Some of our Yr 3/4 students baked afternoon tea for the residents of Northcliffe Lodge.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

Thank you to all the families who made an appointment for family conferences over the last two days. We have enjoyed talking to all families about their child’s progress. It is a time to celebrate their successes and set goals for the second semester. It is important to acknowledge your child’s achievements, as staff and students have worked hard, while at the same time, challenging where their focus needs to be next term.

Tomorrow we finish at 1pm. Have a safe and happy holiday and we will see you back for term 3 on Monday 11th July.
**Breakfast Club**
We would like to acknowledge the wonderful work by our families and parishioners for their ongoing support of our breakfast club. Thank you for the hours and commitment each one of you have given to us. It is really important for this to continue as many children are utilising the facilities. If anyone has time to spare in the morning from 8.10-8.45am and can help out next term it would be greatly appreciated.

**Fees**
Just a reminder that fee payments were due 26th May. We still have a large number of families who have fallen behind in their payments. If you are experiencing any financial hardship, please contact the office by phoning or email to: accounts@sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au.

There is a Swedish Proverb which states that, “The best place to find a helping hand is at the end of your own arm”. Proverbs have the knack of implying that solutions to problems are simple but, as we all know, to arrive at a solution sometimes means walking a long, bumpy road. One such road that many adults and children have to walk is that of anger.

Anger occurs as perhaps the third emotion of an experience; frustration is just ahead of it and ahead of frustration is the trigger which might be a feeling of hurt brought about by being betrayed, teased, left out, ignored, neglected or overwhelmed by a particular problem or workload.

What is it that you respond to when you are deep in anger? Is it alcohol, violence towards people, throwing things around, kicking the cat? You might notice that each of the responses is to choose something external of yourself to the exclusion of a response from within you. No matter the source of anger or frustration, the choice is yours; as to where the response will come and how it will be expressed, the choice is likewise yours.

Nobody makes you angry. You have the power to choose your feelings and you have the power to decide what to do with your chosen feelings in any situation. Because we are all unique, each of us deals with our anger in our own personal way. Sometimes we express anger in a way that feels good – for the moment – but causes more problems later. Sometimes we keep our anger inside but that just makes us feel worse. Anger is a response to frustration. It is a strong emotion and it can feel overwhelming at times. If we can remain steady and thoughtful, frustration can be avoided. Frustration takes hold when we give up control of our mind in response to a situation not under our control. By taking productive steps to resolve the issues or triggers, we regain our peace of mind and give solution to the problem.

Some people might feel trapped inside a person that no longer wish to be but think that changing the way they act will be seen as a weakness or a personal failure. Change is not weakness, nor is it a failure. On the contrary, change using new information to achieve a desired outcome more easily, is making use of our intelligence and discernment. Change might occur several times as we try to achieve our goal; when a clearer more suitable way becomes available it should be accepted as being a productive action.

When dealing with anger in children, we need to keep in mind that children “do” actions but they are not their actions; children might create unpleasant situations but they, themselves, are not the unpleasant situation. So when it comes to addressing the results of anger, we need to take care not to punish the person but seek ways to make up for the inappropriate action or the inappropriate situation created.

Of course, the development of positive habits from an early age will result in healthier and happier lives for our children, ourselves, our friends and our associates.

“Lord,
Calm our hearts and minds before we speak and act, so that our words and actions to others today may be positive.
Amen”
CFA Gold Coin Day
On Wednesday we raised $580.00 for the wonderful efforts of the CFA. Thank you to everyone for contributing to this great amount.

Year 3/4 News
Our awesome author in Year 3/4 this term has been Mark Wilson. We have read many of his great books including Migaloo, My Mothers Eyes, Digger, Angel of Kokado, Ben and Gracie's Art Adventure, The Last Tree and Afghanistan Pup. On Tuesday he visited the school and revealed his new book "Beth". He showed the students new sketching techniques and discussed with them his inspiration for his stories.

Girls AFL football
On Monday the 20th of June, 18 year 5 and 6 girls participated in the Chelsea and Patterson AFL girls' competition at Roy Dore Reserve. The girls played four games against Carrum, Aspendale, Aspendale Gardens and St Louis De Montfort's Primary schools. It was fantastic to see the girls' enthusiasm for the game in the wet conditions. All the girls weren't scared to grab the ball and boot it up field or dive on the ball and get a hand pass away to a team mate. In particular, it was great to see the girls tackle with great gusto and this was the reason we won the first three games. Although, the girls lost their final game by one point (having lead for much of the game) it was great to see how proud they were of their achievements and how well they cheered on the successes of each other during the game. In particular, it was great to see how everyone celebrated when the girls who hadn't played before managed to kick a goal or show some desperation in diving in to get the ball in the muddy, wet conditions. The great results mean the girls have qualified for the Kingston Division Finals played on Monday 18th July at Duncan McKinnon Reserve, Murrumbeena. Go girls!

Mini Vinnies
Last Monday we had a visit from Jim Murrihy from St Vincent de Paul. Jim came in to thank the school community for the very generous donations of food, blankets and money they received as a result of our collection. It is wonderful to be a part of a wonderful community.
The continued adventures of Senor O'Donnell…

Hola from Sunny Spain

I won’t talk about the weather too much as I hear it is very cold in Melbourne. Well it has risen from low teens to high 30’s here in Spain. We arrived in Barcelona last Thursday and spent two days exploring Las Ramblas the Main Street where you walk, shop and eat (nobody appears to sleep much at night maybe due to Siestas during the day?) and observe the great architecture. Gaudi a famous architect built a beautiful park (Park Guell) and the Sargrada Familia a famous church that is still being built and will not be finished until 2026 even though he died in 1926. It is truly an amazing piece of architecture. Barcelona today is the largest port for sea cruisers in the world and held the Olympics in 1992. We visited the famous FC Barcelona stadium which is being transformed over the next 6 years, looked at the famous beach and some of the amazing museums too many to visit but we did some including Muesa de Picasso.

We joined a short tour in Barcelona and headed to Milan (capital of Spain) via a town called Zaragoza with another amazing Cathedral to the patron saint of Spain St Pilar went to Spanish Mass there. We were warned to look out for gypsies giving us oregano sprigs and reading our palms and then asking for money. Overnight in Milan, walked the streets into the balmy evening looking at the ancient buildings (and of course more shopping).

Monday we headed to Seville stopping at an amazing town Cordoba a city established before Christ with a Cathedral built in a mosque. The only building of its type in the world and it is massive. With most ancient mosques destroyed back in those days it is amazing to see a mosque structure and a Christian one in the one building. We arrived in Seville in the evening (36 degrees today 41). We visited an early 15th century castle (Royal Alcazar of Seville) the third biggest cathedral in the world (Cathedral of Saint Mary of the See) again built from a destroyed mosque with Roman architectural roots and toured a bull ring that still operates in Seville (I thought they had banned bullfighting but evidently not). Many of these buildings have Roman architecture which dates back to pre Christ truly amazing. All of these buildings were built well and truly before Captain Cook discovered Australia.

Wednesday we travelled to Granada and visited la Humbra an amazing castle and area and attended a spectacular flamenco dance performance in a gypsy area in the evening. All memorable events.

Today we head to Valencia and on Friday we return to Barcelona to fly to Rome, Italy.

Enjoy your holidays, keep safe and I hope the weather improves. I look forward to seeing you all in the new term in week 3.

Adios

Mr O’Donnell

Old fashioned classroom next to Sargrada Familia

Plaza de Espania in Seville
Thanks to those who have put in a big effort over the last few months in organizing the various tasks required to make the evening a success. 

A quick overview of what’s on offer on the night.

“NEWS FLASH”

We have managed to secure the services of the Victoria Police Pipe Band on the evening. A great coup for our event. They’ll be performing throughout the night and wandering amongst the crowd. This should be a great draw card and fantastic entertainment throughout the night.

This will assist with our plans to have continual entertainment on stage between 4 pm and 9 pm.

Other community groups that have committed to our event are the Chelsea Life Saving Club, The Royal Volunteer Coast Guard from Carrum Flotilla, and the Chelsea SES. The various groups will provide equipment displays for the kids to have a look at. It’s a great opportunity for us all to appreciate the work that our community volunteers do to keep us safe in times of need.

We would like to run hourly raffles with the prize drawn on the evening via the spinning wheel on stage. In order to do this, we require prizes. So if you can assist with donations of prizes in the form of goods or services through family and friends, it would be greatly appreciated.

The evening will be closed off with a grand prize for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Prizes are yet to be determined as we are seeking sponsorship to assist with the prizes. Again if you have contacts we would appreciate your assistance.

Food Stalls include.

Sausage sizzle, Hamburgers, Baked Potatoes, Hot Dogs, Pizza baked in the school outdoor pizza oven, Indian food, Corn on the cob and fresh seasonal fruit plus coffee and soft drinks. Desert will be Dutch Poffertjes.

The Fun food station including fairy floss, Sno-cones, popcorn, Galati, and possibly a few others in the pipe line.

Rides.

Jurassic Adventure Jumping Castle, Bouncy Boxing, Rock Climbing wall and the return of giant Supper slide.

And for the little kids Chair-o-plane and merry-go-round. There will also be a return of the dunk the principle tank. Plus, Wet sponge throwing, so mums and dads please come prepared.

An animal farm will also be attending and this will be free to all regardless of age. (No ticket required)

Other Stalls.

Other stalls will include, Trash and treasure, plant stand, book stand, coin throwing tables, High striker and kiddie striker ring a bell game.

General.

In the meantime, if you have any ideas or have seen something at another event that we could duplicate please come along to the next meeting on Tuesday 19th July 7pm. (Goes for about an hour). We have 2 food handling accredited people to assist on the night. If anyone else has food handling certificates that would be great.

On return from July school holidays things will need to ramp up. We’ll be looking for parents to assist on the day with pickups of food and equipment and assisting with the general organization on the day.

Hold onto your trash and treasure as we’ll be calling on that to be delivered around the 13th October. Please only items that can be easily carried in and out of the school on the day. (Storage at the school is limited.)

If you can’t attend one of the meetings, we still want your ideas, please email Angelia in the office on info@sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au Rob Canestra on Robert.canestra@bigpond.com or Chris Espinoza on chrisespinoza@hotmail.com

We’ll keep you up to date with our progress in coming weeks, but please pass on your thoughts and ideas and keep Friday 21 October free in your calendar’s.
St Joseph’s Playgroup

Please join us for a cuppa and meet other parents and children from our school community starting Monday 13th July.

As it is a new playgroup we are looking for some donations of specific pre loved toys and new items. If you can assist with any of the following items it would be appreciated. Please leave at the school office by Wednesday 13th July.

- Plastic Mega blocks, Duplo
- Matchbox cars
- Wooden train set (Aldi set which connects to Thomas Tank Engine set)
- Tea sets & picnic items
- Small sticky tape rolls and dispenserChildren’s scissor’s
- Coloured & white paper, crayola crayons, washable markers
- Plastic tablecloths

Please bring easy to wash items and in good condition. If you have any other toys to donate please contact us first as we have limited space to hold bigger items.

Thank you St Joseph’s Play Group Committee
Catholic schools are a major partner in Victoria’s education system. One in four children are taught in one of the 493 Catholic primary, secondary and special schools throughout the state.

At this federal election, it’s important to remember that funding from the Australian Government constitutes a huge part of your school’s budget. On average, 62 cents in every dollar spent in Victorian Catholic schools comes from the Australian Government. After state government contributions (about 17 cents in the dollar), Catholic school families on average pay the remaining 21 cents.

Government funding ensures that Catholic schools can provide an enriching curriculum that develops the whole child, preparing your child to thrive in the 21st-century global economy. Our student achievement scores demonstrate that these dollars are being put to very good use.

The average ATAR score achieved by Victorian Catholic school students is six points higher than similar government school students, and our system’s average NAPLAN scores in literacy are on average three per cent higher.

Government funding is also essential to our mission of keeping parent fees affordable so that Catholic schools are accessible to as many Catholic families as possible.

Any move to cut or freeze Catholic school funding would have a devastating impact on the quality of your child’s education and the school fees you pay.

At this election, both the Liberal–Nationals Coalition and the ALP have recognised the continued social and economic value of Catholic schools by committing to continued funding for our system.

Unfortunately, Catholic schools don’t have the same commitment from the Greens. Some of their policies seek to undermine your choice of a faith-based education for your child, not only by attacking our values, but also by taking money from Catholic and other non-government schools. This would lead to a poorer education system for all children around the country.

This Election Day, please take this information into consideration. The future of your child’s education may depend on it.
**IMPORTANT DATES**

*Indicates change/addition from last week*

- **Thursday 23rd June**
  - Little Devils #5

- **Friday 24th June**
  - School Mass 9.15am John the Baptist, Term 2 finishes at 1pm

- **Monday 11th July**
  - Term 3 commences

- **Tuesday 19th July**
  - 7pm Fete meeting

- **Wednesday 13th July**
  - Little Devils Circus #6

- **Thursday 14th July**
  - Little Devils Circus #6

- **Friday 15th July**
  - 2.30pm Assembly Yr 5/6 performing

- **Tuesday 19th July**
  - Prep – Yr 2 9.15am Mass

- **Wednesday 20th July**
  - Little Devils Circus #7

- **Thursday 21st July**
  - Little Devils Circus #7

- **Friday 22nd July**
  - Yr 5/6 winter sport rd 5, NO assembly

- **Saturday 23rd July**
  - Yr 1/2 6pm Mass

- **Wednesday 27th July**
  - Little Devils Circus #8

- **Thursday 28th July**
  - Little Devils Circus #8, Confirmation session 1 begins 7pm

- **Friday 29th July**
  - Yr 5/6 winter sport rd 6, 2.30pm Assembly Yr 1/2 performing

- **Saturday 30th July**
  - Working bee 8-10am, Mass for Confirmation candidates 6pm

- **Sunday 31st July**
  - Mass for Confirmation candidates 9.30am or 11am

- **Tuesday 2nd August**
  - Yr 3/4 9.15am Mass

- **Wednesday 3rd August**
  - Yr 5/6 MJR (Make Jesus Real), Little Devils Rehearsal at school

- **Thursday 4th August**
  - Little Devils Rehearsal at Chelsea Town Hall

- **Thursday 4th August**
  - Little Devils Circus Performance @ Chelsea Town Hall 6pm & 7:45pm

- **Friday 5th August**
  - SCHOOL CLOSURE, Olympics Rio begin

- **Thursday 11th August**
  - Confirmation session 2 at 7pm

- **Friday 12th August**
  - Yr 5/6 winter sport rd 8, 2.30pm Assembly Prep performing

- **Saturday 13th August**
  - 6pm Mass for Confirmation candidates

- **Sunday 14th August**
  - 9.30am or 11am Mass for Confirmation candidates

**Term Dates**
- Term 2 11th April – 24th June
- Term 3 11th July – 16th September
- Term 4 3rd October – 15th December