Dear Parents, Staff, Students and the wider school community. Welcome back from the Easter term break; it was great today to see everyone rested and ready for our new term.

**Why am I so passionate about our school fair?**

The important thing to bear in mind about our school fair, I believe, is our students. Helping them to develop a sense of belonging and being connected to something bigger than “me” is critical to health and wellbeing. Research, and our own practical knowledge, tells us if schools, the community and families work together supportive of young ones then our children have a better chance of becoming resilient happy adults.

Our Fair promotes:
- students being “connected” and proud about our school
- parents sharing their skills with the school community
- opportunities to contribute to the school life
- Raising Funds!
- Opportunities to meet people and develop friendships
- A cheap fun day for all students in a safe environment

The fundraising aspect of the Fair is significant.
- Each year the Fair ploughs $40,000.00 in cash into the school’s budget. This cash is a significant factor in the state of our grounds; large play areas, grassed and very well maintained. The money also contributes to continually add new and exciting equipment and resources.
- Recurrent Government funds to St Josephs pay for teacher salaries only; running costs and most building construction are funded through fundraising and school fees.
- One might ask why not put up fees to cover the fair? If we did this all of the above gains; community, identity, pride and friendship are lost. Also voluntary money actually has a two fold effect, the generosity of time and expertise if we had to pay professional fees for would be much more expensive, so fees would increase by substantially more.

Information about the practical needs of the Fair:
- Our Co-ordinating Team is have a meeting tonight in our staff room at 7:30pm. This group do a great job with the organisation
- ROSTER HELP: We need everyone’s help by donating time to our voluntary roster. Two hours of your time will ensure a great day for everyone. The Fair starts at 10, but duty rosters will start at 9:30 so we are well organized for the day.

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PRINCIPAL NEWS (Cont.)

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My Health: As most would be aware I had cancer chemotherapy 18 months ago and surgery follow-up at the Austin Hospital in Melbourne last term. The surgery went very well and my recovery has been excellent. I thank everyone for your generous support, help, prayers and understanding during this time. I will return to work for the first 3 weeks of this term and will then complete another course of chemo over the term. Jim Guinan, who is currently on long service leave for 3 weeks, will continue to be Acting Principal on his return.

Regards, Michael Gray Principal.

SMIGGLE RAFFLE

We have displayed near the front office in the foyer at school a fantastic SMIGGLE RAFFLE. All proceeds will go to the Fair. Tickets are selling for 50 cents each or 3 for $1.00.

HEALTHY MOVES

On the 22nd of March in Term 1 the school community successfully participated in "Ride/Walk2School Day". On this day the students chose to take the 'active' alternative for coming to school. This included bike riding, scooting, skateboards, school buses and walking. Congratulations to all of the students that participated on this day a total of 488 students used one of these alternate methods of transport to arrive at school. From the first week of Term 2 we will be introducing the next stage of our 'Active Travel Plan'. All students are encouraged to sign up to the 'Active Travel Club'. Children who sign up to the club will receive a passport, if they ride/walk/scoot/bus to school they will have their passport clicked. When a student has 20 registered active school entries their cards will be placed in the box for a monthly prize. All results will be calculated from the surveys and a progressive tally will be displayed on the Healthy Moves notice board. There will be a monthly classroom winner who will receive a trophy at assembly. National Ride/Walk2School day will be held later in the year. Please keep an eye on the new letter for when this will be held.

EASTER EGG RAFFLE

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Congratulations to Ally Mellblom on winning our annual raffle which was drawn at the end of the term. Thanks to all for your support; over $300 was raised which supports our annual school fair.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Confirmation

If you haven’t registered your child, please do so as soon as possible. Children who have not yet registered have been sent home with notes today and are required to be returned to the school office before this Wednesday the 17th of April.

Confirmation Dates

Parent Meeting: Tuesday 23rd April (7.00pm)
Rehearsal: Wednesday 29th May (4.15pm)
Celebration of Sacrament:
Thursday 30th May (7.30pm)
Friday 31st May (7.30pm)
Saturday 1st June (11.00am)

A reminder to families that if you are looking for a special gift to give a child that is celebrating a sacrament. Nicole Gifts on Lava (opposite the Catholic Church) stock a wide range of gifts.

ST. JOES FAMILIES IN THE NEWS

Luke Gercovich, (Room D7) lands a big Mulloway over the break

Gabrielle Lougheed (Room E4), and her home stay vistor visit

Tim Gainey and family celebrate 150 games for the Seahawks recently. Alli, (Room D5) and twins Imahni & Safiyyah (Room B7).
P.S.A. Second Hand Uniform Sale.

Thanks to a great initiative of the P.S.A. they are conducting a Second Hand Uniform Sale for all school uniforms. If you have any good quality uniform that reflects current St. Joseph’s uniform policy and standards this day could be for you. You can either donate items to be sold to the school for sale OR price them accordingly and have a % of your sale go to the school’s P.S.A..

If you would like to participate you can do so by one of the following two options.

**OPTION 1**- If you are donating any school uniform items for sale please bring these along to the school office between Monday 15th to Wed 17th of April. Volunteers will price all items accordingly and all sales will be donated to our schools P.S.A..

**OPTION 2**- If you have any good quality uniform that you are wanting to sell please collect pricing tags from the school office. Please name clearly with your family name, grade of the eldest child, size and price. All tags are to be pinned on the garment and removed when sold. It has been determined that 70% of the sale will go to the family and 30% to the P.S.A.

Second hand school bags are also able to be sold on the day providing that they are in appropriate working condition.

**WHEN**- The sale will occur on Friday 19th April, 2013 from 2.00pm till 4.00pm in the School Hall foyer. This is a fantastic opportunity to purchase good quality second hand uniforms.
Warm-hearted people needed from ages April 22.

Support one young person, 100 words or less, to

HEALTHY MOVES - Registered Primary School

Enrols all day 4.5 & 6 students. From

ending and

middle and

school - Friday, May 24.

The ad will be made for kids. For kids to promote wearing helmets and

are looking for a creative young talent to write a catchy radio ad.

ON LET'S GET SAFETY TO SCHOOL DAY!

VOICE HEARD

MAKE YOUR

VOICE HEARD

Lighthouse Theatre

Sunday April 28 - 10am to 11am

Primary Performers

Information Session
THE ANNUAL
ST. JOSEPH'S
fair
FUN FOR ALL AGES
SUNDAY 28th April
10am til 3pm
Giant Slide
Climbing Wall
Zorb Balls
Cha-Cha
Chair-O-Plane
Kids Activity Gym
Jumping Castle
Bungee Run
Zap Zone
Devonshire Tea
Fairy Kingdom
Face Painting
Fruit & Veg Stall
Plants & Flowers
New & Old Books
Games Area
Raffles and Prizes
Spinning Wheel
Footy Challenge
Dunking Machine
Live Entertainment
Home made Cakes
Animal Nursery
Fairy Floss
Children’s Stall
Show Bags
Pony Rides
Haunted House
Plus much more!!

FOOD
COFFEE
DRINKS
FREE PARKING
Kid Safe Friendly Environment
St Joseph’s Primary School
70 BOTANIC ROAD, WARRNAMBOOL
IT’S ON AGAIN!
THIS YEAR - 5 HOURS OF RIDES!
SUNDAY 28TH APRIL
10.00AM – 3.00PM
DON’T MISS OUT!

NEW FOR 2013
- Kid’s Activity Centre
- Racing Car Display
- Lego & Construction Room
- Mini Golf
- Photo Booth
- Model Railway Display
- Home Made Accessories Stall
- Home Made Jams
- Healthy Ice Creams & Sorbets

WRIST BANDS FOR RIDES
This year wristbands are the same price as last year but you have access to rides for an extra hour!
Order your wristbands from the office now:
- $25 per Child
- $60 per Family
- $15 per Pre School Child

Pre paid wristbands can be collected from the loop between 8.30am-9.30am on the morning of the fair. Any wristbands not collected at this time can be collected from the “Wristband Tent” located next to Bernie’s Shed after 10.00am.

Wristbands allow unlimited access to the following rides:
- Cha-Cha
- Chair-o-Plane
- Zorb Balls
- Climbing Wall
- Jumping Castle
- Kid’s Activity Centre
- Bungy Run
- Zap Zone
- Pacer Karts
- Giant Slide

Wristbands do not allow access to our popular school and volunteer organised activities including:
- Haunted House
- Dunking Machine/Footy Kick/Handball
- Fairy Kingdom
- Animal Nursery
- Pony Rides
- Mini Golf
- Photo Booth

These tickets are all purchased at the activity

CAKE BOXES
Cake boxes will be sent home to each family next week for cakes, biscuits or slices to be sold on the Cake Stall. Boxes can be dropped to the school on Friday or Saturday before the Fair up until 4.00pm. Please ensure

cakes have no cream. All ingredients are to be named and displayed. Additional boxes are available from the office. Thank you for your baking efforts!

RAFFLE BOOKS
Raffle books for our major raffle will be sent out today. Please return tickets and money to the office. Further raffles will be available on the day of the fair. These raffles will be for items such as hampers, stationery, vouchers and of course our ever popular trailer load of fire wood. Make sure you visit our raffle stand at the fair to ensure “you’re in them to win them”!!

VOLUNTEERS
Alicia is finalising the volunteer roster. Please contact the office if you have not already advised us that you can volunteer – The more volunteers we have the easier it is to share the load. The roster will be sent home later this week.
If you have any problems over the fair weekend you can contact Virginia Rea on 0417 378 816

SPINNING WHEEL
Great prizes will be featured on the Spinning Wheel again this year:
- Sporting Equipment
- Meal, Entertainment & Clothing Vouchers
- Photo Sessions
- Toys
- Hair Care Products
- Plus much more.......

COIN LINE FOR REGAN
This year thanks to a suggestion from a thoughtful student we will have a money raising coin line for Regan Squires. Located near the Toyota Stage, line up your spare change and help support our school family.

REMINDER
If you have any of the following you would like to donate:
- Jam Jars
- Books or Magazines
- Pre Loved Accessories, DVDs, Toys, or Games
- Knitted Items
- Jams or Chutneys
- Plants or Flowers
Please drop at the office or phone Virginia 0417 378 816

PARKING
Car parking will be available on the West side of the Allen Oval cricket pitch (not on the area that has been resurfaced). Disabled Parking is in the Staff Car Park.
Pet Photo Competition

Children are invited to enter a standard size photo of themselves with one of their pets. (Free Competition)

You can enter more than photo in the competition but it needs to be a different pet in each photo.

Please put on the back of each photo your name, room number and your pet’s name.

Prize Categories

- The class with the most pets
- The cutest pet
- The coolest pet
- Best dressed pet
- Scariest Pet
- Most loveable pet

Photos to be collected by the classroom teacher. Photos will be displayed in the hall foyer at the Maytime Fair.

Any queries see Mrs Wrigley Room C1.
Maytime Fair Lego Competition

Create a lego design to display in the Construction Zone at the Maytime Fair.

Prizes will be awarded based on original ideas.

Lego entries need to have your name, age & room number.

Entries are to be brought to Room C1 on the Friday before the fair (Week 2).

Items displayed will be able to be viewed in the Construction Zone but blocked so that they can’t be touched.

Any queries see Mrs Wrigley.