Yr 5/6 students competed at John Paul College last week in the Lightening Premiership against other local schools.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

I think it was a good decision to postpone the fete last week. Thank you to all involved in making that call. Tonight at 7pm we will meet to check that everything is okay for the 4th November. We are still looking for volunteers so if you haven’t completed the caremonkey request please do so or let the office know how you can help.

School will now finish at 1pm on Friday 4th November.

Next Thursday night we have our Prep 2017 information night. It seems to come around very quickly. Preparations for 2017 are rolling along and once again if any families or children are not returning in 2017 please let us know as we have a waitlist of students across most year levels.

There is a Prep excursion scheduled to the Melbourne Museum on Friday 4th November. This will still go ahead as planned. The children will return to school at 3.15pm. The remainder of the school will be dismissed at 1.00pm. Thank you for your understanding as we are unable to change the excursion date.
Child Safety
At St Joseph’s Primary School we take the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people as a central responsibility of our school. We are committed to the Victorian Child Safe Standards as set out in Ministerial Order 870, released early this year.

All children deserve, as a fundamental right, safety and protection from all forms of abuse and neglect. St Joseph’s has a zero tolerance for child abuse and all adults in a school have a responsibility and care for children and young people to proactively promote their wellbeing and to protect them from any kind of harm or abuse.

As a school we have used CECV policy guide, VRQA (Victorian Registration and Qualification Authority) advice to prepare drafts of Child Safety Policy and Child Safety Code of Conduct as well as volunteer requirements. This is a process we are working through as schools are the first organisation to implement the new Ministerial Order.

Over the next few weeks I will publish the Standards as part of the newsletter for any feedback. The Education Board has ratified the Child Safety Policy and we will continue to implement practices and systems to ensure all school staff (employees, parents, volunteers, contractors and clergy) are kept well informed. Please read and forward feedback to principal@sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au

Today I have attached the draft of Standard One:

Standard One – Organisational Culture of Child Safety

St Joseph’s Primary School maintains a ‘culture of child safety’ through effective leadership arrangements. Protecting children from abuse is everybody’s responsibility, and St Joseph’s Primary School Leadership Team takes the main role in embedding a child safety culture across all aspects of the School Community.

All members of staff, clergy, casual relief teachers (CRTs), volunteers & contractors have a responsibility to act to protect students & young people from abuse and to build an environment where children feel respected, valued and encouraged to reach their full potential. The school maintains a ‘culture of child safety’ through proactive leadership which demonstrates, and insists of others, appropriate values, attitudes and behaviours to ensure the safety of all who attend the school. St Joseph’s Primary School fosters a culture of openness, inclusiveness and awareness, where children and adults know how to respond if they suspect or are subject to abuse or inappropriate behaviour.

All staff members, clergy, CRTs, volunteers & contract service providers must also acknowledge the importance of cultural safety for Indigenous children and those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, including that of children with a disability.

St Joseph’s Primary School maintains a ‘culture of child safety’ by actively implementing the strategies listed below in accordance with its moral & legal obligations and Victorian Government Ministerial Order 870.

Leadership Responsibilities
All members of the School’s Leadership Team take their responsibility to protect students very seriously. Members of the School’s Leadership Team take the lead in promoting an environment where students and young people feel safe, respected, valued and are capable and confident of reaching their full potential.

St Joseph’s Primary School’s Leadership Team is responsible for embedding a culture of child safety and does so by ensuring the following:

1. Identifying and assessing potential risk of abuse to students and young people via established risk management strategies.
2. Creating an environment for students and young people to be safe and to feel safe.
3. Upholding high principles and standards for all staff members, clergy, CRTs, volunteers, and contractors.
4. Promoting models of behaviour between adults, students and young people based on mutual respect and consideration.
5. Developing & communicating child safe policies & procedures outlining the School's commitment to promoting children’s wellbeing and protecting children from abuse.
6. Developing & communicating codes of conduct which specifies the standards of conduct and care required when working and interacting with children.
7. Appointing a ‘Child Safety Officer’ to promote child safety and support all members of the school community to understand, meet and exceed their Child Safety obligations.
8. Ensuring thorough and rigorous practices are applied in the recruitment & screening of all staff, clergy, CRTs, volunteers & contractors.
9. Ensuring that staff & other members of the school community have regular and appropriate learning to develop their knowledge of, openness to and ability to address child safety matters.
10. Promoting inclusion of all children & families from diverse cultural backgrounds and those with disabilities.
11. Empowering and promoting the participation of children in decision-making by providing opportunities for children to express their views on child safety and then incorporate this feedback to improve your policies and practices.
12. Immediately respond to any child safety complaint, disclosure, breach of the Child Safety Code of Conduct or suspected abuse in accordance with its reporting requirements.
13. Providing regular opportunities to clarify and confirm legislative obligations, policies and procedures in relation to child and young people’s protection and wellbeing.
14. Ensuring the school meets the specific requirements of the Victorian Child Safe Standards as set out in Ministerial Order No. 870.

Responsibilities of Staff Members Clergy, CRTs, Volunteers & Contractors:

Staff members, clergy, CRTs, volunteers & contractors engaged by St Joseph’s Primary School have an obligation to foster a culture of safety for all students and young people by:

1. Treating students and young people with dignity and respect, acting with propriety, providing a duty of care, and protecting children and young people in their care.
2. Understanding and complying with legislative requirements and internal school processes in the course of their work.
3. Demonstrating a commitment to displaying appropriate behaviours in accordance with the school's Child Safety Code of Conduct.
4. Providing a physically and psychologically safe environment where the wellbeing of children and young people is nurtured.
5. Undertaking regular training and education in order to understand their individual responsibilities in relation to child safety and the wellbeing of students and young people.
6. Immediately report any child safety complaint, disclosure, breach of the Child Safety Code of Conduct or suspected abuse to the school’s Child Safety Officer or a member of the school Leadership Team.

7. Assist the Leadership Team in empowering and promoting the participation of children in decision-making by providing opportunities for children to express their views on child safety.

8. Assisting children and young people to develop positive, responsible and caring attitudes and behaviours which recognise the rights of all people to be safe and free from abuse.


Maintaining & Communicating the School’s Commitment to Child Safety Standards

St Joseph’s Primary School maintains a Child Safety Policy outlining key elements of its approach to creating and sustaining a Child Safe environment. The Policy has been developed by the Leadership Team in consultation with staff members and affirms the school’s commitment to a ‘zero tolerance’ towards child abuse and its commitment to upholding the best interest of children. The Policy also demonstrates a commitment to keeping students and young people safe and how it actively works to listen to and empower students at St Joseph’s Primary School.

The school’s Child Safety Policy is displayed in the foyer of the Administration Building and in the Staffroom. The Policy is also made publicly available to all members of the community via the School’s website. This policy and the accompanying Child Safety Code of Conduct are communicated to staff members, clergy, CRTs, volunteers & contractors prior to commencing work and at least annually and they are also embedded into core documents such as the Employee Handbook.

St Joseph’s Primary School reviews this policy every three years or more frequently as required when there has been a change to the work environment or work arrangements that may impact on the protection of children.

Maintaining & Communicating the School’s Code of Conduct to Ensure Child Safety

St Joseph’s Primary School maintains a Code of Conduct for all staff members, clergy, volunteers, CRTs and contractors that clearly defines workplace expectations including professional boundaries, ethical behaviours, as well as acceptable & unacceptable relationships.

St Joseph’s Primary School believes that by defining the expectation for all staff members, CRTs, clergy, volunteers and contractors relating to ‘Child Connected Work’ they are more likely to act appropriately. The Code of Conduct enables the school to take immediate action when an individual acts in an unacceptable manner, which may result in disciplinary action including dismissal. This process is supported by the school’s complaints procedure.

The school’s Child Safety Code of Conduct is made publicly available to all members of the community via the School’s website. The Code of Conduct is communicated to new staff members clergy, CRTs, volunteers & contractors prior to commencing work and at least annually and they are also embedded into core documents such as the Employee Handbook.

Members of the Leadership Team vigilantly monitor professional behaviour & regularly remind staff members, CRTs, clergy, volunteers and contractors of their responsibilities at the commencement of each school term & at Staff Meetings.

St Joseph’s Primary School reviews its Child Safety Code of Conduct every three years or more frequently in the event of a complaint, or when there has been a change to the work environment or work arrangements that may impact on the protection of children.

Regards
Gavan O’Donnell
Principal.
Fete worm wee
Shea and Clem (5/6W) are organising a worm wee and garden vegies stall for the fete. But in order to do this, we need 500-700ml plastic bottles or 1ltr or 2ltr milk bottles. Could all donations please be dropped off at the office by Wednesday 2nd November. We appreciate your support.
Clem and Shea.

Wrist bands/ticket sales – the current orders will be automatically transferred to Friday 4th November. They will now be available to pre purchase online https://www.trybooking.com/NCGA until Thursday 3rd November. If a refund is required please contact the office.

Trash and Treasure – Please now hold on to your trash and treasure until Wednesday 2nd November.

Cakes – Please hold on to your plates and bring cakes/slices to the Discovery Centre on the morning of the 4th November.

Marquees and eskies – We still require the use of Marquees and eskies (clearly labelled) to borrow on the night. Please forward these to the Discovery Centre on the morning of the fete. They will be available for collection from the Discovery Centre on Monday 7th November.

Raffle tickets
If you would like more tickets, they are available at the office.

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 3rd November. The raffle will be drawn at the fete on Friday 4th November. Thank you for your support.

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**St Joseph’s Wrist Band Order Form**
Friday 4th November

The purchase of a Ride Band provides for unlimited access for one person on the following rides:

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 are available to buy through TRY bookings.

Simply log on: [https://www.trybooking.com/NCGA](https://www.trybooking.com/NCGA)

Pre Sold Bands through TRY bookings up to 3rd November 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. The high striker and wet sponge throw are free.
School Fees
All fees were due last term. We would appreciate it if families could attend to this urgently if you have not already done so. Child levies for next year will be distributed next week 3rd November and are payable by 24th November.

Year 6 2017 Bomber Jackets
Orders to be in this Friday 28th October
Bomber jackets are in the office to try on for sizing. There are also a number of 2nd hand bomber jackets for sale in the following sizes:
Size 8, 10, 12, 14, small, medium, large and X Large

These are all $20 - $30 depending on quality so please either drop in to the uniform shop or the office. Thanks!

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.

Library Overdues
In the next few weeks, the library will be sending home overdue notices. Please help your children to find and return any overdue books. Some of the books on your child’s list may be at school in a book box used for class reading time. Some books may have been returned but not properly scanned back in. If you think this has happened please let Mandy know or leave a message at the office. Please do not worry about books you can’t find. THEY ALWAYS TURN UP SOMEWHERE!

Bonbeach YCW Junior Netball Club
If any girls born in 2009 (Under 9’s) would like to try out netball the Bonbeach YCW junior Netball Club is holding an ‘expression of interest’ at 4.30-5.30pm on Friday 11th November at Bicentennial Netball Courts, Sturdee Street, Chelsea. We promote fair play, maintaining a positive environment and support each other to reach a child’s full potential. The club teaches and expects all players and spectators to show respect to fellow players, coaches and umpires.

Special offer for Monday 31st October at Gravity Zone
Simply mention St Joseph’s School to our staff for the super special price of $16 for the day jumping or $25 for unlimited jumping and laser tag!! So students from St Joseph’s can have five hours (10am – 3pm) for the one low price!

Parents can enjoy a relaxing cup of coffee while the kids go crazy!
25 Oliphant Way, Seaford
www.gravity-zone.com.au
All Saints Eve celebration
St Joseph’s Young Families group welcomes school children and families to a celebration of Saints on Monday 31 October at 5.30pm in St Joseph’s Parish Centre.
- Come dressed as your favourite Saint
- Share some interesting facts about your Saints’ life
- Enjoy pizzas & games
$5 per family
RSVP Sue 0408 547 791  chelsea@cam.org.au

Energy Saver’s at St Joseph!
St Joseph is a Resourcesmart school. This means we are working hard to obtain 5 stars to show we are a sustainable school. Sustainability means that that our earth will do what it is designed to do. That is have fresh air, clean water, produce fresh food and allow us to have a high quality life forever. This is can only happen if we take care of it.
Earlier this year we received our first star from Resourcesmart. We began our journey to reduce waste with our bin system and by monitoring our waste in the school, we designed our school community garden and each class has planted a variety of plants. Now we are in the progress of getting our second star, this is for Energy.
This term Grade 6 students, Louise, Alannah, Chloe, Nick, Theoden, Angus and Jack shared the Energy audit they completed last year with Grade 3/4 CR. The purpose of this was to hand over their knowledge to younger students so they can take on this leadership role next year.

As a school we are trying to develop energy saving habits. This means we need to turn off lights, turn off computers, close doors and turn off the heater or air conditioners off. The 3/4 students have been put in charge of monitoring each class’s usage. We will be called the Power Rangers. We are going to visit each class during the school week. We will use Infrared thermometer and a Lux metre to measure room temperatures. If you are energy saver class you will receive a green balloon. If your class is not you will receive a black balloon. We will let you know each week at assembly who has been an energy saver class!

Go Power Rangers!
Dr Michael Carr-Gregg presents

Tackling Anxiety and Building Resilience in Young People

For Teachers, Teacher Aides (Primary and Secondary level), Parents, Psychologists, Counsellors, Sports Coaches, Youth Workers, Scout Leaders, Nurses, Health Workers [and anyone else interested].

Monday November 21st, 2016
7pm - 8.30pm
The Bentleigh Club
33 Yawla St, Bentleigh
FREE onsite car park / Bistro open before event

BOOK your place!
Email rick@criticalagendas.com.au
Include your name and number of tickets required.
Collect and pay for tickets on the night.
$20 each - No EFTPOS
Enquiries: 0433 616 771

This is a Community Event
Everyone welcome!

Anxiety in children is a normal part of childhood development. But it’s estimated that 8-22% of children experience anxiety more intensely and more often than other children, stopping them from getting the most out of life. In this presentation one of Australia’s leading child and adolescent psychologists will discuss what is normal anxiety and what is not, what are the common anxiety disorders and what parents and carers might do to build happy and resilient young people.

Dr. Michael Carr-Gregg is one of Australia’s highest profile psychologists. Working in private practice in Melbourne, he sits on the Board of the Australian Psychological Society, the Family Peace Foundation, Project ROCKIT and Smiling Mind well as being a Community Ambassador for Big Brothers Big Sisters, Postvention Australia, and Playgroup Victoria. He founded the charity CanTeen 31 years ago and was the first psychologist featured on This is Your Life. He has been resident psychologist on Ch 7’s Sunrise for 11 years as well as Psychologist for the top rating Morning Show with Neil Mitchell on Fairfax Radio 3AW. He is a special Patron of the Hawthorn Football Club. He is married to Therese and has 2 sons.
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 27th October
  Yr 3/4 incursion “Hands on Science’ 3/4HC 3/4CR, 7pm Fete meeting
- Friday 28th October
  Yr 5/6 summer sport vs St Louis, 2.30pm Assembly Prep and Music Count Us In
- **Monday 31st October**
  School closure
  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 vs Aspendale Gardens, Prep excursion to Museum with a 3.15pm return for Prep,
  **Yr 1 – 6 SCHOOL FINISHES 1PM FETE 4-9PM**
  2pm Prep 2017 Numeracy session (Parents & Child)
- Monday 7th November
  9.15am Prep – Yr 2 Mass
- Tuesday 8th November
  Yr 5/6 Mission Action Day
- Wednesday 9th November
  Remembrance Day, Yr 5/6 summer sports vs Bonbeach, No Assembly
- Friday 11th November
  9.15am Mass Yr 3/4
- Tuesday 15th 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, 4pm Parish function in hall
- Wednesday 23rd November
  Yr 1/2 excursion to Taskworks, 2-3pm Parent Community Connections
- Friday 25th November
  2.30pm assembly Yr 1/2, working bee 4.30-6.30pm
- Sunday 27th November
  5pm Christmas Paraliturgy in the Church followed by a BBQ
- Monday 28th Nov – Wed 7th Dec
  Prep – Yr 4 Swimming
- Tuesday 29th November
  9.15am Mass Yr 5/6, 7pm PEB
- 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
- Saturday 10th December
  Cribs blessed after each Mass over the weekend
- Sunday 11th December
  Cribs blessed after each Mass over the weekend
- Tuesday 13th December
  Meet your teacher 2017
- Wednesday 14th December
  Yr 6 Graduation excursion, 6pm Graduation Mass
- **Thursday 15th December**
  End of year 1pm