Thursday 27th June 2013 Term 2 Week 11

Congratulations to Madalyn, Bella, Jessica, Olivia, Laura, Mikayla, Isabella, Lucy, Phoebe, Kiahna, Anya, Shiama, and Kyle who all participated in the Italian Poetry Competition last Thursday. We are very proud of you.

Dear Families,

A long busy and fruitful term of learning for all of us. Thank you for your support and attendance at Family Conferences this week. The partnership of learning for your child is extremely important.

What do you think of our political landscape?

Yesterday while the caucus was appointing a new Prime Minister a significant law for Education Reform was passed in the Senate, bringing into law the “Australian Education Bill.” What does it mean for our Catholic Schools is still unclear as there is a lack of detail from the Federal Government and caution from our State Government. The Victorian Government made a counter proposal to the Australian Government also yesterday and we are waiting a response. Will this change with a new Prime Minister? Will this change with a new Government later in the year? This is all unclear at the present time. We will keep saying our prayers and crossing our fingers for a fair deal.
As the term draws to a close we acknowledge the hard work of all staff. It is with disappointment for staff and students that I accepted the resignation of Caroline Egan due to ill health. Caroline has been popular with students and staff and will be missed. She will make a full recovery but keeping the children's best interests at heart she needed to resign her position. Caroline will be back to visit the children next term when she is feeling better. Commencing next term 5/6E will be taken by Luisa Campitelli for the first 5 weeks and then for the remainder of the year by Kerry Allan. Luisa is well known by the children and Kerry has done some emergency teaching with the children during the year.

We wish Liss McCabe all the best as she starts her maternity leave. She will be replaced by Ann Hancock who will be working as an aide in various classrooms on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Also for the first 3 weeks of term Maurice Azzolini will be taking some long service leave. During his absence I will be having a stint back in the classroom.

Yesterday we celebrated a wonderful day as the many different cultures of our school were celebrated along with the Italian and Asian cultures. Special thanks to the staff for their efforts and Maria Morina and her team that prepared the wonderful experiences for the children. Performances from M.A Cicitta and J. Liotta, a visit from the Gelati van and the experience of our cultures as the children travelled with their passports from country to country.

Don’t forget tomorrow is a casual clothes, gold coin donation day for St Vincent De Paul. At 12.20pm the children will make a line with the coins they have brought from home. This has been organised by the Minnie Vinnies Leadership Group.

Peace and Best Wishes
Gavan O'Donnell
Principal.

GENERAL NEWS

Year 6 Confirmation – Thursday 25th July Parent Session 1
The year 6 Confirmation will commence in the second week of term 3. More details to follow with a flyer on Monday 15th July and the flyer is on our web page under Learning and Teaching and programs.

School Garden
During the holidays our new garden area will commence in the bike area. After lots of planning and consultation it will finally commence. When you return from holidays you should see some changes.

Literacy News
As the school holidays get closer could I remind all the children to continue reading. It’s great to have a break from routine during holiday time (and to even maybe get a sleep-in!) but please continue to read to your child and also encourage your child to read to you, a sibling, a friend or on their own.

Don’t forget (especially if it’s a rainy day) to visit the Kingston Library in Chelsea. Its opening hours are Monday and Tuesday 10am – 8pm; Wednesday 1 – 8pm; Thursday and Friday 10am – 6pm; Saturday 10am – 2pm and Sunday 2- 5pm.

Next term I look forward to hearing about some of the great books you’ve read in the school holidays!
There’s also a website I found recently that’s worth a look for parents with suggestions on good books to read to your children and reading tips: www.letsread.com.au

Finally, thank you to all the literacy classroom helpers this term. We greatly appreciate your time and support and we look forward to working in partnership with you again next term.
Happy holiday reading!
Karen O’Sullivan (Literacy Co-ordinator)

School Fees
If you have not made a payment towards your school fees this term, we request that you settle this before the end of next week. If you are experiencing any difficulties in managing your account, please contact the office or email principal@sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au. All contact is strictly confidential.

Lost Property
Could all families please check over the holidays for any items of uniform that do not belong to them and return to school please. We have a number of students with missing jumpers.
School Counsellor
Hello St Josephs! I’m Clio Wright the new school counsellor and I will be continuing Kursely Bernard’s wonderful work with your school community. I have worked with Catholic Care in other schools around Melbourne and at the Krongold Clinic with the Educations and Developmental Psychology unit doing assessments and counselling. Counselling may assist students who are having difficulties with emotional problems, like anxiety, depression and low self-esteem, with issues with family and friendships or where there are behavioural concerns both at school and home. Counselling may involve a number of therapeutic methods including play and art therapy, as well as consultations with parents and teachers. This is a confidential service offered free of charge to students and their families. Have a happy and safe mid-year break and … I will be looking forward to working with your school community for the rest of the school year.

New Mums
St Joseph Care & Concern Group are offering some assistance to new mums. They would love to offer 2 fresh casseroles per week for 3 weeks. The ladies will deliver to your home at a time which suits and this service is free and confidential. Please call Sue on 0408 547 791 or Rita on 9774 2911. The group would love to help.

‘Making it Possible’ Parent Workshop
How you can think, plan and achieve goals for your child and family? How can you create a fulfilling life with choices, purpose, friendship and happiness? If you want to take the lead in achieving these goals for your child (0-18) and family, then this workshop is for you! Build on the strengths and skills you already have as a parent to better identify, plan and achieve your goals. Our presenters are parents or siblings of a person with a disability so they do understand issues from a family perspective. Details for ‘Making it Possible’ Parent Workshop in Pakenham
Date: Tuesday 23rd July 2013
Time: 9.30am – 2.45pm
Venue: Cardinia Cultural Centre
Lakeside Boulevard, Pakenham 3810
Cost: $20 per person – members*
$40 per person – non-members
Morning tea & light lunch included
Places are limited so be quick to book at: http://trybooking.com/44714 or phone the office on 9818 2000.

Chelsea Occasional Child Care
Bop till u drop holiday disco for under 8’s. Wed 3rd July 11am-1pm. The disco will be held at the Chelsea Heights Community Centre. Tickets on sale and can be purchased through Chelsea Occasional Child Care located at 72 Catherine Ave, Chelsea or phone Vicky Weatherlake on 0431 879 909.

Ipads for Schools Chelsea Beach Arcade
From Tues 4th June to Wed 31st July spend $10 or more from our specialty stores. Receive your ENTRY FORM upon presentation of your receipt. The participating school across our Victorian region with the most entries will win 10 ipads and accessories for their school. If you buy from any of the stores in the Chelsea Beach Arcade please collect your entry form and help St Joseph’s out.

St Bedes College
St Bede’s Old Collegians Association will be hosting a Reunion for the Class of 2003 on Friday 19th July. For details and bookings go to http://www.trybooking.com/DATA

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Bonkers Beat Music
“Harmony Night To Warm Up Your Heart”. This night is on Monday 1st July 6.30pm-8.00pm at Bonkers Beat
Music Kinder and Childcare, 49 Laura Street, Aspendale. Come to relax, connect, learn more about music, yoga and meditation. Light supper provided, lots of breathing, wellbeing, music and fun provided. To reserve your free ticket visit http://www.trybooking.com/CYDZ
For more information please call 1300 022 328

**Holiday Fun @ Mentone Bowl**
$8 Games per person. Valid all holidays 10am-6pm
OR The MEGA deals: 2 bowling games, hot dog, fries, drink $20 per person or 3 bowling games $20 per person.
Contact Mentone Bowl on 9583 1244

**USA Import Kevin “Butter” Johnson Holiday camp**
July 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 9th, 10th, and 11th from 10.00am-3.00pm
Bonbeach basketball stadium
Cost - $150 for both weeks, $80 for one week or $30 per day
For more details and entry form email manager@chelseabasketball.com.au
Thanks Peter
9776 1896/0448 557 323
email: manager@chelseabasketball.com.au
www.Chelseabasketball.com.au

**Patterson River School Holiday Golf Clinics**
Tues 2nd July, Friday 5th July, Tue 9th July, Fri 12th July. Bookings essential, 1/2 day or full day. Please call the Pro Shop on 9772 1972. All equipment supplied.

**Dandenong Southern Stingrays Training Camp**
Wed 3rd & Thurs 4th Jul at Shepley Oval, Dandenong from 8am – 3pm.
This camp is for girls and boys 5-14 years. One day cost of $105 or two days cost of $190.
Training camp will include “Gameday”, goal of the day, mark of the day, AFL 9s workshop, footy prizes and meet the stingrays players going to draft camp, plus lots more. Please call 9791 8656 for more information.

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

Congratulations to all our year 5/6 students who competed in the lightening premiership last Friday. It was a great day.
Attached is a photo of the football team who were undefeated and now go on to represent Chelsea District in the Kingston Division Finals during term 3.

**FUNDRAISING**

**Chocolate Drive**
All money is now due back. We still have outstanding money, so please have the money returned by tomorrow so we can wrap this fundraiser up before the end of term. Thank you for supporting our school. There are four boxes left to sell. If anyone is able to take another box please call the office.

**Go Get Around Shopping Tour**
PAYMENT TO BE MADE BY TOMORROW OR TOUR WILL BE CANCELLED.
Seats still available for Saturday 7th Sep 7am-5.30pm
Pick up St Joseph’s – Woodbine Grove.
$49 lunch and Tour.
Payment slips available at the office (Cash & cheque only)
Final payment due 28th June.
Details at the office or the parent room.
Multicultural Day at St Joseph’s
**Important Dates**

- **Fri 28th June**  Winter sport Yr 5/6 rd 7, casual clothes mini vinnies gold coin, 1.00pm finish End of Term 2
- **Mon 15th Jul**  Term 3 begins
- **Wed 17th Jul**  7.30pm PPC (Parish Pastoral Council)
- **Fri 19th Jul**  Winter sport Yr 5/6 rd 8, 2.30 Assembly
- **Tues 23rd Jul**  9.15am Mass Yr 5/6, 7.30pm P & F meeting
- **Wed 24th July**  Yr 5/6 Excursion to China Town
- **Thurs 25th Jul**  Confirmation Session 1  7pm library
- **Friday 26th Jul**  Winter sport Yr 5/6 rd 9, 2.30 Assembly 3/4
- **Sat 27th Jul**  Confirmation Mass 6pm
- **Sun 28th Jul**  Confirmation Mass 9.30am & 11am
- **Wed 31st July**  Pyjama Day, Yr 3 /4 Family Maths night
- **Fri 2nd Aug**  Winter Sport Yr 5/6 Rd 10, 2.30 Assembly Numeracy
- **Tues 6th Aug**  9.15am Mass Yr 3/4, 6.30pm PEB
- **Thurs 8th Aug**  9.15 Mass Whole School Mary Mackillop Mass, Confirmation Session 2  7pm library
- **Fri 9th Aug**  Winter Sport Yr 5/6 rd 10, 2.30 Assembly
- **Sat 10th Aug**  Confirmation Mass 6pm
- **Sun 11th Aug**  Confirmation Mass 9.30am & 11am
- **Thurs 15th Aug**  9.15 Mass Whole School Assumption Mass
- **Fri 16th Aug**  2.30 Assembly Yr1/2
- **Sat 17th Aug**  Yr 5/6 Mass 6pm
- **Tues 20th Aug**  9.15 Mass P-2, 7pm P&F all welcome
- **Fri 23rd Aug**  2.20pm Assembly Bookweek Dress up
- **Sat 24th Aug**  Working Bee 9-11am
- **Tues 27th Aug**  Father’s Day Stall
- **Wed 28th Aug**  Yr 5/6 Cultural Expo 7pm-8.30pm
- **Thurs 29th Aug**  Yr 5/6 Cultural Expo 7pm-8.30pm

**Fri 30th Aug**  **SCHOOL CLOSURE**

- **Thurs 5th Sep**  MJR Yr 5/6, Confirmation Session 3  7pm library
- **Fri 6th Sep**  District Athletics, NO Assembly
- **Sat 7th Sep**  Shopping Tour, Confirmation Mass 6pm
- **Sun 8th Sep**  Confirmation Mass 9.30 & 11am
- **Tues 10th Sep**  Reconciliation Yrs 3/6
- **Wed 11th Sep**  Cybersafety 2.15 Yrs 3/6, 3.45-5.00pm staff, 7.00-8.30 parents
- **Thurs 12th Sep**  7pm Confirmation
- **Fri 13th Sep**  Footy Day, Assembly 2.30pm
- **Mon 16th Sep**  Yr 6 Confirmation Excursion to Mary Mackillop Centre.
- **Tues 17th Sep**  6.30pm PEB
- **Fri 20th Sep**  End of Term 3  1pm finish.

**Prayer**

Dear God,

When we feel fragile and broken, mould us and heal us
May our families and friends be strong and loving.
May all of us – whatever our own circumstances – respond to
The needs of others, supporting with open arms, hearts and minds.
May we live with courage as we face the different challenges that confront us.
Amen.