St Joseph’s School
News

Term 1  Week 2
7 February 2017

Upcoming Events

Wednesday February 8
Prep Day Off

Tuesday February 13
AFL Players at Rec Reserve - Grade3/4
10.30 - 11.30

Wednesday February 15
Prep Day Off

Friday February 17
P&F Meeting - 9.15am P&F Room

Monday February 20
Swimming 1/2s - 11.30-2.30

Wednesday February 22
Prep Day Off

Friday February 24
Swimming 1/2s - 11.30-2.30

Monday February 27
Swimming 1/2s - 11.00-2.00

Tuesday February 28
Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday March 1
Ash Wednesday - Whole School Mass
Prep Day Off

Friday March 3
Swimming 1/2s - 11.00-2.00

Monday March 6
Swimming 1/2s - 11.00-2.00

Wednesday March 8
Prep Day Off

Monday March 13
LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Wednesday March 15
Prep Day Off

Friday March 17
P&F Meeting - 9.15am P&F Room

Wednesday March 22
Prep Day Off

Monday March 27
School Photo Day

Wednesday March 29
Prep Day Off

Friday March 31
END OF TERM 1

Tuesday April 18
TERM 2 COMMENCES

Principal’s Report

Dear Parents, Students, Staff and all associated with St Joseph’s Community.

Welcome back to the 2017 school year. As this new year begins, I look forward to reconnecting with our students, who are at the heart of all decision making, and our parents who will journey in partnership as we fulfil our Vision at St Joseph’s. One of the most important elements of a great school is the partnership between the school and parents. This positive connection and relationship is one of the exceptional strengths of St Joseph’s. We hope that we can all work together to create an open and caring environment, where parents and staff are of one mind to encourage all students to practice positive school habits.

If parents are involved and become committed to the school, student achievement will improve and student behaviour will be cooperative; this will lead to the enjoyment of high quality education. Teachers are professionals with training and experience and their conduct is guided by professional codes of conduct. Parents know their children better than anyone and when shared, this knowledge can be an invaluable resource in the progress of children’s education.

It is important that parents and teachers have good communication opportunities. Productive communication is about speaking and listening actively and respectfully and about not making assumptions or having minds made up before conversation has commenced. Conversation is not simply an exchange of words but about listening and hearing. If problems arise, they do not have to be stumbling blocks; they can be opportunities to work together to find positive and creative solutions – solutions that will benefit children.

In 2017, we will nurture, challenge and inspire our students to shine in all areas of school life. Throughout the year, our community will come together to participate in and volunteer at a variety of school functions, activities and events, including celebrations of our Christian faith. In this way relationships are formed and positive attitudes developed that give positive input to our children. It is said that a child’s life is like a piece of paper, on which every person leaves a mark. Hopefully, all marks left during the year will be indicative of respect, care and encouragement.
Central to the very existence of our school is the integration of faith and culture transmitted in the various subjects that comprise the curriculum. In this way we hope that our students will learn how to follow Christ within national culture. We invite all parents to feel welcome, comfortable and free to contribute to the cultural context of our school community.

Welcome new families and staff
In a special way, we would like to welcome all those who are new to St Joseph’s. Along with new families, we also have a few new faces who have joined our staff:

- Cate Kavanagh (ESO)
- Susan Holmberg (Grade 3/4)

As they too begin their time at St Joseph’s, no doubt you will join with us in making their transition into the school community as smooth and as welcoming as possible.

Lord, as we come together to form our school community for this year, empower us to be generous, confirming and obliging. May the gifts of Your Spirit be alive and practised in every aspect of our school life, as we live it together. Amen.

Yours in Catholic Education

Ronan O’Mahony
Principal

Quote for the Week

The world is a great mirror.
It reflects back to you what you are.
If you are loving, if you are friendly, if you are helpful,
the world will prove loving and friendly and helpful to you.
The world is what you are.

- Thomas Dreier

Prep classes singing at this Friday’s Assembly
Our next school assembly will be this Friday, February 10, the Prep classes will lead prayer with a song. The Following Friday, February 17 will see the acknowledgement and commissioning of our 2017 School Leaders. Grade 1/2H will present prayer.

Parents and Grandparents are welcome to join us at Assembly each Friday afternoon at 2:40pm in the school gym.

2017 School Captains

Congratulations to the School Captains of 2017. We look forward to seeing your leadership skills develop and strengthen, while you are representing the St Joseph’s community.

ENROL NOW FOR 2018

Enrolment Applications for 2018 and onwards are currently being processed. Expression of Interest forms are available at Student Reception and on our website

For all current families with children enrolling for 2018, please ensure you have lodged your Expression of Interest forms at your earliest convenience.
Senior News - 3/4F
Grade 3/4 have had a fantastic start to the year. Students have been working to identify their strengths as learners and setting learning goals. They have also produced some terrific personal recounts. Some of their work can be seen below.

Thank you to all the staff, students and parents who have welcomed me into the St Joseph’s school community. I look forward to working with you this year.

Susan Holmberg 3/4F

Who are they?
It was an ordinary morning. I had my breakfast of toast with peanut butter. Then we caught the town bus to go to Wonthaggi. I sat in the front seat. Ross was driving the bus. I know all of the town bus drivers and they know me. I love talking to them because they’re so nice. We arrived at our destination. We had ice-cream. I had chocolate-hazelnut flavour. As we were crossing the road two people spoke to me.

“This is Toni and I’m Danny,” said the mystery person. My mum burst into tears! Then I recognised their names. They were my Auntie and Uncle! I finally met them for the first time! I hugged them, I was so happy. My dream was to meet them and it came true. It was like a Christmas present from Santa Claus! It was a quick visit but I still enjoyed it.

Gianna Boich

Splash!
I listened to the waves. On the holidays I went camping. The beach was amazing. The waves were so big I got dumped so many times I lost count. On the other side there were heaps of rocks that were really flat. That is why it is called flat rocks.

One day it was so hot and the waves were so BIG. My friend Chloe and I bumped into each other so many times it was not funny. In fact it hurt. After a long swim we had a shower. The shower was not nice. The people at the camp made them with tin. But believe it or not there was hot and cold water. Sometimes we went to the RACV. It’s really fun at the RACV. At the RACV there is a jumping pillow, flying fox and a really tall climbing frame. Back at camp at night we had a big campfire and sometimes I got to cook a marshmallow or two. I can’t wait to go camping again.

Estella Kane-Dipaolo

Junior News - 1/2F
The Grade 1/2s have settled into their new classrooms and routines very well.
Students have been getting to know their class mates and setting learning goals for their first term.

Here are some things that the students have been talking about in their first week.

I like the new classrooms - Daniel Grade 1
I really like the new chairs in the 1/2 area - Delphine Grade 1
I like the new teachers, they are fun - Roman Grade 1

Looking forward to a fantastic year!

Kasey Ton - Grade 1/2 Faith

Welcome 2017 Preps
Our Prep students have settled well into their class routines and activities.

PARENTS & FRIENDS MEETING FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY
Meeting time 9:15am in the P&F room. New members are most welcome
Parish News

PARISH BARBECUE: Our Annual Parish Barbecue will be held on Friday 10 February 2017, commencing at 6pm in the grounds of Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Scarborough Street, Inverloch. All Parishioners are invited to come along and enjoy this annual social gathering. Please BYO meat, drinks and cutlery. (Salads, desserts, tea/coffee will be provided)

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE INVERLOCH: RAFFLE RESULTS: Winner Betty Cargill from Inverloch.

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FREE DENTAL TREATMENT Available to ALL CHILDREN

Health Care/Pension Card
No Health Care/Pension Card

Children Dental Benefits Scheme accepted.

Catholic Diocese of Sale
Bishop of Sale

27TH FEBRUARY

1st February 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ in the Diocese of Sale,

I am writing to you as the final hearing involving the Catholic Church at the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse commences this morning Monday the 6th February, 2017.

For the victims and survivors, for the Catholic community and for many in the wider Australian community, this hearing may be a difficult and even wrenching time, as the Royal Commission reviews the evidence it has already received and seeks to understand why and how this tragedy has occurred. The Holy Father has had this same great concern.

I am deeply moved and saddened by the harm and pain caused by abusers. I again offer any apology on behalf of the Catholic Church. I am sorry for the damage that has been done to the lives of victims of sexual abuse. As Pope Francis recently said, “It is a sin that causes sin.”

Over the next three weeks, evidence presented during the Royal Commission hearings will be subjected, examined over the course of weeks, to核查, detailed and comprehensive. We are committed to those who have been harmed.

Many of us bishops and other Catholic leaders will appear before the Royal Commission. They will explain that the Church has been doing its best to change the culture that allowed these things to continue and to put in place new policies, measures and protections to safeguard children.

I am grateful to all the members of the Diocese of Sale who have responded to our Diocesan initiatives in putting into place all the necessary procedures and changes in attitudes and behaviour that seek to ensure that the proper care of our children and vulnerable adults is at the top of our priority.

The Holy Father has urged the whole Church to “renew the memory and conscience of all necessary measures and to promote in every way the lives of our children, so that evil actions may never be repeated.”

In 2017 the Diocese of Sale celebrates its 150th Anniversary. May the hope and blessings we celebrate this year, continue to draw us ever deeper into the mystery of God’s love.

Throughout the coming weeks, that, I wish to assuage you of my thoughts and prayers. I encourage you to turn in prayer to the one who is always ready to listen (Jesus Christ), who listens, heals and helps.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Paola D’Ottati
Bishop of Sale

CANTENE 2017

Helpers are urgently needed to help in the canteen this year. Please contact the school office if you are able to help out 1.00pm - 1.30pm

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ARTWORKS at the Rescue Station

Tuesdays 4 - 5:30pm
For kids of all ages
Creative fun while you learn from local artists

RESCHEDULED FROM FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2017

Get ready to welcome as many of you as possible for what will be an exciting afternoon for all who attend.

SAVE THE DATE
TUESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY
Immediately after School, BASS RICHERATION RENOMI

Artworks: 0411 797 398
Website: rescuestationarts.com.au

Dentists Victoria
Join the family

Phone 5472 9789
Fax 5472 9782
Email rescuestationarts@gmail.com
Website rescuestationarts.com.au

Community Events

FULL ON FOOTY TOUR

Community Even

The Wonthaggi Bass Football Netball Club is delighted to announce we are one of 2 clubs in Victoria to be awarded a Community “Footy for Free” afternoon. This is to take place immediately after school on Tuesday 28th February at the Bass Recreation Reserve, Hade Ave, Bass.

The Community Day is being conducted by the North San and Footy Footy in conjunction with the Wonthaggi Bass Football Netball Club.

All children will win prizes and there will also be a raffle. Writers and commentators will be in attendance.

The afternoon will consist of Junior and Ladies’ Four Cups, together with Head Coach and a few sea of activities to make it fun for all. Parents and drinks will be available.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for what will be an exciting afternoon for all who attend.

For enquiries and bookings contact: 
Lessa Vinali: 0423 057 729
Wendy Crellin: 0408 721 949
Email: rescuestationarts@gmail.com
Website: rescuestationarts.com.au

After-school sport program
For kids of all ages
Creative fun while you learn from local artists

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Condolences
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