Term 3, Week 4
Thursday 4th August 2016

ST JOSEPH’S FAMILY CIRCUS
Tonight
Chelsea Longbeach RSL Hall
ENTRY VIA STATION STREET

Performance 1 @ 6pm
PREP CL, 1/2B, 3/4A, 5/6BS, 1/2DL, 3/4MC, 5/6AL

Performance 2 @ 7.45pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

We are looking forward to a great night tonight. Good luck to all the children. A big thank you to all the staff for their efforts and of course our fabulous performers.

A reminder the doors open at 5.30pm and for the first show and to be at the hall by 7.30pm for the second show. Also remember for tonight a labelled drink bottle, easy to remove shoes and all crazy hair etc done at home before they come.

Also don’t forget tomorrow is a school closure day as all the staff will be at a Professional Learning day in Essendon.

ALL DVD CIRCUS ENVELOPES SHOULD HAVE BEEN RETURNED IF YOU WOULD LIKE ONE.

Some months ago there was a striking piece of imagery on the television news of a young Iraqi woman, surrounded by the blood and destruction of a bombing atrocity. Her face was etched with the strain and agony of the catastrophe that had just occurred and the constant danger in which she lived. She turned to the television crew and said, “These people steal our hope from us”. 
“People without hope are truly in despair for it is the very breath of their creativity and daily life. People without hope have no reason to invest energy in the future. Their resistance crumbles and they succumb to prevailing forces which can be totally destructive.” General John Sanderson

There is a wonderful story in John’s Gospel that tells the story of Lazarus, Jesus’ friend, and how Jesus raised him from the dead: “Jesus said in a loud voice, ‘Lazarus come out!’ The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, ‘Take off the grave clothes and let him go’.

In essence Jesus’ message to those who witnessed the event, was to allow Lazarus to come back and finish his life, to come back to his work, his family, his friends.

His life was not over.
Too often, people give us when their life is not finished. Perhaps there was a job failure, the end of a marriage or a special relationship, maybe an illness. Hope has been extinguished. The Lazarus story tells us the Lazarus was raised to “mortality”, he still had to die, it was just that he was given another opportunity with life; hope had been reignited.

Children, too, can have life experiences that erode the hope and expectation they have in their ambitions for their own life.

To maintain hope in their own future, children look to their parents for:

Physical contact love – hugs of affirmation that give a feeling of security.

Genuine praise – Assurances of personal progress.

Reasonable expectations – Achievable goals that allow for success and considerable self-esteem.

Constructive criticism – Confidence builders that lead to feelings of optimism.

Truthfulness and honesty – Models to inspire.

To give hope to our children is to give to them a most fundamental gift. It allows all the events of their life to be filled with purpose because these events, whether easy or difficult, mature them and prepare them for future life. Christ, through His Resurrection, provides hope for us all and allows us to share what we have now, because we have much to look forward to.

“God, our Father,
We know that hope
is the pilgrim’s virtue.
May we use Your gifts
of the Spirit that are within us
to be bearers of Christian hope to those
with whom we journey through life.
Amen”

St. Joseph’s Fun Day Spectacular

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

Fun Day Spectacular Update
On Wednesday 17th August the students will be participating in the St Joseph’s Fun Day Spectacular to raise funds for a Year 5/6 inspired GaGa Pit for our playground.

The Fun Day Spectacular consists of walking or running laps to music. Ask a family member or friends to sponsor you for participating in the day.
The students are to come dressed in their favourite colours ready to walk or run down at Bicentennial Park between 11.20am – 1.20pm.

All students participating will receive a certificate, lolly bag and an icy pole! All students received a sponsor form last week. A caremonkey permission slip has been sent out. Please make sure you have signed this in order for your child to go to Bicentennial Park.

**St Joseph’s Fete Friday 21st October  Plant Stall**
Donations of plants welcome. Please call 9773 9957 to arrange drop off at Genevieve’s house.

**Chicken Pox**
We have had one case of chicken pox. Signs and symptoms may include:
Slight fever and cold like symptoms, followed by a rash.
A rash appears as blisters which crust to form scabs and is usually itchy.
Crops of blisters may appear over several days.
Chicken pox may be particularly severe in children with Leukaemia, pregnant women and young babies.
For chickenpox the child is infectious from 2 days before the rash appears until 5 days after the rash first appears and all blisters have crusted over.
The chickenpox incubation period is from 10-21 days.
The child should remain home until fully recovered or at least 5 days after the first eruption appears. Note that some remaining scabs are not a reason for continued exclusion.

**Headlice**
We have a case of headlice in the junior school.

**Uniform Shop**
The hours for the uniform shop are changing. It remains open on Thursday mornings and the new time will be 8.30am-9.00am. Orders can also be left at the office and will be filled during the week.

**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’.

**Kildreda College Enrolments**

**Critical Dates for Year 7, 2018**

Term 1 17 February 2017 – Applications close
Term 2 27 April 2017 – offers of places to prospective Year 7 students will be posted
Term 2 11 May 2017 – the final date for families to accept offers made.

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

Kildreda 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.

**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
What can I do to help my child do well at school?

For five fortights we will include one tip on how you can help your child do well at school

3. Talk with your child everyday about their day

Children who talk openly with their parents about their day, such as what happens at school and current age appropriate events have better educational outcomes.

Other activities like discussing books, films or television programs or eating meals together around the table are also associated with better student reading performance in school.

TIPS - THINGS YOU CAN DO

- Talk with your child about what’s happening at school – activities, programs, what they are learning and even what happens in the playground.
- Watch age-appropriate TV with your child and talk about what you watch together.
- Have dinner at the table with the TV off and talk about what happened in everyone’s day.
- Talk with your child about history, news, or any subject that interests them.
- If you find it hard to get your child to talk to you about what is happening at school, try these ideas: Instead of asking “How was school today?” ask “What was fun? What was the worst part of the day? What’s something new you learned today?”
- Take ideas from their homework and try to discuss those.
- Ask your child’s teachers to give you a list every few weeks of the work they are covering at school. Ask if your school can send information like this by email, text message or whatever way works best for you.

Information taken from the Department of Education and Training website
IMPORTANT DATES

Indicates change/addition from last week

- 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
- Friday 5th August
- Wednesday 10th August
  Year 5/6 Zoo Excursion
- 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
- Wednesday 17th August
  Fun Spectacular Day Prep – Yr 6  11.20-1.20pm at Bicentennial Park
- Friday 19th August
  Yr 5/6 winter sport rd 9, Assembly 1/2
- Tuesday 23rd August
  2.30pm Australian Girls Choir
- Thursday 25th August
  Year 6 Confirmation Excursion, Confirmation session 3 begins 7pm
- Friday 26th August
  Athletics trials Yr 3-6 Edithvale track, 2.30pm Assembly Yr 3/4
- Tuesday 30th August
  7pm Information Yr 7 2018/2019
- Wednesday 31st August
  Book Week activities
- Thursday 1st September
  Bishop Elliott meeting with Year 6 students
- Friday 2nd September
  Yr 4/5/6 District athletics
- Tuesday 6th September
  Marine Ambassador Yr 5/6, Reconciliation Yr 3-6
- Wednesday 7th September
  7pm Confirmation, Big Green Conference
- Friday 9th September
  Footy Day
- Wednesday 14th September
  Whole School Mass 9.15am Feast of the Holy Cross, 11.20 Camp Quality Puppets Prep
- Friday 16th September
  Term 3 finishes at 1.00pm
- Monday 3rd October
  Term 4 commences

Term Dates

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