



# ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2020

***St Joseph's is a Child Safe School.  
We promote the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.***

*There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions...  
Pope Francis- Laudato Si*

Dear Parents,

Ash Wednesday will be celebrated next Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February. Lent is a reminder of the importance of sacrifice, prayer and looking after those in need. Lent helps us more deeply understand the Easter event that is at the centre of our Christian faith, and strengthens our commitment to living the life of love and mercy to which Christ calls us. We can use this time to consider how our actions are defining our relationship with God, with others and with our deepest self. Lent is a time for renewing those relationships based on compassion, truth and justice.

## **Beginning School Mass, morning tea and a film – Sunday 23 Feb.**

This Sunday is our Beginning school mass and all families are invited to attend 9 am mass. Our Foundation students will be introduced to the parishioners and the teachers will be commissioned.

We are having our school choir sing at mass and students will be doing the Readings, taking up the collection, serving, welcoming parishioners at the doors and participating in the offertory procession. Hopefully we will have enough students attending to fill all these roles.

After mass morning tea will be held in the hall for families and parishioners.

At 11 am the film 2040 will be shown and this is a film about sustainability and the students will be using this as a starting point for their inquiry unit in term 2. The staff think it would be great for the families to watch this together and then it can be discussed at home and during terms 2 & 3 when it will be further developed in the classrooms.

A CareMonkey has been sent out and we have asked for parents to indicate if you can attend mass, supply something for morning tea, and/ or attend the film.

## **HOLT District Tennis**

Congratulations to Marko and Tijana they both won their respective tournaments and will now represent St Joseph's at the regional level.

## **HOLT Swimming Carnival**

Congratulations to our swimming squad who will represent St Joseph's on Friday 21 Feb at the Oakleigh Recreation centre. We wish them all the very best and to remember to have fun.

## **Gr 3 Sacrament of Reconciliation**

The Grade 3 students will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday 18 March at 7pm in our church.

## **Parent Teacher conversation Wed 25 March**

The parent information night that was scheduled for next Wednesday has been renamed and moved to Wednesday 25 March. The new format will be a one to one conversation with your child/ren's teacher about how they have settled in to school and to discuss any information you may wish to talk to the teacher about. The 'conversation' will be for 10 minutes in duration and for those students who have PSG's they will have a 20 minutes conversation so that ILP's can also be discussed. More information and an opportunity to book interview times will come out closer to the date.

### **Working Bee- Saturday 29 Feb 9-11 am**

In light of the grant from the Federal Minister Mr Tim Wilson, we need to have a working bee to remove the old garden boxes and to do a clean-up around the school. If either or both parents could give some time, it will be greatly appreciated.

### **P&F's meeting**

We had a good turn up to our first meeting and we are looking for class representatives and a CareMonkey has been sent out. It is really important that we have class representatives so information can be sent out to individual classroom parents. Each class will have some events to organise through the year and the class representatives DO NOT have to organise they just have to communicate what is required for the class events.

Some of the events are:- Colour Run BBQ: Mother's day breakfast: Father's day breakfast: World Teacher's Day Lunch; First Communion Morning Tea for the Grade 4 students: A major fund raising event!!

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 11 March at 7 pm – 8 pm. I am happy for it not to be at school and opened to suggestions.

### **Nazareth Advisory Education Board AGM**

All parents are welcomed to attend the AGM, it will be at St Joseph's, in the hall at 7 pm on Thursday 27 February. I am now calling for nominations to fill one place on the Board. If you are interested please collect a nomination form from the office. Please fill it in and return it to the office by Friday 21 February.

### **St Joseph's Student Mobile Phone Policy**

Commencing Term 1 2020 all Victorian Schools are required to implement documented processes for the management of mobile phones by students under their care. In accordance with the [Victorian Minister for Education's direction and Section 5.2.1\(2\)\(b\) of the Education and Training Reform Act 2006](#), students who choose to bring mobile phones and other devices to school must have them switched off and securely stored during school hours.

Students should be discouraged from bringing personal mobile phones and other devices to school.

However, it must be acknowledged that some students may bring a personal mobile phone to school in the following instances:

- Making their way to and from school
- Where they have been granted an exemption for
  - Learning related adjustments
  - Health conditions

St Joseph's Student Mobile Phone Policy is on our website for all parents to read.

### **Life Education Van**

St Joseph's will be having the Life Ed Van visit our school on 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> March. All classes will be attending sessions over those 3 days. There will be a Parent Information Session Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 9.00am in the Mobile Learning Centre. (30 minutes duration)

### **Foundation- My Body Matters**

This module focuses on things children can do to keep themselves healthy including:-

- The importance of personal hygiene
- Choosing foods for a healthy balanced diet
- Benefits of physical activity and sleep
- Ways to keep safe at home, school and in the community

### **Grades1/2- Ready, Steady, Go**

This fun, engaging narrative provides opportunities to discover:-

- Benefits of physical activity
- Safety strategies in different environments
- How our body reacts in new situations
- What our body needs to be healthy including a nutritious diet, water and sleep

### **Gr 3/4 -All Systems Go**

Inside a futuristic machine "The Venture", the Captain and his crew take the class on a tour of the human body. Travelling through the blood, the class explore and discover how magnificent the human body really is. They learn the functions of various body parts and the actions required to keep these systems working well.

## Gr 5 & 6- Decisions

Students explore the decision making process and improve decision making skills by looking at choices, consequences, responsibility, facts and influences.

- What is a drug and how drugs are classified
- Effects of drugs on the body
- Analysing health messages about drugs in the media
- Messages around non-use – normative data – dispelling myths
- Influences on decision making – family, peers, media, culture, financial, legal
- Strategies and skills to be safe

*Regards, Carmel*

What's Happening	WEEK 5 TERM 1
<b>February</b> <b>Fri 21<sup>st</sup> – HOLT District Swimming</b> <b>Fri 21<sup>st</sup> – Whole School Mass</b> <b>Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> – Beginning School Mass @ 9.00am</b> <b>Mon 24<sup>th</sup> – Foundation 2021 Open Morning 9.00am – 11.00am</b> <b>Wed 26<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday – Whole School Mass @ 9.00 am</b> <b>Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> – Nazareth Advisory Board AGM @ 7.00pm in the hall</b> <b>Fri 28<sup>th</sup> – Whole School Assembly</b> <b>Sat 29<sup>th</sup> – Working Bee 9.00am – 11.00am</b>	<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b> Drama Toolkits F/1/2 Foundation 2020 Open Morning <b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b> Shrove Tuesday – all classes are making pancakes <b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February</b> 9.15 am Ash Wednesday whole school mass Staff meeting- First aid <b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b> F/1/2 Responsible Pets Ownership incursion. Staff meeting- General Business 7 pm Nazareth Advisory Education Board AGM <b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February</b> Whole school assembly- Gr5 & 6 camp Mrs Botterill/ Mrs O' Brien- Graduate Network meeting Miss Wood/ Mrs Joplin- Graduate Network meeting. <b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February</b> 9 am-11 am Working bee
<b>March</b> <b>Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> – Foundation students commence full time</b> <b>Mon 9<sup>th</sup> – Labour Day long weekend</b> <b>Wed 11<sup>th</sup> – Parents &amp; Friends meeting from 7.00pm – 8.00pm</b> <b>Wed 25<sup>th</sup> – Parent &amp; Teacher Conversations</b> <b>Fri 27<sup>th</sup> – Term 1 finishes. Students dismissed @ 1.00pm</b>	

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### SHROVE TUESDAY



Tuesday is a day of celebration as well as penitence, because it's the last day before Lent. Lent is a time of abstinence, of giving things up. Shrove Tuesday is the last chance to indulge yourself, and to use up the foods that aren't allowed in Lent. Giving up foods: but not wasting them. In the olden days, there were many foods that observant Christians would not eat during Lent: foods such as meat and fish, fats, eggs, and milky foods. So that no food was wasted, families would have a feast on the shiving Tuesday, and eat up all the foods that wouldn't last the forty days of Lent without going off.

### LENT

Lent is a good time to disentangle ourselves from all the things that Get us tied up in knots. It is a time when we are called to simplify life and to focus more on others, rather than ourselves. It is the season to work on our inner freedom, as we prepare to celebrate again the death and resurrection of Jesus, the heart of our faith and the source of our freedom.

**Ash Wednesday**, a day of fasting, is the first day of Lent in Western Christianity. It occurs 45 days before **Easter** and commences on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February and concludes Easter

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April. Mass and the distribution of ashes will be celebrated at 9.15am mass this Wednesday.

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## BEGINNING SCHOOL YEAR MASS

We are looking forward to welcoming all families to the 'Beginning School Year Mass', morning tea and film on **Sunday 23 February**. All students, families and staff are invited to attend **9 am Mass** where the Foundation students will be introduced to the parishioners and the staff will be commissioned. After Mass, a morning tea will be held in the hall for both families and parishioners.

## RECONCILIATION



Please pray for our Yr 3 students as they continue to learn about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They attended their parent/child faith evening last night. They will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

## SACRAMENTS FOR 2020



TERM ONE- Yr 3 Reconciliation Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March



TERM TWO – Yrs 5 & 6 Confirmation Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May



TERM THREE –Yr 4 First Communion Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August

## STUDENT WELLBEING

### Positive Behaviour for Learning

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**

The students in F – Yr 2 will be participating for the next 5 weeks in a program to assist with their 'Social Emotional Learning.' This week the students' focus has been:

### Foundation – Building Bridges Between Friends

Seal is excited to go on her first excursion at Wild Primary. Some of the other animals aren't quite as excited and some are a little overexcited! Now it's Seal's turn to help her friends practice their social management skills as they head off to Adventure Island.

**Primary Focus: Leadership and working as a team.**

## Yrs 1 & 2 – Into the Woods

The Bears are feeling left out and go off in search of a special friend of their own. On their journey the Bears will remember their special talents. The other animals are concerned that the Bears are missing and start to search for clues to find them. A new found friend shares some interesting ideas.

**Primary Focus: It's OK to be different.**

## Making Jesus Real

### WEST & EAST people. Which one are you?

All students will learn about 'being the **BEST** person they can be. They will be 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 Tricia 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 Tuesday and Wednesday at 3.45pm. Please do not detain teachers on these days.





# Visit our College

## Open Mornings

Monday 24 February and  
Monday 23 March  
Commencing 9:00am

## Open Evening

Thursday 12 March  
4:00pm - 7:30pm

As a priority parish family, we invite you to come and explore the quality education and programs that your daughter will experience as a Kilbreda girl. Enrol now for Year 7, 2022.

Register today at [kilbreda.vic.edu.au](http://kilbreda.vic.edu.au)



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NOW!**

## St Bede's College 2020 Open Day WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH 2020



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Enrolments open to all Year 5 students who will be entering Year 7 in 2022.

Everyone welcome to view the College.

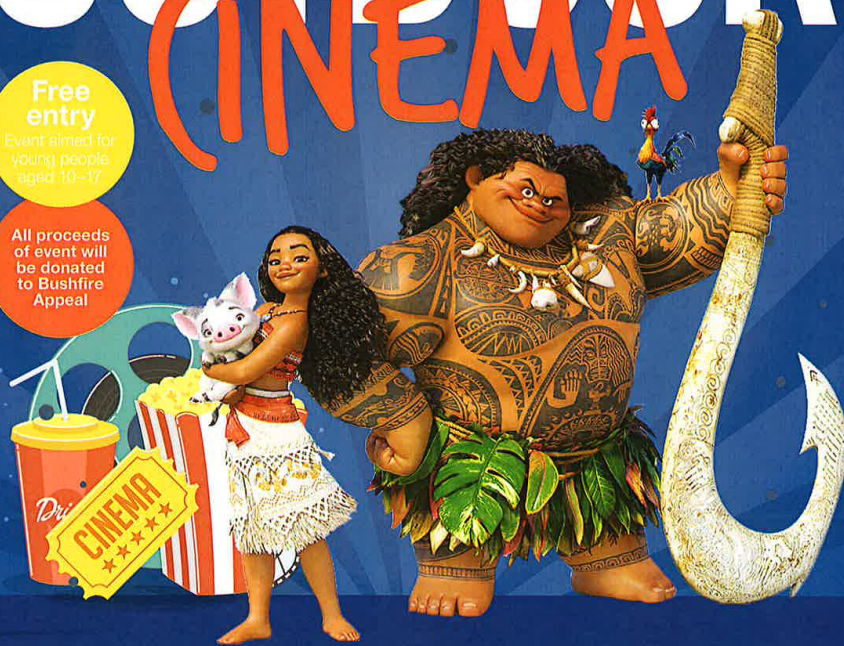
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