Our vision states: we value life-long learning and have high expectations of possible achievements.

NEWSLETTER NO: 18                                                                                           Thursday 11th June 2015

*** Supervision of students at St Joseph’s School is from 8.35am until 3.20pm ***

G’day parents and friends,

We have been blessed with some beautiful weather this week. I am reminded each day as I drive to work how truly beautiful this area is. We are very fortunate to have our school positioned in such a breathtaking, natural environment. Whilst the mornings have been cold (freezing!), our commitment to Morning Fitness has certainly resulted in some warm and energetic students (and teachers) ready for the learning day. There has been the normal wave of colds and coughs doing the rounds. We encourage those that are unwell to take the time that is required to rest and recuperate at home so it doesn’t take its toll on themselves and those around them. There is nothing worse than not feeling yourself and run down, especially when trying to learn new things.

This week I have also been reminded how important for our school community to realise that parent participation and support within a school is a fundamental ingredient to an effective and successful school. At St Joseph’s we are very fortunate to have many families who are more than happy to donate their time and skills to assist however they can. Parent participation and partnerships are very powerful in a school setting. When this partnership is happening, our children are not only excited by the fact that their parents are involved in their school community but begin to understand that their parents and school are working together to provide the best opportunities and learning experiences for them. Raising children is a joint venture, not one that can be done on your own. This is where the saying “It takes a village to raise a child” is so true. We are all responsible for the children of the St Joseph’s community. We ask that you join this village, no matter how big or small your commitment may be, whether it be as a classroom helper, supporting the school in their expectations and initiatives, volunteering for P & F activities, or the working bee; it all counts. Let’s help all our children achieve success, by stepping forward and doing our part for our village.

Upcoming Dates for the Calender:
Friday 12th June - Whole School Mass Sacred Heart 9:00am
- School Disco 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Have a great weekend everyone!
Marty McKenna, Acting Principal
Trinity Sunday

At Sunday Mass recently, we celebrated Trinity Sunday. The Church believes that God’s very self is a relationship – among Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Holy Trinity, this God of relationships, seeks to save the world, not condemn it. That relationship pours love into the world.

Aren’t we similar? Just like God, relationships are central to our nature. Our friendships build us up or tear us down. They help to fulfil our dreams or they get in the way.

Do your relationships bring love into the world? Do your friends challenge you to live a better life? Do you associate with people who inspire you to goodness and compassion? Is the world around you and your friends a better place when you all get together?

We have finished our Easter season with the celebration of Pentecost. The students will be focussing on understanding the Holy Spirit and associated symbols which help us to grasp the concept. They will be exploring the gifts and fruits of the Spirit which are shown in Spirit filled people. This will be in preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation in August next term.

Wishing you all a happy week,

Karen McQuade
Christian Life Leader
ART NEWS

Hi everyone just a little request from the Art Room. If anyone has balls of wool, old jewellery, beads, embroidery cotton, empty clear (mayonnaise bottles) with the twist lids etc. the creative members of our school would love them to be donated so that may recycle them into wonderfully creative art work.

Please leave them with me on Wednesdays or Thursdays, or with Mrs Lucas in the office at other times.

Regards Margaret Lunson

DIVISION CROSS COUNTRY AT YARRA GLEN

Congratulations to Ryan Hirschfeld and Max Bradley who came first in their age groups and to Tarkyn Nicolandos who came 5th in his age group.

They will continue to the next stage of Cross Country.

LOST  Flynn Vandersluis has lost his 2nd jumper. Please check the name on your child’s jumper:
1 size 10 school windcheater worn once – named Charli/Flynn Vandersluis
1 size 10 Target navy blue school jumper – Flynn JB on the tag.
As the days get shorter and the weather colder, think of those in our community who find it difficult to put hot meals on the table or keep themselves and their children warm. During the month of June, St Vincent de Paul is holding its annual Winter Appeal. You can assist by donating cans of soup, jars of vegemite, peanut butter and honey, as well as coats, blankets and doonas that are in good condition. These can be left at the school office. Last year the School Community was very generous in its support, and we hope you can once again help people in our local community who are experiencing difficulty.