FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

What a wonderful community event we held last Friday. The number of people attending was large, all enjoying the food, activities and fun to be had. The excitement from the children was high and they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thank you to the large number of volunteers who helped out on a stall, some working tirelessly. We had parents, past and present, students and parishioners all helping out. It was great to see our students and families coming back to enjoy the night. Special thanks to all on the committee who worked tirelessly to make the day happen. Special thanks to Rob Canestra, Chris Espinoza and Angela Banik who co-ordinated the whole event. They had many parents tirelessly support them along the way. The benefit of a fete is the community building that happens and last Friday was no exception. We also raised funds to help out school amenities and we have been raising money for a new senior playground. The fete helped raise $16,500 towards this. Well done to all involved.

Thank you to Michael Alford and Jamie Johnson, our MCs for the night, also to Fred and the team at Cucina Dolce Pizzeria who supported us well in the lead up and as well as cooking throughout the night. Coming home today is a flyer from Cucina Dolce Restaurant.
Fete Winners
1st Prize  Ann & Pete S
2nd Prize  Tim
3rd Prize  Tommy (5/6 BS)
4th Prize  Louise Whyte

Mission Action Day
Thank you to all the children who supported our annual 5/6 Mission Action Day. They were able to raise $1750.00 to go towards helping missions in East Timor and other great causes. Well done to everyone. The Yr 5/6 children showed great leadership and organisation and the day went smoothly.

School Fees
All 2016 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 have been distributed last week and are due 28th November.

Breakfast club
Thank you to all the parents and parishioners for volunteering in the breakfast club. A roster for Term 4 has been developed and all spots are filled. There has been some confusion around the breakfast club opening times - please note that we serve breakfast daily from 8.10-8.30am. The breakfast club is not open on the first day of each term. We are thinking ahead to next year and looking for volunteers to help in Term 1, 2017. Please let the office know if you are available. Volunteers are rostered on daily from 8-9am which includes setting up and cleaning up, and must have a Working with Children's Check.

Chelsea Community Christmas Lunch.
This year St Joeys is hosting a Christmas lunch (on Christmas Day) to those on their own & those who can not afford a Christmas meal. We are working with Chelsea Community Church of Christ, the Chelsea Uniting Church and St Vinnies.

Part of the idea behind this event is bringing people together, including families with children, to reach out to others. Many people are helping by volunteering their time leading up to and on the day, which is wonderful! We are also needing donations and sponsors. We are expecting approximately 160-180 guests on the day. One meal will cost us $15, if you would like to sponsor a meal or a table, or offer your time leading up to or on the day, please get in contact with Vanessa Heredia via chelseacommunityxmaslunch@gmail.com.

Congratulations to Bridgette on a fantastic achievement....
In September, I decided to enter Origin Energy’s Little Big Ideas Competition. For the competition I had to invent something new. I had noticed that the nurses often struggle to open Band Aids after my many blood tests. This is because they wear protective gloves. My mum also struggled to open Band Aids and the wrappers left a lot of waste. So I invented a design for a Band Aid dispenser. It is very similar to a sticky tape dispenser, however it uses far less wrapping and enables Band Aids to be torn off from a roll easily. On Tuesday, James O’Loughlin from The ABC’s New Inventors Program came to St Joseph’s and spoke to all the Grade 3 / 4’s. It was on that day that I found out that I was the winner of the Origin Energy’s Little Big Ideas Competition! I was super excited to find out that I had won an innovation trip of a lifetime to NASA, The Epcot Centre in Florida and Ripley’s Believe It or Not. I was on Channel 7, 10 and ABC News and some of my friends were on the news too. This was the best day of my life so far!! When I finish treatment for Leukemia, that day will definitely be the best day. I would like to thank the school for all their support and Origin Energy for such a fantastic, amazing prize that dreams are made off! Check out the following link

Bridgette  3/4 CR
Earning the right

By Michael Grose

Earning the right and not assuming a sense of entitlement is a life lesson parents, teachers and coaches must instil in children.

On talk-back radio recently I heard a caller tell a timely story about how as a child she was lucky enough to receive riding lessons from a renowned horse expert.

He had one condition. She had to earn the right to be taught to ride a horse. That meant she had to muck out the stables; brush and feed the horse; look after the gear and do everything else required to look after a horse. Only when she’d proved herself could she earn the right to ride a horse under his tutelage.

This caller said this powerful lesson shaped her entire life. It taught that there were no entitlements in life; to work hard and value her achievements. She never took anything for granted.

Contrast this with the extraordinary sense of entitlement of Australian tennis players Nick Kyrgios and Bernard Tomic who routinely treat the public, players and the game that serves them well, with utter disdain. Their attitude of entitlement is mind-boggling, not to say embarrassing to reasonable-minded, hard-working people.

Our kids should earn the right

The talk-back caller’s earning the right story is a fabulous lesson for all parents and teachers. If we want to raise a generation to appreciate what they have, then we shouldn’t give children or young people everything on a platter. In an era of small families, child pester power and relative affluence it’s tempting to simply give kids what they want.

“Dad, can I have a…?”

“Sure!”

The Rolling Stones were right four decades ago when they sang, “You can’t always get what you want!” Those words form a great child-rearing lesson. That is, just because you can provide something for your kids, doesn’t mean that you do.

They need to earn the right to have something by saving, working for or simply waiting until they are old enough to appreciate it.

Similarly, kids don’t automatically have a right to greater freedoms such as going out at night; those rights need to be earned by proving they are trustworthy.

Also, kids who think they are entitled to use a part of the house such as a living room without cleaning up mess are acting with a false sense of entitlement.

In fact, there are no entitlements, only rights. And rights are earned by being responsible.

A child has a right to use the living room but they also have a responsibility to clean up a rather than leave it a pigsty. A night banished to their room is a reminder that spending time in the living room is not an entitlement. It’s a right that comes with conditions.

Earning the right! A simple phrase with so much complexity.

I suspect it’s a phrase that neither Nick Kyrgios or Bernard Tomic heard much when they were growing up. Maybe their parents thought their prodigious talents excused them from having conditions placed upon them. If so, they did them no favours as good manners, gratitude and graciousness appear to be lacking in their social repertoires.
It usually takes a parent, teacher or coach to remind kids that they have to earn the right to have things, to do things and ultimately to be respected. That’s a lesson that stays for life.

Standard Three – Child Safety Code of Conduct

Introduction
This Code of Conduct has a specific focus on safeguarding children and young people at St Joseph’s Primary School against sexual, physical, psychological and emotional abuse or neglect. It is intended to complement other professional and/or occupational codes & legislation.

Purpose
The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to establish clear expectations for appropriate behaviour by adults towards children & young people. It aims to protect children and reduce any opportunity of abuse or harm to children. This Code of Conduct also provides anyone engaged by St Joseph’s Primary School with guidance on how best to support students and young people and how to avoid or better manage difficult situations.

Scope
This Code of Conduct applies to all staff members (teaching & non-teaching), clergy, casual relief staff, volunteers, and contractors engaged by the school.

Acceptable behaviours
All staff members (teaching & non-teaching), clergy, casual relief staff, volunteers, contractors and board/school council members are responsible for supporting the safety of children by complying with the following ‘acceptable behaviours’:

» Adhering to the School’s Child Safety Policy and associated procedures at all times.
» Taking all reasonable steps to protect students from abuse.
» Treating everyone with respect, including listening to and valuing their ideas and opinions.
» Listening and responding to the views and concerns of students, particularly if they are telling you that they or another student or young person has been abused and/or are worried about their safety or the safety of another child.
» Taking account of the diversity of all students, including (but not limited to) the needs of Aboriginal students, students from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, students with disabilities and students and young people who are vulnerable.
» Promoting the cultural safety, participation and empowerment of all students, including those from diverse backgrounds.
» Ensuring as far as practicable that adults are not left alone with a student or young person.
» Reporting all child safety complaints, suspected abuse, disclosures or breaches of the Child Safety Code of Conduct immediately to the Principal and/or the School’s Child Safety Officer immediately.
» Understanding and complying with all reporting obligations as they relate to mandatory reporting and reporting under the Crimes Act 1958.
» If an allegation of child abuse is made, ensuring as the safety of the student/s or young person/s as soon as possible.

Unacceptable Behaviours
All staff members (teaching & non-teaching), clergy, casual relief staff, volunteers, contractors and board/school council members must not:
» Ignore or disregard any child safety complaints, suspected abuse, disclosures or breaches of the Child Safety Code of Conduct

» Develop any ‘special’ relationships with students or young people that could be seen as favouritism (such as the offering of gifts or special treatment for specific students).

» Exhibit behaviours with students or young people, which may be construed as unnecessarily physical (such as inappropriate sitting on laps).

» Do things of a personal nature that a student can do for themselves (such as toileting or changing clothes).

» Engage in open discussions of a mature or adult nature in the presence of students.

» Exchange personal contact details such as phone numbers, social networking sites or email addresses with students or young people.

» Have unauthorised contact with students or young people ‘on line’ via email, social networking sites, by text message or other means.

» Display any behaviour, in person or ‘on-line’, which could be construed as inappropriate or disrespectful to those who may view it, in particular students, young people and those from Aboriginal and diverse cultural backgrounds.

» Maintain relationships with a student or young person and their families outside of school without the knowledge of the Principal, a member of the Leadership Team or Child Safety Officer.

» Use inappropriate language in the presence of students.

» Use prejudice, oppressive behaviour or language in the presence of or with children.

» Express personal views on cultures, race, ethnicity, sexuality or disabilities in the presence of students.

» Discriminate against any student because of culture, race, ethnicity or disability.

» Attend work under the influence or effects of illegal drugs or alcohol.

» Consume alcohol without the consent of the Principal or a member of the Leadership Team at school, at a school event or in the presence of students or young people.

» Photograph or video a student or young person without the consent of their parents or guardian.

Failure to Comply With This Code of Conduct
Where a staff member (teaching & non-teaching), clergy, casual relief staff, volunteers, contractors and board/school council is suspected of breaching any obligation, duty or responsibility within this Policy, St Joseph’s Primary School will take disciplinary action, including in the case of serious breaches, summary dismissal.

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

• Friday 11th November   Remembrance Day, Yr 5/6 summer sports vs Bonbeach, 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, 4pm Parish function in hall
• **Wednesday 23rd November**  
  Yr 1/2 excursion to Taskworks
• **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 9-10am
• **Wednesday 14th December**  
  Yr 6 Graduation excursion, 6pm Graduation Mass and celebration
• **Thursday 15th December**  
  End of year 1pm

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**Christmas Lunch**

at Chelsea RSL Club

**Wednesday 14 December 2016**

12noon – 3pm

$20 per person

(2-course lunch) see Menu

Raffles, Prizes – lots of fun!

ALL PARISHIONERS WELCOME!

BOOK EARLY!!!

Sue Hyde 0408 517 791
Daphne Kelly 9772 6313
Parish Office 9772 2233

**PAYMENT** by Sunday 4 December 2016

OR

place your name on Clipboard available in Church foyer

after all weekday and Sunday Masses

→ Please advise Sue or Daphne if you have any special dietary requirements

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**Menu**

**Main** (served 50-50)

- Roast Turkey/Roast Pork with cranberry sauce & roasted vegetables

**Dessert**

- Traditional Christmas Pudding with vanilla custard
- Tea/coffee

Christmas Lunch