Dear Families, Staff, Students and the wider St. Joseph’s School Community

We all had several amazing experiences this last week all connected to school. Monday was a fairly normal day for me working on the school newsletter, attending to emails, getting ready for our staff meeting, catching up with several students who are writing school news reports in their own time and talking with people who are organizing our school closure day for Term 2.

But Tuesday was exceptional. The evening was one of my experience that I thought was amazing. Many Foundation (Prep) families started arriving for our “Welcome New Foundations” shared tea. Warrnambool turned on a magnificent balmy evening! The Junior School Oval was in fantastic condition. Families made a big effort to be there. Younger children mixed well with older siblings and friends. Ten of our Senior School student leaders attended to help with a “Get To Know You” activity. They also hand out free Zooper Doopers donated by our School PSA Committee. Children played games with each other in a spirit of openmess, trust and respect.

The evening reminded me that often it is the simple things that are best; people together, sharing connecting and supporting each other. No major costs and not an electronic device in sight!!! A big thanks to Catherine Lee (Senior School teacher and Community Co-ordinator) and the senior school leaders for attending and organizing.

On the same evening the senior school students, staff and parents were working together learning about their new computers and the “google” work environment. The google environment is based in the google apps for education field and one we use at school. This was another excellent and valuable opportunity for learning, engagement, community and collaboration.

Our School Information Technology Co-ordinator (Pat Allen), along with Senior School staff, lead a workshop on computing and cyber safety. Parents worked with their child sharing and facilitating learning. Well done to all involved. The amazing aspect of this night from my view was seeing parents working together with their child sharing and building knowledge together.

The other wonderful social opportunity was our Parent Get Together last Friday evening. This was a fun low key opportunity for parents to meet in a social setting to connect with each other. A very special thanks to the many who made the evening such a success. A very special thanks to Michelle Edwards (School Parent) and Lucas from the Cally Hotel for their hospitality and support of St. Joseph’s.

Invitation to Action Botanic Garden Rest Room Facility:

As we have discussed at our School Advisory Council, Staff and Parent Association meetings the Warrnambool City Council is currently developing a Master Plan for the Botanic Gardens. As well as this document, and as part of the development of town facilities the Council is up-grading the city rest room facilities.

As many would be aware the toilets in the gardens are very old and in need of repair. As part of the restoration process the Council have identified a new location for the outdated current facility. The choice of the new location relates to access, including wheelchair, budget, construction of the facility near the garden use areas, level ground and access to infrastructure such as sewage and water.

With all this in mind the location selected is opposite the school Junior Oval inside the Botanic garden’s fence near our Children’s Crossing in Botanic Road. From a school perspective the location raises several concerns. These concerns are to do with placement of the facility near the school. No parking access will be near the new facility, construction of a building in a key area that is really a beautiful garden setting is also a concern. The possibility for extra people traffic in an already busy area with no support facilities is problematic. The location does also raise safety concerns so close to the school.

The school concerns have been forwarded to both Council and all WCC Councillors. The response to this has been a site meeting to review the location and discussion of the design based on planning, budget and Heritage Victoria requirements. The Council is also inviting parents to make your views known through the Council web site which can be accessed at (http://www.yoursaywarrnambool.com.au/botanic-gardens-master-plan).

Values: Wonder and Awe, Hope, Celebration, Community, Reconciliation, Love
Principal’s Message Continued

Obviously the opinions I have expressed here are from a school view; many may have vastly different views and the Master Plan consultation is a place to have your say. As a school we do support the need for better toilets. Our school does use the venue often but keep the children away from the current facility due to danger and state of repair. New facilities are needed but the location is a concern from St. Joseph’s point of view. If you support this position a confirmation email with reasons to me at (principal@sjwarmambool.catholic.edu.au) would also help clarify the school’s position for further future council discussion.

Thanks and reminders:
1. **Healthy Moves**: Fantastic result with 95.5% participating. Great for our health, our environment, our roads and friendship.
2. Keep an eye out for the **Fair Newsletter**: Again we will need support. The purpose is to provide a safe, fun, community fund raising day. New families please feel free to enjoy the day with an eye on how you may help in the future. Everyone else we need you to help with rosters. A couple of hours over the day keeps the load fair for all.
3. **Hot Cross Bun Easter Fundraiser** will happen again thanks to the wonderful support of Paula and Darren Groves (Bakers Delight). Order forms attached.

Regards
Michael Gray, Principal

Numeracy

Thank you to all the families who made it their business to have their children attend the Numeracy interviews in December. It never ceases to amaze me how much support our parent community gives the teaching staff in their endeavours to provide your children with the best education possible.

During the Mathematics Assessment Interview (MAI), classroom teachers asked each student questions about the various aspects within Mathematics. This enables teachers to pinpoint accurately the strengths and challenges faced by students on an individual basis. This also allows teachers to group students with like needs together for small group focus teaching and practice at an appropriate level of difficulty when appropriate.

Numeracy Continued

Counting was one of the four major areas of the interview. Counting in its simplest form begins with counting to 10 and then counting a collection of at least 20 items. Counting by numbers greater than one, initially from zero and then from other starting points are mid-range counting skills. At its most complex, counting by common fractions and decimal fractions.

Any counting you might do with your child will help establish a solid foundation upon which other areas of Mathematics can be built upon.

Pat Allen, Numeracy Coordinator

Teacher Awards

Junior
Mikayla Collins-Liciardi-Outstanding start to 2016, Sienna Addinsall-Outstanding home reading record, Blair Lyons-Settling well to school and making lots of friends, Hannah Wilson-Settling in well at St Josephs, Alexei Khaidurov-Excellent work in B4, Maya Furphy-Great work and lovely manners, Juliette Pinkerton-Settling in so well at St Josephs, Kain Parsons-For all your wonderful work, Roxy Gleeson-Participating well in class and caring for others, Noah McGennan-For great thinking with our Word Study, Ava Houlahan-For her excellent handwriting, Sam Joseph-Supporting a classmate at Sport.

Middle
Mitchell Ryan-Great contributions to class brainstorm, Stella Boyle-Overcoming her fears with great courage, Logan Kelly-For your willingness at all times to help others with Information Technology, Sidney Van Zelst-For always trying your best, Moses Stroman-O’Brien-Always being a great classmate, Hannah McNamara-Well organised, Xavier Gercovich-For his willingness to help everyone in our class and his positive attitude.

Japanese
Dominic Russell and Seb Hintum-Great memory in Hiragana.

Gold Box
Darcy English-Helping preps check out their books during his lunch time, Gano Akoch-Kind on the Junior Oval.

Senior Reconciliation – Grade 6

Children have begun their preparation for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. Please keep them and their families in your prayers. You will notice these children with their purple stoles at Mass and they will gather around the altar for the ‘Our Father’. The Sacrament will be on Thursday 17 March at 5.30 pm.

Pizza Day – Tuesday 8 March

Term 1 Pizza Day this Tuesday 8 March. Orders have now closed. There will be no canteen orders this day.

---

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Canteen Roster</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Week 7</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>----------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7 Mar</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8 Mar</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9 Mar</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10 Mar</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11 Mar</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
## St Joseph's Primary School Events Calendar

**Mon 7/3**  
9am: **Grass 7 Commences**  
10am: **Classroom Coordinators**  
11am: **Morning Tea @ Hall Foyer**  
1pm: **Pizza Day**  
2pm: **Room 02 Shared Lunch**  
3pm: **Room E3 Shared Afternoon Tea (Gardens) @ Botanic Gardens**  

**Tue 8/3**  
9am: **Local Government Day**  
12pm: **Year 5/6 Parent Student Chromebook Session**  
7pm: **Maintenance Committee (Staff Room)**  
8pm: **Year 5/6 Parent Student Chromebook Session**

**Wed 9/3**  
12pm: **Regional Swimming**  
2pm: **School Assembly - Room D1**

**Thu 10/3**  
1pm: **Room 02 Shared Lunch**  
3pm: **School Assembly - Room E1**

**Fri 11/3**  
11am: **St Joseph's Day Whole School Mass @ St Joseph's Church**  
6pm: **Senior Reconciliation (Grade 6) - Celebration of Sacrament (St Joseph's Church)**

**Mon 14/3**  
9am: **Labour Day Public Holiday**  
10am: **Week 8 Commences**  
11am: **Hot Cross Bun Orders Close**  
12pm: **School Assembly - Room D1**

**Tue 15/3**  
9am: **Local Government Day**  
8pm: **School Advisory Council Meeting**

**Wed 16/3**  
11am: **St Joseph's Day Whole School Mass @ St Joseph's Church**

**Thu 17/3**  
11am: **St Joseph's Day Whole School Mass @ St Joseph's Church**
**HOT CROSS BUN ORDER FORM**

**St Joseph's Primary School – Easter 2016**

**Bakers Delight - Target Centre** is offering our school the opportunity to purchase delicious Hot Cross Buns as a school fundraiser. For every 6 pack of Hot Cross Buns ordered, the school will make a profit of $2.00.

All you need to do is fill in the details below and select which Hot Cross Buns you would like to order. Then bring the order form together with full payment back to school by **Wednesday 16 March**. Bakers Delight will deliver freshly baked and packaged buns to the school on **Monday 21 March and Tuesday 22 March** which will be taken home by the students.

As an added incentive for you to get out there and raise some dough, Bakers Delight will also donate a voucher for 3 months of free bread to the family who sells the most packs. They are also generously offering to one classroom from each of the Senior, Middle and Junior schools a free lunch for the entire class who sells the most packs.

*So order some for yourself and start selling them to your neighbours and friends* to help make some dough for the school !!!!!

---

**Student Full Name:** ___________________________  **Class:** ___________________________

**Contact Number:** ___________________________

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Traditional Hot Cross Buns (6 pk $7.00)</th>
<th>Choc Chip Hot Cross Buns (6 pk $7.00)</th>
<th>Mocha Hot Cross Buns (6 pk $7.00)</th>
<th>Fruitless Hot Cross Buns (6 pk $7.00)</th>
<th>Total $</th>
<th>Paid</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**TOTAL:**