The 2016 Parish Fete is just over a week away on Saturday, 19th March. Please place this date in your diary. The success of the day is very important to our parish as it financially supports the parish and our two schools.

The committee is asking for volunteers to look after stalls for a short period of time during the Fete. Many volunteers are required to ensure the smooth running of the Fete. Lists have been placed near the students entrance of the school – please put your name down to assist. If you are unable to get in to school to put your name on a list please contact the office.

Helpers are also required to Set Up the Fete on Friday, 18th March.

“Many hands make light work” – Please don’t leave this job to just a few regular helpers!

If you are able to assist with delivering pamphlets advertising the fete these have been left for collection on a table outside the students entrance. Thank you in advance for people that are able to assist with this.

Thank you for donating a family sized block of chocolate or $4.00 for the Fete’s “Choc a Toss” Stall last week. Your donation is greatly appreciated. If you forgot to bring your block or money in, these can be left at the office during the week.

Next week is Catholic Education Week. The theme for Catholic Education Week 2016 is “Be the Face of Mercy”. There are a number of activities organised by various schools and parishes in the Melbourne Archdiocese. As part of their preparation for the
sacrament our Year 6 Confirmation candidates will represent our school at the annual Mass of St Patrick for Schools and Concert to be held at St Patrick’s Cathedral, Melbourne on **Thursday, 17th March**.

Please note that **Friday, 18th March** (the day before the Fete) is **NOT** a school closure day this year. To celebrate our schools feast day students will celebrate mass for St Joseph at 9.10am. Following mass students will have a snack and then walk to the Boronia Cinemas. Here they will watch the new release movie “Zootopia.” We will be using the $1,000 we won late last year in the Christmas colouring competition organised by Ray White Mountain Gate for this “special” activity. A note will go home later in the week with further information relating to this day.

We are able to notify families that **Friday, 22nd April** will be a School Closure Day. On this day staff will be working with Mark Clarke exploring Social Justice and how we can make this more relevant in our lives. Further School Closure dates for 2016 will be announced soon ... we are still trying to finalise presenters and dates.

Today we held our **Annual Visitors Day**. This day is an opportunity for existing and potential families to see our wonderful school in operation. Thank you to all families that came along to support this day. Thank you to our School Promotions Leadership Team for their work in preparing for the day and taking guided tours. Thanks also to our choir for entertaining us with a wonderful arrangement of songs highlighting their talents.

Preparation continued for our Year 6 students participating in the **Sacrament of Confirmation** with their **Commitment Mass** on the weekend. *In readiness candidates are required to attend most weekend Masses leading up to the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Friday, 20th May**. (*Please note the date of the Confirmation Workshop has been moved to Wednesday, 27th April due to the availability of the presenter. *This will be held at 7pm at St Bernadette’s School, The Basin*).*

Preparation continues for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** with the **Reconciliation Workshop** for children and families on **Tuesday, 15th March** at St Bernadette’s, The Basin at 7pm. *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.*

Our **Parent Helpers Course** to support parents assisting in classrooms this year will be held on **Thursday, 17th March** commencing at 3.00pm. 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.

Congratulations to our **school choir (The Green and Gold Songbirds)** who performed at the Knox Festival on the weekend. The students were fantastic and definitely entertained the crowds. This year we have over 40 students in our school choir. Well
done to the choir and Gayle Ashdowne for all the work they put into preparing for this performance.

Congratulations also to the students and Mrs Jane Strickland for the great school banner that was entered in the festival. Hopefully everyone gave us a Number 1 vote!

Once again our Parish will be participating in the Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle. We will be selling these after school until the end of term. Please bring some money along to purchase a some tickets in this great raffle!!! Listed below are the sensational prizes:

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)

Preparations are well under way for our Twilight Sports on Tuesday, 22nd March commencing at 3pm. The students have had great fun learning new athletic events for the evening and look forward to showing off these newly acquired skills. The Annual Year 3-5 400m races and Year 6 Marathon will precede this evening next Wednesday, 16th March at 9.15am. This is an event that requires the support of our parent community. If you are able to help out on the evening can you please let the school office or Anne Baumann know.

Students have already been preparing work samples for their Student Learning Portfolios. These will be sent home at the end of each term and will further support our overall reporting process at St. Joseph’s School. The Student Learning Portfolio will allow us to present samples of your child’s work from a variety of curriculum and specialist areas (including: Religious Education, English, Mathematics, Integrated Studies, and specialist subjects). Therefore over a year you will receive a “snapshot“ of your child’s progress. Each term the Student Learning Portfolio will contain a Term Overview and various work samples related to a particular task. At the end of each term there will be an opportunity for students and parents to reflect on the learning that has taken place during the term. These will go home on Thursday, 24th March and is an opportunity for you to sit down with your child/ren and discuss their work samples. Early next term we will ask for these to be returned to school so we can continue to put samples in these for Term 2.

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 afternoons. 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.

Finally, just a reminder that there will be no school this Monday, 14th March due to the Labour Day public holiday. We hope you all have a great long weekend and look forward to seeing you back refreshed on Tuesday.

Have a great long weekend!
Peter Vanstan
Hello Everyone,
Last weekend the Year Six Confirmation candidates attended their Commitment Mass which is the first step towards their Confirmation. Please note that there is a change in the date for Confirmation Workshop from 26th April to the 27th April at St. Bernadette’s at 7.00pm. A separate note will go home to the candidates today as a reminder.
Next Friday we will be celebrating St. Joseph’s Day by going to mass at 9.10am and everyone is most welcome to attend.
Yours in Faith,
Nerida Byrden

Swimming Championships
A huge congratulations to April Taylor who continued to represent our school at the 2016 Swimming Championships. April competed last week at Divisional level and successfully made it through to the Eastern Metropolitan Region Swimming Carnival. April competed in the breaststroke event at Aquanation Ringwood, and swam an amazing race. She had an excellent swim but unfortunately did not go through to State Level. This was a wonderful experience for April and I hope that she continues to participate in such events in the future. Well done April.

Grades 3/4/5 400M and Grade 6 Marathon
The Grades 3/4/5 400M races, and the Grade 6 Marathon will be held on the oval at 9.15 next Wednesday 16th March. I am very pleased with the way the children have trained for this event and all children from Grades 3-6 have given it a go. The children have worked on finding a steady pace that they can maintain over the distance, and leaving enough energy to run hard at the end of the race. Parents are most welcome to come along next Wednesday to watch the long distance race.

Twilight Sports
Just a reminder that the Twilight Sports are fast approaching on Wednesday the 22nd of March. They will begin at 3.00pm sharp. The children will move around with their level groups and compete in throwing, running and jumping events. The children have made excellent improvements in these events over the past couple of years through hard work and persistence. There will be viewing areas at all events and parents are encouraged to move around with their children, supporting and encouraging their efforts. Please let your child’s teacher or Anne Baumann know if you are able to help out on the night.

Last Sunday, in rather warm conditions, our school choir, the Green and Gold Songbirds performed at the Knox Festival. For many of our members it was their first performance ever, they did a wonderful job and were great ambassadors for our school. At today’s Visitor’s Day, they performed once again showing their wonderful talents to our visitors and school community. Well done Green and Gold Songbirds!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

EXTRA CURRICULAR—CHOIR
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY

Yesterday I went to Mater Christi for an International Women’s Day breakfast. The students made the food and it was delicious. There were some things that the student had made like an Ironing Board that said ‘don’t underestimate a woman.’ It was a fun morning. I hope that I get to go to Mater Christi for secondary school. Ruby Law

Yesterday was International Women’s Day. A few female students from St Joseph’s who are thinking of going to Mater Christi went on a little excursion up to Belgrave. We were invited to a breakfast at the college cooked and prepared by the students. International Women’s Day was created to fundraise and protest for equal opportunities for both women and men. This was a great fun morning for those of us who attended. Remember don’t underestimate a woman! Sienna Cross

KITCHEN GARDEN

The next kitchen garden group participants are:
1/2A: Danielle Edwards, Ashlyn Pudsey, Roman Genovesi, Nicholas Menz;
3/4K: Lachlan Groat;
3/4NL: Pratyusha Kayastha, Jasmine Keefer, Orlando Aliotta. Morning tea will be on Thursday 17th March.

COMMUNITY

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to Talia Stafford and Jayda & Mia Kansley who are celebrating their birthday this week.

ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

On February 27th and 28th, Sophie Redgewell (5/6M) competed in the Annual CFA Junior Brigade Championships with The Basin Fire Brigade. 49 Brigades from around Victoria competed in races which require fitness, skill and speed with hoses and equipment. Sophie regularly competes against local brigades during the year to get to the championships. Fantastic effort Sophie, well done!

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.

Canary Looking for a holiday home.

Is there any family - or individual - who would like to take in a friendly caged boarder while its parishioner owner goes on holidays?

No experience necessary but a tolerance to some pretty whistling and a few messy habits would be useful. Owner intending to go away at Easter. Phone John 0415 390 492.
Boronia Community Fete
Saturday 19th March 2016 • 10am – 4pm

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St Joseph’s Primary School, Boronia

This is our major fundraiser for the year!

VOLUNTEER ROSTERS
Thank you to all the people who have already volunteered their time on a stall. We still require more helpers for the fete – set up, clean up but more importantly the BBQ stall. We need a lot more names on that roster especially during the lunchtime period where it is the busiest. If you haven’t already, please add your details on the rosters or you can fill in the section at the end of this form and we will choose a stall for you.

DONATION DRIVE
Our chocolate donation drive was very successful last week & we are very appreciative of your generous donations. Thank you everyone for a wonderful event.

DONATIONS
Thank you to all our generous families who have already donated items for our trash ‘n treasure stall/raffle hampers/silent auction, we are still taking donations so please continue to fill the tub in the entranceway! (No clothes please)

DISCOUNTED WRISTBANDS END NEXT WEEK!
Friday March 11th is the last day that you can order your All Day – All Ride Wristbands with a saving of nearly $10.00 each! Another order form is attached or you can order on the trybooking website at: www.trybooking.com/KEYX

DRAWING COMPETITION:
Enteries for the drawing competition were distributed last week. Completed entries will be displayed on fete day where you can vote for your own or another fabulous work of art for 50cents! Great prizes & entry is free. Drawings are due back Wednesday 16th.

LEGO COMPETITION:
Remember to use your imagination & start making your creation to enter into the Lego competition at the fete. Entry is free.

BAKE SOME GOODIES FOR THE CAKE STALL
Our cake stall is always very popular & always sells out. Plates have already been distributed, so as fete day approaches, please consider baking a cake, slice, cookies or other goodies to bring on fete day. Contributions can be delivered to the cake stall at any time during fete and don’t forget to include an ingredients label

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 RIDES” WRISTBANDS AVAILABLE NOW - www.trybooking.com/keyx
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 what ever 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.
# Holiday Fun

**Jungle Quest**

**Adventures Ahead!**

**St. Joseph's Primary School, Boronia**

**212 Boronia Road, Boronia, VIC 3155**

**03 9779 2621 (0900 - 1800)**

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**Starting the day in the right way.**

A healthy breakfast is very important for children - to help provide them with the energy they need to get the most out of their school day.

Our Before School Care program runs every school day and offers an exciting range of activities for children to start the school day in the best possible way, with a healthy breakfast and some light activities and relaxation time.

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**LEARN**

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**www.campaustralia.com.au** and use the school name for your local program.

Alternatively, if you would like to see the program in action, feel free to pop into the program during operational hours and meet the camp team.

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**The Camp Australia Team**

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**With a healthy breakfast!**