Dear Parents and Friends,

This week we continue to explore how the new framework for learning is alive within the St. Joseph’s school community. The framework is based on five learning beliefs:

~Curriculum ~Capacity ~Collaboration ~Community ~Connection

Throughout the students education at St. Joseph’s we aim to:

• Develop in each student an appreciation of the Catholic church and an enthusiasm to participate in and celebration the Catholic faith.
• Focus our planning and decision making on the needs of all the students.
• Provide activities and experiences that are inclusive of all students.
• Create a sense of belonging to a community where everyone is a vital part and the students understand their role as a member of the St. Joseph’s community.
• Take opportunities to celebrate our uniqueness.
• Encourage the students to be responsible members of the community.

WHAT DOES THIS LOOK LIKE AT ST. JOSEPH’S?

• Emma Carey said “Being involved in Wakakiri let us show the community what we are capable of as a school. We were able to work together to make an awesome production that told our story in seven minutes of dance and movement!”
• Jack Sexton said “When we visited the Finley Library last week we were showing everyone about the wonderful resource we have in Finley and how it is important to visit and support it.”
• Bella Jackson said “When we went to the nursing home to sing to them it was really important because it showed that we care for and respect all people in our community.”
• Bella also said “When we take opportunities to fundraise for charity we are showing our belief that we need to support people less fortunate than us.”
• Tristan Doyle said “We show sportsmanship at our carnival and sporting events. This is important because we know that if we win or lose people are always going to congratulate you and let you know that you have tried your best.”
• Jack also said “We try our best to make sure that everyone is happy and safe and that there is no one who feels left out.”

Happy Healthy Harold

We are all very excited to be welcoming Harold and his friend Jaclyn tomorrow! Each class will head to the van for their session on healthy habits and the chance to meet Harold in the spotty flesh. I know Miss Steward is keen to give Harold a big of a hug and maybe get a happy snap.

Library Visit

Last Friday afternoon the whole school headed off to the new town library to check out the wonderful books, dvds, audio books and magazines available. After meeting with Jenny (the Librarian) and learning about the facilities, the children participated in a scavenger hunt! The winning team ‘book worms’ is pictured here celebrating their win! Each family would have received a library membership form in their child’s diary. Please hand down and support the new library - a fantastic facility with lots of things to read and do for the whole family.

Confirmation & School Production

Over the many years since we started having school productions it has clashed with the Year 5/6 Sacrament of Confirmation, always being on the same day. To rectify this we had planned to have an extra production last year. However, with our massive commitment to our Wakakiri project it was decided to cancel this plan. Therefore, unfortunately in 2012 we will not be having a whole school major production. To compensate for this we will be having a minor production at the end of the year to allow the Year 6’s the opportunity to show off their dramatic skills and shine for one and all.

Parent Grounds Roster

Thank you to our band of helpers who came along Sunday afternoon to remove a tree from the courtyard. The tree has been causing some damage to the roof and guttering, as well as just being an unhealthy and half dead specimen! Thanks to Scott Congram, Andrew Varley, Trevor Wright and Paul Doyle for putting their chainsaws to the test. It is greatly appreciated.

Council and P&F Meetings

Tonight is the annual general meetings of both the school Council and the Parents and Friends committee. The AGM of the council will be held at 7pm in the library and followed by the monthly meeting. The P&F AGM will begin at 8pm and also be followed by the monthly meeting. All are welcome to come along to the P&F at 8pm.

Yours in Christ,
Veronica Braybon

Principal’s Award

Awarded to: Courtney Lunn
For her willingness to help others and give everything a go. Being a responsible member of our school community.

To Cover All Annual Fees at St. Joseph’s Finley
1 child: ~$21 per wk
2 children: ~$27 per wk & 3 children: ~$28 per wk

Councll & P&F
TONIGHT
7pm & 8pm
Captain's Report

Hello everyone,

Last week the whole school went down to the new Finley library. It was great fun. We had a scavenger hunt where we had to find things in the library. We got to see all the resources that we could use as a member. So don't forget to sign up. It doesn't cost anything!

On Wednesday we have a visitor coming to school...Happy Healthy Harold! So send in your note to see him. If you would like to, you can buy merchandise from the Life Education fundraising shop at lunchtime.

We also have a bunch of 5/6 boys heading down to the oval for the AFL footy trials on Wednesday too. Good luck to you all.

Stephanie & Kayden :)

Uniform Award

Christopher Wright

Lily Sharp

Student Awards

Congratulations to this week's award winners...
- Reilly Ronnick
- Madison Kleinschmidt
- Stephanie Wright
- Riley Kleinschmidt
- Emma Carey
- Piper Doyle
- Will Sexton
- Sophie Escott

Pets on Parade

Name: Cadbury
Owner: Olivia Mauger
Likes: bread, bread and more bread!!
She also likes getting pats and being spoilt by her family.
Dislikes: being ignored, cheese and bacon rolls, being alone and loud noises!

There is my friend Olivia!!!
I like drinking milk from her hand....it's like a glass and a half of goodness Yum Yum!

She is special because: because she is my only pet and we are like sisters! I love her!!
**Sports Report**

**South West Deanery ~ AFL Trials**
Tomorrow 13 boys from years 5 and 6 will head to the football oval to participate in the Diocesan AFL trials. The boys, myself and Mrs Thomas will walk to the oval at about 9.10am ready to kick off the day at 9.30am. The boys will be split up into groups with students from other schools and they will take part in different rotating activities such as handballing, kicking and agility. They will also play modified games against other teams before returning to school for a BBQ lunch and announcements of the team. Students will wear their sports uniform and runners to school and should bring footy boots, a mouth guard, water bottle and snacks in their bag. Football jumpers will be handed out at school for students to wear on the day.

**Good luck Bailey!**
This Thursday Bailey Bergmans will be heading all the way to Junee to participate in the final round of the Diocesan soccer trials. Bailey was successful at the Albury trials and he will now participate against other students who were successful at the Wagga and Griffith trials. Bailey and the Albury team will take part in games against the Wagga and MIA teams. Skills sessions will take place while the boys aren’t playing. Well done and good luck Bailey, we hope you have a fantastic day!

**Active After School Community**
At After School Activities last week students learnt how to serve and practiced this skill with a partner who was standing diagonal to them at the opposite end of the table. Once they had practiced this a number of times and were getting the hang of it, they then focused on returning the serve of their partner and tried to have a rally. As we found out, it can be quite tricky keeping the bouncy ball low and on the table but with a bit more practice, it should become easier. There were some great rallies between partners and everyone gave it a good go and persisted, even if they weren’t having much success at the start.

There were lots of giggles, chasing of the ball and encouragement which was great to see!

Ronnie Steward ~ Sports Co-ordinator

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**Religious Education News**

**Year 3/4 Whole School Mass**
The Year 3/4 class will lead a whole school mass in the coming weeks. This mass will be to celebrate the feast day of St. Joseph. The actual feast day is Monday the 19th of March but we will be holding our celebration on a different date. All are invited to please come along and join in the celebration of our school patron saint. I will inform you next week in the newsletter of date and time as the proposed date of the 23rd of March will need to be changed.

**Lenten Promises**
Each Lent we focus on the three aspects most relevant to this special time. These being:

**Prayer**

**Almsgiving**

**Fasting**

What is almsgiving? The word ‘alms’ is from an Old English word and can be traced back to Greek words which mean compassion, pity and/or mercy.

In 2008 Pope Benedict XVI said ‘According to the teaching of the Gospel, we are not owners but rather administrators of the goods we possess: these, then, are not to be considered as our exclusive possessions, but means through which the Lord calls us to act as steward of his providence for our neighbour.’

Therefore we are all called to be examples of our faith everyday in the way we care for each other and our earth. Perhaps you can think about ways you can give those around you? Look around your home to see what could be shared with someone less fortunate than you. Clear out your wardrobe, or your cupboard, and experience the freedom of giving with an open heart.

During Lent we ask each one of us to think about ways we can take time to pray, give to those in need or give up something that we enjoy to experience what it is like to do with-out. Below are some of the Lenten Promises made by our Year 5/6 class.

**Toody Braybon**
(Religious Education Coordinator)
During Term 1 the Year K/1/2 and 3/4 classes have been investigating surrealism and producing a variety of their own surrealistic responses! (Now that's a mouthful :)). Enjoy below just some of their great works of art.

Surrealism.

Enjoy the stories that accompany the artworks.

Anything can happen in your art—so let your imagination free.

A horse walking on the moon
made out of cheese.

A cup with a lemon on top and a horse on top of that.

Monkeys are driving the pews to the moon.

Once a Christmas day I was walking through a forest. Then suddenly I fell through a mine shaft. I found on the shore of a beach where a big wave was on its way.

I ran and saw a table, a weird creature, we had sticks and an orange thing. I could see big cliffs and there was a house that looked a bit like a tree with no leaves on it.

There was a strange glass looking thing that camouflage with the ocean.

I went for a walk, there were more strange creatures they were everywhere and they all had sharkbites on them.

It was the most creepy place I had ever been to.

By Georgia Lun

The picture I saw then just when I wouldn't want to be in that picture because it would be lonely and no food or water and something could happen and your mates wouldn't know where you are.

If I got out of there, well you don't know now if I get out of there or not.

By Jesse McDermid

FREE SUNSCREEN FOR A YEAR!!!

Our school recently received a pack from the Cancer Council which includes resources for use in classrooms around being sun smart, signage for our fence which states that we are a Sun Smart school and a years supply of sunscreen! We filled out a couple of forms stating our sun smart policy here at school and within a few weeks, we had received this fantastic package.
MATHS
During maths we are focusing on 3D shapes. We have learnt the different names and features of 3D shapes and we have also learnt the difference between a prism and a pyramid.

Some of the things we did to learn about 3D shapes was to draw them onto grid paper, make them out of paper and watch short videos on Study Ladder about different 3D shapes and what they look like in real life. We also played different games and completed tasks after we had watched the demonstration.

By Kezley, Jack, Tristan and Charles

UNIT WORK
During unit work we are studying Natural Occurrences. So far we have figured out how natural occurrences happen and where they occur. The very strange thing is that while we have been studying natural occurrences, the floods have happened in Australia and America and also experienced a tornado in one of their states. By the end of term we are hoping to make our own volcanos using an experiment we found while researching (Kelly: "Can we? Can we? Can we?")

By Jacinta, Riley and Max.

STUDY LADDER
This term we have been introduced to Study Ladder! It’s a fun online website where we use interactive tasks and games to learn. You can create your very own avatar and you also have your very own room where you can spend your money that you have earned by doing tasks set by your teacher. We find it fun and a great way to learn and we have a great time using it. You can also get certificates as progress through the tasks such as bronze, silver, gold and platinum. We use study ladder during maths rotations and also for a variety of different literacy activities.

By Emma, Bella and Sophie

RELIGION
During Religion we have been learning about a lady called Flabiana who lives in Timor Leste which is about an hour's flight from Darwin. Her family fled to the mountains when fighting broke out and they came back to find their belongings stolen or ruined. We watched a DVD about Flabiana and how she got help from Caritas Australia to rebuild her life.

At the start of Lent we chose something we really like and decided to give it up until Lent is over. This is our way of making a sacrifice like Jesus did. Earlier this term we also made posters about Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Each poster had a definition about it and some pictures as well.

In Religion we have been using our Making Jesus Real books and we recently talked about being a 'claimer' and not a 'blamer', where you accept when you have done the wrong thing instead of blaming it on someone else.

By Taylor, Will and Chris
**School Diary:**

**MARCH:**
- Wed 14th ~ Happy Healthy Harold
- Wed 14th ~ AFL Trials (Finley) ~ Year 5/6 Boys
- Thurs 15th ~ Diocesan Soccer Trials (Junee)
- Mon 19th Mar ~ St. Joseph’s Feast Day
- Thurs 22nd ~ Essendon Footy Clinic ~ Year 3/4/5/6
- St. Joseph’s Mass ~ Year 3/4 ~ Date to be confirmed
- Fri 23rd Mar ~ Deenary Cross Country (Toe)
- Fri 30th Mar ~ Rising Generations ~ Year 5/6 ~ FHS

**APRIL:**
- Thurs 5th ~ Holy Thursday ~ Easter Liturgy (Afternoon)
- Thurs 5th ~ Last Day Term 1
- Wed 25th ~ ANZAC DAY (No-school)
- Thurs 26th ~ Making Jesus Real Day ~ Year 5/6
- Fri 27th ~ Diocesan X-Country (Holbrook)

**MAY:**
- 15th-17th ~ NAPLAN
- Tues 22nd ~ ICAS Computer Test

**JUNE:**
- Wed 6th ~ ICAS Science Test
- Mon 18th ~ ICAS Writing Test
- Tues 19th ~ ICAS Spelling Test

**JULY:**
- Tues 31st ~ ICAS English Test

**AUGUST:**
- Sat 4th/Sun 5th ~ Sacrament of Confirmation ~ Year 5/6
- Tues 14th ~ ICAS Mathematics Test

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**Canteen News**

This Week: Julie Robinson & Kirstie Chesworth
Meal Deal: $4.00 ~ Spaghetti Bol or Ravioli. A choice of drink from the menu and a jelly cup.
If you need to make a change to the canteen roster please contact Rebecca Culhane ~ 0408 308 232

**Finley Football Netball Club Season 2012**

Registration will be held for all netball grades on TUESDAY 13TH MARCH AND THURSDAY 15TH MARCH AT THE FINLEY RECREATION RESERVE ~ 5 - 7pm.
All registration forms and fees, including uniform fees, must be lodged and paid on those dates.
Fees will be placed on the blackboard at the netball shed. Any further enquiries contact Melissa Miles on 0409 832575

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**Uniform Shop**

Open Hours ~ Monday 3-3:30pm
If your family would like to advertise your business please contact Damian Sexton: 0427 833 141 or the school on 5883 1630 for details.

**DPF Banking**

Reminder that DPF Banking information is available from the office.

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**Friday Rotations**

Each Friday the classes participate in lessons focused on music/drama, technology and physical education. This term in physical education the K/1/2 class has been about throwing and catching and agility. The Year 3/4 group have been working on games that involve throwing and catching. The Year 5/6 have been training hard for the cross country as well as learning about the game of hockey and soccer.

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It was great to have Mr. Luke Brooks working with us on our soccer skills!