G’day parents and friends,

On reflection, it has been a remarkable First Semester at St. Josephs in 2015. There have been many events, milestones, celebrations and learning throughout. We are lucky to belong to such a faith-filled, welcoming community. The teaching of Religion that unfolded within St. Joseph’s during Semester One continued to rely on a strong partnership between home and school, as anything undertaken by the school, particularly in the domains of faith and morals, must complement the education that is already being provided in the family. The partnership between our school, our families and our Parish is vital if the process of delivering quality Catholic Education is to be authentic and effective.

We have much to be thankful for and at the conclusion of a busy term, it is often appropriate to express gratitude towards those who have contributed.

We thank our teachers and support staff. These significant whole school events are continually supported and profiled within the classrooms, through the guidance and dedication of all classroom teachers together with our support staff. Their knowledge of the children and countless, meaningful interactions with both students and parents, create wonderful opportunities that can truly make a difference. I would like to formally acknowledge the willingness and commitment of Father Ashkar and the school leadership team towards our learning programs – as all effective programs must be driven by motivated and enthusiastic leaders!

We thank our parents and families. We recognise how partnerships with families and communities can enhance the resilience and academic outcomes of our students and that where we have a strong relationship with families, those students are more likely to feel connected to the school. Greater connection leads to enhanced student learning outcomes which ultimately is our end goal!

We thank our students! The learning of Literacy and Numeracy together with the opportunities for Life Learning provides such a range of challenges for our students. They continue to provide our community with great joy, tremendous pride and a wonderful sense of hope leading into Semester Two. We look forward to our students setting new goals for next term – both personally and academically.

Enjoy your families over the break, as we await with great excitement the return of Mr Faulkner first week back next term. He may possibly be speaking French or Italian or a combination of both!

Upcoming Dates for the Calender:

Friday 26th June
- Hot Lunch
- School dismissed @ 1:20pm

Please note that Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th July (Term 3 Week 1) are our Parent Teacher Nights. Please indicate your intention to speak to class teachers online ASAP.

Have a great holiday everyone! Thank you for your support this term.

Marty McKenna,
Acting Principal

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SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS
8.45am – 3.30pm

PRINCIPAL
Mr John Faulkner

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
Mr Marty McKenna

ADMINISTRATION OFFICERS
Mrs Sue Lucas / Mrs Di Hendriks

DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE
25th Biggest afternoon tea 2pm
26th Hot lunch day
End of Term 2 at 1.20pm

JULY
13th Term 3 begins
14th Circus session 1
Parent/teacher/student meetings 3.30-6pm
15th Parent/teacher/student meetings 2 – 8pm
17th Skiing – Seniors
21st Circus session 2
Confirmation workshop 7pm

SEE p.4 for instructions on booking your parent/teacher/student meeting times.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE WURUNDJERI PEOPLE WHO ARE THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THIS LAND
WE PAY RESPECT TO THE ELDERS BOTH PAST AND PRESENT OF THE KULIN NATION AND EXTEND THAT RESPECT TO OTHER INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS

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

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Weekend Mass Times

Saturday – 4.30pm
Sacred Heart Church, Warburton

Sunday – 9.00am
St. Thomas à Becket Church, Yarra Junction

LAST WEEKENDS READINGS

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ez 17:22-24
The Lord will plant the crest of the cedar.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 91:2-3. 13-16.
R. see v.2

Second Reading: 2 Cor 5:6-10
While in the body we are away from the Lord.

Gospel: Mk 4:26-34
Parable of the mustard seed.

THIS WEEKENDS READINGS

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jb 38:1. 8-11
The Lord constrains the sea.

Responsorial Psalm:
Ps 106:23-26. 28-31. R. v.1

Second Reading: 2 Cor 5:14-17
We are new creations in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: Lk 7:16

Gospel: Mk 4:35-41
Jesus stills the sea.

Biggest Morning Tea

As Christians we are called to care for others. This week all classes have been baking a variety of cakes, slices and tarts for the “Biggest Afternoon Tea” which will be held this afternoon. The money raised from this will be donated to the Cancer council to fund research and provide vital resources to people who suffer from cancer. Hopefully, we will be making a difference and helping to support cancer patients through their difficult times.

Karen McQuade
Christian Life Leader
An exhibition for one and all. There are excellent art works of many different styles on display and available for all to see. For more information go to the web site: twma.com.au There is an entrance fee for adults and discounts are available too.

Art News

Image: John Olsen, *Salute to Cerberus* 1965
oil on plywood, 185 x 244.5 cm

20 June - 16 August 2015

Curated by:
Edmund Capon AM OBE

TarraWarra Museum of Art collection.

The Triumph of Modernism

This major exhibition, guest curated by the distinguished former director of the Art Gallery of New South Wales, Edmund Capon AM, OBE, *The Triumph of Modernism* spans 60 years of Australian Art and features over 60 iconic works by 26 artists who have shaped the development of modern art in Australia. *The Triumph of Modernism* exhibits artists such as Sidney Nolan, Arthur Boyd, Russell Drysdale, John Brack, John Perceval and Charles Blackman. Later years see the continuing development of modern art in the works of Fred Williams and John Olsen, and in more recent times in contemporary art by artists Imants Tillers, Howard Arkley and Aida Tomescu.
Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge

***JUNE UPDATE***

We now have 6 students from our school who have read enough books to complete the VPR Challenge and the number is growing as there are some who are VERY close!!!

Keep it up St. Joseph's kids and parents.

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Children’s Book Week

is 22nd to 29th August 2015

During Book Week this year, we would like to hold a 2nd hand book stall to help raise funds to buy more NEW books for our school library. We are asking if everyone could please look at home over the holidays for any books that you would be happy to donate to this stall, and bring them in to the office (or the library on Thursdays).

Your help would be greatly appreciated!

Also, while you are looking, please see if there are any overdue library books around to be returned. Overdue notices have been sent out as a reminder,

Thank You 😊

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CONVEYANCE CHEQUES TERM 2 2015

Please note that Conveyance cheques for Term 2 are now available to be collected from the office or to be signed over to go towards fee/levy payments.

Please phone/contact Sue or Di at the office if you would like it sent home with your child.

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Parent/teacher/student meetings

will be held on

Tuesday 14 July 3.30pm – 6pm
Wednesday 15 July 2pm – 8pm

Please book online at schoolinterviews.com.au

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