



# ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2019

Dear Parents,

The season of Lent started on Wednesday and the whole school celebrated mass with the parishioners.

*Steadfast God, merciful and gracious, you are ready to forgive. Cleanse us of our sin and leave your blessing with us. May Easter find us ready to celebrate and proclaim the new life offered in Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.*

## **Chromebook Information Night for Gr 3-6 parents**

All parents of Grade 3-6 parents are invited to a Chromebook information night on Wednesday 13 March at 7pm. This evening is to learn more about what your children are doing on their Chromebooks and how you can assess their learning, make suggestions, comments and read the teacher's comments and suggestions.

It will also be a briefing about the latest cybersafety strategies and warnings around internet usage. (CareMonkey)

## **Gr 3 Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

The Grade 3 class are preparing for the receiving of their first Reconciliation on Thursday 21st March 7pm at St Joseph's. Please remember these students in your prayers.

## **Beachside Swimming Sports**

Congratulations to our 9 students who have the regional swimming sports on Friday (tomorrow). We wish them all the very best and know they will do St Joseph's and themselves proud.

A few important dates to jot down:

Wednesday 13 March 7pm Chromebook Information Night for parents.

**Thursday 21st March 7pm Gr 3 Sacrament of Reconciliation (change of date)**

School sports- 2nd April 3.30pm -7.30pm Rowans Rd Moorabbin

Thursday 6 and Friday 7 June – School closure/Staff conference

Monday 26th August- Wednesday 28th August Gr 3/4 camp

Tuesday 10th September - Friday 13 September Gr 5 & 6 camp

Wednesday 24th July 7 pm Communion Faith night for parents & students at Stella Maris

Sunday 15th September 9am Gr 4 First Communion

School musical Monday 25th November @ Kilbreda

## **90 Years Rugby Tops**

The 90 Years Commemorate rugby tops are ready to be paid for and collected from the front office. All student can wear their rugby tops on a Wednesday and Friday with their sports uniforms. Foundation to Grade 2 are also included in wearing their sports uniform and rugby tops on a Wednesday and Friday. Grade 6 students can wear their rugby tops every day, but only sports uniform on a Wednesday and Friday.

## **Catholic Education Week 11-17 March**

From March 11-17 March we will be celebrating Catholic Education Week. The grade 6 students will be attending the Beginning school year mass at the cathedral and then walking to Treasury Gardens to participate in a concert.

Our 3 entries into the Visual Arts Exhibition will be displayed at the Catholic Leadership Centre for the week and you are all invited to go in a view the amazing art work that is on display from many Catholic schools, both primary and secondary.

Kind regards

Carmel Stutterd

What's Happening	
March	
5	Parents & Friends Meeting @ 2.30pm
6	Ash Wednesday – Whole School Mass
8	Parents & Friends Meeting @ 2.30pm
11	Labour Day Long weekend
13	Beach Tennis – Grades 5 & 6
14	2020 Foundation Open Morning 9-11am
14	Dolphin Ambassadors trip to Sorrento
15	Assembly @ 9.00am
15	St Patrick's Cathedral Mass & Concert for Grade 6 students
19	Colour Fun Run
21	Grade 3 – Sacrament of Reconciliation at 7.00pm
22	Whole School Mass @ 9.00am
24	St Joseph's Community Market 11.00am – 3.00 pm
26	2020 Foundation Open Morning 9-11am
29	Whole School Assembly @ 9.00am
30	Start of Year Drinks – Sandringham Club from 7.30pm – 11.00pm
April	
1	School Photos
2	School Sports (Twilight) @ 3.30pm
5	Whole School Mass @ 9.00am
5	End of Term 1 @ 1.00pm
Week 7	
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b> Labour Day Holiday	
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b> G.A.T.E.WAYS 9.30am -12pm 2pm -3.30pm STEM Gr 3 & 4 3.45- 5pm Young Engineers	
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b> 8-9 am Leadership meeting 1-2 pm Gr 6 to Bayside Community Centre 2.30-3.30pm -School choir 2.30pm Foundation tennis clinic 7pm Chromebook Information Night for parents.	
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b> Open Morning from 9-11 am for 2010 Foundation Dolphin Ambassadors swimming with the dolphins off Sorrento pier. 2pm -3.30pm STEM Gr 1/2	
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b> 9am Assembly Gr 3/4 B Gr 6 to St Patrick's Cathedral for beginning of the school year mass and concert in the Treasury Garden.	



**Kilbreda College**  
A Kildare Education Ministries School in the Brigidine Tradition

An important aspect of considering a quality education for your daughter is seeing the prospective school in action, getting a feel for the community and being able to witness first hand some of the facilities and programs on offer.

We invite you to attend our Open College events to meet the Principal and tour the College to discover all that Kilbreda offers.



**Year 7 2021 applications close 23 August 2019**

**Term 1 Open Mornings**  
**Thursday 14 February**  
**Monday 25 March**  
Commencing 9:00am

**Open Evening**  
**Thursday 14 March**  
From 4:00pm - 8:00pm  
Register your attendance online or phone 9581 7766

[www.kilbreda.vic.edu.au](http://www.kilbreda.vic.edu.au)

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## **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.

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Please pray for our Yr 3 students as they continue to prepare for their Reconciliation. They will celebrate receiving the sacrament for the first time on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

## LENT

Lent is a wonderful season in the Church calendar – time set aside to renew and prepare ourselves to receive the fullness of life in the resurrection. It's a time for a bit of a spiritual 'spring-clean'. After all, the word 'Lent' means 'springtime'. Just as a 'spring-clean' in our homes gives us a renewed sense of order and purpose, a spiritual spring-clean lifts our spirits, sweeps out the bad habits and creates space in our lives for God.

Giving up chocolate or other sweet indulgences is a traditional favourite for Lenten promises. However, in order for our Lenten commitments to really serve the purposes of Lent, it is better to approach what we 'give up' from the point of view of how giving it up frees us to more fully embrace life in Christ. It's not deprivation for the sake of deprivation... it's for the sake of greater love, more abundant life, deeper peace, more life-affirming joy. Think in terms of what you are embracing rather than what you are forgoing. For example, instead of 'giving up' sugar, I'm embracing a daily ritual of honouring God – every time I drink my sugarless tea, I am reminded to thank God for his love.

Lent is a great time to sweep our lives clean of any habit, attitude or practice that serves ourselves rather than God and those God sends us to love. Used well, Lent becomes something so rich in blessings that you will look forward to it year after year.

The forty days of Lent, taken from the forty days Jesus spent in the desert, do not include Sundays – the day Christians celebrate the Resurrection. Forty is a symbolic number in the Hebrew scriptures: it signifies an irreversible event, something from which there is no turning back.



The prayer table in each classroom has a purple liturgical cloth to remind the students we have moved into the season of Lent. We celebrated mass on Ash Wednesday and were all marked with the ashes to signify that 'from ashes we came and to ashes we shall return.'

During **Lent** we are asked to:

**PRAY** - for those who are not close to us but are struggling through difficult times

**FAST** – forgo something that we really enjoy partaking in

**ALMSGIVING** - give financially and go without things ourselves

**PREPARE** – change our ways to be more giving and a better person

## STUDENT WELLBEING

All classes are still focused on building 'Respectful Relationships.' We are working on the notion of treating others the way we would like to be treated.

Jenny Keely REL/Student Wellbeing

# START OF YEAR DRINKS

DATE: SATURDAY MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>

VENUE: SANDRINGHAM CLUB  
92 BEACH ROAD.

TIME: 19.30-23.00

COME ALONG FOR A CHAT, A DRINK  
AND SOME FINGER FOOD TO  
CELEBRATE THE BEGINNING OF A  
NEW SCHOOL YEAR AT ST. JOSEPH'S.





# ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

544 BALCOMBE RD, BLACK ROCK 3193



**SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH 11:00am - 3:00pm**

HOME-MADE GOODS • JEWELLERY • GIFTS • HOMEWARES  
PLANTS • FOOD • MUSIC • PLUS MORE!

Also includes St Joseph's Tennis Club information session from 11:30am - 12:30pm





**BEAUMARIS RSL  
COMMUNITY  
ANZAC  
COMMEMORATIVE  
MARCH & SERVICE  
SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2019**

**ASSEMBLY 2:15PM**

Beaumaris Concourse, Reserve Road, Beaumaris

**FALL IN 2:30PM**

**STEP OFF 2:45PM**

**SERVICE 3:00PM**

BEAUMARIS COMMUNITY CENTRE FORECOURT

Reserve Road, Beaumaris

**WET WEATHER ROUTINE**

*In the event of inclement weather the service will be moved indoors.*



*Afternoon Tea and Refreshments to follow at Beaumaris Bowls Club*

