NEWSLETTER NO: 13                                                                                        Thursday 12th May 2016

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

G’day parents and friends,
Learning and Parent Engagement
On Tuesday 29 parents joined their middle children as part of our whole school unit on understanding change. The focus was to use a timeline to show each child’s life events and then reflect on how knowledge, understanding and wisdom grows over time. The Juniors have invited parents to engage in the planning and presentation of experiences of change in chemical and physical sciences using common household items. Exciting!

School Advisory Board
At the meeting last Friday, a number of decisions were made:

Dogs at school. Over recent times there have been a number of unfortunate incidents with dogs brought to school usually at pick up time. Among a number of incidents discussed were when a frightened child was chased by a loose dog on the oval, some children were “playfully” nipped by a dog, some dogs fought, and some parents and children have reported being uncomfortable near dogs. I have brought my dog to school a number of times with good experiences, as do many parents. However, as we need ensure this is a place where all feel safe, parents are requested to NOT bring their dogs to school. If there is a reason you wish to bring a dog to school please seek permission to do so from school leadership beforehand.

Uniform The feedback from the community was overwhelmingly to change from the pale blue shirt to the dark blue. They will become available later in the year. The light blue shirts will remain part of the uniform till the end of 2018. The feedback on the dress change included 4 families concerned with the increased cost of the new dresses, but was also overwhelmingly supportive of a change. The new dress is more costly but of much better material and so should wear better providing better second hand availability. To reduce the current wide variety in dress colour and styles, and increase differentiation with neighbouring schools, the new dress will become the sole summer dress uniform from 2018. It will be available along with the current gingham dress until then.

Masses
The middles and juniors have experienced prayerful and engaging Masses celebrated with Fr Paul. Parents are welcome and encouraged to join the children. The planned Masses during this term are on:
18 May-First Eucharist Children, 25 May-First Eucharist children, 1st June-Seniors, 8 June-Juniors, 15 June-Middles and 22 June-Seniors. Parents and other family are encouraged to join the children at these celebrations.

Enrolments
Please encourage friends and neighbours to consider our great school. Parents are our best promoters! Applications are available from the office.

Are you in the $100 draw?
The ECSI survey closes tomorrow. The logging on information is attached. Send in a completion note to the office. Entries close Monday morning!

God bless us all, John
The Holy Spirit Comes

Sunday we celebrate Pentecost which is when Jesus sent his spirit (The Holy Spirit) to his disciples to help carry on his work. Some people have trouble understanding how the Holy Spirit can make a difference in daily life. I think this week’s Gospel makes that clear. Jesus breathes on the Apostles and says, “Receive the Holy Spirit”. He does that after saying that he sends us into the world as God sent him. So, Jesus gave the Spirit as fuel for doing his mission.

What’s the point? If you want to really see how the Spirit can impact your life, call on the Spirit’s power to help you live like Jesus. You can do that in many ways. When you’re ready to explode, stop and ask the Spirit to calm you. When you’re ready to go along with the crowd instead of standing up for what’s right, stop and ask the Spirit to boost you. When you feel like turning away from someone who needs you, stop and ask the Spirit to help you care.

This isn’t magic. Like many things, you get better at letting the Spirit empower you the more often you call upon the Spirit. I know that I’m more able to feel the Spirit in clutch moments if I’m praying regularly each day. Again, like cars, we need regular maintenance (a daily prayer life), not just occasional trips to the petrol station.

So fill up. There’s a world full of people waiting for you to drive up with hope, healing, and justice. Say a prayer to the Holy Spirit who will inspire and strengthen you in your sharing.

Karen McQuade
Christian Life Leader
**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

*Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage!*

Forget life’s tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit.

*There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.*

**2016 Melbourne weekend dates:** 17-19 June, 19-21 Aug, 11-13 Nov

Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided.

Information/Bookings: PH: Marianne & Marcel (03) 9733 0997
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Website: www.wwme.org.au

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The Family Care Sisters facility at Croydon, offers wholistic care to all women (aged 20+ - 70 yrs) who are in need of a peaceful environment, ‘time out’, support or nurturing. Our residential program operates each week, Monday-Friday (Feb.-mid-Dec). A daily group session is held on topics such as ‘relaxation’, ‘well-being’, ‘self-awareness’, ‘boundaries’, etc.

Cost: $175 (which can be paid in instalments). In 2016 we are trialling Day Programs on topics such as “Boundaries”, “Dreams”, “Genograms” etc.

For further information or to book in: contact us on Ph. 9723 6797.

Web: www.familycaresisters.com.au
Email: resthome.familycare@bigpond.com

Suggestion: Cut out this notice and place on your fridge…

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To all the lively and youthful faces who showed up to have your portraits taken, I’d just like to say a huge thank you!

You have helped me out immensely. A special thank you to the parents who gave permission and encouraged their children to participate.

Cheers,

Sienna Spencer
There is still time to book for this wonderful Mount Lilydale Mercy College presentation.

Thank you to the helpers who assisted with another successful Mother’s Day stall.

We hope all the mums had a wonderful day!

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop is open on Thursdays at approximately 2.45pm.
Please note: the cost of the sport polo shirt is now $27.50
Any enquiries to Donna: 0427 516 375
Dear survey participant,

Thank you for taking the time to complete this important survey about the Catholic identity of your school. Due to the length of the survey, approx. 45-60 minutes to complete, it may be best completed in two sessions; simply keep a record of your user code and password (see over).

Surveys are available online from 14 March 2016 until close of business on 13 May 2016 only.

This survey is completely CONFIDENTIAL; individual responses can be seen by the respondent only.

The survey site URL is: http://www.schoolidentity.net; type this URL to reach the website.

To enter the website you will need the website’s general password

- **Type in:** Ghj654 and click ‘Login’. Please note that all codes are case sensitive!

On the webpage that appears

- **Click on the ‘To the Surveys’ button in the centre of the screen**

On the next webpage to appear:

- **If you are continuing from a previous session**, enter your User code (login) and Password details on this page “continue your previous session”. To then go to the surveys click ‘submit’.
- **Click on the ‘New User’ button only if you are a new user.** New users will be asked for an email address and can also print the User code (login) and Password that will be issued. Click on submit.
The next page to appear will look like this:

- Find our school in the group drop down box, then click on ‘next’

Our Entry Code is:  Select the school in the drop down box.

The following screen will appear for New Users:

To avoid errors please print or email the User code and Password to yourself. If you are unable to do this, please record your individual User code and Password below, before doing anything else.

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These codes are needed should you have to return to the surveys to complete them or to look at your On-The-Fly results. Please keep these codes to yourself.

- Once you have recorded, printed or emailed the codes, please click ‘next’ to continue

This click will take you to the questionnaires. Please complete all sections.

- The identification and profile questions
- Doyle Questionnaire
- Post Critical Belief Scale
- Melbourne Scale
- Victoria Scale

Answer the questions quickly and intuitively. In your answers, give your honest personal opinion.

When completing the Doyle Questionnaire, the Melbourne Scale and the Victoria Scale you encounter two kinds of questions:

1. Current practice in your school. To answer these questions think about how you experience your school now.
2. My ideal school. To answer these questions, think about what you would like your Catholic school to be or become in the future.

We ask you to print a Certificate of Completion. This option only arises when the whole of the survey is completed even if taking more than one session to do so. Please do! You can save a copy of your results as well as the Certificate. Please hand a copy of the certificate to the office.