Dear Parents and families,
Thank you to those families who were able to come along to our Beginning of School Year Mass on Sunday morning. It was a wonderful way to gather as a community to welcome our new students, families and staff members.

Today is Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent, a time for prayer and preparation to celebrate Jesus’ death and resurrection. Lent is a time to give generously to others. Project Compassion boxes will be sent home with children today. Your contributions will support programs that promote human dignity and fight injustice. Could all Project Compassion boxes please be returned to school by the end of the term. Thank you for your support. Coming home also is a pamphlet to tell you a little more about this year’s Project Compassion theme and projects.

You might like to pray the following prayer for Ash Wednesday at home:

Today we begin the season of Lent.
Lent is a time for renewing our lives as Christians- as followers of Jesus. May the Spirit who guided Jesus to a life of self-sacrifice, self-giving and love inspire us to follow in his footsteps.
Lord, send us your Spirit to help us walk the journey of Lent with honesty, faithfulness, generosity and love. Help us to renew our belief in you and to show this by our efforts to talk with you in prayer, to turn away from sin and to care for those in need. Amen

Shrove Tuesday
Thanks to everyone for your support of Shrove Tuesday yesterday. The Junior Red Cross & Mission group raised $76.00 for Project Compassion. Thanks to Jacki & Joan for helping with the cooking of pancakes.

Wishing you all a wonderful week! Cynthia
Parent Meeting
Despite a long list of apologies for our Parent Meeting last week we still had a terrific turn up of parents. Thanks to everyone who was able to come along! Major fundraisers since our last meeting have included:
- Christmas stocking $853.80
- New Year’s Eve $4,532.20
- Clearing Sale Catering $1,194.44
Our parent group has been approached about assisting with catering at a wedding in November. The food will be provided; our role would be to heat and serve. Teri is following up to gain a few finer details however the general consensus was that we would go ahead with this. Thanks to Teri & Cherie who are organising a special lunch for the Feast of St Joseph on March 19th, reply slips are attached today.

Clean Up Australia Day
Thanks to the students for the great job they did cleaning up around Lake Lascelles on Friday for school’s Clean Up Australia Day. It is pleasing that a number of students commented that there was less rubbish to pick up this year, which means campers are doing the right thing with their rubbish.
As a Catholic school community we are called to care for our environment and ensure it’s sustainability for future generations. Participating in Clean Up Australia Day is one small way we can do this.

Meals on Wheels
The Junior Red Cross & Mission Group will be delivering Meals on Wheels in the week beginning Monday 18th March. If you have a child in Grades 3-6 and are able to assist with transportation and deliveries please fill in the reply slip and return to school by Tuesday 12th March. A reminder that the school needs a copy of your Working with Children card before you can assist with this.

Public Holiday
A reminder that Monday is a Public Holiday, therefore there’s no school on Monday. Foundation students will attend school on Wednesdays from next week onwards.

Endoreic Short Film Festival
Our Grade 5/6 students will attend their first session tomorrow afternoon with Hannah. We look forward to seeing what they produce!
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.

Nude Food Day
EVERY Thursday

Last Chance!! To Give Away

2 x Viewsonic computer screens
2 x keyboards & mice

Welcome to Jenna, Emily, Denzel, Cheyanne & Louie, pictured with their prayer books presented to them on Sunday.
What’s Happening in Our Classrooms?

Room 1

Hello, welcome to week 6 in Room 1!

Over the last week, we have been more hands on during our Maths lessons focusing on counting and place value. Foundation students are still working on basic counting, identifying groups and numbers as numerals. Grade ones are learning about 2 digit numbers; how tens and ones are used and written in a place value chart. This is similar to the Grade 2’s who are working on 3 digit numbers.

We have been using MAB blocks in weird and wonderful ways to help our development. We have built structures, created castles and crazy monsters.

We are looking at Information Reports in our writing block and by the end of this week, the students will be asked to pick an animal to research and to write about. We will send home a USB stick for any pictures or information the students may like to gather over the weekend. Information books would be welcome too.

Have a lovely week,

Miss Rowles

Room 2

It’s been great to meet all the parents who came to meet the teacher last Thursday. It was also great to see how many students and families came to the opening school mass on Sunday. Students who participated did well.

In religion we have been looking at the meaning of Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent as this is the season of the Church that starts today.

In writing we are completing our narratives this week and beginning persuasive writing next week.

Good luck to all the students who participated at the swimming at Horsham on Wednesday.

Please when possible remind your child to bring their drink bottle and diary to school each day. Homework has begun this week with some spelling, math and reading. Please remember reading is the most important. There is also bonus homework for those students wanting a challenge.

If you have any questions don’t hesitate to ask. You can contact me through class dojo or at pflower@sjhopetoun.catholic.edu.au

Ms Flower

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:**
- Cheyanne for having a go at writing your letters
- Isabelle for being helpful

**Room 2:**
- Axel for putting in a lot of effort to improve in his work this week
- Parker for being Dojo champion of the week
- Clay for being Dojo champion of the week
- Isabella for being Dojo champion of the week

**Playground raffle winners:**
- Axel: for sharing nicely at lunch
- Denzel: for sharing nicely at lunch

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**Star of the Week**

**My Family:** Patrick, Lawson, Parker, mum, Madden & me

**My Friends:** Louie & Ned

**My Pets:** Chad & Nan

**My Favourite Food:** Chicken & Cheese sandwich

**Hobbies:** Building tank engines

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When I grow up I want to be a: person who works with phones

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 docketst
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 March: S Cook & B Schack

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