There was a woman in Swaziland, Orma Mavimbela, who had a well-paid job in the civil service. She felt called to do something for the orphans whom she saw daily around her. So, she gave up her job and paid for three feeding centres where children could get a meal, receive some loving care and play games. Pretty risky; what happens when her money runs out? Source: Going Global.

Of course, few of us are in a position to do as Orma did but what can each of us do? We are all made in the image of God but we may not be so Christ-like in our behaviour. Maybe this Lent we could take part in some minor risk-taking. One more quote from Zig Ziglar: You will get all you want in life, if you help enough people to get what they need.

Father in heaven, may Your love be the foundation and motivating force for my life. Help me to step out of my sheltered life and take Your love to other people in a way that is personal to me. Amen.

P&F AGM – Call for Nominations
On Friday, February 12 at 9.15am, the Annual General Meeting of the P&F will be held. Jaime Maresco has made the difficult decision to step down from the role of Presidency. We thank him for his leadership over the past few years. We certainly look forward to his contribution as a continuing member of the P&F.

At this meeting the position of President will be declared vacant and open for election. Calls for nominations for this executive position are now being sought. All parents and guardians of the school are warmly invited to come along and share in the partnership of education we provide here at St Joseph’s School. We value your contribution in this and would love to see as many families there as possible.

Friday’s Assembly - Commissioning of Student Leaders
This week’s Assembly will begin at 2:30pm. The earlier start time will provide an opportunity to induct our 2016 Student Leaders. At this ceremony these students will be blessed and presented with their leadership badges. Parents, grandparents and friends of St Joseph’s are warmly invited to attend.

Yours in Catholic Education

Ronan O’Mahony
Principal

Quote for the Week
If you only walk when the sun shines, you’ll never complete the journey.

Anon
Prayer for Lent
Lord, please show me what I should give up for Lent
And when I’ve given it up
Remind me to pray to You instead
To thank You
To love You
To hear from You
Each and every day in Lent

Whole School Mass
Tomorrow February 10 the school will host an Ash Wednesday Mass.
We welcome all our families to attend.

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.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
TONIGHT Tuesday 9 February,
10 minutes has been allocated for each interview.
We would request that all parents are on time and the allocated time is adhered to.
Thank you for your cooperation.

IMMUNISATION AND BAPTISM CERTIFICATES
Any outstanding Prep or new families Baptism and Immunisation Certificates are to be given to the office as soon as possible.

EMERGENCY CONTACT FORMS
WENT HOME TODAY
Please complete and return to the office by Friday February 19.

UNIFORM SHOP 2016
Open Tuesday mornings 8.30-9.00am and Wednesday afternoons 3.00—3.30pm.
Order forms are available from the office and can be sent home with your child. Orders can also be placed through the Tub system by sending your order and money in an envelope clearly labelled with your child’s name and grade.
Your order will be processed on Tuesday morning or Wednesday afternoon and sent home with your child.

- White Polos have been ordered and you will be advised via Skoolbag App and Newsletter when they will be sent home
- We are needing supermarket bags for uniform orders. If you have any at home feel free to bring them in for us to use.

EARLY RELEASE/LATE ARRIVAL
Remember to sign your child in/out at the school office prior to collecting them from and returning them to class.

ALL VISITORS
Are reminded to sign in and out at the school office and collect a visitors pass prior to entering and exiting.

Applications for Camps, Sports and Excursions Funding (CSEF)
Due by 29th February 2016
The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) commenced in 2015 for 4 years and will provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions.
Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. $125 per year is paid for eligible primary school students. Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student. You must hold a valid concession card on the first day of Term 1 or the first day of Term 2.
See http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/Pages/csef.aspx for more information or speak to Kirby at the office or via email.
Parents or legal guardians are required to submit a new CSEF application form each year. Please see office for a form or visit our skoolbag app. Remember to present your concession card with your application for our records.

ENROL NOW FOR 2017
Expressions of Interest for Enrolments are currently being taken for 2017. Please see office staff for application forms

Our Prep 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 NEXT ASSEMBLY FOR 2016 WILL BE FRIDAY FEBRUARY 5
News, Student Work, Reflections ...

Senior News
The start of 5/6 has been terrific. The Grade 5s have settled in very well and the Grade 6s have enjoyed being big buddies. Today they enjoyed making pancakes with their buddies for Shrove Tuesday.

In Integrated Studies we have started looking at different types of governments from all around the world. We know that Australia is a democracy and citizens vote to decide the leader. Our maths topic is place value and we are revising how to write persuasive texts.

We have been studying Lent which starts tomorrow on Ash Wednesday. All families are welcome to join us at mass at 9.15am.

The school captains have shown great leadership within their new roles. We wish them luck this year.

Hunter Tiziani & Sirahnn Barker 5/6F

Junior News
The Preps have settled into school very well and are all having fun getting to know each other and learning school routines. They especially enjoyed singing the song of prayer at assembly on Friday. Thank you to everyone who came to watch.

On asking the students what has been the best thing about starting school they responded:

Playing with the fairies and painting in Investigation Time. Jasmine

Making in Box Construction. Olive

I like drawing. Luke

Playing outside with my friends. Max

Tracey Allan & Trish Martin Prep Teachers

Its Shrove Tuesday!!
Today we enjoyed sharing our pancakes for Shrove Tuesday and our buddies came to help.

Prep

Bass Coast Young Leaders
Manuel Sibly and Kate Little have been announced as Bass Coast Young Leaders and will attend an Award ceremony at Silverwater Resort at the end of the month.

The students were filmed to talk about their own leadership styles and what it means to be a good leader, as part of Bass Coast Shire Council’s Youth Voice series. Watch the series on Bass Coast Youth

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!
**PARISH NEWS**

**LENTEN GROUPS:**
Monday February 15 at 1.15pm in the Convent Chapel.
Friday February 12 at 1.30pm in the Annex of the Church in Inverloch.
Lenten Books available at $8.00 each.

**LITURGY GROUP:** Meeting on Thursday February 11 at 4.30pm in the convent.

**BASS COAST PASTORAL CARE PROGRAM:** Are you a good listener? Have you got a compassionate heart? Are you willing to commit to four hours a week (aprox) to offer non-denominational emotional and spiritual support to the sick, dying, and elderly and their families within Wonthaggi Hospital or the Aged Care facilities of Armitage House, Kirrak House or Griffith Point Lodge? Do you feel that God is calling you to the ministry of Pastoral Care?
If the answer to these questions is ‘yes’, please contact the Pastoral Care Coordinator, Zena Liston, to arrange an interview: Tel. 5671 3179 (Tues & Wed only) or email zena.liston@basscoasthealth.org.au. There will be an initial 8-week training course (on Wed afternoons) beginning in mid-March 2016, and ongoing monthly training and mentoring after that.
Even if you are unable to become a Pastoral Care volunteer, your prayerful and/or financial support for this valuable ministry to members of our local community is needed and appreciated.

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

**SCHOOL CLOSURE**
**MONDAY MARCH 14 (Labour Day)**

**VOLLEYBALL**
**SPLASH STADIUM LEONGATHA**

*New players welcome*

Senior comp starts February 11
Juniors (secondary) and Spikezone (primary from 8 years old).
starts Thursday February 25 at 6.00pm

For more details phone
Tom BH 5658 1043 or
AH Mandy 5662 4395/0418 361 240.

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**DIARY UPDATE**

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**PARENTS & FRIENDS AGM**
Friday February 12 9.15 am in P&F Room
Everyone is most welcome to attend. New faces invited.