This 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. Yesterday, our Year 6 school leaders represented our school at the annual Mass of St Patrick for Schools and Concert at St Patrick’s Cathedral, Melbourne.

The 2015 Parish Fete is THIS Saturday, 21st March. There is still a lot of ways that families can get involved and contribute to the success of the day. Below are some of the ways that you can assist:

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!

Finally, come along on Saturday and support the Fete. The success of the day is very important to our parish as it financially supports the parish and our two schools. Money from this year’s Fete will assist the school in paying our annual lease for the laptops that students are using in their classrooms.
Just a reminder there will be a **School Closure Day** (no students attend) **THIS 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 commenced last weekend for our Year 6 **Sacrament of Confirmation** candidates with their **Confirmation Commitment 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**.

Preparations are well under way for our **Twilight Sports** with the **Annual Year 3-5 400m races and Year 6 Marathon** held this morning. The students were amazing and it is quite evident to see that the students have improved their fitness over the past weeks of training. Twilight sports will be held next **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. A draft program has been included in tonight’s newsletter. Parents are reminded to pack an extra drink and some afternoon tea for the children for Wednesday. The school will provide students with a sandwich, piece of fruit and bottle of water during the evening.

Tomorrow **Thursday, 19th March** we celebrate our school’s **Feast Day – St Joseph**. We will be celebrating Mass at 9.10am (please note change of time from calendar). We invite everyone to join us for this special Liturgy. After Mass classes will be sharing their learning about St Joseph with other classes before joining for a shared lunch.

Our first **Special Lunch day** for 2015 will be held tomorrow **Thursday, 19th March** (St Joseph’s Day). Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who are organising this event for your children.

Our **Parent Helpers Course** to support parents assisting in classrooms this year was conducted yesterday by Jenny Small and Leonie Sheehy. 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.

Well done to students that supported **Ride/Walk2School Day** last Friday. Students were encouraged to ride bicycles or scooters or walk to school.

On **Thursday, 26th March at 7pm** a group of students from the parish including a number of our students will participate in the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. These children have been preparing for this Sacrament for a number of weeks. Thank you to the staff and families for preparing these students as they make another step on their faith journey. We ask you to keep these students in your prayers as they prepare for this sacrament.

Once again our Parish is participating in the **Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle**. As an added incentive and to say thank you for supporting this raffle, any family that returns their Combined Parishes Raffle Book by **TODAY Wednesday 18th March** will receive a free ticket into our **commUNITY@StJoes Easter Raffle**.
If you are unable to sell the tickets you have received we ask you to immediately return them to school so they can be redistributed.

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.

Thanks to all students who wore "Odd Socks" to school last Friday and donated a gold coin. Money raised supported purchasing prizes for the Easter Raffle. Thanks families.

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 weeks 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 taken place during the term. These will go home on Friday, 27th March and is an opportunity for you to sit down with your child/ren and discuss their work samples. Early next term we will ask for these to be returned to school so we can continue to put samples in these for Term 2.

Finally, it would be appreciated if all outstanding school fees and levies were brought up to date by the end of this term.

Have a great week!

Peter Vanstan
Hello Everyone,

Tomorrow is the Feast of St. Joseph and the children will be celebrating this day by attending Mass at 9.10am in the church. The children have been focusing on St. Joseph and the qualities that he has. The children will be visiting each other’s classrooms to share their learning and explaining their St. Joseph task. The children will then be involved in an art activity related to St. Joseph and will then be displayed in the school to commemorate his feast day. The children will then have a shared lunch with their buddies to celebrate being a proud member of St. Joseph’s community.

Just a reminder that next Wednesday (March 25) the children will be involved in our Holy Week liturgy at 10.00am in the church, where each class is celebrating an aspect of Holy Week. You are most welcome to attend any of these celebrations.

Yours in Faith,
Nerida Byrden

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.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2016
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.

WELLBEING

CONGRATULATIONS to St Joseph’s Primary School in Boronia who have completed the ‘Coordinate’ phase of the Achievement Program as a health promoting school, and are now up to Step 4: “Creating their Action Plan!” Stay tuned for a whole school focus on healthy eating and lifestyle.

Photo: Gayle, Liz and Marg (L - R) from the Health and Wellbeing team at St Joseph’s Primary School; with Liz (middle) leading the program in their school.

#healthyschools #healthychildren #healthyknox
PHYSICAL EDUCATION (P.E)

What a wonderful beginning to the Twilight Sports. Today the children from Grs 3-5 competed in the 400m race and the Grade 6’s competed in the 1km marathon. I was so pleased with the children’s level of participation in these events particularly in Grs 3-5 because the event was voluntary. Most children competed and showed improvement over the training period. This year, we concentrated on finding a steady pace and finishing the race hard and this was evident today throughout the events.

A big congratulations to the following children who placed in today’s events

400metres— Grade 3

Grade 4 Girls: 1st: April Taylor, 2nd Laurie Martingale, 3rd Annie Ringland, 4th Abigail Ventura

Boys: 1st: Nathan Haryanto, 2nd: Matthew Wicks, 3rd: Spencer Skillern, 4th Jarrod Macs

Grade 6 Marathon
Girls: 1st: Moira Cruz, 2nd: Kaiya Lindsay, 3rd: Ella Williamson 4th: Gessica Lorusso.

KITCHEN GARDEN

The same group as last week will spend some time in the garden, weeding planting and feeding with worm juice. Probably Tues, Wed -depending on weather. (No cooking or morning tea this week)
Jarrod Macs, Lachlan Buis, Alicia Fry, Kaylee Dye, Angus McIntosh, Shaun Constable, Alex Kund and Jasmine Keefer.
**ART NEWS**

**Art Stars of the Week**

Prep – Levi Dorn & Zach Cruz, April Dye, Elijah Richardson;  
1/2AS – Baelan Coutts & Isaac Bickers, Ben Cross, Allegra Castrechini;  
1/2B – Roman Genovesi & Riley Edwards;  
3/4BK – Patrick Arnett & Jasmine Keefer;  
3/4H – Brodie Genovesi & April Taylor;  
5/6D – Victoria Brown & Ben Randall, Bailey Shaw;  
5/6SM – Matt Wicks & Kaiya Lindsay, Alicia Fry.

Thankyou to the students who used their painting skills and colour sense to complete our school banner for the Knox Festival. The banner will be on display along the fence near the gate for you all to view. The winner of the people’s choice was St. John the Baptist primary school. Thankyou for all votes, perhaps next year.  Julie Klep

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**S.E.A.C NEWS**

**13TH OF MARCH 2015**

Ride to school!

How well did it go?

The S.E.A.C team went down to the gate next to the bike shed and found everyone who walked or rode to school, we can’t give you a precise number of people but we can tell you that many of the school’s students rode or walked to school on the 13th of March 2015. We handed out special stickers to those who rode or walked to school.
Performing Arts Program

We are very excited to announce that Cathy Ellis will be working with our students from Prep—Year 6 in the area of Performing Arts during Terms 2 & 3 this year. This is a new initiative for the school and we look forward to this opportunity for our students. This will culminate with a school concert at the start of Term 4. Peter Vanstan

My name is Cathy Ellis. My children, Max and Matilda Westwood, are in Year 4 and Year 3 at St Joseph’s. I run K&C Performing Arts and also teach Music and Drama at St Benedict’s in Burwood. I have been co-ordinating school concerts for St Christopher’s, Glen Waverley and St Benedict’s for the past few years. It is with great excitement that I present a new Performing Arts program to St Joseph’s for 2015. It will run weekly for 2 terms in all classes culminating in a School Concert. Each class and the school choir will work in the areas of acting, singing, dancing, microphone skills and performing, and where appropriate, script writing. This program will allow the children to help to tell their story. All children will be given a character and a speaking part. The children will take part in the choosing of songs and choreography of dancing. The overall topic is taken from the famous novel by Enid Blyton, “The Magic Faraway Tree”. Each class and the school choir will be one of the magical lands but also tell a story with an underlying theme or moral.

Prep: In the Land of Aussie Animals Theme: Friendship
Characters:
Boys: koalas, spiders, frogs, sharks, 
Girls: Butterflies, Owls, Swans

Year 1/2 – Lost in Madagascar Theme: Teamwork
Characters:
Boys: Penguins, Monkeys, Lions 
Girls: Zebras, Hippos, Giraffes

Year 1/2 – In the Land of Toys Theme: Co-operation
Characters:
Boys: Sleepy boys, Disco Tigers, Superheroes 
Girls: Ballerinas, Barbies, Buns-

Year 3/4 – Muppet Madness Theme: Honesty
Characters:
Boys: Fozzie Bear, Swedish chef 
Girls: Kermit, Miss Piggy

Year 3/4 - In the Land of Bad Manners Theme: Manners
Characters:
Boys: Trolls, Minions, Wizards 
Girls: Good Witches, Bad Fairies, Robot

Year 5/6 – Political Unrest in Wonderland Theme: Justice
Characters:
Boys: Mad Hatters, Tweedles 
Girls: Alices, Red Queens
Either: White Rabbit, Card Soldiers, Cheshire Cats

Year 5/6 – Leadership and the Lion King Theme: Leadership
Characters:
Boys: Hyenas, Scars 
Girls: Nalas, Zazus 
Either: Simbas, Rafikis

The concert will be held on the evening of Friday 9th October at the Besen Centre, Mount Scopus College, Burwood. Please make a note of this date in your calendar.
Please support our major fundraiser for the year!

FETE CHECKLIST

✔ Drawing competitions are due back at school tomorrow (Wed)

✔ We are still in need of helpers
  Please help us by volunteering on a stall for 2 hours on fete day. By everyone doing their bit ensures that we all can enjoy the day and not be stuck at a particular stall/s all day.
  We need all the gaps filled on our rosters to make our stalls run smoothly. Grade sixes are encouraged to put their names down on the Hairspray and Tattoo stalls.
  The last day for adding your name to the volunteer rosters is Thursday morning. Please call/text Anna Hawkins on 0417053316 if you are able to help but unable to get to school to add your name or fill in the form attached and put in the bucket. If you have already added your name, thank you so much & we will see you at the time & place you have allocated. An SMS reminder will be sent out on Friday.

✔ All-Day All-Ride Wristbands forms need to be in by this Thursday or they can be purchased on the day for $35

✔ Don’t forget to get baking for the cake stall & deliver your goodies to the cake stall at any time during fete day.
Happy Birthday
Happy Birthday to Neeve King, Lily King, Alex Crook, Riley Collins and Sky Omichi who are celebrating their birthday this week.

ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL
Well done Hannah Thoma (1/2AS), who instead of receiving pocket money, is now earning points at home (each point = $1). These points are then used to buy water kits for disadvantaged families in third world countries through Oxfam. This is Hannah’s own initiative—‘pledging to choose kind’

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

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 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

Market Day
Saturday March 28th 2015
10:00am to 3:00pm 1st Boronia Scout Hall
Boronia 1st Cubs and Scouts are holding a Market Day to raise funds for their 2016 Jamboree.
Stalls include new clothing, glassware, coffee, cakes, jewellery and Trash n Treasure and MUCH MUCH MORE!!!
Come along, get something to eat and pick up a bargain while helping our kids get to Jamboree 1st Boronia Scout Hall, Chandler Park, Chandler Rd Boronia.
**Credit Card Details for "Alive in the Spirit" Wine Fundraiser 2015**

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- **Total Amount:** $70
- **Order Date:** 5/10/2015
- **Payment Method:** Credit Card

**Order Confirmation**

- **Order ID:** 12345
- **Delivery Instructions:** Please deliver to [Address]

**Additional Information**

- **Fundraising Goal:** $1000
- **Fundraiser Date:** 6/20/2015
- **Fundraiser Venue:** St. Joseph's HS

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**Thank you for your support!**

St. Joseph’s HS is a Catholic school located in the heart of [City]. We are committed to providing a high-quality education to our students. Your support is crucial in ensuring that we can continue to provide the best possible education. Thank you for your generosity and for helping to make our school successful.
ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

TWILIGHT SPORTS - Wednesday 25th March 2015
Sports meeting is a great success!

The wonderful community partnerships at St. Joseph's always ensure that our annual Twilight Sports Meeting is a great success!

SPORT LEADERS FOR 2015

Gold
- James Varnum
- Ashley Campbell
- Ben Randall
- Michael Mouren

Red
- Maya Montalbano
- Gessica Lorusso
- Kayla Lindsay
- Maria Cruz

Green
- Zac Kacieta
- Mathew Rosenmeyer
- Herman Harndt
- Shane Cross

Blue
- Nathan Harndt
- Sophie Trindallion
- Vince Cymie
- Jordan Cross

SPORT LEADERS FOR 2015

Children are to report to their class teacher before leaving the sports oval to go home.

GENERAL UP - CLOSE - PACK UP

- Presentation of Trophy for Athletics Champions 2014
- Presentation of Trophy for Attitude
- Presentation of Medals for Year 3, 4, 5, and 6 students

PRESENTATIONS

CLEAN UP TEAM AREA

TEAM MARCH & PRESENT CHEERS

Welcome to the Twilight Sports. Below is the timetable to assist you in supporting door families and friends.

3:00pm - 3:10pm: Hoop Challenge

3:10pm: Teams March & Present Cheers
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 filled 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

**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.

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* Daily Requirements: Children must bring their own lunch and refreshments (no nut products please) with weather gear, art smock and suitable clothing for an active and sunsmart day.

* An afternoon fruit snack will be provided.