Dear Parents and Friends,

I had an opportunity to work with the Year 5/6 class recently and we were discussing a component of their Religious Education program ~ ‘Making Jesus Real’. In our discussion we were talking about how we all have a choice in how we interact with others and in general how we approach our world.

It was great to hear the children demonstrate their understanding of how a positive approach can have a positive effect. That giving a smile or a thank you is a great way to encourage others to treat you the way you want to be treated.

Upon reflecting on this conversation it struck me that there was a similarity between this and what we (the staff of St. Joseph’s) heard at our recent whole of system Diocesan Conference. A keynote speaker, Denis Higgins, a leading teacher and previous director of the Sandhurst Diocese, challenged us to think about relationships among other things: “Students, and I mean every student, need to know they are really liked. They need to know that you really like them. Teachers should see themselves as elders. Teaching is an exceptional endeavour. And we must be filled with an irrational optimism.” “Schools,” he implored us, “must do or create opportunities to show students beyond themselves...and they must try to ensure no one has an anonymous life.”

Back to my discussion with the students and we were talking about how important it is to take an interest in the people in their class and the wider school community. I took a risk and said that I hoped they each had experienced myself and the other teachers taking the time to ask them about their lives, their interests, their successes and challenges. Thankfully I received a resounding yes and many enthusiastic nods!

I hope you see in this recount that the care of the students of St. Joseph’s as people is paramount to us. That we strive to ensure that they each know they are liked.

Albury Wodonga Eisteddfod

Last Tuesday our school choir headed off to Albury Wodonga to perform in the annual Albury Wodonga Sight and Sound Eisteddfod. Thank you to Rebecca and Patsy for preparing the boys and girls fully for the experience. From accounts it was a challenging day with much time spent waiting and mentally preparing for the task ahead. Both Patsy and Bek told me that despite the wait our choir were absolutely superb! In tune and hitting all the notes perfectly. We could not be prouder of the efforts of you all and look forward to an opportunity to hear you soon.

Girls Paul Kelly Cup

Yesterday the Year 5/6 and some Year 4 girls headed off to Deniliquin to participate in the Girls Paul Kelly Cup. Congratulations to you all on a great team effort. We were pleased to hear that you all demonstrated great sportsmanship and team spirit and some all round enjoyment of playing sport together. Thanks to Bek Doyle, Deb Murphy-Riddell, Julie Sutherland, Dim & Trevor Wright and Dean Knight for transporting, cheering, goal umpiring and coaching the girls.

Night of the Notables

Tomorrow night is the ‘Night of the Notables’! A chance for you to come along to the school library to meet many historical figures (Year 5/6 students) who have shaped our world. Their will be a light supper from 7-8pm and during this time you will have the chance to ask questions of our notables. All are welcome to come along.

2012 Enrollments

The time is drawing near to think about kinder enrollments for 2012. We already have a few ready and raring to go however, I would like to encourage you, the parents of our school, to actively talk about the great things that are happening at St. Joseph’s Wakakirri top ten is just one example. You are our biggest advertisement and chance to influence prospective parents! Please encourage anyone you know to come along and just have a look! No commitment! I would love to meet with them to talk about what our school has to offer.

Yours In Christ,

Veronica Braybon
**Captain's Report**

Hello everyone,

This week the St Vinnie's toy and blanket drive continues so if you have any unwanted toys or blankets etc. don't hesitate to bring them to the school.

Yesterday, the year 5/6 girls and a few year 4s went to Deniliquin for the Paul Kelly cup and they had lots of fun.

On Wednesday night the year 5/6 class are having the ‘night of the notables’ so feel free to come. It starts at 7pm and finishes at 8pm. There will be many notables for you to question and some you may not have even heard of.

We hope that everyone has a safe and happy week.

From Blake and Courtney

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**Uniform Award**

**Shelby-Lea Hislop**

**Isabella Jackson**

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**Student Awards**

Congratulations to this week's award winners...

- Cameron Lawler
- Matthew Escott
- Liam Agosta
- Bailey Bergmans
- Courtney Lunn
- Georgia Congram
- Leia Varley
- Max Bradbury

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**Student Spotlight**

**Name:** Lochlan Robinson  
**Date of Birth:** 28th December 1999  
**Class:** 6

**Favourite things to do at school:**  
Play football because I enjoy playing it with my friends.

**Best memory at St. Joseph's:**  
Being Raffiki in our school play ‘The Lion King’ because it was fun to dress up and act like other things.

**Favourite thing to do when you get home:**  
Help dad fix the old car because I like to learn new things.

**Best memory of a time with your family:**  
Going to Ballarat I really liked being able to go and see the goldfields.
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The Year 5/6 and some Year 4 girls headed off to Deniliquin to participate in the Girls Paul Kelly Cup. From the animated accounts yesterday afternoon (when they arrived back at school) the girls had a blast of a time. All said they enjoyed themselves and all displayed enthusiasm and drive to do their best. What more could we ask? When asked to name some stand outs there were numerous mentioned.

Most determined to get the ball through legs, over bodies and in potential melees ~ Cherie Kantarias

Greatest effort to put off the opponent by yelling “Run at me!” ~ Cherie Kantarias

Greatest goal kicking in one game (3) ~ Phoebe Doyle

Girl most likely to break into the national AFL competition (like her father) ~ Courtney Sexton

Best call when coming off the field “I couldn’t do anything - she sat on my face!” ~ Sophie Lostroh

Potential to take the ball in the back line, run it through the centre into forward line & kick a goal ~ Leia Varley

Greatest team effort to intimidate the opposition by performing a ‘Finleyfide’ version of a Haka. ~ Everyone!

Year 2/3 Mass
Congratulations to our Year 2/3 for leading the whole school mass last Friday. The theme of the Mass was Jesus is the Light. It was an opportunity for the students to express in the readings and through their art work how Jesus guides us everyday in the choices that we make and the way we treat others.

A definite highlight of the mass was the rousing rendition of ‘Rainbow’ which we finished off the mass on. It is without a doubt a school favourite. I was even reminded by a year 2 boy when heading up to communion that we hadn’t had rainbow yet!! I assured him that it was in the plan and would be the final song of the mass. He was greatly relieved : )
School Diary:

AUGUST

- Tues 2nd ~ Uni Testing ~ English
- Wed 3rd ~ Night of the Notables ~ 7pm ~ School Library
- Mon 8th ~ Mary MacKillop Feast Day
- Tues 9th ~ Year 6 ~ Rising Generations ~ Oaklands
- Tues 9th ~ School Council & P&F Meetings ~ 7pm
- Wed 10th ~ Year 5/6 ~ Shane Crawford Fun Day
- Fri 12th ~ Diocesan Athletics Carnival ~ Albury
- Mon 15th ~ Year 5/6 Mass ~ ‘The Assumption’ ~ 9:30am
- Tues 16th ~ School Photos
- Tues 16th ~ Uni Testing ~ Maths
- Thurs 18th ~ Annual BOOKFAIR
- Fri 19th ~ ‘Billi’s Backyard’ ~ SW Arts Play ~ Year 3/4
- Wed 24th ~ WAKAKIRRI ~ Melbourne ~ K-6
- Thurs 25th ~ Travel Day for Wakakirri
- Fri 26/8 ~ Year 3/4 ~ Tom Hawkins Fun Day

SEPTEMBER

- Fri 2/9 ~ Year K/1 Mass ~ 10:15am
- Sun 4/9 ~ Finley Show (Check out school display)
- Tues 6/9 ~ Year 6 Netball Gala day ~ Wagga
- Thurs 15th ~ Frank Kelly Shield ~ Year 5/6 Footy & Netty
- Thurs 15th ~ Year 4/5 Netball Gala Day ~ Wagga
- Wed 21st ~ ‘Pick a Peck of Pickled Poems ~ Visiting Performer
- Fri 23rd ~ Year 4 Mass ~ 10:15am
  - ‘Blessing of the Animals Mass’

Fri 23rd ~ Last Day of Term 3

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By: Miss Renée

CANTEEN NEWS

Friday 5th August ~ NOT OPEN! (will open next week ~ 12th August)
Roster: Need people to fill in the roster (currently only 6 replies). If you are available please let the school know.

St. Joseph’s Finley
Invites you to join our bus tour to...Heaven on earth for papercraft lovers...

SCRAPBOOKING! STAMPING! CARD MAKING! and more...

Paperific Expo 2011 ~ Melbourne Showgrounds
Saturday 27th August 2011
Bus departing 6am returning 8pm
St. Joseph’s School, Coree St, Finley
Cost: $55 (including entry & bus)
Limited numbers so contact Tanya Bauer to secure your seat or for further information ~ 03 5876 3223

UNIFORM SHOP:
Open Hours:
Monday ~ 8:45am ~ 9:15am
Call Anne or Sasha to organise other times

If you are still owing please send in the $10 footy tipping money.
The end is in sight!

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An Almost Footy Legend!!!

Found!

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