FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

We have had a great term. We finish at 1.00pm tomorrow. Have a safe and relaxing holiday and we will see you back on Monday 3rd October.

Here’s a little cultural interchange. In an edition of Tian Feng, the magazine of the Chinese Church, there was an article on how Christian people might approach the issue of the growing prosperity that is occurring within their country. The author, Xie Liren, began by reminding Christians that everything on earth is created by God for His glory and for the use of humanity. Xie points out that God comes first, then human beings, then finally material possessions – this is the order of things as God intended it. Since people come below God, they should worship Him. Since material possessions are below people, they should serve people.

However, due to selfish and sinful desires, people start to see material possessions as more important and God as less important. Xie says that by doing this, people cut themselves off from the strength and help of God and try to draw all their strength from their possessions which, in the end, can do nothing to help them. Xie stresses that possessions in themselves are not bad but they cannot solve the fundamental questions of life and eternal life in particular. As Jesus said, “Will a person gain anything if he wins the whole world, but loses his life?” – Matthew 16:26
One of the great challenges facing Christians in “wealthy” countries, such as Australia, is taming the monster called “MORE”. Pope John Paul II brought this into focus when he said: “It is not wrong to want to live better; what is wrong is a style of life which is presumed to be better when it is directed towards ‘having’ rather than ‘being’ and which wants to have more, not in order to be more, but in order to spend life in enjoyment as our end in itself.”

Jesus warned against wealth but He did not demand the general surrender of property of His followers. He emphasised the importance of attitude towards possession: do we possess them or do they possess us. Possessions can sometimes make us self-centred and blind to the needs of others. Jesus expressed this in a rather direct manner when he said: “Give to others and God will give to you. You will receive a full measure, a generous helping poured into your hands – all that you can hold. The measure you use for others is the one that God will use for you”. –Luke 6:38

So what are our possessions? Our job, our house, our car, our health, our education, our gifts and abilities? In obtaining and using these possessions what was and is attitude towards our family, especially our spouse and children. Was there a lessening in our love and attention – and responsibility – towards them during the acquisition and use of our possessions. Did we sacrifice our principles of personal behaviour? Is our integrity still intact? Do our possessions represent compromises we made in the areas of truth, fairness, caring, loyalty, gentleness – towards our family, work associates, our community? Did we ever have to ‘pretend’ that our motives were genuine and never have to turn a ‘blind eye’ to what was the reality.

Spiritual writer, Thomas Merton, tells us that, “The rush and pressure of modern life are a form of its innate violence”. No doubt much of this rush and pressure has to do with goals that we set as to the comfort of our lifestyle. We are in trouble spiritually and otherwise, when we give too much attention to what we lack or what others have, rather than focussing on enjoying what we have and who we are. Maybe Xie Liren chose wisely from Matthew's gospel: “Will a person gain anything if he wins the whole world but loses his life?”

God, we ask for Your assistance to correctly prioritise life: You first;
Your creation, second;
material possessions, third.
Amen.”

SRC Surveys
Each year we hand out surveys to randomly selected groups of parents to give feedback about the school. Thank you to those who have returned the completed form. Could I ask that all forms be completed prior to the holidays. Thank you.

2017
Planning for the 2017 year has begun and we are wanting to confirm all children’s enrolments for 2017. If you are moving or not returning in 2017 please contact the office asap as we have a number of students on a waitlist at all levels of the school.

Chickens
Our chickens will be replaced soon. If anyone would like a chicken to take home please contact the office and we will arrange this. They are getting old and not laying as regularly but we still get some eggs.

Preliminary Sacramental Dates 2017
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held on Wednesday 22nd March and Eucharist will be held at 6.00pm on Friday 16th June and 4.30pm & 6.00pm on Saturday 17th June. The Confirmation date we are yet to be informed by Bishop Elliott.

District Athletics
On Friday the 2nd of September 58 students from years 4,5 and 6 represented St Joseph’s at the Chelsea and Patterson District Athletics Carnival at Ballam Park, Frankston. There were many fantastic performances from all the students who represented our school. It was great to see every student from St Joseph’s striving to do their best and everyone competing did our school proud with their efforts, teamwork and sportsmanship. A special thank you to Elizabeth Trumble and Trudi Brennan who helped run the shot put during the day. Your help was invaluable.
The following students finished in the top 2 placings in their event and now go on to represent St Joseph’s and Chelsea District at the Kingston Division Athletic Finals on the 5th of October at Duncan Mackinnon Reserve.
Wesley Rogers - 1500 metre
Lachlan Harvey - 1500 metre
Jasper Trumble – Long jump & 100 metre relay
James Ruberto – Hurdles & 100 metre & 100 metre relay
Harvey Gleeson - High jump
Jonah Mestrov - High jump & 100 metre relay
Bella Dew - Shot put
Isaac Remedios - 800 metre
Riley Kotow - 100 metre relay
Basketball News
On Monday, St Joseph’s Basketball had 5 teams competing in Grand Finals at the Chelsea Basketball Association.

Each team played extremely well and represented the school and themselves with the utmost of sportsmanship.

They were tough matches and were closely contested. The results are:

U8 Boys - Rockets lost by 3 points
U12 Girls - Comets lost by 3 points
U12 Boys - Redbacks lost by 10 points
U10 Girls - We had 2 St Joseph’s teams against each other with the final result Magic defeating the Stars by 5 points.

It was another successful and most importantly fun season had by all players and we look forward to the summer season commencing in Term 4.

Walk to School October 2016
Walk to School encourages primary school children to walk to and from school every school day in October, to highlight the ways walking improves children’s health and wellbeing. Children can also ride or use their scooter.

By getting involved in Walk to School, your school can help students learn healthy habits, and achieve the 60 minutes of physical activity recommended for children each day. Walking to school can also help reduce traffic congestion, parking difficulties and the associated environmental impacts.

For more information please go to walktoschool@vichealth.vic.gov.au or see the flyer distributed to your child today.

Less than one in five Victorian kids walk to school regularly, at a time when childhood obesity is rising to epidemic levels. Since 2006, VicHealth’s Walk to School has aimed to tackle this worrying trend by encouraging Victorian primary students to walk to and from school more often. Younger children are encouraged to walk with their parents and older children on their own (when their parents decide it’s safe).

October is a great time to start walking, because Victoria’s fabulous spring sunshine makes it a pleasure to get out of the house, and the car! Children who take part will be building healthy habits for life.

School Fete
Thankyou to all those parents who have offered to organise or give your time to the Fete. We are still looking for helpers from 7.00pm-10.00pm. If you could give an hour or two on the night it would be greatly appreciated. If you have not already filled in the caremonkey form please do so. If you have already filled in the form, but can assist further please email info@sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au

Until the fete next term we are going to hold some fete working bees for an hour or so each Tuesday morning in the staffroom. Bring your toddlers along and have a coffee and chat while helping us out.

Raffle tickets will be distributed on the first day of next term.

1st Prize  $500 cash
2nd Prize  Apple iWatch
3rd Prize  Apple iPad mini 2
4th Prize  1 night accommodation at Portsea Village Resort (conditions apply)

Tickets are $2.00 each or 3 for $5.00. Each family will receive 4 books to sell to family and friends. Please return all tickets (sold or unsold) by Thursday 20th October. The raffle will be drawn at the fete on Friday 20th October.

Flyers will come home on the first Thursday of next term (6th October) for all families to distribute to neighbours letter boxes.

Please see attached information regarding wrist bands/individual tickets for sale through TRY booking from today.

Thank you for your support.
Friday 21st October

The purchase of a Ride Band provides for unlimited access for one person on the following rides between 4pm and 9pm:

Jurassic Adventure
Bouncy Boxing
Giant Super Slide
Chair-O-Plane
Carousel Merry Go Round
Rock Climbing Wall

Children will be given wrist bands on the morning before school finishes at 1pm.

The wrist bands will be available to buy through TRY bookings.

Simply log on: https://www.trybooking.com/NCGA

Advise how many wrist bands or individual tickets are required and pay by credit card.

Pre Sold Bands through TRY bookings up to 20th October are $25.00
Pre Sold Individual tickets through TRY bookings are $3.70

(booking fee of .30C will apply per ticket)

Bands Purchased on the day will be $30.00 (CASH ONLY)

Individual tickets can be purchased for $4.00 each for stalls such as laughing clowns, dunking machine, kiddie high striker and wet sponge throw.
What aspects of family engagement in education make the most difference?

Part 1: Positive environment for homework

The evidence around parent involvement in homework is very mixed, with some studies showing that it can have negative impacts on children’s motivation, self-efficacy and academic achievement. More recent studies, however, have demonstrated that there are particular aspects of parental engagement that support children’s learning and development and others that have a detrimental impact (which explains the mixed evidence). The types of parental engagement in homework that appear to lead to improved outcomes for children are:

- Ensuring children have an appropriate space for homework;
- Having rules around homework that are consistent with the expectations of the school (and invitations from the school that enable parents to ask questions, provide feedback and negotiate the parameters of homework);
- Positive interactions between parents and children around homework (negative interactions having a detrimental impact on children’s motivation, confidence and sense of self-efficacy); and
- Supporting children’s development as autonomous and independent learners, enabling them to take responsibility for homework completion and their learning.

Stay tuned to your school newsletter and other communication forums for part 2. In the meantime please follow the Boon Wurrung Family School Partnership Cluster Facebook page for articles on parenting, education, health and anything that will support us to support our young people. Here you will also find information on supports and events within your local community and hear a little bit about the other cluster schools. We are a cluster of 8 Catholic schools in the Frankston area working together to improve outcomes for our young people.

Kind Regards
Gavan O’Donnell
Principal

Keeping Heads above water
School holiday swimming intensive at Toby Haenan Swim Centre.
Monday 26th Sep – Thurs 29th Sep 9am-12 noon.
4 x 45 min classes: $64.00
4 x 1 hour classes: $72.00
For more information please call 9776 1133
Or chelsea@thsc.com.au

Peninsula Waves
VNL Championship netballers are conducting school holiday netball clinics at the Frankston and District Netball Association.

Friday 23rd Sep and Wed 28th Sep
These are full day clinics run by VNL players from 9am – 3.30pm.
Children aged 8-12 years and 12-15 years.
Places are limited and the cost is $60.00
Book online: peninsulawaves.com.au

Chelsea Gulls Holiday Camp
Mon 19th – Fri 23rd
BONBEACH STADIUM
Cannes Ave Bonbeach
$200 for the week or $45.00 per day
Free T-shirt for any child registering for 3 day or more
Email: manager@chelseabasketball.com.au for registration forms
Fun, Skills, Games

Chelsea Cricket Club
Milo T20 Juniors (7 – 11 yr old)
Training Monday night 5pm-6.30pm from 3rd October
Matches Friday night 5.30pm-7.00pm from 21st October
Contact Kim Barty 0402 283 242 or kimbarty@gmail.com
$100 registration fee (includes stars tshirt and cap)
$50 club uniform paid to the club.
Term Dates 2017
Term 1  Wednesday  1st February – Friday 31st March
Term 2  Tuesday  18th April – Friday 30th June
Term 3  Monday  17th July – Friday 22nd September
Term 4  Monday  9th October – Wednesday 20th December

IMPORTANT DATES

• Thursday 15th September  Surprise packs due back
• Friday 16th September  Term 3 finishes at 1.00pm
• Monday 3rd October  Term 4 commences
• Wednesday 5th October  Yr 3/4 Zoo Excursion
• Friday 7th October  2.30pm assembly Big Green Conference, Marine Ambassador, Jack in the Box
• Wednesday 12th October  Yr 6 Graduation photos
• Thursday 13th October  Bring trash n treasure for the Fete
• Friday 14th October  Summer sports Yr 5/6, 2.30pm assembly Yr 3/4 performing
• Wednesday 19th October  Yr 5/6 IPC Lightening Premiership
• Friday 21st October  Summer sports Yr 5/6, SCHOOL CLOSES 1PM, FETE 4.00PM-9.00PM
• Wednesday 26th October  Yr 3/4 incursion ‘Hands on Science’, Yr 5/6 MUR
• Friday 28th October  Yr 5/6 summer sport, 2.30pm Assembly Prep and Music Count Us In
• Monday 31st October  School closure
• Tuesday 1st November  Melbourne Cup Public Holiday, All Saints day
• Wednesday 2nd November  All Souls day
• Thursday 3rd November  Prep 2017 Information Night at 7pm
• Friday 4th November  Yr 5/6 summer sports, 2.30pm assembly Yr 5/6 performing
• Monday 7th November  2pm Prep 2017 Numeracy session (Parents & Child)
• Tuesday 8th November  9.15am Prep – Yr 2 Mass
• Wednesday 9th November  Yr 5/6 Mission Action Day
• Friday 11th November  Remembrance Day, No Assembly
• Tuesday 15th November  9.15am Mass Yr 3/4
• Wednesday 16th November  2pm Prep 2017 Literacy session (Parents & Child)
• Friday 18th November  School closure
• Monday 21st November  12 noon – 1.00pm Prep 2017 Meet your teacher
• Tuesday 22nd November  Reconciliation Yr 3-6
• Friday 25th November  2.30pm assembly Yr 1/2, working bee 4.30-6.30pm
• Sunday 27th November  Carols & BBQ
• Monday 28th Nov – Wed 7th Dec  Prep – Yr 4 Swimming
• Tuesday 29th November  9.15am Mass Yr 5/6
• Monday 5th Dec – Thurs 8th Dec  Yr 5/6 Lifesaving
• Wednesday 7th December  Reports & class lists go home
• Friday 9th December  9.15am End of year Mass, 10.15am Parent helpers morning tea
• 2.30pm Graduation assembly
• Sunday 11th December  Cribs blessed after 11am Mass
• Tuesday 13th December  Meet your teacher 2017
• Wednesday 14th December  Yr 6 Graduation excursion, 6pm Graduation Mass
• Thursday 15th December  End of year 1pm