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

Situated around the coastline of Australia there are about 172 lighthouses of various shapes and sizes. Generally lighthouses were designed and built to help those who put to sea to avoid rocks, shoals and treacherous channels and so return safely to shore.

There is something comforting about a lighthouse and its beam that flashes out into the darkness and gives a sense of security to those who are passing far out on the waters.

Such an image might have evoked this spiritual verse:

Brightly beams our Father’s love
From his lighthouse ever more,
But to us he gives the keeping
Of the lights along the shore.

P Bliss

So how are we going with the keeping of our light? We all search for meaning, purpose, fulfilment and happiness. We all want our light to be worthwhile, we want to feel wanted and appreciated. We long for genuine relationships, to love and be loved.

Lighthouses, over time, have undergone many changes. Gone are the families who lived nearby and tended them daily, even hourly. Most lighthouses are automatically controlled and are solar powered or mains powered. However the purpose remains unchanged.

To be a guiding light for those in the darkness.

Likewise, each of us in our lifetime, has gone through many changes to our appearance, financial circumstance, our occupation and many other externals.

As a parish school, we have to be visible in the light that we beam across Wonthaggi. Do we show compassion and care towards others? Are we always respectful and show manners and courtesy? Do we help the aged and infirm, whether it be by a smile, a helpful act, or a visit, or financially? Do we follow the rules of the school, of the road, of society, all of which are made for the good of all? Do we live up to our obligations and the promises we made? Are we careful of the language we use whether it be in the home or in public? Do we go out of our way in this busy world to do some volunteer work? Are we the best people that we can be?

Maybe we are in need of a Lighthouse Lent between now and Easter, during which time we can do something special to let our light shine further and brighter.

What will you do this week?

District Swimming

Congratulations to the 18 St Joseph’s students who took part in the Divisional Swimming Trials last Friday held in Korumburra. They all did us proud. There were many outstanding results and personal achievements reached, and we acknowledge those who will now go on to compete at the Regional Swimming Carnival in Sale:

- Belinda Baird - 50m Freestyle & 50m Butterfly
- Oscar Hughes - 50m Freestyle & 50m Butterfly
- Jamie Little - 50m backstroke
- Kate Little - 50m Breaststroke

Well done and good luck!

Yours in Catholic Education

Ronan O’Mahony
Principal

Quote for the Week

If you think you can, or you think you can’t, you are right

Henry Ford
Prayer

We pray for the blessing of rain which assists our crops and fills our dams.

Grant that this year will see nature bless us with plenty of both rain and sunshine to nourish the earth.

Sacrament Dates 2016

CONFIRMATION
March 10 - Parent/Child Workshop – Confirmation 7.00pm
April 14 - Reconciliation for Confirmation 7.00pm
April 16 - Confirmation Mass Wonthaggi 11.00am (Sat)

St Joseph’s House Athletics

Wonthaggi Rec Reserve
9.30-11.30am
Wednesday March 9, 2016
All Grade 3-6 Students will participate. Please return permission forms to your class teacher.

TERM 1 FEES

Term 1 Fee Statements have been emailed
If you did not receive one, please contact the office with your email address so we can add it to our finance system.

ABSENT NOTES

Go to your SKOOLBAG APP/Parent eForms/Absentee Note or contact the office via email or phone call. If the office is closed, a message can be left on our answering machine before 8.30 am or after 4.00 pm. It is an important record keeping requirement that all absent students bring a note upon their return.

SCHOOL PHOTOS - MONDAY MARCH 21, 2016

Please returned individual and sibling envelopes to the office before or on the day. Children are to wear their summer school uniform. Leadership photos will be taken on the day and parents can order these from the office.

Pictured are last week’s Assembly Award Winners. Congratulations everyone. Thank you for setting a terrific example for the students in our school. Keep up the great work!
**Junior News - 1/2T**

On Monday and Friday the 1/2s have been doing swimming. They have been doing Breaststroke, Backstroke and more.

On Mondays we go to the deep end and jump into the pool. In Breaststroke we kick forward and it’s called the whip kick. When 1/2T get back from swimming we all go outside.

**Maison Pier**

Today we went to the YMCA pool. We did Backstroke, Freestyle and Diving into the deep end. Then we came down to the shallow end and we gave Nick a high five. Everyone got out and got changed in the family room when the lesson was over.

**Robert Hullick**

Pictured - Matilda Battaglia

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**Senior News — 5/6L**

This week the grade 5/6 students have been learning about the three levels of government, stolen generation and women’s rights. In Math’s we have been learning about place value and different shapes. **Grace Burns**

In reading this week we have been learning about how to make connections to the books we are reading. We have also been looking at what makes a good persuasive text and how to write it properly. **Silas O’Halloran**

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

Parents who wish to place an order with Book Club must have orders and money finalised and at the school MARCH 11

**1/2 Swimming Lessons**

Dates for your Diary

- Friday March 11
- Friday March 18

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Our 3/4 Students presented the prayer at Assembly last week. They were terrific. Parents and Grandparents are welcome to join us at Assembly each Friday afternoon at 2.40pm in the Gym. OUR STUDENTS FROM 1/2F WILL BE PRESENTING PRAYER AT ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK
**PARISH NEWS**

**LENTEN GROUPS:**
Monday March 14 at 1.15pm in the Convent Chapel.
Friday March 11 at 1.30pm in the Annex of the Church in Inverloch.
Lenten Books available at $8.00 each

**PROJECT COMPASSION:** First Australian Evangeline lives in a remote community that faces many ongoing challenges. She had a limited vision for her future until three years ago, when she started working at the Djilpin Arts Ghanumarn Culture Centre, a community-owned venture supported by Caritas Australia. Today Evangeline is flourishing, with new skills and a passion for the preservation and promotion of her Aboriginal culture.
Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help First Australians in remote communities of Australia gain new skills and renewed passion to preserve and celebrate traditional culture.
Donation boxes and envelopes available in the foyer.

**MASS OF ANNOINTING:** This will be celebrated on Friday March 18 at 11am and followed by lunch in the Parish Hall.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** On Friday March 11 at 7.0pm.

**PARISH BREAKFAST:** Our next Parish Breakfast is Saturday the March 12 at Heavenly Bites (formerly Mezzaluna). Come for breakfast or just a cuppa and chat from 8.30am onwards.

**JUBILEE:** St Mary’s College, University of Melbourne, will acknowledge 50 years on Swanston St and the Loreto Sisters’ leadership of the College (1918 – 2013) with a Jubilee Mass to be celebrated by Archbishop Hart at the Chapel of the Holy Spirit at Newman College, 887 Swanston St, Parkville commencing at 3pm on Sunday 13 March, followed by a Garden Party in the St Mary’s Courtyard. The Musical Directors are Ms Fiona Dyball & Sr Deirdre Browne ibvm. Alumni, friends and supporters of St Mary’s are all warmly invited. RSVP for catering purposes to the College on 9349 9555 or secretary@stmarys.unimelb.edu.au

**Catholic Theological College:**
Study Tour of the Biblical Lands: 12 November – 15 December 2016. Jordan, Israel, Palestinian Territories, and Turkey. Tour Leaders: Dr Rosemary Canavan & Rev. Anthony Dean cm. Information Session: Saturday 19 March 2016 at 2.00pm to 4.00pm. RSVP & further information: Jenny Delahunt T: 9412 3314 jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au

**ST JOSEPH’S Wonthaggi Bingo:** Every Monday Sales 7pm. Start: 8pm Venue: St. Joseph’s Parish Centre

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**Wonthaggi**
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Sunday Morning 10.30am
Inverloch
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