Dear Families,

Please observe the parking restrictions when dropping and picking up your child from school. There have been a number of parents parking and leaving their vehicle in the 2 and 5 minute drop off areas and also blocking driveways. For the safety and consideration of others please follow the rules. We have been advised that the Kingston council will be observing the traffic flow and the use of the drop-off zones with the possibility of infringement notices being issued. These zones work well when everybody is doing the right thing.

**St Joseph’s Family Circus  Thursday 4th August**
The performance for our Circus is coming up and your children have been working hard.

Performance 2 – starting at 7.45pm starring Prep B, 1/2DO, 1/2FG, 3/4RA, 3/4HC, 3/4CR, 5/6B and 5/6W

Our Year 1/2 students enjoyed the incursion listening and learning about the Olympics.
A caremonkey permission form was sent out last week. We still have families who have not given permission for their child to attend rehearsals on caremonkey. Please respond asap.

Both shows have been sold out. If you do not have tickets and have not yet contacted the office please do so immediately in order for us to allocate as many seats as we can. For those families who have contacted the office we will be in touch shortly.

We are also making a DVD of the Circus Performance which is available to purchase at $30 per performance or both performances for $40. Envelopes went home Tuesday. If you would like a DVD please send the envelope back with correct money or credit card details to the school office before Thursday 4th August.

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

We all get a buzz from language that is used economically, particularly, if it contains humour. Take for example, the following two advertisements for a plumber. “We repair what your husband fixed”, and “Don’t sleep with a drip; call a plumber”. These ads have a lot more to them than the few words used in their expression. Likewise, a short story such as “The Two Pots” can be similar in effect:

“A Water Bearer had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole, which he carried across his back. One of the pots had a crack in it, while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walk from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full.

After two years of what is perceived to be bitter failure, the cracked pot spoke to the Bearer one day by the stream. “I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side allows my water to leak out all the way back to your house.”

The Bearer said to the pot, ‘Did you not notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot’s side? That’s because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path and every day while we walk back you water them. For two years I have been able to pick these flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, we would not have such beauty.” - Author unknown

It is possible that, as we read the story, it is the ‘flaw’ in another person that comes to mind rather than the ‘flaw’ that is unique to us. None of us is perfect but it’s the cracks and flaws we each have that can make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding. We have to take each person who appears in our life for who they are and look for the good in them. Jesus gave us a wonderful example, when he accepted hard talking fishermen together with despised tax collectors and reviled prostitutes, to be his closest friends. Despite their ‘cracks and flaws’ they became the founding members of our Church and its first line of Saints. Children are probably too young and not sufficiently mature to have cracks and flaws in them. Rather, they could be regarded as mosaics in the making. As they move through the various developmental stages that lead eventually to adulthood, they might on occasion choose the wrong ‘piece’. It might fit awkwardly for a while but with proper guidance from a parent or friend, they might choose to discard that ‘piece’ for a more appropriate one.

Of all children, our own children should be the most precious to us. They might not always fit the mould of the perfect child we might like them to be. Our children should be valued equally and if one is lacking in capacity in one way or another, we should heed the “Water Bearer’s reaction and interpet that child to the advantage of the child’s self image. Thankfully, not all “mosaics” will look the same when completed. Not all will have the same detail or perhaps attractiveness but each will be unique and should be esteemed highly and loved without reserve.

May you have the great dignity,
may you have a sense
of how free you are,
and above all may you be given
the wonderful gift of meeting the eternal
light and beauty that is within you.
May you be blessed
and may you find a wonderful love
in yourself, for yourself.
Amen.”
What can I do to help my child do well at school?

Over the next five fortnights we will include one tip on how you can help your child do well at school

2. Help your child to enjoy learning

Children develop their attitudes and beliefs in their abilities from their parents. Characteristics such as tenacity, persistence, planning and organisation and the important ability to ask for help are often qualities children model from their parents.

If your child has a positive attitude to learning they are more likely to complete Year 12 and go onto further study.

Encourage your child to learn from their mistakes and to keep trying even if they find something difficult. Praise your child for their effort and progress.

Be positive about school and respectful of teachers. Show interest in what happens at school and talk about what your child is learning.

Show your child how you plan, set goals, and follow through when you start something. Children who master these kinds of skills have learned how to learn effectively – and these skills will help them not only during their years at school, but throughout their lives.[v]

TIPS - THINGS YOU CAN DO

- Demonstrate a positive attitude and good work habits to your child.
- Talk with your child about what they are learning at school.
- Help your child to learn how to deal with distractions and to re-engage with their work.
- Help your child and encourage them to keep trying if they lack confidence or doubt themselves.
- Common things children say when they lack confidence could include:
  - “I don’t know how to do that”
  - “I can’t remember”
  - “It’s too hard”
  - “It’s boring”
- Praise your child for their effort and persistence when they are reading or doing homework.

Information taken from the Department of Education and Training website
ST BEDE’S COLLEGE
OPEN DAY

FOR: Current Year 5 Students who will be in Year 7 in 2018 or anyone interested in viewing the College.

DATE: Wednesday 7 September 2016

TIMES: 9:00am to 11:00am. (Tours every 10 minutes)

Bookings are essential. Booking links can be found on the St Bede’s College website: [www.stbedes.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stbedes.catholic.edu.au) in ‘Upcoming Events’ and ‘Enrolment’.

**OLSH News**

Attention Year 5 girls considering OLSH in Bentleigh as a Year 7 schooling option in 2018. They have brought forward their enrolment dates:

- **Application Closing Date:** Friday 16 September 2016
- **Offers are Made:** Friday 14 October 2016
- **Closing Date for Acceptances:** Friday 28 October 2016

**Kilbreda College Enrolments**

**Critical Dates for Year 7, 2018**

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Tour dates are Thursday 4th August at 9am, Tuesday 16th August 9am and Tuesday 6th September at 9am.

Kilbreda College will conduct an Information Evening for prospective students for Year 7 2018 and 2019 on Tuesday 30 August 2016 at 7.30pm in the Mary Dalton Hall. The hall will be open from 7pm for registration.

Please see the attachment for further information for 2018 & 2019.
We had a great time last Monday at the playgroup for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers. There was lots of art and craft and fun outside. All welcome to come along each fortnight.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Indicates change/addition from last week

- **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, Fee statements sent out

**SCHOOL CLOSURE**, Olympics Rio begin

- Confirmation session 2 at 7pm

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

- **Saturday 11th August**  
  6pm Mass for Confirmation candidates

- **Saturday 13th August**  
  9.30am or 11am Mass for Confirmation candidates

- **Sunday 14th August**  
  Fun Spectacular Day Prep – Yr 6 11.20-1.20pm at Bicentennial Park

- **Wednesday 17th August**  
  Yr 5/6 winter sport rd 9

- **Friday 19th August**  
  Year 6 Confirmation Excursion, Confirmation session 3 begins 7pm

**Term Dates**

- Term 3 11th July – 16th September
- Term 4 3rd October – 15th December