Dear Parents and families,

What a fantastic Dance-a-thon we had last Friday! The enthusiasm and participation from the students was second to none. I am sure there were some tired children at the end of it all (especially the children that also had their dance concert on the Friday night!) A grand total of $1127.80 was raised on the day. Congratulations on this awesome achievement. I have worked in schools with ten times the student population that would not raise that amount of money! Photos of the Dance-a-thon are further on in the newsletter.

Thanks to Father Anthony for leading our Mass for Mission Week on Monday. The children are to be commended for the reverent way they participated in the mass. Well done to all children that helped out with a number of jobs for the mass.

Foundation Transition
Today was the first of our Transition visits for next year’s Foundation students. It was lovely to have Cheyanne, Denzel, Popi, Emily and Jenna with us. We look forward to their upcoming visits throughout the remainder of the term. Absent today was Ellerdy.

Go gently,

Tom
Children's Week celebrations
This 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 following:

- Hopetoun Tennis Club for donating tennis racquets to our school. No doubt the students will have years of fun ahead with them!

- Aaron (Az) for installing wooden rails above our bag hooks to ensure there are no eye injuries.

- Doug for his ongoing list of odd jobs that he has been asked to do, door closer, capping, bag hook, painting the wooden railings above the bag hook.....

- Marge and Cathy for sorting take home readers in the Junior Room those removed will be donated to Sr Carmel to send to those in need.

Ballarat Camp Grade 5/6
The Grade 5/6 Camp to Ballarat is departing on Wednesday 21st November and returning Friday 23rd of November. Thank you to Mrs Gregory for all her organisation of the camp this year.

The bus will be departing from St. Joseph’s at 7:00 am on the 21st of November and it is anticipated to arrive back in Hopetoun by 5:10 p.m. on Friday 23rd November.

Activities the students will participate in include going down a mine, participating in an educational session, watching a gold pour, and watching other demonstrations at Sovereign Hill. They will also attend a pantomime, the movies and participate in science sessions at Earth Ed. A busy but fun filled few days for them!

Permission form, medical form and a camp information note for parents went home on Monday. We ask that they be returned with payment by Monday 12th November to the office. Thank you to those who have already returned the forms.
Cassie’s Swim School
Swimming lessons will be offered for Parent/Child and Swim School classes in both Hopetoun and Rainbow during January 2019.
1 x 7 day program: Wed 2\textsuperscript{nd} – Tuesday 8\textsuperscript{th} Jan
Please contact Cassie via Facebook or text or call on 0428 833 265.

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.

eSmart Tip - Room 1 students
Don’t spend too much time on electronic devices.

Nude Food Day
EVERY Thursday

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOMS?

Room 1

This week in Mathematics we have been working on division. The Foundation children have been carefully sharing items between two and three groups. The Grade Ones and Twos have begun learning about reminders or having some left over once the groups are shared equally.

This week we are finishing off our Narrative Learning Cycle, our focus has been on including more than one action to create a plot. The Grade Ones and Twos have been working hard on including more details in their stories and conversation. All the students have been working towards making their writing interesting to read and create anticipation and excitement for the reader to enjoy.

We have continued to work on predicting. Over the past two weeks we have been working on explaining what clues we have used to create our predictions. This week we are working on saying why or why not our predictions were correct.

In Inquiry we are learning about Chemical Sciences. This week we will be looking at how materials change. We are learning about how melting, cutting, mixing, freezing, stretching, dissolving and boiling can change materials.

Miss Cook

Room 2

I have been made to feel very welcome in Room two! It has been wonderful to be greeted with a smile and cheery good morning every Tuesday.

In Mathematics we have been learning about volume and capacity. This has involved building a lot of rectangular prisms to identify the base, layers and total number of blocks used. We have discovered that we can make different shapes using the same amount of cubic centimeters.

We have also been warming up for our mathematics by using calculators to explore decimal numbers and their relationship with whole numbers. The students appeared to be quite engaged in this activity and some children even kept going during lunch break.

In Religion we have been looking closely at the Gospel of the day. The Gospel from our Mission Week mass spoke about the many ways we are blessed by God. Our challenge this week is to make a positive difference for someone outside our own friendship group. Following the words that Jesus taught us in the Gospel is what makes us a Catholic School. This is a challenge we will revisit next week.

We have also been getting to know a little bit more about one another by sharing moments from our own lives. We have been finding out a variety of information including when and where people were born, siblings and who has made an appearance on a television show!

Mr Hogan

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:**
- Luca: for identifying remainders when using division
- Ava P: for working hard to correctly share items between two
- Lawson: for working hard to correctly share items between two

**Room 2:**
- Ava H: for persisting with her doubles and near doubles and effectively using bundles of pop sticks to confirm her thinking
- Saige: for completing her handwriting homework to a very neat and high standard
- Belle: for ALWAYS being focused and working well in mathematics

**Playground raffle winners:**
- Denim: playing happily in the sand
- Lena: playing a friendly game of footy

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**Star of the Week**

**Jaymon**

- Favourite school subject: Minilits and Sport
- What's your favourite colour? Light Blue
- What's your favourite thing to do when you are bored? Play video games
- What's the most exciting thing you've done at school so far? Having Mr Hogan
- If you could do anything or go anywhere in the world right now what would it be? Go and see Auntie Essy and cousins in Darwin

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*A COMMUNITY OF FAITH AND LEARNING*
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 dockets
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

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Dance-a-thon

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REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THESE END OF YEAR COURSES—PLEASE CALL GATEWAY BEET TO CONFIRM.
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REGISTER NOW.

R.S.A.
For an evening of fun and learning
Certificate II (Alcohol, Tobacco, Other Drugs)
$165
On 21 November
5.30pm to 5.30pm
Register now by 24 November
Phone Gateway BEET 50833001

POOL LIFEGUARD (LIC)
For the love of water
November 15 @ Gateway BEET
3pm plus 5pm on alternate days
3pm on 20 November

First Aid Course HLTAID003
& CPR Update HLTA001
Come certified and armed
Wednesday 21 November
Full First Aid: 9am - 3.30pm
CPR update only: 9am - 12pm
At Gateway BEET Hopetoun

HOPETOUN’S JUNIOR TABLE TENNIS
4 WEEK PROGRAM
7, 14, 21, 28 November 2018
5.30pm to 6.30pm
Memorial Hall

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