INFORMATION FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Guardians, Staff, Students and the wider St. Joseph’s Community, as we discussed at assembly on Friday it has been a very busy start to the Term, but a start in which as a school we have achieved much.

NAPLAN Testing Program: This week our Grade 3 and 5 students will complete their NAPLAN National Testing program. The reason we as a school participate in this program are many, including:

- It is both a requirement and policy of the government funding to our school
- As a school and educational system it gives us independent (and an accurate snapshot) about the learning of that particular group of students.

As a parent you have the opportunity to receive independent information about your child’s progress across the national curriculum.

With any test it is important to keep the results in perspective. This is achieved by not dwelling too much on it with a student; a single test does not define our students and is not a comprehensive assessment of a young child’s progress or development. The information should be treated within the advice from the school, teachers, individual student reports and parent teacher interviews, and obviously your knowledge of your child.

In supporting our students we keep to the strict guidelines of the testing program implementation. These tests are not something you can study for; there is no value paying good money for the numerous commercial materials now available to supposedly enhance your child’s performance on the NAPLAN tests.

To help alleviate a student’s worry about the test we talk with the students about the purpose of the tests. We focus on helping each child keep a robust view of themselves as learners. Good and resilient learners mastering core skills, knowledge and deep understandings are our focus at St. Joseph’s.

My Health: As many are aware I was diagnosed with cancer several years ago and successfully completed a course of chemotherapy. Recently I had a follow up operation, which was very successful. I made a great recovery and have been working these last four weeks. However as a result of the surgery I am required to complete another round of chemo, having so far completed 3 sessions with 9 to go.

Conscious of my health needs, doctors advice and the needs of our school, I will be on leave for the remainder of the treatment. Mr. Jim Guinan will be principal while I’m away and Mrs. Lee and Mr. Allen will support Jim in a shared deputy role.

While Jim has been on long service leave Mr. Mark Hyland and Pat Allen supported me in the role of Deputy. I thank Mark for his support; it has been valued and appreciated.

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FUTURE DATE TO KEEP

The PSA has booked Vision Portraits to take family photographs for all families and friends wishing to participate. Cost is $15 for the sitting which includes a free 10x13 inch framed portrait. All funds raised from the sitting go back directly to the school. Further photos will be available for purchase.

This is an early notification for you to save the date for this event which will be held on SATURDAY 2nd NOVEMBER - please mark this on your calendar. Bookings and further information will follow later in the year, and this year you will be able to view the photos and make your selection on the day of the sitting.

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ALL NEWSLETTER INQUIRIES SHOULD BE FORWARD TO: ALECEIA AT OUR OFFICE AT: abidmade@sjwarrnambool.catholic.edu.au AUTUMN, 13th MAY 2013
Mark Hyland will now return to his class while Pat Allen and Catherine Lee take up the school deputy role.
While I have been recovering I cannot express my gratitude for the support I have received from our student body, school families and staff. This support has given me the confidence to stay positive, enthusiastic and productive. I am now looking forward to having the time to concentrate on resting and completing the remaining chemotherapy.
School Advisory Council: At our Annual General Meeting of our governing body our school annual report was tabled. This report highlights our school year, our achievements and our school improvement plans. At this meeting we also farewelled our two departing members and welcomed our two new parent representatives. Ms. Veronica Hughes and Mr. Paul Loughheed concluded their terms and Mrs. Leah Johnson and Mr. Alan Aulsebrook now commence their appointments. I thank both Paul and Veronica for their great work in ensuring our school is a wonderful place for all. I also welcome Leah and Alan and look forward to their contribution to our school’s good governance.
Reminders For All:
- “School Take Home Readers” need to be returned on a regular basis and well cared for.
- Our biannual staff conference will be held on Thursday and Friday the 23/24 May. As per previous notice there will be no school these two days. Staff will be working in Lorne on numeracy, literacy, computer skills and team building. Our staff and school leadership appreciate this valuable time. Parent support is valued.
- Sacramental Program, some payments are due and tasks need to be completed as per commitments undertaken at sign up time.
- Future PSA events for your diary: Vision Portraits will be at St. Joseph’s for family portraits on the 2nd November. Our school disco will be held in our hall on the 6th September.
- Student travel to and from school. It is important students’ keep to family arrangements; travel together, travel directly home keeping to well known travel paths.

Regards,
Michael Gray. Principal.

Physical Education

Tennis
On March 1st students from St. Joseph’s represented the school at the WSV tennis tournament. They were successful in winning the teams trophy on the day and Jo Mahoney and Amelia Chow were successful in advancing to the Division tournament.

Athletics
On March 26th a team of 57 St. Joseph’s students participated in the WSV Athletics competition. The children all behaved and performed magnificently on the day and were successful in winning all the trophy categories. Molly McKinnon and Paddy O’Brien both also won the championship 100m race. 28 of these children qualified for the Division Athletics in Term 2.

SCHOOL AWARDS
Junior School-Isabella McCombe-Making great gains with your writing, Matthew Gore-Working hard to improve the presentation of his work, Charlie Hughes-Great work during reading time, Kelby Fleming-Great work in B4, Bill Sheedy-Student of the week-Great work in reading groups, James Wood-Fantastic work in reading and writing, William Callaghan-All your wonderful work-you are learning so much, Darcy English- His research for the Loch Ard Shipwreck, Leila Thompson- Asking great questions on our excursion, Fergus McCoy-Fantastic classwork and encouragement of class members, Patrick Dow- Working well in maths
Middle School-Georgia Ryan-Silver certificate study ladder, Renee Mugavin-Outstanding effort towards all aspects of her learning, Emma Stacey-Excellent football skills, Lucy Edwards- Always listening and working well, Ruby Albert-For having a go and working hard, Pheobe Owen-Excellent attitude to school life, Oliver Wait- Good work on the ANZAC theme and his effort in all his activities.
Senior School-Amelia Chow-Displaying empathy and understanding, Ruby Moloney-Displaying empathy and understanding, Liam Couch-For writing a good persuasive introduction, Elke Aulsebrook-For her excellent persuasive writing, Lachie Mustard-Great strategy suggestion, Hayden Carr-Excellent peer mentoring during NAPLAN Practice Tests, Angelina Mienha-Consistently being an organised and motivated student.

GOLD BOX-Sean Kavanagh-Helping a child who was hurt on the playground.
Japanese- Anneli Cook and Gerodie Wraght-For great memory in Hiragana

SCHOOL CONCERT
The concert this year will be held on Thursday 13th June @ 10am and 7pm. All junior school students will be attending the morning performance with the school. Tickets for this event will go on sale on MONDAY the 20th of May, $6 per ticket and a limit of 5 tickets per family per concert applies. Tickets can be purchased at the Lighthouse Theatre or online through this venue. Tickets will NOT be available for purchase at the school office.
EMMagine this!

One day – Two great events. Sunday May 19 – The EMMagination Creativity Festival and Open Day

On Sunday May 19 you are invited to an Open Day unlike any you have seen before! All are welcome to tour the College, but for any student in Grade 5 and 6 you are also welcome to attend the EMMagination Creativity Festival -a program of free creativity workshops.

Tours commence at 11 am with last tours leaving at 2.30pm. Arrive at the McAuley Campus Hall in Ardlie Street to meet your tour guides and receive an information pack. Music performances in the Hall throughout the day. Morning and afternoon tea provided, so feel free to have a cuppa, speak with the Principal and enjoy some music after the tour.

For the creativity workshops, you can register at the McAuley Campus Hall in Ardlie Street from 10.30am onwards to reserve your place for sessions at 11.00am and 1.00pm. First in, best dressed! 20 free workshops to choose from! This is open to all Grade 5 and 6 students no matter which school you currently attend.

Find out more, download the program and watch the movie here: [http://www.emmanuel.vic.edu.au/creative](http://www.emmanuel.vic.edu.au/creative)

ZUMBA

Zumba classes not only help you get fit but allow you to have fun and form friendships with others. Enjoy the freedom to move to great Latin and world music. Come and join us!! You don’t have to be co-ordinated; you just need to move to your own groove! Three years strong! Classes are currently running at Warnambool, Koroit and Merrivale. Check timetable and NOTICEBOARD on [www.zumbawarnambool.com.au](http://www.zumbawarnambool.com.au) or [judylumdsen@zumba.com](mailto:judylumdsen@zumba.com). Alternatively, phone Judy on 0407095896. All classes are casual. No bookings. Come on your terms. Loyalty click card system makes for great value! (10 classes for $80 or $10 per class casual with free class after every 10!) Warnambool classes are St Jo’s PS Gym on Tues at 5:15pm and Sat morning at Body Blitzer at 9:30am. On Wednesdays we are Koroit theatre at 7pm. Merrivale class at the PS school multi- purpose on Thursdays at 6pm!

2013 SCHOOL DISCO

It is happening again – the St Josephs School Disco!! This years disco will be held on Friday 6th September, 2013, in the school hall between 6pm and 7.30pm for the juniors and 7.45pm to 9.30pm for the middle and senior school. This is always a really fun and popular night for the kids (420 children attended last year!), so please put this date in your diary so that you don’t miss it. It will also be great to test out our new disco lights!

More details about tickets and poster competition closer to the date.
Warrnambool Calisthenics Club Inc.

Warrnambool Calisthenics club is celebrating 50 years and to celebrate we are holding a costume display and afternoon tea.

Saturday 1st June
2.00 – 4.00pm

Fonterra Hall, Drummond Street, Dennington.
Entry is free so come and have a cuppa and a trip down memory lane. For more information, contact Sharon on 0403 560 558.
Dear Parents and Families of St Joseph’s Primary School,

**Outbreak of Cryptosporidium Infection**-

**MAIN POINTS**-
- An outbreak of cryptosporidium infection (also referred to as ‘crypto’) is affecting Melbourne and many parts of regional Victoria.
- The Department of Health is requesting that parents and guardians of all children who attend swimming lessons or swimming clubs in Victoria be provided with information on how to protect themselves and others when swimming.
- Crypto is a parasitic infection that can cause gastroenteritis, with the most common symptoms being diarrhoea, stomach cramps and nausea. Symptoms may last for weeks and have serious consequences for people who have weakened immune systems.
- During swimming, people can become infected by swallowing water which has become contaminated by human faeces, usually from tiny amounts that cannot be seen. Crypto can also be spread from person to person, especially in settings such as childcare facilities and in households where there are cases.
- All swimming pool patrons are able to become infected if the pool is contaminated with crypto because crypto parasites are not killed by normal levels of chlorine used in swimming pools. Without realising, people with crypto infection can contaminate pool water up to 14 days after their diarrhoea has stopped.
- Pool operators have taken steps including decontamination of water where appropriate as a protective measure, but this cannot break the cycle of crypto infection without the help of patrons.

**ACTIONS REQUIRED**-
- Parents should ensure that they and their children take the following actions to protect themselves and others:
  - Do not swim if you have diarrhoea or if you have had diarrhoea in the past two weeks,
  - Shower and wash thoroughly with soap before entering the pool,
  - Wash your hands with soap after going to the toilet or changing a nappy,
  - Avoid swallowing pool water.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**-

**CONTACT ENQUIRIES**-
- If you have any concerns about your health or the health of your child, please consider seeking medical advice. A simple stool test is available to diagnose crypto infection if your doctor considers that crypto may be a cause of symptoms.

Regards,

*Signed*

Jim Guinan,
Acting Principal.