Dear parents and friends, welcome to term two.

I trust that the celebration of the death and resurrection of our Lord has renewed your spirit. It is important that the children settle into the term starting with good habits of being on time for school, reading every night, and having a quiet time and place to do any set homework. I cannot impress upon you the importance of sharing your children’s reading. Reading to and with children, discussing characters, plot, predicting what might happen next is so important for all children from preschool to Year 6 and beyond, even with very able readers. It has a HUGE positive impact on encouraging positive attitudes, particularly from DADS!!!!! So ...can you help your child succeed?

Easter Mass
The whole school will gather on Wednesday at 9am to celebrate the resurrection of Our Lord. Families are welcome to join us.

School closure day May 21
Please be advised that we have a school closure day on Monday 21 May to deepen staff members’ knowledge and understanding of scripture. We are very fortunate to have the Dean of Australian Catholic University’s Aquinas campus, Professor Joe Fleming, coming to St Joseph’s for the day.

Meetings
We have a batch of early term meetings this week: on Tuesday the School Advisory Board; on Wednesday the Parents and Friends Association; and on Thursday the Parish Pastoral Council!

 Athletic Sports
On Friday the rescheduled sports will be held at UY Secondary College.

Working Bee Saturday 28 April 9am to noon.

ANZAC Day Wednesday 25 April is a public holiday.

Artist in Residence
Have you seen the fantastic art on the Library wall? A huge thank you to Chris Kent. There is more to come involving the students.

God bless us all, Alleluia Alleluia

John
I hope you all had a happy Easter and relaxing holidays. As we celebrate this Easter season until Pentecost, we will be reflecting on stories about the disciples devoting themselves to being witnesses for Jesus to others and enduring sacrifices and persecution. Would they really go through this to keep a "myth" alive? Not likely!

Before they saw the Risen Christ, the disciples had not grasped the truth that Jesus would rise from the dead. Jesus had told them that this would happen (Matthew 16:21). Not only John but also Peter and the other disciples doubted the possibility. Even Mary Magdalene, who saw the empty tomb, supposed that someone had stolen the body.

All that changed however when they found themselves face to face with the risen Lord. Actually seeing Jesus alive convinced them that he was the Son of God and helped them to understand his teachings. It filled them with faith and gave them the boldness they needed to build the church.

So here we are celebrating Easter two thousand years later. We have not seen Jesus in person like the apostles. We have to trust in him based on the proclamation of the church, the teachings we find in Scripture and the work of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.

All praise to you, Lord Jesus, for your resurrection. Help us to believe in you more each day.

Karen McQuade
Christian Life Leader
This week’s morning fitness roster:

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**CHILDREN’S ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Josh Meerkotter and Kane McDonald won their U10 Basketball Grand final over the holidays.  
CONGRATULATIONS!
Have you joined the St Joseph’s Business Register?
We are forming a database of businesses in our school community
and would love to put it into use in 2012.
The Business Register isn’t about Freebies or asking for hand outs
but giving Businesses in the life of our school opportunities.
We would love to help support businesses in our school
so if you would like to know more to get another form
(which can be found on our facebook page), Forms can be returned to the office
or please call John Iskra on 0448889955 for more info

Round 3 has been played –
How are you going??????????

ATTENTION SHOPPERS! BUS TOUR!
Ladies we have a shopping tour booked for Saturday August 18.
Great opportunity to get in early and do some Christmas shopping.
Deposit of $10 required per person, those that get in early will have a
say in which outlets we visit.
Total cost will be $23 or $28 depending on the number of people.
So, ladies please bring a friend or two. Will be departing from the school early with an
extra pick-up down the line.
There will be a stop where you can purchase lunch.
BYO snacks & drinks. Please RSVP by the end of May.

Name ____________________________
Number of people attending: ________
Total Deposit $ ________

Please contact
Cathy Linder on 0409187166 or Georgette Bourke on 0414630442

Find us on Facebook
St Josephs Parents and Friend & click “Like”
For more information Contact Cathy 0409187166
WINNERS OF THE EASTER RAFFLE

May Family          Phoebe Wells
Violet Willemsen    Tie Family
Sheehan Family      Gibson Family
Virgona Family      Will Smith
Mrs McQuade         Rawlinson Family
Bowman Family       Ann Manning

CONGRATULATIONS!

EMA CHEQUES
EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE CHEQUES HAVE ARRIVED.

Please collect yours or sign it over towards school fees.

Conveyance Allowance cheques are available for the parents who are eligible.

They may be collected from the office or signed over to go towards school fees.

Yarra Valley Uniforms

ORGANIC COTTON CHILDREN’S UNDERWEAR NOW AVAILABLE

The Uniform Shop is open on Wednesdays after school. Donna’s contact number is: 0427 516 375.

Remember to keep receipts to claim on your Education Tax Refund next year.

PALMS AUSTRALIA

GLOBAL Volunteering: Good relationships, Better aid.

Ever considered sharing your skills in another country? Through Palms ‘Global volunteering’ program you can fulfil your mission to educate children and secure them a brighter future while exchanging teaching skills to stall to advance local knowledge. Help a community develop their skills in educating future generations of children.

Date: Thursday April 26th

Time: 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Venue: Ross House, 247 Flinders Lane, Melbourne
Third Floor – Jenny Florence Room

For further information contact Sarah Torcasio at sarah@palms.org.au or call 02 9518 9551 and visit www.palms.org.au