FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Our first Working Bee for 2016 was held on the weekend. This was a combined working bee with the parish in preparation for the Parish Fete. I would like to thank the small group of families that attended and completed jobs especially focused on the kitchen garden and environmental area. Thanks also to the staff that gave up part of their weekend to contribute and a special thanks to the ladies who provided the wonderful morning tea it is worth coming to a working bee just for the morning tea.

After a long wait, the area behind the new administration building has been completed. A big thank you to David Amor for all the work he has done in preparing this area including the deck, chess boards and garden bed. The students have been able to use this area again for gathering at the end of recess and lunchtime. This area is designated for “quiet activities” – it is not for ball games and running around. Children have been drawn to this area for this purpose. It has been great watching the students gather around the chess board intently watching two students play “giant” chess.

Over the past couple of weeks there has been a number of students being sent home ill, especially with stomach upsets. Over the coming days staff will reinforce with students the importance of healthy habits – including washing hands properly after using the toilets, covering nose and mouth when sneezing and properly disposing of tissues. Signs will also be placed in toilets reinforcing these practices. We ask for your cooperation by reinforcing this at home and not sending students to school when unwell. Thank you for your support in this matter.

The 2016 Parish Fete is just over three weeks away on Saturday, 19th 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 at the students entrance 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.
Please note that **Friday, 18th March** (the day before the Fete) is **NOT** a school closure day this year. Further information about this day will be announced in the coming week! We have a very exciting announcement for our students about the content of this day! We will be using the $1,000 we won late last year in the Christmas colouring competition organised by Ray White Mountain Gate for the “special” activity.

School Closure dates for 2016 will be announced soon ... we are still trying to finalise presenters.

Preparation commences next week for our Year 6 students who will be participating in the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. This coming **Monday, 29th February** is the **Confirmation Parent Reflection Night** with Fr Mirek commencing at 7.30pm in St Joseph’s Church. It is compulsory for at least one parent to attend this meeting for your child to be eligible to participate in the Sacrament. Students preparing for this Sacrament must then attend one of the **Confirmation Commitment Masses** on the weekend of the 5th and 6th March. It is compulsory for all candidates to attend one of these Masses. Candidates are reminded that they must attend most weekend Masses leading up to the **Sacrament of Confirmation** on **Friday, 20th May**. A note outlining further dates, commitments and expectations of this Sacrament will go home today.

Our **2016 Prep students** have settled in extremely well to school life and are quickly learning school routines and expectations. Today is the last Wednesday that our Prep students don’t attend school – from next week they will attend Full Time.

Our **Parent Helpers Course** to support parents assisting in classrooms this year will be held in the coming weeks – please stayed tuned for details. 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.

A reminder for Year 6 parents, the closing date for **Applications for Year 7 to Catholic Secondary Colleges for 2017** is **Friday, 26th February**. Please ensure that you have completed this process to avoid disappointment.

On **Sunday, 6th March** our **school choir** (The Green and Gold Songbirds) will be performing at the **Knox Festival** at 1.45pm. 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.

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, 21st April** at 7pm. The **Reconciliation Workshop** for children and families will be held on **Tuesday, 15th March** at St Bernadette’s, The Basin at 7pm.
**School Photographs** will be taken on **Thursday, 3\(^{rd}\) March**. Students must wear their Summer School Uniform on this day. If it is your child’s sports day, students they may bring their runners in their bag.

**Friday, 4\(^{th}\) March** is **Chocolate Donation Day** at St Joseph’s. Please bring a family sized block of chocolate (for our “Choc a Toss” Stall at our Parish Fete) or $4.00. This is per family not per student.

Our **Annual Visitors Day** will be held on **Wednesday, 9\(^{th}\) March**. This is an opportunity for existing and potential families to see our wonderful school in operation. Students love to have family members visit them and share what they are doing. If you know of any families who are looking to send a child to St Joseph’s in 2017 please encourage them to come along. We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Last week students received a **“Cybersafety Use Agreement”** including the updated Privacy Policy and Collection Notice. 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.

Once again our Parish will be participating in the **Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle**. This is a fantastic raffle for a number of reasons. Firstly, there are some amazing prizes that are outlined below but more importantly for every $2.00 ticket sold by our community $1.35 comes directly back to us. As mentioned once again there are some sensational prizes that I have listed below:

- **1st Prize – Toyota Corolla Ascent Sports 5 door hatch**
- **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)**

This year the school has only been allocated 27 books with 10 tickets in each.

If you wish to collect a book to sell / buy or wish to purchase tickets please see the school office immediately as these will not last very long!!!

We ask that students and families use the **zebra crossing** to cross the car park. We have noticed growing frustration of drivers as students, siblings and parents dart across the road between cars. We are concerned that there will soon be an accident which could be avoided if we follow rules in the car park.

Finally, it has come to our attention that a number of students are arriving on site well prior to 8.30am each morning and/or being collected after 3.45pm in the afternoon. A reminder that **hours of supervision are from 8.30am – 3.45pm**. If you require care prior to 8.30am or after 3.45pm we ask that you make arrangements with Camp Australia – our Out of School Hours Care (OHSC) provider. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Have a great week!

Peter Vanstan
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.

Thank you to those families who have returned their Student Information Checklist so promptly.

It is imperative that we have the most up to date information regarding contact details for your child. If there is an emergency we need to be able to make contact quickly. Please change any details that are no longer current and sign/date this form and return immediately.

The school newsletter is distributed each WEDNESDAY via email and the bucket system (for those requiring a hard copy). All information for inclusion in the newsletter must be submitted by Tuesday 4pm to Gayle Ashdowne at the address listed above. 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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
SCHOOLPIX will be visiting us on THURSDAY MARCH 3—order forms were sent home via the bucket system last week. If you require a sibling form they can be picked up from the office.

FULL SUMMER SCHOOL UNIFORM IS TO BE WORN ON THE DAY (NO SPORTS UNIFORM OR RUNNERS please) If your child has PE/Sport on this day, children are encouraged to bring their runners in their bag.

School Nursing Program
Kelly Fitzgerald a visiting primary school nurse from the Department of Education and Training will be attending the school to conduct the Prep grade health assessments and to see other children as requested by parents or teachers (with parents’ consent) next term.

The purpose of the visit is to provide all Victorian children with the opportunity to have a health assessment; to link children, families and school communities to services available in the community; and to provide information and advice that promotes health and wellbeing.

Parents are invited to contact the visiting school nurse if there are any issues they wish to discuss. Parents of students (other than Prep students) that wish their child to be seen by the school nurse need to complete a Referral form that is available at the school office. This completed Referral form needs to be returned to the school office. Kelly Fitzgerald 0412955128

The Boronia RSL Appeals Committee would like to send our sincere thanks for St Joseph’s Primary Schools’ contribution to our 2015 Remembrance Day Poppy Appeal. Your school raised a total of $171.20—a wonderful achievement. These funds will greatly assist with the care and welfare of veterans and their families in our community. Please accept our heartfelt appreciation for your efforts.

Kind regards,
Rod Canobie President
PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Athletics
It’s been a very active start to the new year and the children are enthusiastically preparing for the Twilight Sports which is fast approaching on Tuesday the 22nd of March. They are practising and learning new running, jumping and throwing skills and I am impressed with the children’s persistent efforts to improve. Last week, Rupert from Athletics Australia, who is a level 3 athletics coach worked with the children from Grade 1 to Grade 6 on their running techniques, fast starts, running correctly, and running through the finish line. He will complete another 3 clinics over the next three weeks.

After completing 4 hockey clinics at the end of last year, we were offered a final clinic this year. It was pleasing to see the improvement in the children’s skills and James, the coach, mentioned that the senior children at our school were the best in terms of behaviour, enthusiasm and overall skill that he had seen at any school. Well done seniors. We are lucky to have such a wonderful group of children leading our school.

Swimming Carnival
Last Thursday April Taylor and Thomas Cunningham (5/6M) represented our school at the SSV Boronia & Mountain District Swimming Championships. Thomas competed in the 11 year old boys events, and placed 1st in freestyle and 2nd in breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly. An almighty effort Thomas. April competed in the 11 year old girls, and placed 1st in the freestyle, breaststroke and backstroke events and third in butterfly. She will go on to represent our school at the next level in breaststroke and backstroke. Go April and thanks for representing our school.

COMMUNITY

Happy Birthday
Happy Birthday to Joey Abraham, Rebecca Edwards, Tyler Maxwell, Mrs Baumann and Mr Amor who are celebrating their birthday this week.

Congratulations to the Ferry Family—Laura, Matthew, Harrison & Ruby (Prep) on the arrival of Grace Amelia, and the Killian Family (Mrs K) who became a Nana with the arrival of James Christopher last week.

“New joy to hold in your arms, new love to hold in your heart”

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
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
• $125 for primary school students
• $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
Schedule 7

Minimum Period of Exclusion from Primary Schools and Children’s Services Centres for Infectious Diseases Cases and Contacts (Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2009).

In this Schedule, medical certificate means a certificate from a registered medical practitioner.

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<td>Exclude until there has not been a loose bowel motion for 24 hours</td>
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<td>Campylobacter</td>
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<td>Cholera</td>
<td>Exclude until all stools have ceased.</td>
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<td>Clostridium</td>
<td>Exclude until at least 7 days after the rash appears in unimmunised children, but may be less in previously immunised children.</td>
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<td>Conjunctivitis</td>
<td>Exclude until discharge from eyes has ceased</td>
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<td>Diphtheria</td>
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<td>Hand, Foot and Mouth disease</td>
<td>Exclude until all blisters have closed</td>
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<td>Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)</td>
<td>Exclude until at least 4 days of appropriate antibiotic treatment has been completed</td>
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<td>Hepatitis A</td>
<td>Exclude until a medical certificate of recovery is received, but not before 7 days after the onset of jaundice</td>
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<td>Herpes (cold sores)</td>
<td>Young children unable to comply with good hygiene practices should be excluded while the lesion is weeping. Lesions to be covered by dressing, where possible.</td>
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<td>Human immunodeficiency virus infection (HIV/AIDS)</td>
<td>Exclusion is not necessary</td>
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<td>Impetigo</td>
<td>Exclude until appropriate treatment has commenced. Sores on exposed surfaces must be covered with a waterproof dressing</td>
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<td>Influenza and influenza like illnesses</td>
<td>Exclude until well</td>
<td>Not excluded unless considered necessary by the Secretary</td>
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<td>Leprosy</td>
<td>Exclude until approval to return has been given by the Secretary</td>
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<td>Meningitis (other than meningococcal meningitis)</td>
<td>Exclude until well</td>
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<td>Meningococcal infection</td>
<td>Exclude until adequate carrier eradication therapy has been completed</td>
<td>Not excluded unless receiving carrier eradication therapy</td>
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<td>Mumps</td>
<td>Exclude for 9 days or until swelling goes down (whichever is sooner)</td>
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<td>Pertussis (whooping cough)</td>
<td>Exclude the child for 21 days after the onset of cough or until they have completed 5 days of a course of antibiotic treatment</td>
<td>Contacts aged less than 7 years in the same room as the cases who have not received three effective doses of pertussis vaccine should be excluded for 14 days after the last exposure to the infectious case, or until they have taken 5 days of effective antibiotic treatment</td>
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<td>Poliomyelitis</td>
<td>Exclude for at least 14 days from onset, Re-start after receiving medical certificate of recovery</td>
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<td>Ringworm, scabies, pediculosis (head lice)</td>
<td>Exclude until the day after appropriate treatment has commenced</td>
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<td>Rubella (German measles)</td>
<td>Exclude until fully recovered or for at least four days after the onset of rash</td>
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<td>Salmonella, Shigella</td>
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<td>Exclude until receipt of a medical certificate from the treating physician stating that the child is not considered to be infectious</td>
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<td>Ventilator producing Escherichia coli (VTEC)</td>
<td>Exclude if required by the Secretary, and only for the period specified by the Secretary</td>
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<td>Worms (intestinal)</td>
<td>Exclude until there has not been a loose bowel motion for 24 hours</td>
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Statutory rule

A person in charge of a primary school or children’s services centre must not allow a child to attend the primary school or children’s services centre for the period or in the circumstances:
(a) specified in column 2 of the table in Schedule 7 if the person in charge has been informed that the child is infected with an infectious disease listed in column 1 of the table in Schedule 7; or
(b) specified in column 3 of the table in Schedule 7 if the person in charge has been informed that the child has been in contact with a person who is infected with an infectious disease listed in column 1 of the table in Schedule 7.

The person in charge of a primary school or children’s services centre, when directed to do so by the Secretary, must ensure that a child enrolled at the primary school or children’s services centre who is not immune against a vaccine preventable disease (VVPD) specified by the secretary in that direction, does not attend the school or centre until the secretary directs that such attendance can be resumed. (Note—VPPs marked in bold with an asterisk (*) require the department to be informed immediately. Contact the department on 1300 651 160 for further advice about exclusion and these diseases.)

Further information

For further information about exclusions mentioned in this document, please contact the Department of Health’s Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Section on 1300 651 160 or visit www.health.vic.gov.au.

To receive this document in an accessible format email infectious.disease@health.vic.gov.au

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**COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2016**

Has been launched once again.

As usual 3 cars are up for grabs as well as vouchers, we have sold winning tickets in the past for the vouchers, so hopefully this year is our turn for a car or two.

Raffle books are now available from the school office if you would like to participate.

All sales are to completed by the 5th May, please be aware that we have paid $5.00 per book to be in this raffle, so it is really important to sell as many tickets as possible.
Boronia Community Fete
Saturday 19th March 2016 • 10am – 4pm

Sat 19th March 2016, 10am – 4pm
St Joseph’s Primary School, Boronia
This is our major fundraiser for the year!

VOLUNTEER ROSTERS
Rosters are now up, in the entranceway for you to add your name when & where you can assist. A big thank you to those who have put up their hands to co-ordinate stalls this year. Let’s show our support to them and help fill their rosters…we are only asking for two hours of your time so that everyone can enjoy the day.

Our school is responsible for these stalls:
• BBQ Stall: Cook sausages, hamburgers, serve food and drinks
• Canteen: Cook & serve chips, hotdogs, dim sims and drinks
• Face Painting: Paint face designs and extra person required to collect money
• Tattoos & Hair Spraying: Using airbrush machine & templates to paint designs
• Pluck-a-Duck: Collect money, player catches a duck with a net and wins a prize
• Silent Auction: Monitor silent auction room
• Raffle Hampers: Collect money for raffle tickets
• Ride Ticket Booth: Sell individual ride tickets at front car park.

ALL DAY—ALL RIDE WRISTBANDS
Please see attached form for details on how to order all day fun at the fete! Don’t forget to take advantage of the “All Day – Unlimited Ride” pass early bird special. Passes purchased before March 16th are only $25 (Saving $10).

If you are unable to fill in your details on a roster at school, PLEASE return this form via the bucket BY WEDNESDAY 16th & we will allocate where you are needed,

Please tick the time(s) you are available to help with the FETE:

☐  Fri 18th from 9am (set up day)  ☐  Sat 19th  1pm – 3pm
☐  Sat 19th  9.30am – 11am  ☐  Sat 19th  3pm – 5pm
☐  Sat 19th  11am – 1pm  ☐  Sat 19th  Clean up from 4pm

Your name__________________________________  Child’s class __________
Phone______________________________________
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All Day - All Ride Wristbands

For $25 each Early Bird purchase (before 11th March, otherwise $35) you get Unlimited and All Day access to the following activities at the fete:

- Hurricane ($6 per ride)
- Laser Tag ($6 per turn)
- Meltdown ($6 per ride)
- Jumping Castle ($3 per ride)
- Cup & Saucer ($3 per ride)
- Petting Zoo ($3 per visit)
- Pony Rides ($3 per ride)
- Electric Go Karts ($3 per ride)
- Inflatable Slide ($3 per ride)
- Mini Golf ($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/KEYX](http://www.trybooking.com/KEYX)

**OR** complete the following form and return to school via the class bucket by Friday 11th March (wristbands will be $35.00 each after this date)

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**FAMILY NAME:** _________________________________

**ELDEST CHILD:** _________________________________

**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.

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 Bernadette’s & St Joseph’s School Fete First Annual Lego Building Competition!!!!

Competition theme is ‘Imagination!’ Use your Lego and your imagination to come up with the most creative piece you can. Please, no models built from the book. We want to see your craziest designs! Space ships, boats, cars, villages and towns or whatever you can come up with. Free Entry.

Competition open to students at both schools. Competition divided into Senior Unit (grade 5-6), Middle Unit (grade 3-4) and Junior Unit (Prep – grade 2). A prize for the winner of each category. Displays will be judged by fete goers at 50 cents per vote.

Get Building! Bring your entries to the fete by 11am, winners announced at 2.30pm.