Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

Our first term is now well underway with routines consolidated, opportunities for meeting new friends available and all working towards new learning goals.

The work and life of a school is further enhanced if we all support each other in this endeavour. Making friends and building relationships add value to learning and our community.

Several unique opportunities to support and help our school are now presented for all families. Our P.S.A. Parent group meeting last week was a great mix of new and old members and ideas. At the meeting we discussed events for our school. These events are coming up and include:
1.) May Time Fair- A planning meeting TONIGHT, Monday the 28th of February at 7.00pm in our school staff room. All are invited to come along, especially co-ordinators to meet our Fair organiser Brent Greening. At this meeting we plan our 2011 event. All ideas and suggestions are considered this planning meeting and everyone is most welcome.
2.) Pancake Tuesday- After school from 3.45pm till 5.00pm all prep children, and families new to St Joseph’s in 2011 are invited to share a pancake in the undercover area. Pancakes are provided by our P.S.A.- if you can help please contact P.S.A. Co-ordinator Tania McGowan or Marylou Lumsden (5561 6697).
### Principal News (Continued)

3) **Parent Social Event** - This evening is always a fantastic night. With the generosity of Club Warrnambool and the Herbert family, all parents, friends and partners are invited to share a drink, suppa and live music at the Club on Friday evening the 25th March. Invites, tickets and details to follow but put this date in your diary for a fun night.

**Other Events:** Teaching, support staff, admin and our grounds crew will be coming together for our annual "Staff Commissioning Mass" this weekend. At this mass Fr. John will commission staff, on behalf of St. Joseph's Parish, to spread God's Good News, teach with enthusiasm and endeavour and provide support to our school community. The Commissioning Mass this year will be held at St Joseph's Church on Saturday evening the 5th of March at 6.30pm. Parents and families are most welcome to support this mass. Staff will then have a BBQ afterwards.

These social and community events are important to the spirit and life at St. Joseph's; involvement by many if possible gives each other a sign of commitment to building our school community for all.

Regards,
Michael Gray. Principal.

### PSA Update

**School Banking** has recommenced as of last week. Banking can be brought to the school on a Monday and returned to families on the Friday. If your child would like to begin a school bank account please collect an application from the office.

### Plants

**WANTED**

If anyone has green thumbs or a flair for gardening please remember our **MAYTIME FAIR**.

As we only have 11 weeks to go. Our plant stall would greatly appreciate any donations of potted plants.

### School Canteen

A reminder to families that the final canteen list for 2011 was sent home on the newsletter last week. Thank you for your understanding in regards to this matter and please ensure that you have the new list available. This can be obtained from the school website or the school office.

### Worlds Greatest Shave

**WANTED**

Our Art Department are requiring old shoe boxes. If you have old boxes at home that you are no longer requiring then these would be greatly appreciated.

These can be brought to school over the next couple of weeks to accommodate a project that some of the students will be doing during this class. Thanks.

After **31 YEARS** Garry Price (a parent at our school) will be shaving off his beard for the marvelous charity of World Greatest Shave. Your support would be much appreciated and can make a donation to the office or go online to [http://www.worldsgreatestshave.org.au](http://www.worldsgreatestshave.org.au). Please support Garry and this fantastic cause.
Working with Children Check.

If you are interested in helping with your child’s classroom activities or maybe going swimming or on camp later in the year, now is the time to apply for your Working with Children Check card. State Government Legislation states volunteers working in direct contact with children must have a Working with Children Check.

Everyone is required to have a Working with Children Check Card.

Application forms are available at the School Office or Australia Post.
Application for the WWCC is made at Australia Post, Timor Street.
If you are applying for a VOLUNTEER’S CARD the school has an arrangement with
Australia Post, Timor Street, for your PHOTO to be taken at Australia Post and the
school will pay for it.
You will need to take documentation with you for a 100 point check.
Once you have applied you will need to bring a copy of your application and receipt into
the School Office please.
When you receive your Working with Children Check Card a requirement of the
Department of Justice, is that for identification purposes we SITE and PHOTO
COPY your card, so therefore you will be required to bring your card into the Office
please.

A reminder to anyone who has received their WWCC that if you are not sure if you have
presented your card we ask you to please check at the Office.

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40th Birthday Celebrations

Past & present families & staff are invited

Itinerary

Thursday 3rd March

Mass 10am

Friday 4th March

Shed Night for the Dads

Past & present Dads welcome

6—10pm OLHC undercover area

Saturday 5th March

Cabaret—Warmambool Football Club

7pm—late

Table bookings & tickets can be purchased at the school office or at the Warmambool Football Club

@ $25 each

Sunday 6th March

Back to OLHC 10am—3pm

Displays & Memorabilia

BBQ Lunch

12:15pm School blessing & cutting of the cake

For further information please don’t hesitate to contact our office on: 5562 5559 or via email: admin@olchwarmambool.catholic.edu.au Selby Road, Warmambool, 3280