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 many highlights of the liturgy. Thanks to all who prepared and contributed to the liturgy including our readers and our amazing school choir. A Sausage Sizzle dinner (and icy-pole) was enjoyed by many after the Mass, thank you to those that assisted with preparing and cooking the BBQ.

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, 30th March at 7pm. The Reconciliation Workshop for children and families will be held on Tuesday, 14th March at St Bernadette’s, The Basin at 7pm.

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, giving us a greater insight to your child.

Our first Working Bee is this Saturday, 18th February commencing at 9am. All families are encouraged to attend the working bee with the focus on preparing our grounds for our Visitors Day and 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 re-credited the $100 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 as many families as possible on this day to complete the substantial job list.

A reminder for Year 6 parents, the closing date for Applications for Year 7 to Catholic Secondary Colleges for 2018 is this Friday.
17th February. Please ensure that you have completed this process to avoid disappointment.

If families are interested in presenting children for the Sacrament of Baptism this year you are encouraged to contact the Parish Office to make an appointment with Fr Mirek. Children in our parish are only eligible to make one sacrament per year, therefore if you wish for your child to make the Sacrament of Reconciliation with their classmates in Year 3 they must prepare for and be Baptised in Year 2.

Preparation commences in the coming weeks for our Sacrament of Confirmation. Our Confirmation Parent Reflection Night will be held on Monday, 27th February commencing at 7.30pm in St Joseph’s Church. At least one parent must attend on this evening. Students preparing for this Sacrament must attend one of the Confirmation Commitment Masses on the weekend of the 4th and 5th March. Further dates and information will be circulated to families in the coming weeks. Candidates are reminded that they must attend most weekend Masses leading up to the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, 2nd June.

On Sunday, 5th March our school choir (The Green and Gold Songbirds) will be performing at the Knox Festival at 10.30. Please come along and support our students.

The 2017 Parish Fete is just over a month away on Saturday, 25th 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 children’s 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.

To support our Parish Fete Friday, 24th February is our Chocolate and Lolly Donation Day at St Joseph’s. Please bring a family sized block of chocolate (for our “Choc a Toss” Stall) at the Fete), a bag of lollies (for our lucky jars Stall) or $4.00. This is per family not per student.

All students have now received the “Cybersafety Use Agreement”. 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 and then completed forms must be taken to the Post Office with the required documentation. Schools must also enforce legislation introduced late last year in relation Child Safe Standards Ministerial Order 870 when volunteers are working with students.

Our Annual Visitors Day will be held on Wednesday, 8th 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 2018 please encourage them to come along. We look forward to seeing you on the day.

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 mem-
bers, Parish visitors and other Parish groups use this driveway for parking and access. These people are not expecting students and families to be walking or riding down this 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.

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.

Finally, as a school community we greatly value our partnership with parents. It is lovely to see families in the classroom sharing in the Morning Prayer and meditation. However we do ask that if you are not staying as a Parent Helper for the morning session that you promptly leave the classroom after this morning routine. This allows students, staff and helpers to commence the instructional and learning part of the day. We appreciate your cooperation with this matter.

Have a great week
Peter Vanstan

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**St Joseph's Working Bee**

*Term 1 2017 – THIS Saturday, 18th February*

*9am to 1.00pm – Morning Tea provided!!!*

This is the first working bee for the year and we would like to encourage all families to come along - there are plenty of tasks that need to be completed. We are very proud of our school and it is important for all members of our community to support the upkeep of our grounds and our buildings. We would love to see the school grounds looking spectacular for our Visitors Day and Parish Fete!

The working bee levy of $100.00 will be refunded after a full attendance at a working bee.

**TASKS**
- Prepare grounds for Visitors Day and Fete
- Re-mulch and tidy Kitchen Garden
- Mulch garden beds

**TOOLS**
- Wheel barrows
- Mulch forks and equipment for moving Mulch
- “Dingo” Digger with scoop
- Trailers
- Secateurs, pruning equipment

Rain, hail or shine the working bee will go ahead.

We look forward to seeing you on the day

David, Nick & Catherine (School Improvement Committee)
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.

Please contact the office if you have changed any of your personal details i.e. Phone number, address, emergency contact etc.

Fr Mirek has requested that parents/carers do not park in the disabled carparks located at the top end of the carpark near the church. These carparks are required for members of our community who attend mass and parish functions. Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

SCHOOLPHOTOS
SCHOOLPIX will be visiting us on THURSDAY MARCH 2—order forms will be sent home soon.

FULL SUMMER SCHOOL UNIFORM IS TO BE WORN ON THE DAY
(NO SPORTS UNIFORM OR RUNNERS please) Girls hair must be neat and tidy and tied up if it is longer than shoulder length
If your child has PE/Sport on this day, children are encouraged to bring their runners in their bag.

THE AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN’S CHOIR
Recruiting offers from The Australian Children’s Choir, will be visiting each classroom at St Joseph’s next Monday February 20 to audition children for their 2017 choir.

This week we commenced Volleyball Clinics which will run for the next four weeks every Monday.
Here are some photos of our Year 3/4’s enjoying their session and learning how to stand in the set position.
If you are the holder of a current health care card you will be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF). Application forms are now available from the office.

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
Happy Birthday to - Orlando (3/4G), Liam M (5/6D), April C (3/4N), Shaun C (3/4G), Annie R (5/6D) and Miss Colson who are celebrating their birthday this week.

Achievements Outside School

Congratulations to Baelan (3/4G), pictured left, who received his green certificate at swimming this week. Well done to Philip (1/2C), pictured right, who achieved the skills of Salmon at swimming this week and has moved up to the Tuna level.

Great job boys, keep up the good work!

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: gayle.ashdowne@sjboronia.catholic.edu.au.

Thank you

First of all, we'd like to thank the person who returned two of Philip's Pokemon cards: Mega Scizor and Mega Gengar (they put them into Philip's backpack today). At the same time, we'd like to request three remaining cards: Mega Salamance, Yveltal Break and Mega Pidgeot to be returned to him as well.

Summer Clean-out time!!!!!!

Summer 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

You are Invited to Fontana Gelato Cafe

10% discount for St. Joseph’s families.
$3 sandwich for school children
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.

**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 IS BACK FOR 2017!**

Do you sing or play an instrument?

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 FEBRUARY 25

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 Gayle Ashdowne 0438 610 122 or Dianne Cullinan 0422 677 458

Dates for 2017: 25/3; 22/4; 27/5; 24/6; 22/7; 26/8; 23/9; 28/10

LITTLE JOEY’S IS BACK FOR 2017!

**BRING**: TOWEL & WATER

**COST**: FREE

**WHEN – MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS**

**TIME**: 8.30 – 8.45am

**WHERE**: BIRD CAGE (TENNIS COURT)

Enquiries contact Melinda 0416090210

**MORNING FITNESS WITH MEL**

Hi, my name is Melinda (mum of Joey in Yr 5) and I am a Fitness Professional and I run mini Bootcamp sessions for all the students of St Joseph’s. The sessions are a lot of fun and are a great way for the children to start their school day.

**WHEN: MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS**

**TIME**: 8am

**WHERE**: ST JOSEPH’S PS FRONT BBQ AREA

**COST**: FREE

**BRING**: TOWEL & WATER

Enquiries contact Melinda 0416090210

**Free 2 day workshop for parents & carers of school-aged students on the autism spectrum!**

Melbourne Metro 21 & 22 March 2017

Register your place:

positivepartnerships.com.au
DONATION DAY:

FRIDAY 24th FEBRUARY

We are asking for **EACH FAMILY** to please donate
* **ONE** family block of chocolate

**PLUS EACH CHILD** please bring
* **ONE** bag of **individually wrapped** lollies, chocolates or lollipops

* **some gold coin donations instead**

Donations are going towards our chocolate toss stall & our lucky jars stall at this year’s fete to raise funds for our school and parish community

*Please make sure that all lollies, chocs & lollipops are individually wrapped*

*Please check use-by dates. Our fete is on Saturday 25th March. Thank you, from the Fete Committee*
Boronia Community Fete

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2017 • 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 where & when you can assist. Two hours is all we are asking to help everyone enjoy the day. Grade 5 and 6 students are also encouraged to help! Many hands make light work!!

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).

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.

LOLLY AND CHOCOLATE BLOCK DONATION DAY
We’ve done things a little differently this year and combined two donation days together. So we are asking families to please donate:

* ONE family block of chocolate (PER FAMILY)
PLUS EACH CHILD please bring

* ONE bag of individually wrapped lollies, chocs or lollipops
These donations will go towards our Choc Toss and Lucky Jars Stall.

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

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 Jon Franklin on 0400 370 034 for more information.
Boronia & The Basin Community Fete
Saturday 25th March 2017 • 10am – 4pm

All Day Ride Wristband Order Form

Junior Pass $20 – Green Wristband - includes all rides EXCEPT MAJOR RIDES CHA CHA, KITE FLYER & MELTDOWN
Unlimited Pass $30 – Orange Wristband- includes ALL rides

😊 Cha Cha ($8 per ride)  😊 Meltdown ($8 per ride)
😊 Kite Flyer ($8 per ride)  😊 Cup & Saucer ($4 per ride)
😊 Jumping Castle ($4 per ride)  😊 Radio Controlled Cars ($4 per ride)
😊 Pony Rides ($4 per ride)  😊 Petting Zoo ($4 per visit)
😊 Mini Golf ($4 per turn)  😊 Giant Slide ($4 per ride)

PURCHASE ONLINE PRIOR TO FETE DAY
You can purchase your wristbands online at the TryBooking website. There is a discount of nearly $5 each for purchasing in advance.
To book online go to: www.trybooking.com/OAKF

OR complete the following form and return to school via the class bucket by Friday 17th March

On the day, Junior Passes will be $25 and Unlimited Passes will be $35

FAMILY NAME: ________________________________
ELDEST CHILD: ________________________________ CLASS: _______________  Junior  Unlimited

CHILDS NAME: ________________________________
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(Quantity) ________ Green Band - Junior Passes @ $20 Each = $___________
(Quantity) ________ Orange Band - Unlimited Passes @ $30 Each = $___________

TOTAL $___________

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.
EARLY BIRD RIDE TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE!!

Early bird prices start at $20 for the Junior package (no age restriction) and $30 for the All Rides Package. See attached flyer for more information.

Thank you

OSHC UPDATE:

This week we have been getting to creative. We have been using different types of beads and sequins to create bracelets and necklaces. The older girls have also been helping the younger children in tying up their creations. For Valentines day we decorated polystyrene hearts with sequins and texta's. Some of the children made them for their mum and dad, others made it for a friend.

The kids have been loving the game Around the Bend, some of the children have been teaching the new kids how to play. Trouble, Connect 4 and Guess Who have also been popular this week.

The children have been really interested in group games this week. Some of the games are gang up tiggy and ball tiggy.

Every week the children have looked through the Healthy Eating cookbook and chosen what to make. This week we made cake. All the children tried them and enjoyed them.

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.

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.

we make kids smile
www.campaustralia.com.au