Welcome back all to the new school week. Over the last few newsletters families, students and staff have been invited to enter into, and contribute to, the life and spirit of St Joseph’s - Our spirit of community, respect, faith, learning and relationships is built by us all. What outcomes have been achieved that give evidence to this effort and spirit.

1) Fifty three Senior School students participated in our Senior School Leadership experience - including reflecting on leadership, then writing and presenting a speech about myself as a leader. A fantastic achievement by itself!

2). Thirty-five senior school students were interviewed by staff after making an application to be part of the Young Vinnies Executive. This program has a focus on supporting charities locally and in the wider community.

3) Many parents attended three very important school meetings. Over the last two weeks our Parent School Association met, our first School Board meeting was held and our May Time Fair team came together to prepare for this event. When starting a new school year many requests are made of all members, being involved contributes to and helps our school grow, thanks to all who have accepted this opportunity.

4). Sacramental Program - On Tuesday evening many families also attended the parent meeting regarding Reconciliation. This commitment by families to their children's faith is a witness to us all. Engagement with our faith enlightens both spiritual, moral and ethical development. Talking about and participating in concepts of forgiveness and trust build our character and help us deal with life challenges.

REMINDEERS-

1). School Closure Day- Friday 11th March. No school for all students. Staff will be working on student management procedures, a scope and sequence of Integrated Units of work Prep to 6, School Review and a new Mathematics planning tool.

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PRINCIPAL NEWS (CONTINUED)

2). Uniform - Students are required to wear correct school uniform - the uniform has been outlined in school information documentation and is also available on our web site. I recently spoke to all Senior Students about our sports shorts - blue with school logo and no pockets. Pockets can be very dangerous with caught fingers etc.- most competition referees will not allow students to play competitive sport with inappropriate gear. The school basketball short is also able to be worn.

3). School Parking- Aquazone is available for school parents - I recently met with staff at the facility to check how this was going. Aquazone are very supportive but request that all signage is obeyed - i.e. turning the correct way when exiting, no standing in clearway areas and watching out for each other when parking or reversing.

Mr Pye, who supervises the Loop each morning, has especially asked that cars pull forward when entering - this helps traffic flow, is safer for all students and brings students to the correct school entry point.

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SCHOOL AWARDS

Junior school-Mario Materia-Great work in Room 1
Mason Farley-Great effort during writing, Sasha Suckling- Great effort at sport, Anna Barker-Always being organised, Monique Ahearn-Learning her words and being a friendly class member, Darcy O’Keefe-A great start to the year, Mojwok Akoch-Spelling, Le’Arna Beare-Wonderful buddy, Patrick Ayol-“Having a go”.

Middle school-Bianca Suckling and Eliza Farley-Being compassionate towards others, Hayden Carr-Being a good leader, Sophie Kol-Good teaching in “You are the teacher”, Max Owen-Participating fully in class, Amelia Coutts-Working well in class, Hannah Owen-A great class member, Lachlan Swayne-Excellent times tables.

Senior school-Dominic Beall-Student of the week, Greta Stromvall-O’Brien-Being a great role model, Harry Price-A great start to 2011, Room 18-Great work with assembly everyone, Nick Lourey-Using initiative, Ethan McLaren-For good use of class time, Lachlan Austen-Persuasive writing award.

GOLD BOX-Kira Bussell-Encouraging peers when doing their Lexile tests. Great work Kira. Kirra O’Keefe-Being a great sport

Welcome Names on the Notice Board- Chelsea Hodgins.

L.R.C

LRC NEWS

Thanks to all those wonderful people who located lost library books and readers during the holidays. We appreciate being able to put them back into circulation for everyone to enjoy. Keep up the good work.

The LRC team are so proud of the new preps and students. Many are well on their way to mastering the borrowing system. A special thanks also to their buddies for assisting. Congratulations.

You may have seen some beautiful new books this year. Some of these are from the proceeds of the November Book Fair. The response to this fundraiser was fantastic.

Remember there is a Request Book located under the circulation computers. If there are any new books that you wish the LRC to purchase please write their titles or series names in this book.

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