I hope that everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable break from school. It was great to catch up on the first day back around the Coffee Van – thanks to our commUNITY@St Joes Team for organising the complimentary drinks to “kick-start” the term.

Within the coming week you will receive the Term 4 Calendar to assist you with planning for the Term ahead. Term 4 is always busy so I encourage you to put all relevant dates in your diary.

The Prep to Year 4 2016 Swimming Program commenced this week and continues each school day until Friday, 14th October. To date the students are well engaged with their aquatic tasks. It is wonderful to see so many parents observing the learning! Don’t forget to bring your pyjamas to swimming next Wednesday, 12th October for PJ day (no onesies please).

The Year 5/6 Swimming Program will run from Monday, 28th November until Friday, 9th December.

Next week we will commence allocating class groupings for 2017. This is when staff work through a rigorous process to group children for next year. All staff are involved in this process. The aim behind this is to ensure that classes are evenly balanced with a good spread of males to females, year levels, ability levels, special needs, etc. This is a long process and involves great scrutiny and careful consideration. When classes are finalised it is our policy that they are not changed. Therefore, if you have educationally based information that can assist us with class groupings for next year, can you please put this in writing addressed to me by Monday, 17th October. These requests will be given due consideration and will assist us with our decision making.

If you are not returning to St Joseph’s School in 2017 as you are moving house, etc. can you please notify the school in writing immediately. This is most important in our planning for 2017.

Student Learning Portfolios were sent home during the last week of Term 3. These are a great snapshot of the term’s work and form a valuable part of our reporting process. As they provide an ‘ongoing’ collection of work samples, they need to be sent back to school by this Friday for further additions.
We are most excited to have students representing the school at the Division Athletics Competition today. These students were successful in the district carnival during Term 3 and have proceeded to these championships. We look forward to hearing how our students went. The students competing are Joel Prys (Hurdles, High Jump), Brodie Genovesi (Discus), Sophie Lorusso (1500m), Ryan Williamson (Discus), Sophie Triandafillou (200M, Long Jump), Sienna Cross (Shot Put, Discus), Jarrod Macs (Long Jump) Jasmine Buis, April Taylor, Skye Omichi, Abigail Ventura (Relay).

Continuing with the theme of sport, congratulations to Anne Baumann, and the staff, parents and students who organised the sporting activities on the last day of Term 3. From all reports the students (and staff) had a fantastic day. Thank you also to our families that assisted with the BBQ Lunch at the end of Term. It was a lovely way to finish off the term.

Our next School Improvement Committee (SIC) Meeting will be next Tuesday 11th October at 6.00pm in preparation for our upcoming working bee. This Working Bee will be held on Friday, 21st October. This will be a Twilight Working Bee commencing at 4pm and concluding at 7.00pm. Please remember that all families are encouraged to attend to support the general care and maintenance of the school and grounds. This is the last opportunity for the year for families to be reimbursed the Working Bee levy.

On Monday, 17th and Thursday, 20th October we will have the pleasure of meeting our Prep 2017 students and their families during our Prep Interviews. This will be an exciting time as they prepare for next year. The 2017 Prep Information Night will follow on Tuesday, 25th October. This will be followed by two Transition Days where they will participate in a number of our specialist programs on Wednesday, 2nd November and Thursday, 10th November from 9.30 – 11.00am. The Prep 2017 Orientation Day will be conducted on Friday, 18th November from 10am-12pm. We aim for these days to assist in the smooth transition to Prep in our school next year.

The next School Advisory Council Meeting will be held on Monday, 17th October commencing at 7pm. Agenda, minutes and reports will be emailed prior to the meeting. If members are unable to attend the meeting it would be appreciated if you can notify the office prior to the meeting.

This year’s FUNdraising Fair will be held on Friday, 21st October. Classes are currently organising their stalls for the day. The aim of this years Fundraising Fair is to raise money for Caritas Australia to provide resources for communities in need.

Students are reminded to bring in their school hats immediately. In accordance to our SunSmart Policy students must wear hats when they are outside, this includes playtime, sport and excursions. If children do not have their hat on they will not be able to participate in outdoor activities.

A reminder that on Monday, 31st November and Tuesday, 1st November the school will be closed due to the Melbourne Cup holiday weekend. School will resume on Wednesday, 2nd November. As noted in the school calendar there will also be a School Closure Day on Monday, 14th November. On this day staff will be planning for 2017.

Have a great week
Peter Vanstan
Hello Everyone,
Welcome back! I trust you all had a relaxing holiday with lots of time for indoor games in light of the weather.

This term we have many plans to enrich the wellbeing of our students at Joe’s, beginning with Walk to School for the month of October. Please encourage your child to walk, ride, skate or scoot to school whenever possible. Also chat to your child about the benefits of walking. This year, there are over $10,000 worth of prizes available for our school and students to win, including two major infrastructure prizes for the top two participating schools ($2,500 & $1,500 prizes respectively). On Thursday 13th October at 9:10 am, there will be a Safety with Lottie Incursion for the students in Grades Prep, 1 and 2 which will focus on road and school crossing safety. Parents are invited to this session. The session for Grades 3-6 will focus on walking to school safely. On 20th October, a nature walk facilitated by Knox Bushland Management is planned, which parents are also invited to. Stay tuned for more information.

Remind your child to fill out the Walk to School chart in each classroom.

Have a great week.

Liz Miller

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**WELLBEING NEWS**

Hello Everyone,
Welcome back to yet another very busy term. This term the children will be participating in class masses, family mass, Remembrance Day liturgy, Fundraising Fair, Graduation Mass and End of the Year Mass.

Our annual Fundraising Fair will be celebrated on **October 21st from 11.30-1.00pm**. This year we will focus on raising the children’s awareness of the need for help and support both locally and globally. We will be encouraging children to contribute their ‘own’ money to embed the social justice principles. We will be directing our attention to supporting **Caritas Australia** with our fundraising efforts. More information to come soon.

Yours in Faith,

Nerida Byrden

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**KITCHEN GARDEN**

There will be no Kitchen Garden for the first 2 weeks of Term 4 due to the Swimming Program.

VIP Catholic School Enrolments Year 7 2018 (Current Year 5’s) & 2019 (Current Year 4’s)

The Catholic Education Melbourne has made changes to enrolment dates for all Catholic Secondary Schools. There will be two sets of enrolment dates in 2017.

The key dates for students in Year 6 in 2017 and seeking enrolment in Year 7 2018

- 17th February 2017 Applications closed
- 27th April 2017 Enrolment offers posted
- 11th May 2017 Final date of acceptance offers by parents

The key dates for students in Year 5 in 2017 and seeking enrolment in 2019

- 25th August 2017 Applications close
- 13th October 2017 Enrolments posted
- 27th October 2017 Final date of acceptance offers by parents.

It is important that you meet the enrolment deadlines to ensure optimum opportunity to your school of choice.
Happy Birthday Ruby L & Franz C 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

Congratulations to Ryan and his Raiders team (12.5 boys) for making it to the Grand Final on Sunday the 11th September. They had done well throughout the season and finished top of their ladder but hadn’t beaten their opposition. It was a great effort and teamwork for them to pull out a 29-23 win. Even better, it was a family celebration with Ella’s Spectre’s team (14.5 girls) also winning their Grand Final on the day! Well done Ryan and Ella!!

An extra special congratulations to Lily King from 5/6D who was accidently left off last terms newsletter.....Oops!! She came a very commendable 3rd in Shot-put at the Athletics Carnival. Great effort Lily!

Happy Birthday Ruby L & Franz C who are celebrating their birthday this week.

Mater Christi College - Twilight Tour - 7:00pm
Thursday 13th October
Ph: 754 6611

Enrol now for 2018 & 2019
Limited places available for 2017

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 $14.30 per lesson (incl GST) ENROLMENT forms can be obtained from the school office or you can also enrol directly online at the above website address.
We invite any school aged child from the Boronia Parish to join our LITTLE JOEY’S MUSIC GROUP. We play/sing once a month at the Saturday night 6pm Mass, the next one being SATURDAY OCTOBER 15. If you could meet us in the church at 5:30pm for a warm up/practice before Mass begins that would be appreciated.

For further information contact or Dianne Cullinan 0422677458.

Since the inception of Buddy Walk in 2009 in Victoria, now known as Step Up for Down Syndrome, Sophie Ashdowne (5/6D) and her team Sophie’s Stars have pounded the pavement around Princess Park raising awareness of Down syndrome and funds for Down Syndrome Victoria (DSV). We will again be participating in this very worthwhile fundraising event on October 9. Each year we have been supported by family, friends, school and work colleagues and complete strangers raising over $25,000 for DSV. We want to make a difference and our participation in such a worthwhile event is a small way we can do this. DSV have been a wonderful support to Sophie and our family over the past 12 years. The work that they do, and the support they provide is invaluable and they do this with very little government funding. So please if you are able to walk with us on the day or make a donation, it would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to be a part of our team, simply register by following the link on this page and let us know! If you have any questions, drop us an email at theashdownes1@bigpond.com.


Thank you so much! Sophie and her Stars
Walk to School
walk, ride or scoot October 2016

Sign up at walktoschool.vic.gov.au