INFORMATION FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Welcome back to our 2014 school year after what I am sure has been a break for families to spend time together enjoying our environment, the weather, each other’s company and possibly a trip away! While Christmas is a wonderful time we also remember those who will have experienced, grief, loss or sadness.

Education, Faith and Friendship are the three key tenants of life here at St. Joseph’s. We celebrate this endeavor and the our opportunities and challenges a year of learning, fun and support will bring!

Education:
1) Interviews: A very special thank you to everyone for your attention and support of the Literacy Interviews this year and the Numeracy Testing last term. We had a 97% attendance, which was fantastic. The information gathered supports your child’s learning, our teachers and their teaching and parents in building connections with our staff.

2) Curriculum: Another very helpful response from families was the feedback we received via the internet curriculum survey. Many families took time to give us your valuable thoughts about our school camps, our swimming experience and the costs of these programs. This information will help us address our curriculum design.

Faith:
1) Pope Francis has encouraged all young people to embrace the “Grand plan that God has for all young people”. This belief, and our faith, challenge us all to "entrust ourselves and dare to dream". This vision includes personal integrity, strong relationships and service to our world. Sharing and helping this life giving message is a privilege for us all. Your support, help and involvement also helps bring alive this message; I extend an invitation to embrace the opportunities that will unfold in 2014.

2) I invite all to be part of our “St. Joseph’s Day School Mass” this year on Wednesday 19 March at 10am at St. Joseph’s Church. At this mass we pray for a successful year, welcome our student leaders and reflect on our school identity. We also learn about the values and legacy of our Patron Saint, Joseph.

Friendship:
Thanks to all able to help and attend our “Welcome Back Morning Tea” on Friday. Many mums, dads, grandparents and friends gathered to catch up. A reminder that our Annual Parent Social event, which was a great semi formal occasion last year that was well attended, will be held on the evening of Friday 21 February this year.

Regards Michael Gray Principal.

CALENDAR

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ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

This program will commence next week, Week 3. The activities being offered this term are:
- Tennis on Tuesday nights
- Netball on Wednesday nights.

If your child is wishing to attend any of these sessions please collect a form from the School Office. These are free session and we do have a limited number of positions available so please contact the Office ASAP.

CANTEEN NEWS

Our school canteen is staffed by a group of wonderful volunteer parents. With several families leaving at the end of 2013 we now urgently need more parents to join our roster for both the morning and afternoon shifts. If you are interested please contact the office with your preferred shift and day and how often you would like to be on the roster.

CANTEEN

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Summer, 3rd February, 2014
EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children. **To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:**
- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (28th January 2014) which is the first day for teaching staff.

All applications must be returned to school office Thursday 28th February, 2014

If you would have the full EMA allowance to be taken off your school fees you just need to put a X in the ‘Direct deposit to school box’ within the preferred payment method section. If you want your half of the fees paid into your own bank account you will need to fill in your details within this same section.

Family Fee Assistance Scheme

In 2014 in all Ballarat Diocesan Catholic Primary schools, tuition fee discounts are available to families who are eligible for the Education Maintenance Allowance. Although a family may be eligible to receive a fee discount, families may choose not to apply for the fee discount and pay the full school fee. The family fee assistance scheme will be implemented across all Ballarat Diocesan Catholic Primary Schools from 2012. Families that qualify for the scheme will have the family portion of their school fees replaced with one fee of $520. The discounted fee does not cover additional charges such as camps, student fees, bags or swimming programs.

To help cover the remainder of your school fees you can have the full amount of your EMA payment taken directly off your school fees.

Direct Debit Payments

All direct debit payments will begin this Thursday. If you would like to commence a scheduled payment arrangement it is not too late, please contact Cathy Duynhoven on 5561 1343.

NEWSLETTER ATTACHMENTS

1. Education Maintenance Allowance Forms
2. 2014 Canteen Price List
3. School Calendar for 2014 key events
4. Meeting Schedule for 2014

BOOKCLUB

Bookclub catalogues will go home this week. To place an order please fill in the coupon and send it to school with your child. The order is placed in the ‘red bag’ in your child’s classroom. Orders close on Friday 14th February. Please note, this will be the only catalogue for the term, due to our annual fair taking place at the end of the term.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2014

Senior Reconciliation-(Grade 6 Children)
Parent Meeting: Tuesday 18th February (7:30 pm)

Celebration of Sacrament:
Tuesday 25th March (5:30pm)

Confirmation-(Grade 3 Children)
Parent Meeting: Tuesday 13th May (7:00 pm)

Rehearsal: Wednesday 18th June (4:15 pm)

Celebration of Sacrament:
Thursday 19th June (7:30 pm)
Friday 20th June (7:30 pm)
Saturday 21st June (11:00 am)

First Eucharist-(Grade 4 Children)
Parent Meeting: Tuesday 22nd July (7:00 pm)
Rehearsal: Friday 29th August (4:15 pm)
Celebration of Sacrament:
Saturday 30th August (6:30 pm)
Sunday 31st August (10:30 am)
Sunday 31st August (6:00 pm)

Please note ALL Sacramental meetings are held at the Gathering Space at St Joseph’s church and all Sacraments are received at St Joseph’s church.

STUDENT MEDICAL ALERTS

New and existing families should ensure that the School Office staff are aware of your child’s medical needs. Medical Plans signed by a doctor are required annually. Appropriate forms are available from the School Office.

HEALTHY MOVES

Congratulations to the winners of our bikes through the Healthy Moves Program-Lara Aitkin and Riley Byrne are the recipients of our bikes. We also had two $20 vouchers that Josh Barker and Scarlett Burns received for their efforts in participating in the Healthy Moves Program. A fantastic effort to all of our students and a huge thanks for your enthusiasm in supporting the program.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

To ensure the safety of all students we remind all families when visiting the school to always come through the school foyer area and sign in. Please present your Working with Children Check card to office staff if you wish to participate in activities with the children (this includes participating with students at the swimming pool). Could people who have not yet presented their card for photocopying at the office please do so. Thank you.
St. Joseph’s School Canteen
Price List 2014

Please keep in a prominent place

LUNCHES

**** Tomato Sauce Sachet****  .20
Nibble Pie .......................... 1.30
Mini Sausage Roll .................. 1.30
Mini Quiche .......................... 1.30
School Meat Pie ..................... 1.90
Apple Roll .......................... 1.90
Chitticks Savoury Bread (Pizza) .. 2.20
Sausage Roll ........................ 2.20
Pastie Roll .......................... 3.00
Pies: Meat/ Potato/Chicken ....... 3.20
Lasagne Portions .................... 3.20
McCains Pizza Slices ............... 1.50
(Ham & Pineapple and Supreme)
Slices: caramel, hedgehog, p/mint, lemon .. 2.30
Finger Buns .......................... 1.60
Iced Donut /Cinnamon Donut ........ 1.30

DRINKS

Fresha Apple/Blackcurrant Juice ... 1.40
Fresha Orange Juice ................ 1.40
Fresha Apple Juice .................. 1.40
Tropical Fruit Box ................... 1.40
Apple/Raspberry Fruit Box .......... 1.40
Apple Blackcurrant Fruit Box ...... 1.40
Chocolate Milk Drink ............... 1.40
Strawberry Milk Drink .............. 1.40
Water (small) ....................... 1.00
FocusWater: rasp, bkcnt, lemonade 1.40

PAPER BAGS: 10c  Children’s lunches are placed in bags, if you cannot provide one please include the cost on your order.

SANDWICHES / ROLLS

Salad .................................. 4.00
Ham & Salad ........................ 5.00
Chicken & Salad .................... 5.00
Ham .................................. 4.00
Vegemite .............................. 3.00
Cheese ................................. 3.00
Cheese / Vegemite ................. 3.20
Ham & Cheese ....................... 4.30
Chicken ................................ 4.00
Egg & Lettuce ....................... 3.30
Butter only ........................... 2.20
SALAD BOX with meat ( ham or chicken, cheese, tomato, lettuce, beetroot, egg, carrot, coleslaw—plastic container with fork
SALAD BOX no meat ............... 5.50

ICY POLES / YOGHURT

Zooper Doopers ...................... .50
Cruncha ............................... .70
Icypoles .............red/white ....... 1.00
Billabongs ...........choc, triple swirl 1.30
Frozen Yoghurt ......strawberry .... 1.60
Life Savers ......................... 1.80
Dixie Cups ......................... 1.90
Milo Scoop Shake ............. 2.50

Example Lunch Order

Name..... Rm......
1 Salad Roll $4.00
1 Finger Bun $1.60
1 Fresha Apple Juice $1.40
1 Cruncha .70
$7.70

GLUTEN FREE

Chitticks g/f Brownie $2.30
Patties g/f meat pie $4.20
Patties g/f pizza rolls $3.00
St Josephs Primary Skoolbag App

Have you downloaded our Skoolbag App for your iPhone, iPad or Android device?

We have had nearly 500 downloads already!

The app is free, easy to use and contains lots of up to date and relevant information for families at our school.

In the App Store Search for:
St Josephs Primary Warrnambool

Skoolbag App Features

**Alerts:** Include important notices and reminders about closing dates

**Events:** Dates and details of upcoming events

**Newsletter:** Contains the latest and past newsletters

**News:** Uniform and Canteen Price Lists

**Parent eForms:** Notify the school of your child’s absence or update your details

**Student Gallery:** Some photos and samples of students work

**Term Dates:** School term dates for the year

**Parent Info:** Blogs and websites recommended by teachers

**Contact Us:** School contacts details and a map

**More:** Phone, Email and website links and App settings
A parenting program to create a more peaceful household, less arguing and fewer angry moments.

1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching program is easy to learn, easy to use, down to earth parenting program to help parents gently and firmly manage the behaviour of children in the 2-12 year old age range. Parents, Grandparents, Uncles, Aunts and Carers all welcome.

The program aims to help parents gain practical tips on how to get children to:
- stop doing the things that drive parents crazy like arguing, fighting, yelling etc.
- start to do things parents want children to do
- develop children’s emotional intelligence

1-2-3 Magic provides parents with strategies to sort between different types of behaviour and use less talk, less emotion which lessens both parent and child feelings of emotional stress and helps children to understand and better manage their emotions.

Date: Thursdays: 27th February, 6th & 13th March—3 Week commitment required

Time: 9:30am – 12.00pm. Venue: Centacare Office, Level 1, 142 Timor Street, Warrnambool

Cost: Free (Sorry, no child care available)

For enquiries and bookings phone: Angela on 5559 3000 by 20th Feb 2014
**Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA):**

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to lower-income families to help with education-related costs.

If you have a child under 16, and you hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. The allowance is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.

The payment is intended to assist with education-related costs such as: **uniforms, excursions, textbooks, and stationery.** You can elect to have your EMA paid in one of the following ways:

- Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your own nominated bank account; or
- Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses; or
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2014, the annual EMA amount per student is:

- **$200** for prep students
- **$150** for students in years 1 – 6.
- **$300** for year 7 students
- **$250** for students in year 8 – until age 16*.

* A pro-rata amount is payable for students turning 16 in 2014.

**How to Apply:** Contact the school office to obtain an EMA application form.

**Closing Date:** You need to obtain an EMA application form from the school office and return by **28 February 2014**.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)
Parent/Guardian Application Form - 2014

The following details must be completed by the applicant (the concession card holder). EMA is payable by Direct Deposit (EFT) to the applicant, Direct Deposit to the school, or as a cheque payment.

SCHOOL NAME

APPLICANT / PARENT DETAILS

SURNAME

FIRST NAME

ADDRESS

TOWN/SUBURB

STATE

POSTCODE

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER:

CENTRELINK PENSIONER

CONCESSION / HEALTH CARE CARD NUMBER (CRN)

FOSTER PARENT (*)

VETERANS AFFAIRS PENSIONER

* Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Human Services (DHS) or Courts, etc.

EMA PAYMENT METHOD Please TICK the box below for your nominated EMA payment method

☐ Direct Deposit to parent

Payment will be made to your bank account by Electronic Funds Transfer (provide bank account details below)

☐ Direct Deposit to school

Payment will be made to school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses.

☐ Cheque

Payment will be made as a cheque which will be posted to the school

ACCOUNT NAME (e.g John Smith)

FINANCIAL INSTITUTION (eg Westpac) AND BRANCH

BSB No. ____________

BANK ACCOUNT No. ____________

* If you are unsure of the above details check your Bank Statements or enquire at your Financial Institution.

STUDENT DETAILS

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The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development collects your personal information for the purpose of administering the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) payment. Some personal information may be disclosed to other Victorian Government departments, such as the Department of Human Services, for the purpose of evaluation and monitoring of concession card services.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development may disclose some of your personal information to Centrelink to confirm that the details provided matches Centrelink's records. This is to be used for checking eligibility for EMA applications for 2014.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development will provide the above bank account details to Westpac Bank for the sole purpose of making the EMA payment into your nominated bank account. The bank account details provided will not be disclosed or used for any other purpose. You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT ___________________________ DATE ___/___/___
EMA Eligibility:

The Education Maintenance Allowance is paid to parents of eligible students under 16 years of age, and the student is enrolled at a Government or non-Government School in Victoria on census day, 28 February 2014 for instalment 1 and 1 August 2014 for the second instalment.

The Education Maintenance Allowance will be paid in two instalments and to be eligible you must:

on the first day of 1st Term (28 January 2014) for the first instalment and
on the first day of 3rd Term (14 July 2014) for the second instalment:

(a) be a parent or legal guardian of the student; and
(b) be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
(c) be a temporary foster parent AND
(d) submit your application to the school by the date/s listed below.

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance (formerly known as Child Disability Allowance), or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink are not eligible for the EMA unless they also comply with one of (a) (b) or (c) above.

Submission dates

The application form must be lodged at the school by:
28 February 2014 for the first instalment or
1 August 2014 for the second instalment.

Important information

A separate application is required for each school if you have children attending different schools.

If your child transfers schools during the year, you will need to make an application at the new school.

How to Complete the Application Form

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT / PARENT

1. Complete the APPLICANT/PARENT DETAILS & STUDENT DETAILS section.

Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your Centrelink card - unless you are claiming as a Foster Parent or Veterans Affairs Pensioner. You will also need to provide your Centrelink card to the school.

If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, tick the appropriate box. In this case, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner card to the school.

2. Nominate your payment method for EMA. You can choose to have your EMA payment;

- Paid by direct deposit (EFT) into your nominated bank account
- Paid by direct deposit (EFT) to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses.
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection

3. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.

Enter SURNAME AND FIRST NAMES in full.
Enter the DATE OF BIRTH e.g. 15/09/2007.
Enter the YEAR LEVEL, unless the student is ungraded, e.g. attending a Special School or Language Centre, then enter 'UNGRADED' in the YEAR LEVEL column.

4. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office.

LATE APPLICATIONS CANNOT BE PROCESSED

Queries relating to eligibility and payments of EMA should be directed to your school.
ST. JOSEPH’S PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL
IMPORTANT DATES 2014

TERM 1 Tuesday 28 Jan – Friday 4 April
Prep Student Photos
Staff Commissioning Mass
Senior School Water Safety
Ash Wednesday
Labour Day Public Holiday
St. Joseph’s Day and Mass
School Sports Day
Japanese Host Program
Annual School Fair
Term ends
Friday 7 February
Sunday 9 February, 10:30 am
Tuesday 18 – Friday 21 February
Wednesday 5 March
Monday 10 March
Wednesday 19 March, 10 am Mass
Friday 21 March
Monday 24 – Saturday 29 March
Sunday 30 March, 10 am – 3 pm
2:30 pm, Friday 4 April

TERM 2 Tuesday 22 April – Friday 27 June
Easter Monday Public Holiday
ANZAC Day Public Holiday
May Race Day Closure
School Closure Day
Senior School Camp
Catholic Education Week
Student Photos
Queens Birthday Public Holiday
Term ends
Monday 21 April
Friday 25 April
Thursday 1 May
Friday 2 May
Tuesday 6 May – Thursday 8 May
Friday 23 May – Saturday 31 May
Thursday 29 May
Monday 9 June
2:30 pm, Friday 27 June

TERM 3 Monday 14 July – Friday 19 September
School Closure Days
Prep/1 Swimming
Book Week
Term ends
Monday 14 and Tuesday 15 July
Monday 4 August – Thursday 4 September
Saturday 16 – Friday 22 August
2:30 pm, Friday 19 September

TERM 4 Monday 6 October – Thursday 18 December
Year 2 Swimming
Year 3/4 Swimming
Warrnambool Show Day Holiday
Orientation Day
Student’s Final day
Numeracy Interviews
Term ends
Monday 13 October – Thursday 13 November
Monday 20 October – Thursday 20 November
Friday 24 October
Tuesday 9 December
3:30 pm, Monday 15 December
Tuesday 16 – Thursday 18 December
Thursday 18 December
Friday 19 December
Staff Finish

Sacramental Dates
Senior Reconciliation Parent Meeting
Celebration of Sacrament
Confirmation Parent Meeting
Confirmation Rehearsal
Celebration of Confirmation Sacrament
First Eucharist Parent Meeting
Eucharist Rehearsal
Celebration of Sacrament Eucharist
7:30 pm, Tuesday 18 February
5:30 pm, Tuesday 25 March
7:00 pm, Tuesday 13 May
4:15 pm, Wednesday 18 June
7:30 pm, Thursday 19 or 7:30 pm, Friday 20 or
11:00 am, Saturday 21 June
7:00 pm, Tuesday 22 July
4:15 pm, Friday 29 August
6:30 pm, Saturday 30 or 10:30 am Sunday 31 or
6:00 pm, Sunday 31 August

Please note ALL sacramental meetings are held at the Gathering Space at St Joseph’s Church
ST. JOSEPH’S PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL
MEETING DATES 2014

PSA Committee
Tuesday nights, 7:30 pm, held in the school’s Staff Room, twice per term

- Tuesday 18 February
- Tuesday 11 March
- Tuesday 6 May
- Tuesday 3 June
- Tuesday 29 July
- Tuesday 26 August
- Tuesday 21 October
- Tuesday 25 November - AGM
- Tuesday 2 December (7:00 pm, Christmas Dinner)

Maintenance Committee
Thursday nights, 7:30 pm, held in the school’s Staff Room, once per term

- Thursday 13 March
- Thursday 5 June
- Thursday 28 August
- Thursday 23 October (7:00 pm, Christmas Dinner)

School Advisory Council
Thursday nights, 7:30 pm, held in the school’s Club House, once per month

- Thursday 20 February
- Thursday 20 March - AGM
- Thursday 15 May
- Thursday 12 June
- Thursday 7 August
- Thursday 4 September
- Thursday 30 October
- Thursday 27 November
- Thursday 4 December (7:00 pm, Christmas Dinner)