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.

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 2016 will be this Saturday, 20th 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 $90 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 2016 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, 21st April at 7pm.
The **Reconciliation Workshop** for children and families will be held on Tuesday, 15th March at St Bernardette’s, The Basin at 7pm.

Our first **School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting** will be held on **Monday, 22nd February** (Please note change of date). Agenda, minutes and reports will be sent home prior to the meeting. If members are unable to attend they are asked to place their apology with the office.

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.

The **2016 Parish Fete** is just over a month 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.** This week lists will be 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 is NOT** a school closure day this year. Further information about this day will be announced in the coming weeks! School Closure dates for 2016 will be announced soon … we are still trying to finalise presenters.

**Friday, 4th 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.

**School Photographs** will be taken on **Thursday, 3rd 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.

Our **Annual Visitors Day** will be held on **Wednesday, 9th 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.

Tonight students will receive 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.

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.

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:

1. **1st Prize** – Toyota Corolla Ascent Sports 5 door hatch
2. **2nd & 3rd Prize** - Toyota Yaris YR
3. **4th & 5th Prize** - Coles Myer Gift Cards (Valued $1000 each prize)
4. **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!!!

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 the 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

**EDUCATION IN FAITH**

Hello Everyone,

Last Saturday night we celebrated as a Catholic community with our Opening of the School Year Mass. There was a wonderful sense of COMMUNITY where everyone joined together to celebrate the start of the Lenten season and school year. This term the students are currently focusing on Project Compassion and what they can do to help others to have a better life. Also the students from Year Four to Year Six are currently participating in Class Reconciations with Father Mirek.

Yours in Faith,
Nerida Byrden
Congratulations to the following students who have accepted the responsibility to work in these Leadership positions in 2016.

Be Inspired to Lead!

**School Leaders 2016**

### Sports Leaders

**Red Team**
- Sophie Triandafillou
- Zack Kelaita

**Gold Team**
- Mairead Mooren
- Jarrod Macs

**Blue Team**
- Alicia Fry
- Matthew Wicks

**Green Team**
- Sienna Cross
- Herwyn Narraidoo

### Art and Design
- Rebecca Edwards
- Jessica Fella
- Maria Girgis
- Alex Kund

### School Promotion
- Sienna Cross
- Nathan Haryanto
- Ben Peat
- James Ventura
- Annie Ringland
- Clare Somuiel
- Ryan Williamson

### ICT Leaders
- Hamish Chandler Wright
- Joshua Constable
- Tinus Van Reenen
- Gigo Cruz
- Luke Smith
- Max Westwood

### Community Outreach
- Victoria Brown
- Veronica Morales
- Chloe Pudsey
- Nyobi Stallbaum
- Sophie Ashdowne

### SEAC Leaders
- Angus McIntosh
- Adam Wallace
- James Morris

### KidsMatter
- Alicia Fry
- Sophie Redgewell
- Lily King
- Ruby Law
- Laurie Martingale

### Cool Clubs
- Gareth Amor
- Spencer Skillern
- Jasmine Buis
- Madeline Henry
- Abigail Ventura

### SCAT
- Bailey Shaw
- Franz Cayme
- Thomas Cunningham
- Sky Omichi
- April Taylor
PRIVACY – INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Each year you provide the school with information about your child. This includes personal and sensitive information about your family and your child’s health. This is to reassure you about the type of information the school can request and that anything you do provide is treated with confidentiality.

The Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) regulates the handling of personal information. There are 13 Australian Privacy Principles designed to protect your privacy. This legislation applies to schools and other businesses and services where you provide your details.

Your school will only request information about your child and family relevant to providing an education for your child and to satisfy the school’s duty of care.

Personal and sensitive information will not be disclosed to a third party without your consent, except if this is related to the school’s educational or duty-of-care responsibilities, such as an emergency. E.g. If your child is injured at school and requires medical attention.

The school may engage a third party to provide resources to support the educational programs and/or systems used at the school, such as ICON or Google Apps.

Each year you will be asked to update the information provided as the school has a duty to ensure the information it has is up-to-date and accurate.

Personal and sensitive information is stored securely and access to it is restricted.

If you have any questions or concerns about how personal and sensitive information is treated at your school, you are encouraged to contact your school privacy officer or principal.
OFFICE NEWS

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.

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.
Hi Everyone,
On Friday, our students will be introduced to their buddies for 2016. As mentioned in last week's newsletter, in their first Buddy Class, students will be making an Affirmation box. They will explore why it is important to see the best in others and how being affirmative can build relationships. In subsequent lessons, we will be focusing on ‘Getting Along’. These sessions will focus on making friends, teamwork and cooperation and resolving interpersonal conflict. Examples of Getting Along behaviours include:

♦ Being helpful when working in a group
♦ Listening and not interrupting when someone else is talking
♦ Sharing materials
♦ 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.

At St Joe’s, we work closely with Knox City Council and we are a member of the Knox Primary Wellbeing Network. Throughout the year, Knox Council facilitates a range of programs to assist parents and schools. Two upcoming events you may be interested in are the Parent Information Night; ‘Young People, Gaming, Social Media and the Internet’, scheduled for Monday 21 March, and Knox Schools Expo on Thursday 17 March 5.45-8.45. Please see further information relating to these events in the community section of this week’s newsletter.

Have a great week.
Liz Miller

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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. You can also enrol online at the above website address.
Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to Liam Maxwell, Gareth Amor, April Cheyne, Shaun Constable, Adam Wallace & Annie Ringland who are celebrating their birthday this week.

ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL
We have lots of great stories to share this week

Riley Collins (3/4NL) started dirt bike riding at the age of 5 years - his first bike was a Honda CRF50. Riley grew out of that bike very quickly and soon was upgraded to a Honda CRF70. During these 2 years he was voted best rider for each class in successive years at Maroondah Cycle Training Club.

During Riley's first year of motocross racing he has achieved remarkable success, to gain experience on different tracks he entered the Gippsland Regional Motorcross Championships and the Victorian Junior Motorcross Championships.

Some of his achievements for 2015 were:

- Nunawading Motorcycle Club in 50cc B-Grade Aggregate series, 1st overall for the year.
- Nunawading Motorcycle Club 1st for the Club championships in the same class.
- Bluerock Motorcycle Club
  Gained a 3rd in the 50cc open class after missing 1 round.
- Gippsland Regional Series - 6th after competing in all 7 rounds.
- Riley competed in the Victorian Titles coming 9th after completing 3 of the 4 rounds.

After being invited by KTM Australia, Riley was one of 22 riders to compete at the last round of the Australian Supercross Championships in the 50cc class that was held in Melbourne. This was an excellent experience for him to compete on a very aggressive track in front of a large crowd under lights and get to hang out with Factory KTM Team. Great Job Riley!

Did you see Victoria Wasilewski (Prep), (picture left) in last Saturday's Herald Sun?
Sensational Victoria!

On Sunday 14th February Kahl-Ann Wynne (3/4NL) (pictured right) had the opportunity to participate in the Under 12's Spectacular at Casey Softball Club which saw a total of 16 teams with over 180 children participating.

Well done Kahl-Ann

Congratulations to Maria (5/6M) and Michael Girgis (1/2A) on their recent Sunday School graduation - Level 4 & 1 at Archangel Michael & St Anthony’s Church. Wishing you continued blessings on your faith journey.

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
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.

Mater Christi fees change

Recently the Board Chair of Mater Christi College wrote to all families to announce that school fees for families will drop significantly. Below is an extract of that letter.

“When the Sisters of the Good Samaritan established Mater Christi College in 1963, affordability for local families was paramount. Over the last decade the number of students in our area swelled and our student numbers grew along with it. This growth placed enormous pressure on our facilities and ultimately led to fee increases.

... after a careful analysis of demographic projections, it was clear that the decade long ‘bubble’ of local students had worked its way through the education system and our projected student numbers would return to our long term average of about 800 girls. This means the need for building new infrastructure will no longer create such a significant pressure on our finance.

... We believe that these positive changes reflect the vision of our founders just over 50 years ago. Mater Christi will continue to offer an affordable and valuable all-girls education in Melbourne’s East for generations to come.”

Families are invited to visit the College website for tour dates or contact the College to arrange a Personal Tour 9754 6611.

Julie Feeney
Deputy Principal- Learning and Mission

Witness the energy and ‘can-do’ spirit of girls’ education. 

Click to view our College Tour Dates.

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Visit us at:
www.wantirnasouthnetballclub.com

Winter registrations NOW OPEN!

Contact us:
enquiries@wantirnasouthnetballclub.com

Boronia Netball Club is looking for 11 and under players (8+ years) who would like to start playing netball in 2016.

Netball is a great team sport and our 11 and under coaches are equipped to provide our players with the best possible learning and playing experience.

Players are given the opportunity to play every position which ensures enjoyment and future participation within netball.

Training is on a Wednesday night from 4.15 – 5.00pm

If you would like to have a go at playing a great sport with a wonderful club please contact our Secretary Michelle Ross on 0438 321 919 or email -
michelle.ross91@optusnet.com.au

Knox Festival 2016

5-6 March
Wally Tew Reserve, Ferntree Gully
KnoxFest

Aquinas Annual Reunion

Saturday 19 March
2pm-5pm


Calling all former Aquinas students who graduated in the years ending in ‘6’ to come back to Aquinas on 19th March for a day of celebration and fun. Spread the word and organise your former classmates to come along too. Aquinas will provide finger food, drinks and the opportunity to tour our facilities. Families are most welcome.

To RSVP, please go to the event on our Facebook page or email illuminer@aquinas.vic.edu.au. We look forward to having you there!
Boronia Community Fete
Saturday 19th March 2016 * 10am – 4pm

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

DONATIONS
We would like to thank all our generous families who have already donated items for our trash ‘n treasure stall. Please continue to fill the container in the entrance way! (No clothes).

Empty hanging baskets can be donated to sell at our garden stall.
Any live plants can be left at the garage doors under St Joseph’s church.

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.

Please stay tuned for details to come on our donation day on Friday 4th March for chocolate blocks.

EARLY BIRD ALL DAY RIDE WRISTBANDS
Please see over for details on how to order all day fun at the fete!

VOLUNTEER ROSTERS
Our school is responsible for a selection of stalls at our fete, so rosters will be up today for you to add your name where & when you can assist. Two hours is all we are asking to help everyone enjoy the day and Grade 5/6 students are also encouraged to help! Many hands make light work!!

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
THANK YOU TO THE SPONSORS OF THE 2016 BORONIA COMMUNITY FETE

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“ALL DAY ALL RIDES” WRISTBANDS AVAILABLE NOW - WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/KEYX
Boronia Community Fete
Saturday 19th March 2016 * 10am – 4pm

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)
- Jumping Castle ($3 per ride)
- Pony Rides ($3 per ride)
- Mini Golf ($3 per turn)
- Meltdown ($6 per ride)
- Cup & Saucer ($3 per ride)
- Electric Go Karts ($3 per ride)
- Petting Zoo ($3 per visit)
- Inflatable Slide ($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/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)

All Day – All Ride Wristbands

FAMILY NAME: _______________________________

ELDEST CHILD: _________________________________CLASS:________________

NAME OF EACH CHILD REQUIRING A TICKET:

_____________________________   _____________________________

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_____________________________   ______________________________

TOTAL NO. OF TICKETS ____ @ $25 = $

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.