

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NORTHCOTE

Newsletter, Wednesday October 16, 2019

From the Principal...

FOR THE BEGINNING OF OUR SCHOOL TERM...

We pray our school will be filled with Love
We pray our learning will be full of Truth
We pray our playground will be full of Joy
We pray our friendships will be full of Forgiveness
We pray our teachers will be full of Wisdom
We pray our community will be full of Hope



Welcome back to term four! It's hard to believe we are starting our final term for 2019. I hope that all the children enjoyed their holidays and are feeling refreshed, rejuvenated and ready for another great term of Learning and Teaching. As always, in term four there are quite a few calendar dates to note and I will keep updating the calendar each week as new events pop up!

School Closure days

We began this term with two closure days at which the staff unpacked the new R.E. curriculum, that I am pleased to say is very much a values based program and centred on Social Justice and 'real life' issues. We also updated our CPR First Aid training, our anaphylaxis and asthma management training and we worked with a psychologist (Tracy Bentin from the Stepping Stones Psychology Team) exploring tools to use when engaging with children about various behavioral issues. Tracy also stepped us through the various stages of children's brain development and how this impacts on our expectations of children when dealing with various issues and behaviours.

This term we will have two closure days. We will have an assessment and reporting day on Cup Eve, **Monday November 4** and a planning day (for 2020) on **Friday November 29**.

Walkathon

Our school Walkathon is this Friday, commencing at 12:00pm. The years 3-6 will be walking the block of James St, High St, Westbourne Gve and McIntosh St; and the Juniors will walk Westbourne Gve, McIntosh St, James St - and back through the school yard.



Sponsorship forms and money need to be returned by **Tuesday 29th November**. Each child who returns a form will go into the draw to win a Rebel Sports Voucher.

This event is raising funds to complete the redevelopment of the backyard (the decking and sandpit area). The School Board, together with Sarah and David Whyte and Mark Barnard (landscape gardener) are finalising the plans for this area and will present it to the community in the very near future.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to assist on the day - the more marshalls we have the smoother the event!! After the Walkathon the Social Club will be providing a sausage sizzle lunch. We thank Andrew Burgess who has once again volunteered to 'man the BBQ'... All parents are welcome to join us!!

Sunsmart / Summer uniform

St Joseph's is Sunsmart School and as such we implement a 'No Hat, No Play' policy throughout terms one and four. All children must wear a broad brimmed hat which can be purchased from the school office for \$10 or from Academy uniforms.



To further ensure sun protection, we strongly recommend the application of broad spectrum sunscreen (SPF30+) before school and re- application during school. If your child brings sunscreen, please ensure it is of the 'roll on' variety, with the container clearly labelled. Your child will also need to be able to apply it. Schools are discouraged to supply and/or apply sunscreen due to children's skin allergies and adverse reactions.

Children will transition into the summer uniform over the next two weeks - we anticipate that all children will be wearing the summer uniform by the end of week three (next week).

The summer uniform is as follows:

GIRLS

School Jumper with school logo new
Summer Dress
White Socks
Black Shoes

OR

Short Sleeved Blue Polo Shirt
Navy Blue Shorts
Navy Socks
Black Shoes

BOYS

School Jumper with school logo new
Short Sleeved Blue Polo Shirt new
Navy Blue Drill Shorts
Navy Socks
Black Shoes



SCHOOL JUMPER



POLO SHIRT

SUMMER SPORTS UNIFORM:

(only to be worn on sports days)

School Sports Jacket with school logo new

Yellow short-sleeved T-shirt new

Navy blue sports shorts

White Socks

Runners



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Sustainability Group

Last term our Sustainability Group partnered with the Darebin Veg Squad, a sub-branch of DIVRS - Darebin Information, Volunteer & Resource Service. The Veg Squad provided us with some seedlings (parsley and lettuce etc) to plant in our garden beds, and once matured the produce will be returned to the group for distribution to Darebin residents who may require emergency food relief.

DIVRS is a not-for-profit volunteer organisation that delivers free services and programs to vulnerable populations in Darebin. Through the Darebin Veg Squad, St Joseph's is sharing what we grow to support families or individuals who may be in need in our local area.



Thank you to Ruby, Saioa, Kartya, Lilliana, Lucy, Amelia and May for contributing to this important community project and thank you to **Ms Steph** for her coordination of the group. Well done team!!!!

Today the Veg Squad delivered some more seedlings for us to plant.... Watch this space to see the next lot of produce!!!

Zoo Excursion

Thanks you to Peter Zammit for coordinating the STEM excursion that our preps, juniors and middles attended today. All the students are participating in STEM based workshops:

- ❑ The Juniors program is **“Wild Lab”** in which the students will become a scientist for the day and explore nature, examine clues, investigate unique zoo-based resources, piece together puzzles, and solve problems in an interactive play-based setting.
- ❑ The Middles program is **“Caring for Animals”** and they will learn about Zoo animals and the work of keepers. An educator will share behind-the-scenes stories and introduce them to Lemurs and Meerkats. The students will research animal enrichment around the Zoo and start to think of solutions. Back at school, they will work in teams and choose one of the big challenges to focus on.

Athletics

Today we have five students competing in the Regional Athletics event... GOOD LUCK to

Tia Crowe who is competing in the 80m Hurdles event, and to our senior's relay team - **Willow Clarke, Laura Manglaviti, Lucy Delbridge and Olivia Broom** who are competing in the 4x 100m relay. If successful the next level for these students is the **State Championships** - so regardless of today's results they have done a superb job in qualifying to compete at this elite level.

Sacrament of Eucharist

This year we have 10 students making their First Communion on Sunday October 27. This Thursday, Oct 17 we will be holding our Parent Information Evening for these 10 families (students and parents) at 7:00pm in the multi-purpose room.



Sunday fundraiser for the repair of the Parish Church

As you would be aware, our Parish Church has been closed for some time now due to maintenance work that is required on the rendering throughout the building. The school and parish community is keen to see our Church re-open and to complete the required building works as soon as possible - but, as you can imagine the cost of such a project is great.

We are holding a fundraising event at the Grandview Hotel this Sunday afternoon (Oct 20) from 1:30pm. Details of this event is in the 'Parish News' section of the newsletter. It would be great if you find the time to support this event and help to get our Church open again.

Mary Kearney
Principal

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS...

ONLY 36 Sleeps until Night on the Hill!!

Welcome back to Term 4 everyone! Your Social Club is really excited for two great initiatives we've got happening this term.

First up, we have our **annual Walkathon** coming up on Friday, when the kids of St Josephs will be pounding the pavement, aiming to clock up the most number of laps, and in doing so raise \$\$\$ for our next landscaping project - improvements to the Prep & Junior play spaces.

How can you be involved? At the end of last term a **sponsorship sheet** was sent home - if you can help your kids secure sponsorship from friends, family & neighbours that would be awesome.

Don't forget - each child who returns their sponsors form is eligible to **win one of three prizes** - one each for the Juniors, Middles and Seniors, and a **BBQ lunch** after the Walkathon.

Save the Date - Friday 15th November

Yes, you read it right - only 36 sleeps until our big fundraiser for the year - **Night on the Hill**. This is going to be a really fun event - roving performers, live music, a silent disco, beautiful food, a licensed bar, makers stalls and so much more - this will be a really great night for our school community.

We are so lucky to have already received offers of assistance from so many people - putting on an event like this definitely takes the help of our whole school community.

There are still quite a few things we are going to need from our families - **here's how you can help** make Night on the Hill a success:

- Look out for flyers coming home requesting donations - beer, wine, soft drinks, water
- Look out for the **rosters for stalls- they are being put up in the undercroft** - We'll need lots of volunteer workers on the night - just an hour or two from everyone will make the event easy to run and a great success
- **Spread the word to your family and friends** - lots of people on the night will help add to the carnival atmosphere & guarantee a successful event

A big shout out to our awesome Class Reps & everyone who has already approached us with energy and enthusiasm.

Questions you might be asking about Night on the Hill

Are we having a fete? Sort of - a fete is a lot of work, so this year we have reworked the format & made it into more of a family friendly festival. Lots of great food, a bar, live music, entertainment and stalls - there should be something for everyone. We've called it Night on the Hill.

What are we raising money for? We are raising money for the next phase of our landscaping project - this time the focus is on the rear of the school and improving the Prep and Junior play spaces.

Can I get involved? Of course - this is our school community's event and takes lots of generosity and help from everyone to be a success. If you would like to help or donate in any way please be in touch with one of us, or your class rep, or just let Carmel know.

Carlinea, Jo, Aruna And Eleanor



PARISH NEWS

PARISH FUNDRAISING for Church renovations...

Join us at the Grandview Hotel, Fairfield, on Sunday October 20 for an afternoon of great music to raise funds for the

church renovations, featuring St Joseph's very own "Sole Agents" cover band. (finger food provided). \$20 entry per adult (children free)

Doors open at 1:00pm, music starts at 1:30pm. Watch this space for more details!



CALENDAR 2019

October						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
13.	14.	15.	Prep, Junior and Middle STEM excursion - ZOO 16.	Eucharist Parent Evening 7:00pm 17.	Interschool sport v Bell p.s. Walkathon 18.	19.
Parish Fundraiser 20.	Santa Maria transition visit (yr 6 girls) 21.	Yarning Conference, yr 5s 22.	Senior's Maths Day - St Bernadettes Eucharist workshop day - yr 4s 23.	24.	25.	26.
FIRST COMMUNION 27.	28.	29.	Junior's Excursion - Science Works 30.	31.		

November						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
					Interschool sport v Fairfield p.s. 16 Hands whole sch incursion 1.	2.
3.	SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY 4.	MELBOURNE CUP HOLIDAY 5.	6.	7.	Interschool sport v Northcote p.s. 8.	9.
10.	Santa Maria Orientation Day 11.	12.	13.	14.	NIGHT ON THE HILL 15.	16.
17.	Mobile Dental Van 18.	Mobile Dental Van 19.	Mobile Dental Van PEB AGM 7:30pm 20.	Mobile Dental Van Jnr excursion - Lego Land PREP 2020 info night 21.	Mobile Dental Van 22.	23.
24.	25.	PREP 2020 Orientation 9-11 26.	27.	PREP 2020 Orientation 9-11 28.	SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY 29.	30.

December						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
1.	MIDDLE'S CAMP 2.	MIDDLE'S CAMP 3.	4.	5.	6.	7.
8.	9.	10.	Year 6 Fun Day 11.	END OF YEAR SCHOOL MASS 12.	13.	14.
15.	GRADUATION MASS & DINNER 16.	17.	STUDENTS LAST DAY - 1:30pm finish 18.	19.	20.	21.

WELLBEING

Congratulations to the students who received a
LEARNER QUALITY certificate in Week 10 of
 Term 3.



Thomas, Xavier, Oliver,
 Havana, Elizabeth,
 Zelinda, Caolan & Stella

Walk to school 2019

October sees our school participate in the annual 'Walk to School' campaign.

Walk to School encourages our students to walk to and from school everyday in October, to highlight the ways walking can improve our health and wellbeing. Walking to school can help reduce traffic congestion, parking difficulties and the associated environmental impacts too! During the month of October (starting on the first day of Term 4) your child's teacher will record how many times students

- ☐ Walk
- ☐ Scoot or
- ☐ Ride

to and from school using a classroom calendar. Our 'Walk to School Ambassadors' Orlando & Mason will announce a tally at our Wednesday's assembly. The class with the most 'walks' by Thursday 31 October will win the choice of choosing 15 new books for our school library!

Special Events...

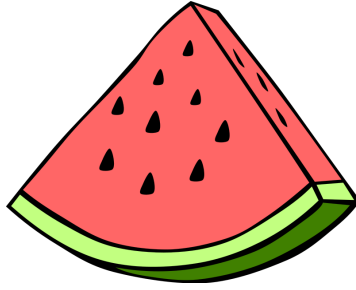
During Walk to School month we will be holding a few special events. In Week 4 families will have an opportunity to dust off an old shoe and decorate in any fashion. Below are some examples of old shoes with a new personality! All shoes must be brought to school by **Wednesday 30 October** to be judged on Friday 1 November. A 'masked judge' will be announcing the winner in our Week 5 Assembly. The winning family will win 'Healthy Hamper' packed with goodies to keep you active!!

We look forward to seeing our families artistic talents shine!



On Tuesday 29 October the Darebin Council will supply our children with a healthy snack of fruit during 'brain break' time. The fruit supplied will most likely include:

- Red Apples
- Green Apples
- Pears
- Kiwi Fruit
- Oranges
- Mandarins
- Bananas
- Strawberries
- Watermelon



Please let your child's teacher know if there is any issue with any of these fruits.

TrANSiTiON-

primary to secondary

Our term 4 transition program has already begun for our delightful Year 6 students. Last Friday we had a number of secondary students visit from Carey Grammar School. These students ran a session with our Year 6s and they described how they felt moving from primary to secondary school. The students had a number of school combination locks and each Year 6 student had an opportunity to 'try' and open the locks! We'll have plenty of more practise this term.

Over the next few weeks we have many transition leaders from secondary schools coming to visit the Year 6 students at St Joseph's. These meetings allow the transition leaders to welcome and have a quick chat with the prospective student/s.

The session with Kelli from PTV helps prepare our Year 6 students in using public transport independently in 2020. The aim of the session is to put the students on the right track to a safe and enjoyable journey.



Later in December we will invite a number of secondary students from the schools that our students will be attending in 2020. This session has proven to be invaluable as it provides personalised information about the secondary school they will be attending including timetables, extra curricular activities and daily schedules.

Finally, this week all senior students will be participating in a social-emotional wellbeing and resilience day at school. This special day will feature games, activities and challenges to continue to develop resilience and confidence in moving towards secondary school.

The activities described above are run in conjunction with those organised by your child's secondary school.

Please come and have a conversation with either your child's classroom teacher or myself if you require any further information or if you are concerned about your child's transition to secondary school.



EXTEND (OHSC)



EXTEND OSHC.

OUR RECAP:

We are so excited to be kicking off another term at Extend with lots of fun upcoming projects and activities to look forward to. Our final week of term was so much fun as we took part in our footy day designing uniforms and enjoying football workshops and games. [Elliot Becroft](#) emerged himself within the experience and was very helpful towards other students. We also received our first letters from our penpal partnering school. [Sienna luele](#) has been writing amazing letters and we are excited to see the project continue throughout the term.

To commence another exciting term we took part in a science experiment expanding a balloon using the reaction from bicarb soda and vinegar. We were very impressed by [Oscar Wronty's](#) inquisitiveness towards the experiment and active role in seeing it succeed. We also continued on our own balloon creatures which was lots of fun. We also enjoyed creating our own dances and making our own Extend concert. [Stella Cerantola](#) demonstrated fantastic dancing skills and confidence.

This term we will be emerging ourselves in different cultures through cooking and artwork within our enrichment program. We will be tasting different cuisines as well as learning about different places and their customs. We will also be partaking in lots of exciting art, science and sport activities. We look forward to seeing you and enjoying the term.

Thank you, [Elise Szacsuri](#), Extend OSHC.

Next Week's Activities:

Monday:

Egg in Vinegar Experiment and an obstacle course.

Tuesday:

Snow globes and corners..

Wednesday:

Talent show and the floor is lava.

Thursday:

Expanding glove experiment and markers up.

Friday:

Mosaic making and Giant's treasure.

