Our final Family Mass for the year will be held this Saturday, 26th November commencing at 6pm. All students and families are encouraged to attend and share in this liturgy. This weekend is the start of Advent - Advent is a time for waiting and preparing for the coming of Jesus and a perfect opportunity to attend the Family Mass to prepare for the Christmas season. Our 2017 Prep students and families have also been invited to this Mass and will be welcomed to our community. The liturgy will be followed by a shared “sausage sizzle” which will be a nice way to celebrate the school year with families.

You may have recently noticed our new arrangements for signing students in/out and registering visitors to the school. The iPad in the foyer provides additional security and is a further way to support the safety of the students in the school and further assist in complying with the new Ministerial Order 870 on Child Safety. Although it initially may take longer to sign in and out we remind you it is again to support our students and compliance with this legislation. Over the coming weeks and in to next year we will provide further information in relation to the changes this Ministerial Order will have in schools.

Last Friday we had the opportunity to meet with our 2017 Prep students as they attended their Orientation Day. Students met and completed activities with their 2017 teacher Mrs Kylie Hare from 10am until noon. They then joined their families and 2017 Buddies (current Year 5’s) for a BBQ lunch greatly provided by members of the commUNITY@STJoes team and Prep 2017 families. We look forward to seeing our Preps again at our Family Mass on Saturday evening.

Our final “special lunch” day for 2016 was held on Friday. Thank you to all families that came along to assist with cooking the BBQ and serving – your support was greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to the students that shared their talents at last week’s Metro Music Recital. It was a wonderful performance and great to see and hear what the students had learnt this year ... Well done on your achievements.

Next Monday, 28th November the Senior students commence their two week intensive swimming program. Information went home about the program last week and we ask that permission slips are returned promptly. This is a compulsory program and we ask that fees are up to date as the swimming program is included in these.
This week we presented our class structures for 2017. We are now proud and excited to present to you the staff that will be taking these classes. The class structure with teachers for 2017 will look as follows:

- **Parish Priest**: Fr Mirek Knap
- **Principal**: Pete Vanstan
- **Assistant Principal**: Leonie Sheehy
- **Deputy Principal**: Nick Frederiksen
- **Admin Officers**: Marg Booth / Gayle Ashdowne
- **Prep**: Kylie Hare
- **Year 1 / 2**: Sandra Anderson
- **Year 1 / 2**: Sarah Colson
- **Year 3 / 4**: Georgina Bennett
- **Year 3 / 4**: Nerida Byrden
- **Year 5 / 6**: Nick Frederiksen / Liz Miller
- **Year 5 / 6**: Maree Davis
- **Reading Intervention**: Anne Baumann
- **Library Technician**: Elaine Folino
- **LOTE (Indonesian)**: Olivia Modine
- **Kitchen Garden**: Cathy Darcy-Evans
- **Physical Education**: Anne Baumann
- **Visual Arts**: Chris Marnell
- **Learning Support Officers**: Ryan Bruce, Cathy Darcy-Evans, Fiona Dixon, Maree Jones, Jenny Killian, Luke Lambert, David Prowse, Linda Randall,

A full list of staffing including all support staff and Positions of Leadership will be sent home before the end of the term.

We welcome to our staff two new members Nick Frederiksen and Sarah Colson. Nick has been employed as Deputy Principal / Classroom Teacher. Nick has been employed at St Simon's School, Rowville for the past 5 years. We look forward to Nick working with us in leadership and in his classroom role. We also welcome back Sarah Colson who will also join our staff in 2017. Many of you will know Sarah as she completed her final teaching placement with us this year in Year 1/2AS.

The Start of School Procedures for 2017 will be similar to past years. Staff will conduct the required Literacy Testing (and possibly some numeracy testing) for Year 1 to Year 6 students. Students will be timetabled for a half-day session on either **Tuesday, 31st January or Wednesday, 1st February**. A note fully explaining this was sent home last week. **Students from Year 1 - 6 will commence full time on Thursday, 2nd February.**

Our beginning 2017 Prep students will commence with four half days finishing at 12.30pm from **Tuesday, 31st January to Friday, 3rd February**. The Prep children will then attend full days at school from Monday, 6th February but will have each Wednesday off during the month of February. They will commence full time from Monday, 27th February. After a few weeks of settling into school the Preps will be timetabled to attend school on a Wednesday in February to complete their Literacy Testing.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of our SAC committee and their teams for their wonderful work and support of our school community throughout the year. Thank you especially to our retiring committee members, your contribution to our community over the years has been greatly appreciated.
I would like to thank everyone for the success of another year of commUNITY@STJoes. I would especially like to thank Steve Taylor for leading this initiative. I would also like to thank the team leaders for their efforts and organisation and all community members that have supported these teams. Thank you all for the wonderful work you have done in providing social and fundraising opportunities during the school year. Highlights included the Family Breakfast and School Disco. Thank you to members finishing up with our team, your efforts and achievements have been greatly appreciated.

Recently families received information in regard to School Fees and Levies for 2017 including the Fee Payment Option Form. We ask that you spend some time reading through this information and return the form by this Friday, 25th November.

We ask that all families (who are not on direct debit) to immediately finalise their school fees and levies for 2016. We ask that you please address this immediately. We will make contact over the coming week with families who still owe fees/levies and have not made contact with the school. It is vital for us to receive this money before the end of the year to meet our financial commitments.

On Monday, 5th December we will be holding our 2016 Prep Graduation. This is an opportunity to reflect on the wonderful achievements our Prep students have made in their first formal year of school. This celebration will be held in the NCLC commencing at 6.30pm (Preps to arrive at 6.15pm).

We are looking forward to holding our bi-annual Christmas Carols on Wednesday, 7th December, commencing at 5.30pm with a BYO picnic dinner followed by carols. Each class will be contributing an item as well as our school choir. We feel this would be a fitting way to celebrate our achievements during the year and finish off the school year.

On Thursday, 8th December we will celebrate and thank God for our successes in 2016 at our End of School Year Mass. This will be held in the church at 11.30am. We invite all families to share in this Mass and to reflect on our achievements this year.

We invite all parent/family helpers to join us for morning tea on Thursday 8th December at 10.30 in the NCLC (preceding End of Year School Mass). The purpose of this gathering is to thank parent/ family helpers for their wonderful contribution and support of our school community throughout the year. We are very lucky to have such an active and vibrant community to support us. All welcome (including toddlers).

Our Year 6 Graduation will be held on Monday, 12th December commencing with mass at 6pm in the church. This will be followed by a special graduation dinner with the graduating class, their parents and staff. Year 6 families are reminded to return attendance note and money immediately so that our volunteer organisers can finalise numbers for the caterers. We look forward as a community to share this special night with the students.

With the school year rapidly coming to a close, below are some special dates that may be relevant to you and your family:

- **Monday, 5th December** - Prep Graduation (6.30pm in NCLC)
- **Wednesday, 7th December** - BYO picnic dinner followed by Carols
- **Thursday, 8th December** - Thank you Morning tea 10.30am followed by End of Year School Mass (11.30am in the church)
- **Monday, 12th December** - Year 6 Graduation (6pm in the church then dinner in the Parish Hall) Year 6 students finish
- **Tuesday, 13th December** - Orientation Day Prep—Grade 5
- **Friday, 16th December** - Last school day for 2016 for students 3.25 finish

Have a great week

Peter Vanstan
KITCHEN GARDEN

Kitchen Garden will be spread over 2 weeks again.
- 5/6D: Sophie A
- 3/4K: Lilly-Mai D with buddies
  Ciara L, Anlia V, Kahli-Ann W and Maya K.

WELLBEING

Hello Everyone,

Across all levels of the school, the current focus of our Wellbeing Program is Transition. Students can be excited and sometimes anxious about moving up to a new class and, in the case of our Grade 6 students, a new school. Have you had the time to read the tips to cope with change on the Graffiti Wall in the main corridor? Please chat with your child about change in light of transition to a new class. It would be great to share your own tips with your child as well as on our Graffiti Wall.

Often anxiety around transition is higher in the move from Junior to Middle school, and from Middle to Senior school (Grade 2 to Grade 3 and Grade 4 to Grade 5). In light of this, we are offering parents of Grade 2 children and Grade 4 children the opportunity to take part in learning walks. These walks will give parents an opportunity to see classes in action, how they are organised, and to discuss and reflect on the similarities and differences in each year level.

The learning walks for parents of Year 2 children will be at 9.00 on Wednesday 7 December and Thursday 8 December. Due to the 5/6 swimming program, the learning walk for parents of Year 4 children will be scheduled early in 2017.

If you are attending the Grade 2 to 3 learning walk, please complete the slip below.

Enjoy your week.
Liz Miller

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I ______________________ (name), will be attending the learning walk on
______ 9.00 Wednesday 7 December
______ 9.00 Thursday 8 December

EDUCATION IN FAITH

Hello Everyone,

This Saturday night at 6.00pm we are celebrating the beginning of Advent with our Family Mass. It is such a special occasion as we enter into the season on love, hope and compassion for others. We will be introducing our 2017 Prep families to our faith-filled community. Afterwards there will be a barbeque. The children have been studying the Jesse Tree and two students from each class will place this week’s symbols on the tree in the church. Over the following weeks when you attend any of the masses on the weekend, there will be Jesse Tree symbols to hang on the tree during Mass. Please come and join us to celebrate our final Mass together as one parish family.

Yours in Faith,
Nerida Byrden

The Jesse Tree

The Jesse Tree

Education in faith
Please be advised that there is currently a case of chickenpox in the junior school.

Chicken pox symptoms include: High temperature (fever), aches and headache often start a day or so before a rash appears; Spots (rash); Spots appear in crops. They develop into small blisters and are itchy. They can be anywhere on the body. Several crops may develop over several days. Loss of appetite or feeding problems

**REMOVAL OF RAILWAY CROSSING ON SCORESBY ROAD**

Just a reminder for everyone using Mountain Hwy of the closure now in place at the level crossing until Friday December 23. Scoresby Road has now re opened. As advised by the Level Crossing Removal Authority, signed detours will be in place during this time. Motorists are encouraged to seek alternative routes during this period and to expect delays, so plan accordingly. It’s all part of the removal of level crossings at Mountain Highway and Scoresby Road by lowering the rail line under the road to improve safety, reduce traffic congestion and improve travel connections for the local community. More info: http://levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/disruptions #levelcrossing #bayswater

**YEAR 6 GRADUATION**

The next meeting for Graduation planning will be on this **Friday November 25, 9am** in the community room. All welcome.

If you have any glass jars or fairy lights that we could borrow for graduation, could you please leave them at the office. Thanks so much.

**CHOIR—GREEN & GOLD SONGBIRDS**

AUDITIONS FOR THE SCHOOL CHOIR (Green and Gold Songbirds) - 2017

Do you love to sing? Will you be in Grade 3-6 in 2017? Would you like to join the school choir in 2017?

If you answered **YES** to any of the above, come along and audition in the Opening Learning Centre next **Wednesday November 30 during lunchtime**. If you have any further questions, please see Mrs Ashdowne.

Did You Know? St Joseph’s receives on average, $9,000 profit from the Boronia & The Basin Community Fete! These funds contribute towards paying the lease on the laptops in the classroom and therefore benefit our children.

The Committee are keen to invite new enthusiastic members to join our group of dedicated volunteers to make the 2017 fete great! All the ‘BIG’ committee positions (President, Secretary, Treasurer etc) are filled, so there is absolutely no pressure to commit to this level.

- Can you organise a bulk email or mail out looking for potential sponsors or silent auction donations?
- Are you part of an organisation that can assist with sponsorship?
- Can you help with the marketing of our Fete?
- Are you handy with cellophane to create some hampers from donations?
- Do you have suggestions for food or craft stalls?

If you can offer assistance, on any level of capacity, then please contact our school fete rep Anna Hawkins (mother of Thomas 3/4NL & Anthony 1/2B) on 0417053316.
Happy Birthday to Jett (1/2A), Hannah C (1/2B), Abigail V (5/6D), Roman G (1/2A), Samuel F (1/2A), who are celebrating their birthday this week.

ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Congratulations to Neeve K, 1/2B (pictured left), who participated in her inter club gymnastics competition on the weekend and came second. Well done Neeve!

On Sunday Sophie F (1/2B) (pictured right), took part in her annual dance concert. She performed ballet, tap and jazz routines, including a lyrical ballet solo. She also received exam medals and a trophy recognising all the hard work she has put in. Fantastic effort Sophie. Congratulations!

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

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.

Spring Clean-out time!!!!!!!

Spring is in the air and we all have cupboards that need sorting out. Please donate your unwanted ‘treasures’ to the Fete’s:

Trash ‘n’ Treasure Stall

Any large furniture items please phone Lynn on 0402 148 505

BOOTCAMP

• Bring friends along
• Have fun, get fit & meet other parents
• Toddlers welcome
• All ages
• 1 hour session
• Bargain price of $10 per session (normally $20)
• Private sessions available (please contact Melinda on 0416090210 if interested)

WHEN: MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY
9am
WHERE: ST JOSEPH’S PS FRONT BBQ AREA
BRING: TOWEL & WATER
OSHC UPDATE:

This week we have started on Christmas decorations. The kids have been putting paint inside baubles and mixing it around. Then letting them dry so they can take them home and put them on their Christmas trees.

The children have been really interested in Pokemon over the past few weeks. They have chosen ones to print and colour in or take home.

Every week the children have looked through the Healthy Eating cookbook and chosen what to make. Last week we made scones and chocolate biscuits.

Holiday club is now open to book into. Some of the activities are: movie- Sing, bowling, Taskworks, soccer clinic, Frisbee golf course and music themed lego kit. If you have any questions please talk to Kate.

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 Kate directly on : 0450776281.

St Joseph's OSHC staff.

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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**Camp Australia**

Scholastic Book Fair returns to St. Joseph’s this week

**WHEN:** Friday November 25 - Wednesday November 30

**WHERE:** Student entrance foyer

**TIME:** Before and after school

This would be a great time to purchase books as Christmas gifts