Dear Parents and families,

Thank you for making me feel welcome here at St Joseph’s! My name is Tom Hogan and I will be filling in for Cynthia for some of the time she is on leave. I have been a Principal and Deputy Principal for a number of years. This year I have taken time to pursue other areas in Education as well as taking on some relieving Principal roles for the Catholic Education Office in Ballarat. Please drop in and say hello if you get a chance.

October is Mission month. We have that responsibility in our families, in the places where we work and play, and in the world as a whole. God wants all people “to come to the knowledge of the truth.” It is our challenge to make it happen. You might like to pray the following at home.

Creator God, Open my mind and heart to know how my brothers and sisters live around the world. Help me to be more generous with my time and things to help those who struggle each day. Forgive me my greed of always wanting newer, bigger and better things. Forgive me for not doing my part to change the way the world is that keeps people suffering and poor. I promise you to become more aware of their situation and to change my life in order to change our world.

We ask you Jesus, our brother, to help us in all that we must do. Amen

Mass to celebrate Mission Month will be held with Fr Anthony on Monday 22nd October at 10am in the church. All family members and parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

Go gently,

Tom
STOMP Dance

STOMP Dance Company are here this week to work with the students. The week will culminate in a ‘Dance-a-thon’ this Friday 19th October, beginning at 1:45pm. The Dance-a-thon is the major fundraiser for the Junior Red Cross & Mission Group for this year. Students are asked to seek people to sponsor them to participate in the event. Last year our Skip-a-thon was a huge success and we hope everyone will support our Dance-a-thon just as much! Parents are welcome to join us on Friday 19th October in the Mary MacKillop Room to see our dance skills in action and show us their own dance moves!

Children’s Week celebrations

Next Friday we will celebrate Children’s Week with a healthy breakfast commencing at 8.30am so that classes can commence on time. The children will be able to have toast, healthy cereal, yoghurt, fruit and juice to enjoy.

Thank you

A sincere thank you to the Hopetoun Lioness Club for their annual donation to the school. Each year we use these funds to purchase library books that the children can enjoy. We are so fortunate to have organisations like the Lioness Club in our community.

School Advisory Council AGM & General Meeting

This meeting was held last night. There were 3 positions open for nomination. Wayne Huf has completed his term on School Council. We sincerely thank Wayne for his contribution to our School Advisory Council over the last 4 years, particularly in the role of Chair for the last 4 years. Mel Seipolt has completed her first term and was renominated for a second term. We thank Mel for her work as Treasurer to the Working Parties over the last 2 years and accepting the role once again. We welcome Rachael Watson to the School Advisory Council who has accepted a 2 year term.

A copy of the AGM minutes are available for collection from the Office or can be sent out upon request.

The School Advisory General meeting was held after the AGM. Agenda items included:

- IT Recommendations, quotes to be obtained for the November meeting
- Shelter quote, awaiting a second quote to be considered at the November meeting
- School Fee Policy was recommended for Fr Kevin Maloney for ratification
- The date for the Start of School Year working bee was set, being Sunday 27th January 2019 commencing at 8.30am

A reminder that School Advisory Council members are always open to suggestions from families.

Please talk to one of the Advisory Council members if you have an idea that you would like considered. School Advisory Council members: Cynthia Maiden, Patrick Hallam (Chairperson), Mel Seipolt, Shane Roberts, Kat Landrigan, Rachael Watson & Julie Grace.
**Drink Bottles**

A reminder to ensure your child brings a drink bottle to school each day.

The school does have a number of school drink bottles for sale for $10. Please see Julie if you wish to purchase one.

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**JUNIOR TENNIS**

Commencing on Thursday 18th October at 4.30pm for Under 16’s and Grade 1 onwards at the Hopetoun Tennis Courts.

Subscription is $120 per family

Junior subscription per member $35.00

Hope to see you there!!

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**eSmart Tip - Room 1 students**

Never chat to a stranger online.

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**Nude Food Day**

**EVERY**

**Thursday**

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOMS?

Room 1

One sunny day a clown was at the circus. Suddenly a clown went to a stripy tent and he did a good job of juggling the stripey tent. He has a silly laugh. On a day he was amazing at it he jumped! Everybody was scared it was a sunny day. He juggled the tent. He juggled on the trampoline. He hurt himself he hopped the whole way he got a sore foot.

By Ava P

The Maccas Robber

Boom! The door opened into Maccas. There was a mum and a dad they were taking their beautiful baby to Maccas for lunch. The baby was named Nora. Nora was a cheeky little baby who was a bit naughty. They ate their lunch and the baby crawled into the toilet without anyone knowing. Nora went into the the toilet without locking it. Soon a robber came in and said “well, well, well what do we have here?” The baby was so scared and said “oh no.” the robber got some tape and taped up the baby on wall. The baby screamed out “AHHHHHHHH!” The dad heard the scream and he said “that sounds familiar” then he said ‘wait where is Nora?” He ran into the toilets and said “stop right there.” He saw the baby on the wall. He also saw the robber and started a fight with him. When the robber was on the ground the dad saw the tape and picked it up and put the robber on the wall and taped him up and said “let’s see how you like it!” the he takes the baby down and goes back to table and says to the mum “let’s go.” The mum agreed and they went through the door and drove off.

By Parker

Robstar Tapes

In a John Deer tractor trailer in a paddock appeared Robstar. His name is Robstar because he rules. Robstar taped a baby named Hiphop. Robstar went in the John Deer, He started to drive and them the baby started to cry Robstar said “what should I do.” I’ll tape the teddy to the wall. He stopped crying. Subsequently Robstar was suffering in jail it was a fine space and it had no water, no food not even a speck.

By Toby

Miss Cook

Room 2

As mentioned last week, students have been working hard to develop procedural texts. The instructions for last weeks sprinkles sandwiches and toasted cheese sandwiches were put to the test when students were surprised by actually making them. The purpose of this was to make students aware of the importance of providing clear, accurate instructions to their reader. Sprinkles were plentiful, butter was missed, and some toasted cheese sandwiches turned to grilled cheese on toast instead. This provided a purposeful opportunity for students to then return and edit their work to ensure the final product turned out the way it was planned. If all students could bring in a copy of a procedural text from home to analyse that would be fantastic. These could be a favourite recipe, game instructions or instructions to make something.

You may have noticed that students have been bringing their handwriting books home. As we were not progressing through these books as efficiently as I would have liked they are to be completed for homework. The purpose of these books is to increase neatness (not to be rushed through quickly to complete) and pencil/pen grip whilst practicing joint handwriting.

Miss Dalton

If you have any questions about what is happening in your child's class please contact their teacher for the relevant area of concern.
Congratulations to the following students who received awards at assembly last Friday:

Room 1:
- **Dakota**: for working quickly to complete tasks in the given time frame
- **Denim**: for using her time well to complete tasks
- **Colt**: for writing every sound he can hear in a word
- **Lawson**: for using descriptive vocabulary in his writing

Room 2:
- **Macey**: for being considerate when assisting her peers with their times tables
- **John**: for attempting challenging words aloud such as “Explanations”
- **Taya**: for her continued perseverance when working with the formal multiplication algorithm to multiply two digit numbers by two digit numbers

Playground raffle winners:
- **Will**: playing happily in the sand
- **Colt**: always being active
- **Clay**: playing a friendly game of footy

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**Favourite school subject:** Maths

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**What’s your favourite thing to do when you are bored:** Watch television

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**What’s your favourite colour?** Green

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**If you could do anything or go anywhere in the world right now what would it be?** Fiji with family for a holiday

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**What’s the most exciting thing you’ve done at school so far?** Spending time with friends

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**Who is the Star of the Week?** Jesse

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Vision Statement
St. Joseph’s School is an inclusive community of faith and learning with Christ at its centre. St Joseph’s School will educate its students to be of service to society in the Catholic tradition of love, faith and hope.

Mission Statement
As a Christ centred school we celebrate our Catholic beliefs, values, practices and traditions.
As an educational institution we:
• Will support the development of the whole person.
• Will provide a comprehensive curriculum, which challenges all students in their pursuit of success.
• Will cater for the varied learning styles of our students.
• Will be a child safe school by providing a physical and online environment that is happy, safe and welcoming.
• Will respect the dignity of the individual and value the participation and contribution of all.
• Will work in partnership with parents, the parish and the wider community.
• Will encourage our students to make a difference in the local, national and global communities in which they live.

HOUSEKEEPING!!

Student Absence from School
A reminder that it is a legal requirement for parents to explain absences from school. We do not need to know ‘nitty gritty’ details, simply sickness, doctor’s appointment or family reasons will suffice. Please remember to email or phone the school prior to 10am on the day of absence otherwise you will be contacted, or if a scheduled absence in advance. Thank you.

Sunscreen
Sunscreen is provided by the school for our students, however we do encourage the children to bring their own sunscreen to school to assist with sun protection. Students are regularly encouraged by teachers to apply sunscreen throughout the day.

Hats
School hats MUST be worn at all times when students are outdoors, except for extremely windy days where hats blow over the fence. School Hats are now $15.00.

Signing out
Please remember to sign out your child at the office if you need to take them from school during the day. This is not only a legal requirement but also an important part of our emergency management plan.

P & F docket
A reminder that any purchases for P & F from IGA must be put on the P & F account (not school account). Dockets then need to be sent to school please.

Pie warmer containers
A reminder that students can bring lunch to school wrapped in foil or in a foil container to be heated in the pie warmer.

Pie warmer containers are available from the office for $10.00 for 50 containers.

Grounds Roster October: A Decker & N Crisp

A COMMUNITY OF FAITH AND LEARNING
REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THESE END OF YEAR COURSES—PLEASE CALL GATEWAY BEET TO CONFIRM.
50833001
REGISTER NOW.

R.S.A.
(Responsible Service of Alcohol - Victoria)

$105

CHANGE OF DATE

Thursday 29th November
5:30pm-9:30pm
$105
(Payment required to confirm place by 22nd November)
Phone: Gateway BEET 50833001
to register.

POOL LIFEGUARD (LIC)

December 1st @ (Gateway BEET)
$280 plus $10 admin fee
LG Update—December 2nd
$110 plus $10 admin fee
9am-6pm
(Payment required to confirm place by 22nd November)
Phone 50833001 to register your email address or for further information.

First Aid Course HLTAID003
& CPR Update HLTAID001

Wednesday 21st November
Full First Aid: 9am-3.30pm
CPR update only: 9am-12pm
At Gateway Beet Hopetoun

Bought to you by:
Natasha Anderson
Mallee First Aid

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Patchewollock Music Festival  
19/20/21 October 2018  
Youth Showcase  
Saturday 20/10/2018 3-4pm

Patchewollock Music Festival encourages young musicians to perform at our festival. The Youth Showcase is an opportunity for our region’s youth to perform on stage in the Saturday afternoon time slot. Bring Your Own instruments; everything else is provided for a quality sound.

For further information and registration  
Email: vivianey@activ8.net.au  
Or Ph. Robin 03 5084 1230  
0429 800 827

ALSO  
Blackboard Stage  
20/10/2018: 11.30am 5.00pm  
Open age. Register names on the day from 11:30am.

FREE ENTRY TO ALL EVENTS  

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Contact James Magee on 0429 954 042 or respond on the Hopetoun Table Tennis Facebook page to register.