



ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 1st February, 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to 90 Years of excellence at St Joseph's.

St Joseph's school opened for students on 21 February 1929. To celebrate this day, the whole school is going on an excursion to the Melbourne Zoo.

We welcome two new staff members to St Joseph's for 2019.

Miss Amy Van De Berg is the new Foundation teacher. Amy comes to St. Joseph's with 6 years of experience and we know she will enjoy being part of our wonderful school community.

We also welcome Mrs Melinda Phyland who was a student at St Joseph's and now has two of her own children and 10 years of experience. Melinda will be teaching in Grade 1/2 on Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday and will job share Mrs Kelliher. I know Melinda is excited to be back at St Joseph's and again being part of our community.

We also welcome two new student to St Joseph's. In Grade 4 Jonte Prebble and in Grade 1 Aleksandar Ostojic. We also welcome their families and know they will be warmly welcomed into our school community.

Congratulations to Mrs O' Brien, together with her husband David and sons, Matthew and Stephen welcomed another baby boy into their family. Gregory David was born on Monday 14 January and they are all very well and happy.

As part of celebrating our 90 years as a school, over the holiday I have had a gaga pit installed for the students to play in during lunch and recess. The grade 3 and 4 students put in a request for the pit, after attending camp last year. I met with the students and we agreed we would use the money raised from the Christmas Carnival to build a gaga pit. Please have a look at it and ask your child to explain the rules.

New Extra Curricula programs for 2019

Grade 3 & 4 students will be participating in 'young engineers' for 90 minutes a week with their teachers and a STEM expert. Ms Cooke and Mrs Botterill will explain the program in their class newsletter. It will be a great time for the students to build and experiment with making and creating, using levers, motors, LED lights and many other resources. You are invited to attend these sessions, they will be every Tuesday afternoon from 2-3.30pm for Term 1, in the hall.

Grades 3 & 4 will also be learning the recorder with Mrs Botterill.

The Foundation and Grade 1/ 2 classes will be participating in a Social and Emotional program once a week ran by teachers from the program and our classroom teachers. The Foundation classes will run for 5 weeks and the 1/2 classes will run for 6 weeks. Lessons start on Monday 11 February. You are invited to attend.

Foundation 10.10-11am

- Week 1 First Day Jitters
- Week 2 Building Bridges Between Friends
- Week 3 Overcoming Obstacles
- Week 4 An Adventure Island Mystery
- Week 5 Friends are the Best Teachers

Grade 1/2 12-12.50pm

Week 1 First Day Jitters

Week 2 Filling Our Buckets

Week 3 Good Sports

Week 4 Join The Club

Week 5 Annoying the Big Kids

Week 6 Party Time

Swimming trials for Grades 3-6 students.

Swimming trials this year are on Wednesday 6, 13 and 20 February for all students in grades 3,4,5 & 6 who can swim 50 m in race conditions.

We will be racing at Swim right in Cheltenham from 7-8am. Please check the CareMonkey for more information.

The District Swimming sports will be on Thursday 28 February for the St Joseph's swimming squad, chosen from the students who attend the training on the Wednesdays.

Gr 6 visiting Bayside Activity Community Centre

The grade 6 students will again be involved in a community spirit program Each week half of the grade 6 class will visit the Bayside Activity community centre in Black Rock.

HOLT Tennis Competition

Congratulations to Ryan Taylor, Pippi Brailey & Thomas Flood who won the St Joseph's House tennis competition and will now represent the school in the District tennis competition on the 15 February.

School Leaders for 2019

Today at our Leadership assembly we welcomed Mr Brad Rowsell, the State Minister for Sandringham, to present our 2019 school leaders with their leadership badges.

Congratulations to our grade 6 students and I am very confident they will make great leaders this year:

School Captains:- Oscar Botterill & Madeline Watson

School Vice Captains:- Cooper Gleeson & Emily McKean

Sports Leaders:- Ryan Taylor & Gabi Trajer

ICT Leaders:-Stefan Vyshenkov & Connor Panagis

Ministry Leader:- Gabi Trajer

Environmental Leaders:-Xavier Brown & Luke Gill

Student Voice Leaders:- Thomas Griffith & Pippi Brailey

Cullinane Leaders:- Byron Budin & Madeline Watson

Nagle Leaders:- Dion Charalambous & Pippi Brailey

Nazareth Leaders:- Jaimes Steryos & Emily McKean

Dolphin Ambassadors:-

Oscar Botterill; Cooper Gleeson; Xavier Brown, Jaimes Steryos, Thomas Griffith & Luke Gill

2019 Staff

Ms Carmel Stutterd

Principal and Student Wellbeing Leaders and Learning Diversity Leader

Mrs Cathy Wells

Administration Officer

Mrs Jenny Keely

Religious Education Leader; Literacy Leader and Student Wellbeing Leader- Monday Tuesday & Wednesday

Mr Ben Sandison
ICT Leader -Tuesday & Wednesday and Gr 6 teacher- Thursday & Friday

Mr Michael Brooks
Gr 6 classroom Teacher- Monday Tuesday & Wednesday

Miss Hanna Wood
Gr 5 classroom teacher

Ms Gai Cooke
Gr 3/4 classroom teacher

Mrs Catriona Botterill
STEM leaders & Gr 3/4 classroom teacher

Mrs Christine Kelliher-
Maths Leader - Wednesday & Thursday mornings and
Gr 1/2 classroom teacher Monday & Tuesday
Mrs Melinda Phyland
Grade 1/2 classroom teacher Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

Miss Amy Van De Berg
Foundation classroom teacher

Mrs Angela Stutterd
Learning Support Officer in Foundation- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

Mrs Michelle Herd
Learning Support Officer in Foundation- Monday, Tuesday and Thursday morning. Art Support Teacher-
Wednesday

Mrs Trish Mc Kean
Learning Support Officer in grade 1/2 – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday.

Mrs Merie Sebastien
Learning Support Officer in the library at lunchtime.

Mr Henry Mutimer
PE teacher – Wednesday

Mrs Louise Murray
Environmental Teacher- Wednesday

Mrs Louise Watts
Art/ Indonesian teacher- Wednesday.

Our Parent Curriculum Information Night will be on Wednesday 6th February.
This year each grade will run two information sessions where parents can elect to come to either time slot OR if you have more than one student, parents can spread themselves over the two sessions. The session time [are:-](#)

5.45pm - 6.30pm or 6.30pm - 7.15pm

It is important for parents to attend this night as the teachers will be explaining how Literacy & Numeracy are taught at each level and how you can help your child at home following the teaching methods the teachers use in the classroom. You will also be informed of other Curriculum areas that will be taught and again how you can support your child at home.

Kind regards

Carmel Stutterd

What's Happening

February

6 Swimming Trials
6 Parent Curriculum Information Night
Wednesday 6 February 5.45pm -6.30pm OR
6.30pm – 7.15pm
13 Swimming Trials
20 Swimming Trials
21 St Joseph's Celebrates '90 Years' today
24 90 Years – Beginning School Mass
28 District Swimming Carnival

Week 2

Monday 4 February

Mrs Keely away this week

Tuesday 5 February

Grade 6 L.S.V. 10.30am

Wednesday 6 February

Swimming training – 7.00am
Parent Information Night

Thursday 7 February

Friday 8 February

Whole School Mass – 9.15am

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Welcome back to 2019. What an exciting year it will be celebrating our '90' years of 'excellence'.

Family Time

In our culture of busyness, family meals are often a casualty. And with loss of these traditions, we also lose connection and important relationship time. The benefits of family meals are not just due to the superior nutritional intake, which does tend to deteriorate in the 'eat on the run' alternative. The social interaction that occurs around the family dinner table provides a sense of belonging and helps family members to develop social skills and build self-confidence.



Of course, the presence of the TV at dinner time negates many of these benefits. Television dominates conversation and destroys personal interaction. It's one thing to have this visitor take up residence in the lounge room, it's another altogether to invite him to dinner!! So, if you want to capture the benefits of shared meals for your family, turn off the television!

Faith building

The most common form of family prayer is grace before meals. Developing an attitude of gratefulness helps us to feel optimistic and positive about our lives. So, use this time to develop your family's awareness of God's goodness – thank Him not only for the food, but for all his blessings. And don't forget to ask God to bless your conversation!

POPE FRANCIS has declared Friday 8th February to be the World Day of Prayer Reflection and Action against Human Trafficking for the Universal Church. He chose this day because it is the feast day of St Josephine Bakhita, patron saint of Sudan and of Trafficked people. A vigil Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli at 7.30pm on Thursday 7th February 2019 in St. Patrick's Cathedral.

STUDENT WELLBEING

PBL

You will hear your children speaking about 'Positive Behaviour for Learning' and the way it occurs at St Joseph's. This term we will be focusing on two areas:

1. Staying Safe
2. Justice and Compassion

There are large pencils displayed on the external wall in the playground with these 'expectations' clearly painted. Posters are also displayed in every classroom explaining how we can achieve these expectations. Speak to your child and discuss what they mean and how they can abide by these expectations. How does these expectations help to make our school a better school?



WEST & EAST people.

Which one are you?

The students in Yrs 3 – 6 have been discussing the qualities of a **W.E. S. T.** person and identifying people who portray those qualities. Are you a **WEST** person yourself?

Jenny Keely REL/Student Wellbeing

ONLINE LUNCH ORDERS ~ EVERY FRIDAY

Please click on this link to place a lunch order <https://classroomcuisine.com.au>

NUT & POTATO ALLERGY At St Joseph's we have a no sharing of food policy due to the number of students with severe life threatening allergies. In particular, we ask that you **PLEASE DO NOT SEND NUTS OR NUT BASED PRODUCTS & POTATO CHIP TO SCHOOL.**

ELECTRONIC SIGNING IN/OUT IPAD

Please remember to sign your child out of the school when leaving early. It is also necessary to sign in when arriving late. The electronic sign in/out ipad is located in the office on the bench.

SCHOOL HOURS

The school is responsible for the supervision of students from 8.45am. It is important to remember that staff who arrive early for school do so to prepare for the day and cannot do this as well as supervise early arrivals.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Donations or enquiries contact Trisha McKean on 0423 979 745.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

A reminder to all parents who wish to assist in the classrooms or on excursions that a **WWCC** is mandatory and should be displayed at all times when helping in the classroom or on excursions.

HEAD LICE - ONCE A WEEK TAKE A PEEK

Families please check your child's hair for Head Lice each Sunday before they return to school. Please treat immediately if head lice are found. Head lice numbers would be reduced if this quick check happened every week.

HEAD INJURIES

Any child who has a knock / bump to the head will have their parents notified as a precaution. All children who are treated in sickbay or on the playground are issued with a First Aid slip; however, often these are not seen by Parent. All staff is trained in first aid each year to Level 2, which should be very reassuring for parents, but we will not make decisions or judgments regarding head injuries.

STAFF MEETINGS

Will be held each Wednesday at 3.45pm. Please do not detain teachers on these days.



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TENNIS COACHING

TERM 1, 2019

For new students from Prep to Grade 6

ANZ'Hot Shots programme for **Preps & Grade 1**!!(using low compression balls for more control and fun based programme)

HELD AT ST. JOSEPH'S TENNIS CLUB, BLACK ROCK

- Students placed in groups according to their standard
- Before School classes (Monday to Friday) & after school classes (Wednesday to Friday)
- Private lessons & semi private lessons available by appointment
- Discount for enrolments with more than one child in a family.
- Comprehensive Certificate Programme

AND

- CARDIO TENNIS (Wednesday Morning) FOR THOSE MUMS WANTING TO IMPROVE THEIR FITNESS & TENNIS GAME.
- BROCHURES AVAILABLE AT OFFICE

ALL ENQUIRIES & BOOKINGS CONTACT MARK