Welcome BBQ

Come along to St Joseph’s annual welcome BBQ and catch up on all the news for 2017!!

BYO table, chair, drinks, salad!!
Free snag in bread!!

Come along tomorrow night from 5.00pm – 8.00pm
to our BBQ and open classrooms.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

School Photos
Photos will take place this Monday 20th February. All students must be in full school uniform. If your child normally wears sports uniform on this day they must wear school uniform and bring their runners to change into. Family photo forms will be available from the school office.
Mindfulness

Have you practised mindfulness with your child this week? Have a go at JAM. Come along to our free event by Georgina Manning on Tuesday 28th Feb and register via the link in the flyer to enrol.

MINDFULNESS MEDITATION

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Take ‘just a minute’ to stop, close your eyes and pay attention what you are feeling in your body and notice as many sensations as you can.
Then return attention to your breath.

‘5 Secrets’

to develop confidence and resilience

Including the benefits of Mindfulness

to boost resilience!

7pm Tuesday 28th February
St. Joseph’s Chelsea

Parents learn:
• Practical strategies to support children to build confidence
• Effective parenting strategies that foster resilience
• How to teach their child positive and effective thinking habits
• How to set limits and discipline at home using positive parenting strategies
• Setting limits at home with technology and encouraging free creative play
• Fundamental life skills that all children need to be happy, confident and successful
• The benefits of mindfulness meditation and how to support their child in daily practice
• at home to lessen stress & anxiety

Parents are supported to teach their child how to:
• Lessen their anxiety
• Cope with life’s ups and downs
• Develop independence and persistence
• Become more resilient and confident
• Develop healthy friendships
• Solve problems independently and deal with conflict
• Approach life with a positive outlook to create success

To register for this seminar click here:
https://goo.gl/forms/KdM96x3mIIVwVbZ2N2

7pm Tuesday
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Presented by
Wellbeing For Kids
St Joseph's Parent Engagement Action Team
We are currently forming a PEAT with the support of Rachel Saliba. The aim of the group (made up of parents and teachers) is to look at how we can engage and support all stakeholders of the school. We are developing a vision and mission and will share this with you all hopefully before the end of the term when we will be able to explain in more detail our goals. Watch this space.

Shrove Tuesday   Tuesday 28th February
Coming home shorty on Caremonkey is a pancake permission note. Please fill this in as soon as possible for catering purposes. If anyone is available to help please indicate this on the caremonkey form.

Working Bee
Coming home shortly on caremonkey is the first Working Bee for the year. This will take place on Friday 3rd March from 4.30-6.30pm. Come along and help us enhance the look of our school. Families are able to choose from one of four working bees for the year. If you choose one working bee for the year your school fees will be credited by $100. Please make sure you sign in so we can credit your account.

Parish Stewardship Renewal Program
Coming home today or tomorrow is the Parish calendar and information about the Stewardship renewal program. Please have a read of this important program for the wellbeing of the Parish.

Dates for the diary: Details of the parent sessions will be advised.
Sacrament of First Holy Communion
Friday 16th June at 6pm or
Saturday 17th June 4.30pm or 6.00pm
Sacrament of Confirmation
Thursday 31st August

School Fees
School fee statements were emailed last week. If no other arrangements and you are paying in instalments, the first instalment is due by Thursday 2nd March.

State Team Trials
Registration for state teams trials are now open. If your child is exceptionally talented in any sport including, AFL, cricket, basketball, netball and soccer you may wish them to try out for the Victorian team. Generally, the student should be playing at a level beyond club participation, for example - rep team level. The process is now done by School Sport Victoria and a form must be completed online using the following email address.
There is also further information about the process.
As part of the process a representative of the school (Mr Bayliss or Ms Coletti) must sign the letter you will receive to state that the school feels the student in question has the ability necessary to try out for the state team. After this St Joseph’s plays no part in the selection process.
If you wish to apply please do so quickly as the sign up period ends before the end of February.
If you wish to discuss this further please see Mr Bayliss

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)
CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camp and sporting activities.
If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
$125 for primary school students
$225 for secondary school students.
Forms are available from the school office. Forms must be received by the school before 30th June 2017.

St Joseph’s Playgroup
St Josephs Playgroup is held every second Tuesday 9am-11am in the St Josephs Hall. Come along for a play & enjoy a cuppa with other Mums. Babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers are welcome! BYO Snack (nut free) and a named drink bottle. $2 donation.
Inquiries: Vanessa 0414 257 912 vanessa.r.curry@gmail.com Louise 0408 128 333 loud99@bigpond.com
During the Second World War the American General, Dwight Eisenhower, would routinely walk amongst his troops. One day, as the soldiers were preparing to confront the enemy, Eisenhower noticed a young soldier who seemed very quiet and perhaps depressed. Eisenhower went up to the soldier and asked “How are you feeling, young man?” “General,” the young man replied, “I am extremely nervous. I was wounded two months ago and just got back from hospital yesterday. I don’t feel so well.”

Many generals would have tried to buck up the soldier’s spirit by saying, “You don’t need to be scared; you have the best army in the world behind you”. Instead Eisenhower said, “Well you and I are a great pair then, because I’m nervous too. Maybe if we just walk along together for awhile, we’ll be good for each other.”

“We’ll be good for each other” could be a slogan for just about any relationship but especially for the children to parent’s relationship. The words of the slogan suggest that we be genuine and human, that we share our uncertainties and that we be emotionally honest. No doubt the young soldier’s brief encounter with his General would have been positive for him and assisted him to embrace the future with hope, knowing that another person shared his feelings.

One of the responsibilities of being a parent is to be there for our children. With a full life ahead for them, our children will experience many of the things that we experienced on our way to adulthood. If we are not available when our children need us and they are left holding unsaid words or emotions, it is rather like shaking a bottle of champagne with the cork still in it, the bubbles have nowhere to go but back down inside; this can lead to frustration, anger and possibly depression.

No parent can be emotionally available all the time. Parents are only human and have plenty of problems of their own. However, “Research has repeatedly demonstrated that emotional connection is a crucial element in a parent-child relationship. The benefits of parents connecting emotionally with their children are far reaching. When parents are emotionally reachable and are able to ‘read’ the emotional signals of their children, the children will perform better in a wide variety of situations. Emotionally secure children and emotionally available relationships help children to become emotionally intelligent in their lives.” Dr Zeynep Biringen.

There is little doubt that the degree and quality of our communication and connection to our children will play a significant part in their level of confidence, their ability to achieve well at school, their success in future relationships, their sense of security in a sometimes ‘scary’ world, their life choices and how well adjusted they become as adults.

“Lord, we thank You for Your constant love and for the light of Your guiding Spirit. Help us to acquire an attitude of sympathetic understanding towards our children. Amen.”
7th IMF Classic Car Day
Sunday 5th March
Bicentennial Park, Chelsea
10-3pm
Entry: Gold Coin Donation
ALL funds raised will go directly to children’s brain cancer research projects in Australia. Currently, the IMF funds 7 research projects.
Lots of fun for the whole family gorgeous classic car cars, live music, pin up parade, 3 jumping castles, petting zoo, face painting, AFL Specky machine, clown fun, slushees, ice cream, tattoos...lots of food, coffee, drinks...Come on down for a great days entertainment!
www.isabellaandmarcusfund.org.au

7th Isabella and Marcus Fund
Classic Car Day

ALL proceeds go to research Brain Tumours in Children
Public entry - Gold coin donation

ALL CARS WELCOME!

Sunday, March 5th, 2017
10 am - 3 pm
(Gates open at 8:30 am)
at Bicentennial Park
Scotch Parade, Chelsea

$20 car entry fee - includes charity pack with raffle ticket

Best post-'85 Aussie, American, or Euro
Best Classic
Fletch’s Choice award

King of Show!
IMF Choice award
Best Holden

Sponsored by Geelong FX-HZ Holden Car Club Inc.

Best pre-'85 Aussie, American, or Euro
Best Hot Rod

Trophy Presentation 130 pm

Featuring ‘Fletch’ from Classic Resto’s, who will be filming at the event. Come and be a part of the show!

Major sponsors

Harvey Norman

CARS

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Chelsea Junior Football Club  2017 Registration Day Sunday 19th February 10.30am-2.00pm
Come on down and join in the fun and family orientated club. Meet the coaches who are fully qualified. All players from Under 9’s to Under 17’s are welcome. If you have any questions please contact Tanya Boyd on 0408 588 477 or registrar@chelseafc.com.au

Chelsea Basketball Aussie Hoops
Thursday 5.00-5.45pm
Bonbeach Stadium Cannes Ave Bonbeach
$60.00 for the term
Each Child receives a basketball pack

Patterson Lakes Netball Club
is looking for players born 2007 & 2008 to play in the under 9’s and under 11’s competition at Sturdee St, Chelsea this season. Please contact Nathan on 0412 778 627 if interested. Training Tuesday’s 4:30-5:30pm and games Saturday morning.

Chelsea FC welcomes you to join the best club in Victoria.

Online Registrations Open
Girls & Boys, Men & Women are all welcome to register.
The 2017 Soccer season starts Term 2. Junior player assessments start early February, check website for dates.
Register online at: www.chelseafc.com.au
E-mail: chelseafootballclubaustralia@gmail.com
Facebook: Chelsea Soccer Club - Australia

Discover why Chelsea FC is “The Club to Be With”.

1967 Year 6 Reunion
Past students of the 1967 Grade 6 Graduation Class are planning a 50 Year Reunion for Saturday 22nd July 2017, to be held at St. Josephs. If you were a member of that class, or know anyone who might have been, please contact the organiser, Mark Dunn, on 0422 304 052 or at marfak56@gmail.com. More information can also be obtained by visiting http://stjoey1967.weebly.com/

Seussical Musical
Panorama Theatre Company proudly presents this musical featuring our very own Lenny Thomas from 3/4. Show Dates: 21,22,23,28,29 & 30 April. For all bookings please contact the Frankston Arts Centre on 9784 1060 or visit www.artscentre.frankston.vic.gov.au

Kilbreda College
A Kildare Ministries School in the Brigidine Tradition

Year 7 2018 Enrolment Applications Closing Soon
Please note the closing date for applications is Friday 17 February 2017
For further information or to book a tour please contact the College Registrar on 9581 7766 or email melissa.dwyer@kilbreda.vic.edu.au
Term 1 Tours start at 9:00am
Wednesday 8 February | Thursday 2 March | Tuesday 14 March
Become an active partner in Learning

A positive relationship with your child is more important to their school career than your constant presence in the classroom. Because young children identify strongly with you, your attitudes, values, and innermost feelings are contagious. They become embedded in your child's mind at the deepest levels.

Most educators believe in parent participation in children’s education, but "participation" means different things to different teachers. Work with the teacher to find out some ways you can contribute to the classroom, but always be sure to do it within the guidelines they provide for you. By the same token, you have valuable insight about your child — no one knows them better than you — so it's important to take initiative and communicate that knowledge to the teacher throughout the school year.

First, be sure to provide details about your child's home life to your teacher. The most effective teachers have a fairly complete understanding of each child in their class. You can help by telling the teacher about your child's family life, including any recent changes (divorce, a death in the family, or illness, for example), important traditions or rituals, languages spoken at home, and other significant details unique to your child.

Ask about ways to share your culture — food, music, photos, and traditions — with the class. Not only will this help strengthen your child's self-esteem, it will also enrich the learning experience for the entire class and foster an appreciation of diversity. Between the ages of 3 and 8, kids are beginning to deal with a world bigger than the family, and they become keenly aware of every difference between themselves and their peers.

And finally talk to your child about their day at school. If you familiarise yourself with the daily routines and activities at school, the more you'll be able to encourage this type of conversation.

For parents and teachers alike, the goal is to play active roles in your child's life and to work towards forming a real bond. The child's best interest is always served when they has lots of people rooting for them and all the pieces of their life fit together. A strong home-school connection will set the stage for a child who will grow up with a love for learning.

Stay tuned to your school newsletter and other communication forums for our next feature. In the meantime please follow the Boon Wurrung Family School Partnership Cluster Facebook page for articles on parenting, education, health and the local community.

Information taken from 'The Home-School Connection' http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/parent-teacher-partnerships/home-school-connection
Tarella Road, Chelsea
Please read the article below. If you wish to save our open spaces please sign the form at the office by the end of next week. More information at facebook.com/dentsreserve and a public meeting is being held on Wednesday 1st March.

CHERSEA

Local people want Kingston council to buy a block of land in Tarella Rd, Chelsea, and use it as a public park. Picture: CHRIS EASTMAN

Neighbours push for park

Tree-covered block is being eyed for townhouses but the council is being urged to step in and save it

Emma Watson

CHELSEA locals crying out for more recreational parkland are pushing the council to buy a bushy block earmarked for 14 townhouses. Developers want to axe trees at the 8000sq m site on Tarella Rd to make way for five two-bedroom and nine three-bedroom homes.

But Mike Elsing, who has lived on the road for a decade, has called on the council to renegotiate a decision it made in April last year not to buy the block and instead invest in the site so locals could use it as a public park.

"This is a unique, once-in-a-generation opportunity for council to buy some vacant land and convert it into open space," Mr Elsing said.

"There is no other vacant land I know of in the area that they can use." The council can negotiate to buy land if it is looking at creating or expanding an existing public park.

WHAT'S NEXT

• Public can submit feedback to council by February 2
• Councillors are likely to consider the application at a public meeting in April or May

Emma Watson wants to pinpoint a site it would like to acquire for a public park.

Kingston planning and development general manager Jonathan Gittmann said buying such a block of land would cost millions.

"Council must carefully consider how this proposal compares with existing projects already adopted for funding," Mr Gittmann said.

"In light of rate-capping and council's long-term financial strategy, council must ensure any major projects and expenses are affordable and a key priority for the broader Kingston community."

If the development is approved, the council can ask for money to offset open space needs in the area.

Got a story? Send the details to emma.watson@news.com.au
Term Dates 2017

Term 1 Wed 1st February – Friday 31st March
Term 2 Tues 18th April – Friday 30th June
Term 3 Mon 17th July – Friday 22nd September
Term 4 Mon 9th October – Wed 20th December

IMPORTANT DATES

- Indicates change/addition

- Thursday 16th February Gym4Hire Preps and Yr 1/2
- Friday 17th February 2.30pm Assembly all welcome, Welcome BBQ 5.00-8.00pm
  Yr 5/6 vs Aspendale Gardens
- Monday 20th February School photos (School uniform required). Bring runners if you are normally in
  sports uniform), 7-8pm Prep parent Information night
- Tuesday 21st February Gym4Hire Yr 5/6, 9.15am Yr 3/4 Mass, Parent Education Board 7pm
- Wednesday 22nd February NO Preps, Gym4Hire Yr 1/2 & Yr 3/4
- Thursday 23rd February Gym4Hire Preps and Yr 1/2, Reconciliation Session 2 @ 7pm in Library
- Friday 24th February 2.30pm Assembly 3/4 performing. Yr 5/6 sport vs Edithvale Primary School
- Tuesday 28th February Gym4Hire Yr 5/6, Shrove Tuesday,
  7-8.30pm Georgina Manning 'Mindfulness' talk (see flyer)
- Wednesday 1st March 9.15am Mass Ash Wednesday, NO Preps, Gym4Hire Yr 1/2 & Yr 3/4
- Thursday 2nd March Gym4Hire Preps and Yr 1/2, Easter egg raffle books being sent home
- Friday 3rd March District Swimming, Working Bee 4.30pm
- Tuesday 7th March Family Conferences, open gym lesson (timetable to follow)
- Wednesday 8th March Family Conferences, open gym lesson (timetable to follow)
- **Friday 10th March**
  **SCHOOL CLOSURE**
  Labour Day Holiday
- Monday 13th March Yr 5/6 Sovereign Hill Camp
- Tuesday 14th March Yr 5/6 Sovereign Hill Camp
- Wednesday 15th March Yr 5/6 students return from camp, open gym lesson (timetable to follow)
- Thursday 16th March Kidsmatter Day, National No Bully Day, Ride2School day, Whole School Mass
- Friday 17th March For Feast of St Joseph, 2.30pm Leadership Assembly

- Monday 20th March Parent Helper's Course (1) Library 2-3pm
- Thursday 23rd March Parent Helper's Course (2) Library 9-10am
- Friday 24th March Yr 5/6 Summer Lightening Premiership, 2.30pm Assembly preps performing
- Saturday 25th March Prep – Yr 1/2 6pm Mass
- Monday 27th March Easter egg wrapping in the hall foyer, volunteers required
- Thursday 30th March Whole school Athletics Day at Edithvale track
- Friday 31st March 11.30am Leadership Assembly followed by Easter egg raffle, all welcome
  1pm finish. End of Term 1.