



ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NORTHCOTE

Newsletter, Tuesday Feb 11, 2020

From the Principal...



Dear Parents and Children,

I would like to thank everyone, our children, teachers and parents for such a great start to the new school year. I have really enjoyed chatting to the children about all of their holiday adventures. They are now all well and truly back into the routines of school life.

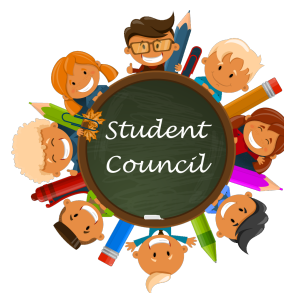
Our prep children especially have settled in beautifully into their new school routines. The classroom is very calm and the children are seemingly very comfortable in their new environment. They have made a seamless transition into the school yard at recess and lunch-times and are enjoying the company of not only other preps but children from all levels.

Beginning of the Year School Mass

This Thursday, at 9:15am we will be holding our beginning of the Year School Mass. This was noted in the calendar last week as commencing at 11:30am, but has changed to 9:15am. With the partnership of St Mary's and St Joseph's, weekly morning Masses will now be shared across the two parishes. St Joseph's weekly morning Masses will be held each Tuesday and Thursday at 9:15am, and our School Mass will now be held at the same time as the Parish Mass.

Student Representative Council

Last week each class held the election of our SRC (Student Representative Council) for this year. Each class from Prep to grade 4 will vote for one member of the class to undertake this role, and each senior class will vote for a grade 5 and a grade 6 representative. The aim of the SRC is to provide a formal and recognised process to effectively express our students opinions, suggestions and recommendations regarding school direction, special celebrations and social justice awareness. The SRC will work together with Jenelle and myself to coordinate whole school events and special occasions.



House Captains

Elections have also been held for our Year Six House Captains. The process for election requires all candidates prepare a short video in which they present their election speech. These videos are then shared with all the students from grades 3-6 who vote for their House's respective candidate.

The results of the SRC and Sports Captains will be announced at our assembly on Wednesday morning. Today we will notify all parents of children who will be receiving a leadership badge tomorrow.

Our SRC representatives and our Sports Captains will be processing in at our School Mass on Thursday at 9:15am, and they will receive a blessing from Fr Shabin and will again be presented to the school community.

START-UP WEEK - WHOLE SCHOOL BUDDY ACTIVITY

Huge **thank you** to Kate Lynn for coordinating our whole school buddy activity and shared lunch last week. There has been much talk about "filling our buckets" with good deeds and kindness.





COFFEE MORNINGS

Thank you to our Prep Parents who joined us for a cuppa after drop-off today.

Given that our School Mass time has been changed on Thursday, we now have a clash with our Middles Parents Coffee Morning. We are now going to combine the Middles and the Juniors and invite both levels to gather for a coffee and a chat on Friday (Feb 14). Hopefully we will see you there... and we look forward to chatting with our Senior Parents TOMORROW morning!!

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING - SAVE THE DATE!

Please note in your diaries our Parent Information Session on Tuesday 20 February 2020 at 7.00pm. This will be an opportunity for teachers to share information with parents/carers and the Learning and Teaching team will provide valuable information about the St Joseph's Learner Qualities.

I have included 2020 Staffing in this newsletter. Please come and see me if you have any questions.

Look forward to working together this year and if I haven't already caught up with you, I look forward to doing so...

Mary Kearney
Principal.

CALENDAR 2020

February						
Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
9	10	11	12	Beginning of year School Mass 9:15am 13	14	Bunnings BBQ 15
16	17	18	19	Curriculum Evening 7pm 20	21	22
23	24	25	Ash Wed. 26	27	28	29



Please click **below** for the 2020 calendar.

This calendar includes term dates, and special events such as Sacramental dates, Camp dates and other major events.

The calendar will be regularly updated as new events arise.

2020 CALENDAR



PARISH NEWS...

EVERYONE IS INVITED to attend our
**Beginning of the School Year Mass this
Thursday at 9:15am.** At this school Mass our School

Leaders for 2020 will receive a blessing and be presented to our school and parish community.

Parish Partnership

This year will see the establishment of a parish partnership between St Mary's Thornbury and St Joseph's Northcote. Fr Shabin Kaniampuram is the Parish Priest for both Parishes. We welcome Fr Shabin and look forward to continuing the excellent working relationship we have already established with him.



As of this Weekend Mass times will be as followed:

- From the weekend of 8/9 February onwards
 - Saturday 5:30pm - St Joseph's
 - Sunday 9:00am - St Mary's (English/Italian)
 - Sunday 10:30am - St Joseph's (English/Italian)
 - Sunday 5:30pm - St Mary's
- People from both parishes are invited to attend whichever Mass suits them best, regardless of location. Any Thanksgiving Envelopes for St Joseph's that are collected at St Mary's will be returned to St Joseph's, and vice versa.
- While it's necessary to reduce the number of weekend Masses at each church, due to the reality of having only one priest, it's worth noting that we will retain two of our original three Mass times and will still have an Italian Mass at St Joseph's on Sunday morning.
- There will be tea and coffee after each Mass on 8/9 February, to welcome people who are attending outside of their 'home' parish. If you are able to bring a plate of food to share at the Mass time of your choice, that would be wonderful.

GENERAL NEWS

SUNSMART REMINDER

St Joseph's is a SunSmart school and therefore it is imperative that children wear their school hats. We adhere to a "no hat, no play" policy and children without a hat will have restricted play areas.



SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking will commence next week, and banking day will remain on a Thursday. If anyone would like further information please see Carmel in the Office.



TENNIS LESSONS AT ST JOSEPH'S



Tennis lessons have begun at St Joseph's and spots are available for our existing and new students in Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced lessons on Monday, Tuesday or Friday afternoons. We have students from 4 to 16 years of age so there is an appropriate group for everyone.

Please contact Matthew Todd on [0414 628 633](tel:0414628633) if you have any enquiries about any of the groups.

There are also more detailed tennis notes with Carmel at the school office.

Thanks, Matt Todd and staff.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

If you anticipate assisting on school excursions, helping out in the classroom or around the school in general please ensure that you have a current Working with Children Check. This can be applied for online, and if you are registering as a volunteer there is no cost involved.

MOBILE PHONES

Just a reminder that if your child brings a mobile phone to school it must be handed in to the office (for safe-keeping) in the morning before children go into class. Phones can be collected again at the end of the day.

YOGA CLASSES

Come and join the **yoga fusion class**. This class will be incorporating the stretch of yoga with cardio and fitness training. So you get the blissed out feeling of yoga with the added zing of a fitness class. **You walk away looking and feeling amazing!**



The classes are Monday mornings at 9.15am and Thursday evenings at 7.15pm at:

Niche dance studio

7 Ford Crescent

Thornbury 3071

Please call Natasha if you are interested - 0432 541 821. Natasha has been teaching yoga/Pilates/barre classes for 13 years in both Asia and Australia.

DAREBIN CITY BRASS YOUTH BAND

The Darebin City Brass Youth Program would like to invite your school community to be part of your local brass band - Jack's Juniors. A group of qualified and expert teachers provided our students with weekly tuition, the use of an instrument and required resources for a minimal cost.

We are holding an information and tryout session Monday 3 February

5:00 pm - 5:45 pm

Darebin City Brass band room

Corner Mary and Cramer St, Preston (*opp. Preston Market*)

We would love to welcome any new and aspiring brass players to join us to learn how to play a brass instrument but mostly to join the family and have fun.

Please contact us on:

DCBYouthBand@gmail.com

or visit our website

www.darebincitybrass.com/youth-group

A colorful graphic featuring musical notes and a treble clef. The text reads: 'Want to learn a Musical Instrument? Why not a BRASS Instrument! Monday 3 February 2020 Information Session & Instrument Tryout night 5.00pm - 5.45pm Corner of Mary & Cramer St, Preston For more details email: DCBYouthBand@gmail.com'. On the right is the Darebin City Brass logo, which consists of a stylized 'B' inside a circle, with 'DAREBIN CITY BRASS' written below it and social media icons at the bottom.



EXTEND OSHC.

OUR RECAP:

We had another fun week of activities and learning experiences. This week we made delicious weetbix slice. We discussed the importance of adding healthy foods into our diets and discussed the nutritional benefits of the various healthy ingredients we were adding in. [Elise Jones](#) was such a fantastic helper and used lots of initiative. [Max Hall](#) was really engaged with the experience and did lots of mixing, measuring and adding.

We also did some beautiful paintings. We painted sunsets and used various colours. We also experimented with a folding technique to create a butterfly effect on the paper. [Nina Baker](#) was so creative as she mixed various colours and supported others.

We also had our own 5 second quiz challenge where students were asked a range of questions and had a 5 second timer to answer them. Additionally we also had our own lego challenge and a Mr squiggle competition. At Before Care [Frankie Indovino](#) created a beautiful drawing of a dog and rainbow out of a squiggle. We also stacked cups and created beautiful lego creations. Outside we practiced basketball skills, ran races and played helicopter.

Thank you, Elise Szacsuri, Extend OSHC.

Next Week's Activities:

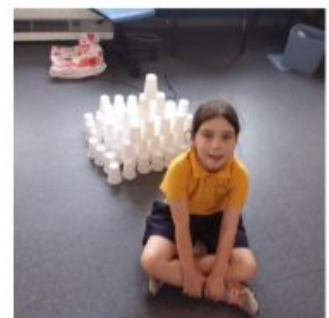
Monday: Cotton ball rainbows.

Tuesday: Green crystal experiment.

Wednesday: Making Yogurt.

Thursday: Costume charades.

Friday: Extend Game show- Quiz time.



SJPS CHESS CLUB 2020



2020 LESSON DATES

ROOKIES + ADVANCED

Term	First	Last
1	5/2	18/3
2	22/4	17/6
3	22/7	9/9
4	14/10	9/12

At lunchtime in the MPR

Think! Concentrate! Gain Confidence! Have FUN!

Coach: Jim Cannon, PhD (UMelb), Dip Ed (UMelb) Email: jimphd2000@gmail.com

RETURNING STUDENTS: Please do NOT fill in this form unless updating your details

Term 1 fees (\$75 / child) due: Wednesday 5/2/20

**SPECIAL OFFER (TERM 1 ONLY):
PAY FOR THE YEAR AND PAY ONLY \$270 (SAVE \$30!)**

Payment Options: IMPORTANT: Please circle payment method used:

EFT* (preferred)

Cash

Chq (to "J.F.Cannon")

*EFT (JF Cannon, 037-138 56-4211) with name, school + Term in description eg "J BROWN SJPS T1234"

Please note: If paying by cash or cheque, please hand your payment to me in a clearly-labelled properly-sealed envelope with your child's name and Term being paid for. Thank you.

Name of Child(ren) 1. _____ in Year P 1 2 3 4 5 6 M / F
2. _____ in Year P 1 2 3 4 5 6 M / F

Names of parents / guardians 1. _____ 2. _____

Phone: Home _____ mob 1 _____ mob 2 _____

Email 1. _____ Email 2. _____

Signature of parent / guardian _____ Date / /

Term enrolling (Please tick ✓)

ROOKIES + ADVANCED

Term	(Tick) ✓
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NEW STUDENTS ONLY:

Please state your Commencement Date:

____ / ____ / ____

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PARADE COLLEGE OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 16 FEBRUARY



10am - 2pm Preston Campus 8 Clifton Grove

10am - 2pm Bundoora Campus 1436 Plenty Rd

- Talk to our Principal and all our staff
- Watch the awesome Science Show
- Listen to our College bands
- Pick up an Information pack with a special gift for your son
- Enjoy our free BBQ and café
- Listen to the Principal's address at 10.30, 11.30 & 1.00.

Year 7 2022 Enrolments Now Open!
Limited places at Preston available 2021.



Register online www.parade.vic.edu.au ■ p. 9468 3300 ■ registrar@parade.vic.edu.au

Open Day

**SANTA MARIA COLLEGE
NORTHCOTE**

THURSDAY 12 MARCH

2:30PM – 6:30PM

Dare to Imagine



SANTA MARIA COLLEGE
A YEAR 7 TO 13 CATHOLIC GIRLS' COLLEGE

Register on the College website



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