes a selection of yummy sandwiches and fruit. Children may also engage in fun cooking activities.

We make kids smile
www.campaustralia.com.au

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