It was great to see many of our families at our Start of School Year Mass on Saturday. The presentation of the leadership jackets to our Year 6 students and then introducing their Prep Buddy was definitely one of the highlights of the liturgy. Thanks to all who prepared and contributed to the liturgy including our readers and school choir. A Sausage Sizzle dinner (and icy-pole) was enjoyed by all after the Mass, thank you to those that assisted with preparing this meal.

Today is Ash Wednesday. This is the first day of our Season of Lent. On this day Christians have a cross put 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. Today students attended the Ash Wednesday Mass where they received the ashes.

Yesterday we held our Parent Teacher Chats. These discussions give parents an opportunity to talk to teachers about their child including their interests, their needs and any other information that may assist the teachers during the year. Thank you to staff and parents for attending these meetings, we find these very valuable as a greater insight to your child.

Our first Working Bee for 2015 will be this Saturday, 21st February commencing at 9am. 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 recredited 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.
Included in tonight’s newsletter is a list of our **2015 Senior Leadership Groups**. At the end of last year Senior students were involved in a number of workshops to learn about leadership and develop some of their skills in this area. From here they were instrumental in formulating Student Action Leadership Teams that they see as important areas that they can have a voice within the school. Senior students then had the opportunity to nominate for one of these teams. They prepared and delivered speeches to their peers and were voted into these roles. I would like to congratulate all students on the work they have done – I look forward to their active involvement and leadership within the school community.

Preparation has commenced for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** this year with the Parent Evening and Reconciliation Commitment Masses. In readiness students are required to attend most weekend Masses before the Sacrament of Reconciliation which will be celebrated on Thursday, 26th March at 7pm. The **Reconciliation Workshop** for children and families will be held on **Tuesday, 3rd March** at St Bernadette’s, The Basin at 7pm.

As mentioned last week 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.

On **Sunday, 1st March** our school choir (The Green and Gold Songbirds) will be performing at the **Knox Festival** at 2.00pm. Please come along and support our students. If you are at the festival please also remember to look at our school banner and place your vote for it.

The **2015 Parish Fete** is just over a month away on **Saturday, 21st March**. Please place this date in your diary. The Fete generates approximately $10,000 for the school which aides in the lease of the classroom laptops. It is therefore imperative that all families fully support this Major Fundraiser. **We ask that ALL families volunteer to assist for an hour or two on a stall during the day.** Lists have been placed in the school entrance foyer for families to place their name next to a suitable activity and time slot. We thank you in advance for your commitment to ensure the success of this event.
Friday, 6th March is our Chocolate Donation Day at St Joseph’s. Please bring a family sized block of chocolate (for our “Choc a Toss” Stall at the Fete) or $4.00. This is per family not per student.

Last 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.

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 and then completed forms must be taken to the Post Office with the required documentation.

Can I remind students and parents walking or riding to school that you are not to access the school grounds through the Parish Driveway. Parish staff, Parishioners, St Vincent de Paul members, Parish visitors and other Parish groups use this this driveway for parking and access. These people are not expecting students and families to be walking or riding down this driveway. It is also part of Fr Mirek’s Parish house and he is entitled to his privacy. Access to the school must be via the pedestrian path. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Finally, can I please remind families using our school car park to follow speed limits and car park rules. I see a number of cars travelling above these limits. Please remember that the safety of all members of our school community is far more important than getting to the parking space 10 seconds earlier! Thanks for your support in this matter.

Have a great week!
Peter Vanstan

Hello Everybody,
Last Saturday night we celebrated the Opening of the School Year Mass and it was a great success. I would like to thank everyone who celebrated in this Mass as it showed a wonderful community spirit. Today we celebrated Ash Wednesday by attending Mass at 11.30am. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The children will be discussing the importance of Ash Wednesday with their classroom teacher and what Lent means to them. It is a good time to talk with your child about this and what they will be doing during Lent.

Yours in Faith,
Nerida Byrden
**Student Leaders 2015**

**School Promotions**

Kate McKersie, Ella Williamson, Victoria Pickard, Ben Peat, Joshua Constable, Sophie Redgewell

**Art and Design**

Daniel McKintosh, Alex Crook, Veronica Morales, Victoria Brown, Nyobi Stallbaum

**SEAC (School Environment Action Committee)**

Tinus Van Reenen, Hamish Chandler-Wright, James Small, Bailey Shaw, Gareth Amor.

**Cool Clubs**

Spencer Skillern, Angus McIntosh, Alexandra Kund, Matthew Wicks, Jarrod Macs, Alicia Fry

**Sports Teams**

- **Red** – Ben Randall, Vince Cayme, Sophie Triandafillou, Nathan Haryanto, Zac Kelaita
- **Gold** – Sev Dixon, Akash Gurjal, James Ventura, Mairead Mooren
- **Green** – Herwyn Narraidoo, Matt Rose’Meyer, Sienna Cross
- **Blue** – Kaiya Lindsay, Gessica Lorusso, Moira Cruz, Maya Montaldo
OFFICE NEWS

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@sjboronia.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.sjboronia.catholic.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.

MOBILE PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Please be reminded that children must hand their mobile phone and any electronic devices to the office at the beginning of each day. Thank you.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

SCHOOLPIX will be visiting us on THURSDAY MARCH 5—order forms have gone home via the bucket system this week.

PHOTO DAY TIPS:

Dress: Clean and tidy FULL SUMMER SCHOOL UNIFORM (NO SPORTS UNIFORM OR RUNNERS)

Hair: Neat and swept off face

Orders: Complete your order form and return to school prior to photography day

Pre-orders: To pre-order online, take your personal Order and ID Numbers found on your order form and go to www.schoolpix.com.au. Orders can be placed online up to 3 working days after photography. All orders placed online will receive a free 20cm x 25cm black and white portrait print.

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.

PO Box 5222, Hallam VIC 3803
Phone: 1300 766 055
Hello Everyone,

Last week, our students were introduced to their buddies for 2015. Every second Friday, they will meet with their buddies and explore their social/emotional understandings in the You Can Do It lessons. At this time, students may be with a different teacher other than their class teacher. For the next two lessons, the topic will be ‘Getting Along’. These sessions will focus on making friends, teamwork and cooperation and resolving interpersonal conflict. Examples of Getting Along behaviour include:

- Being helpful when working in a group
- Listening and not interrupting when someone else is talking
- Talking rather than fighting when someone acts unfairly
- Following important home and school rules
- Treating others with respect

Talk with your child about these behaviours and look for opportunities to praise your child when they are demonstrating ‘Getting Along’ skills.

As you would be aware, St Joe’s Kitchen Garden Program is an opportunity for all students to learn about how to grow, harvest and cook your own food. If you have a passion for gardening and would like to volunteer in the garden, we would love to hear from you. We will be opening the garden at lunchtimes for the students, and you may want to be involved in this, or possibly work with others to look after our beautiful grounds. Please contact the office if you are interested.

Have a great week.

Liz Miller

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**TEACHING & LEARNING**

**LITERACY**

The Preps were asked what they loved about being at St. Joseph’s. Here are their responses...

- Going to Art. April
- Doing maths. Maya
- Playing on the playground. Levi

Learning the helping words and reading the message. Elijah

- Going to the computers room. Aidan
- Playing in the playground. Zack

Playing in the playground. William

- Going in the forest. Danielle
- I love drawing. Sam
- Doing sport. Nicholas
- Doing Art. Lily
- Doing Art. Neeve
- Going outside. Paige
- Doing the prayer. Diamond

- Playing cricket. Lachlan
- I like the forest. Philip
- Doing maths. Corey

I like playing in the forest and doing computers. Alex

I like playing sport. Anthony
The Children in Grades 3 – 6 enjoyed running, throwing and jumping activities in this weeks PE lessons. They enjoyed using our new hurdles (designed and made by Steve Taylor) and this will be a new event at the twilight sports this year. I was so excited to witness the enthusiasm of all children as they leapt over the hurdles and worked on developing their techniques.

We have two sporting clinics booked for next week for Grades 1 - 6. On Wednesday the 25th of February we will be having a member of LAPS (Little Athletics Program for Schools) come to our school and conduct a modified athletics session. The lessons will consist of athletic activities and games that teach fundamental motor and athletics skills and cater for all ability levels. This will support our preparation for the Twilight Sports.

On Thursday the 26th of February the Victorian Hockey organisation will run a hockey clinic which I’m sure the children will love. The children from Grades 3 - 6 played some modified hockey last year and thoroughly enjoyed it. As I have mentioned before it is so important at this age that children get to experience as many sports as possible so that they can discover what they enjoy and develop confidence in trying new things.

Could all children from Grades 1 - 6 please wear their sports uniform on Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th next week.

Thankyou Anne Baumann

**Sports Stars Week 3**


**ART NEWS**

Our school has entered into the Primary School Banner Competition at the Knox Festival Saturday 28th February and Sunday 1st March At Ferntree Gully Reserve. I encourage you to take the family and enjoy the entertainment at the Festival and Vote for Our School Banner.

**Art Stars Week 3**


**KITCHEN GARDEN**

The Kitchen Garden program started this week. Students work with Mrs D’Arcy in small groups of about 8 and are paired with their buddies. The sessions are run after lunch usually for a week. (Sometimes this might be spread over 2 weeks due to public holidays, closure days, excursions etc0.

Students will plant, harvest, observe, water, weed, tend to our wormery, chickens and compost as well as cook you something interesting using the produce they have harvested from the garden. This will be served to their special guests for morning tea, probably on Friday mornings.
School advisory council (S.A.C.)

We have already picked bucket loads of tomatoes, thanks to the Lorusso family for bringing in seedlings last year and to our new drip watering system, so our freezer has 14 tubs of nepoletani sauce enhanced with lots of garlic, capsicums and basil which will be used later in the year when the produce is more limited.

Kitchen Garden Week 4

Riley Collins, Sophie Lorusso, Jadis Botterill, Roman Genovesi, April Cheyne, Gracie Chiek Shahid Chandi & Joel Smith.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (S.A.C.)

The School Advisory Council (S.A.C.) met on Monday night. Great discussion was had about where St. Joseph’s is heading for 2015. Committee members presented reports detailing what is going on in their sub committees and their ideas for the year. The committee were very fortunate to be taken on a tour of the new building. The new buildings were amazing and beyond our expectations, such a great new space with so many valuable opportunities.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (S.I.C)

St Joseph's Working Bee Term 1 2015 – Saturday, 21st February
9am to 1.30pm – Morning Tea and Lunch provided!!!

This is the first working bee for the year and we would like to encourage all families to come along - there are plenty of tasks that need to be completed. The Parish is also holding a working bee on the same day so it will be great to work together to prepare our grounds and facilities in readiness for the Parish Fete and the Opening of our Administration Building.

The working bee levy of $75.00 will be refunded after a full attendance at a working bee.

Rain, hail or shine the working bee will go ahead.

Cheers
Nick, David & Pete
(School Improvement Committee)

TASKS

Playground – re distribute soft fall mulch under playground equipment (wheelbarrows, shovels, gloves, forks, rakes).
Weed and re-mulch garden beds around school (trailers, wheelbarrows, shovels, gloves, forks, rakes).
Weed and re-mulch the Kitchen Garden (wheelbarrows, shovels, gloves, forks, rakes).
Mulch around the native grasses on the school side of the Environmental Trail (wheelbarrows, shovels, gloves, forks, rakes).
Mulch along fence from Potty Co Shed to Frog Bog corner. (trailers, wheelbarrows, shovels, gloves, forks, rakes).
Weed and thin out the garden beds along the fence behind the NCLC.

Tools
As well as tools mentioned above, trailers, power tools and relevant hand tools required to work on general building maintenance tasks.
COMBINED PARISHES RAFFLE
Is about to be launched once again. As usual there are 3 cars up for grabs as well as vouchers. We have sold winning tickets in the past for the vouchers, so hopefully this year will be our turn for a car or two! All sales are to be completed by the end of March, prior to Easter. The Parish has paid $5 per book to participate in this raffle, so it is really important to sell as many tickets as possible. Tickets will be sent home this coming week via the bucket system with the eldest child.

Happy Birthday
Happy Birthday to Gessica Lorusso, Gareth Amor, April Cheyne, Shaun Constable & Annie Ringland 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

FROM $13.20 per lesson (incl GST) ENROLMENT forms can be obtained from the school office or contact Metro Music School direct on 9460 4818. You can also enrol online at the above website address.
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 (over 18)
Saturday 21st March 2015, 10am – 4pm
at St Joseph’s Primary School, Boronia

Our major fundraiser for the year!

VOLUNTEER ROSTERS
Rosters are now up, outside the staffroom, for you to add your name where & when you can assist. Grade 6 students are also encouraged to help! Many hands make light work!!

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).

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!

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.

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. Venue to be confirmed. No experience necessary. Children welcome.
Please contact Shantelle on 0400 836144

ONLY 4 ½ WEEKS TO GO!
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)  Inflatable Slide ($3 per ride)
Laser Skirmish ($6 per turn)  Cup & Saucer ($3 per ride)
Jumping Castles ($3 per ride)  Trackless Train ($3 per ride)
Pony Rides ($3 per ride)    Petting Zoo ($3 per visit)
Mini Golf ($3 per turn)    Remote Control Cars ($3 per turn)
Formula 1 Racing Cars ($3 per ride)

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/GQIW

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 _______@ $25 =$ ______ENCLOSED

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

WHAT'S NEW THIS YEAR?

The Fete committee are always looking for ways to keep the event fresh, relevant and an attraction to return to the next year.

This year will see a number of changes not only with the variety of activities, attractions and stalls but also with the layout.

2015 will see the return of international food options, together with the introduction of gourmet pizzas and milk shakes.

There will be Formula One Racing Cars as well as two inflatable castles (one thanks to Bank of Melbourne).

With the recent building works at the St Joseph’s Primary School there will be a need to adjust the layout of some stalls.

The food court will move onto the open area and we plan to bring the stage to centre-stage allowing all to see the entertainment.

We hope you enjoy the changes.

DRAWING COMPETITION

YOUNG ARTISTS NEEDED

Rather than the regular colouring competition, this year the Fete will be holding a drawing challenge.

This competition asks students to “Draw the best fete in the world”. As per usual these can be voted on during the Fete and a variety of prizes will be awarded.

There is also a chance that one of the entrants work will be selected for next year’s fete advertising.

Look out for entry forms at both schools.

WE NEED TO FEEL LIKED.

WIN A RIDE WRISTBAND

Would you like a chance to win a Fete All Day/All Ride Wrist Band?

Here’s your chance!

Just like our Facebook page and share the competition link before February 28th.

The winner will be selected and announced via Facebook on 1st March. If you are the lucky winner you have 48 hours to collect otherwise another entrant will be selected.

Can you Test & Tag?

The various electrical appliances and extension leads used at the Fete need to have their annual test & tag.

If you have the ability, interest & equipment please contact the fete committee.

PREPARING THE GROUND

COMBINED WORKING BEE

To ensure a presentable and safe environment for our Fete visitors the Term 1 working bee is always an important task prior to the event. This year the St Joseph’s Primary School Term 1 working bee will be combined with the Parish working bee.

There are plenty of jobs to attend to including general cleaning, gardening, painting and other tasks. We may even have some small tasks for the fete as well.

The working bee will be on Saturday 21st February from 9am.
Gold Sponsors

Bank of Melbourne

Silver Sponsors

Nederman

Microsoft

BarryPlant

Spartans Stars & Stripes

Bronze Sponsors

BAXTER Laboratories

décor

LEDHUT

PHOENIX

ReelLong Cats

UltraTune

HAWKS

Crazzy Limousines

FORT KNOX Self Storage

Tupperware

Ashdene

CDF

Lisa Alegos Photography

WHAT WE NEED

2 Hours of your Day

As mentioned in our last newsletter, we need people to fill various rosters. These will be posted within the next week both in the schools and church.

Please consider a good amount of time during the Fete Day to help staff on one of the stalls or activities - we need your help.

If you are unavailable on the day please consider whether you can help during or prior to the setup day on the 20th March, deliver pamphlets and maybe even bake a cake.

Entertainers

We have a couple of slots still available for entertainment. Are you part of a 60 piece band looking for a gig or perhaps a budding magician keen to show your skills? Let the committee know if you're interested.

You Make the Fete!

Next Fete Meeting

Tuesday 24th February 7.30pm
St Joseph's Primary School (NCLC)

Purchase your ride wristband online prior to the Fete Day.

You can purchase your wristbands online at the TryBooking website. There is an Early Bird discount of nearly $10 for purchasing in advance. To book online go to: www.trybooking.com/GQ1W

EFT, cheque and cash payments can be made via the Parish house or your school coordinator.
When Fundraiser 2015
“A Life in the Spirit
St Joseph’s & St Brigid’s

First things First

We are fundraising to support our students – all students in our schools.

On our own, we cannot afford to carry the weight of the school’s needs. But together, we can.

With your help, we can ensure that our students receive the best education possible.

Thank you for your support!

Fundraising Events: 
- Our annual car boot sale
- Our gala night
- Our school fair

We need your help to make these events successful.

Please consider making a donation or volunteering your time.

Your support makes a difference.

We look forward to seeing you at our events!

St Joseph’s & St Brigid’s

Fundraiser 2015
Dear Parents,

As you may be aware, links were found over the weekend between 1kg bags of Nanna’s frozen mixed berries and at least five cases of Hepatitis A, including three in Victoria.

As a precaution and on advice from Dr Rosemary Lester, Victoria’s Chief Health Officer, the company has recalled this product on 14 February and two further products on 15 February due to concerns about potential for contamination with hepatitis A virus. The products recalled as at 9 am Monday 16 February are:

- **Nanna’s Mixed Berries 1kg; All batches up to and including Best Before Date 22/11/16**
- **Creative Gourmet Mixed Berries 300g; All batches up to and including Best Before Date 10/12/17**
- **Creative Gourmet Mixed Berries 500g; All batches up to and including Best Before Date 06/10/17**

Consumers are advised to discard any of these products and to be aware of the symptoms of hepatitis A infection in the 15-50 days after consuming the berries. Dr Lester’s office has confirmed that the risk of exposure is very low but cannot be excluded. As for all people who have consumed the affected products, Dr Lester has advised parents and carers to look for symptoms 15 to 50 days after consumption. Symptoms include fever, nausea, abdominal discomfort, dark urine and yellow skin and eyes (jaundice). Symptoms may last for several weeks but full recovery usually occurs. Please consult the Health Department’s [Better Health Channel](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au) for more information. Any person who is confirmed to have hepatitis A will be followed up closely and will be provided with further advice through the Department of Health and Human Services. If your child develops any of these symptoms, please seek medical advice from your local GP or Nurse on Call on 1300 60 60 24 and advise the school on 9762 3275.

Our student wellbeing team will ensure support is always available for any student who may need it. Staff will call parents of students who may have consumed the product in the next 48 hours.

If you have any immediate questions, please call me or come in and see me in person - my door is always open.

Kind regards,

Peter Vanstan
Principal