Dear Parents and families,

Last weekend’s Gospel from John (6:60-69) described how many of Jesus’ disciples struggled to keep following him but others realised that they could not possibly reject him. Despite the difficulties, Peter appreciated that there was no point in turning away because the words of Jesus were the only thing that made sense of life. There are certainly occasions when it is tempting for us to turn away from the challenge of real Christian living - but what can replace the life-giving word of Jesus?

You might like to pray the following prayer at home:

Word of life, we are thankful for the insights given to us through our faith in you. We know deep within our hearts that we have been privileged to share your vision of a world of peace, forgiveness and compassion. The challenge of living a truly Christian life is daunting, and there are times when we turn away to look for easier options. Forgive us for lack of faith.

Word of life, remain in us. Amen.

We look forward to welcoming our fathers and those like fathers to us to school tomorrow for breakfast. Bacon and egg rolls are on the menu from 8:15am onwards. We hope to see all our dads and their children for brekkie!

The Father’s Day stall will also be held tomorrow. Gifts are $5 each. Students who wish to participate are asked to bring their money to school for this tomorrow. Thanks to Shane from Hopetoun Newsagency for organizing the gifts for our dads.

Wishing all fathers and those like fathers to us a terrific day on Sunday!
Wishing you a wonderful week! Cynthia

St Joseph’s School Newsletter
Volume 28, No 27 29th August 2018

Calendar
Thursday 30th Aug: Father’s Day Breakfast 8:15am
                    Father’s Day Stall ($5/gift)
Friday 31st Aug: SML Athletics carnival
Sunday 2nd Sept: Mass 9am
Monday 3rd Sept: Back up Aths date
                    National eSmart Week
Tuesday 4th Sept: Sarah here for speech
Thursday 6th Sept: Parent meeting 2pm
Friday 7th Sept: Fresh Fruit Friday (Mel)
Sunday 9th Sept: Lay Led Assembly 9am
Monday 10th Sept: Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 11th Sept: Little Desert Aths (Horsham)
                    Kinder visit to school
Thursday 13th Sept: Flying Bookworm (F-2)
Friday 14th Sept: Healthy Fun fundraiser
**Book Week**
Thanks to everyone for the fabulous effort with Book Week costumes last week; everyone looked terrific! We hope that all students enjoy reading their book that was given to them from the school.

**Athletics Sports**
The Southern Mallee Lakes Athletics Carnival, which involves all students Foundation – Grade 6, will be conducted at Rainbow on Friday 31st August. Parents need to arrange transport for their child to and from Rainbow on this day. *Can students please be at Rainbow by 9:15am ready to move into groups by 9:30am.* If you are unable to transport your child please contact the school so arrangements can be made for them. This is always a terrific day for families to come along and encourage their child/ren. We hope to see you all there! The Rainbow Parents & Friends will be selling food on the day. Please see the price list on the following page. If the day happens to be cancelled due to wet weather it will be broadcast on 3WM by 7:30am on the day of the carnival. The backup date is Monday 3rd September.

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help on the day.
*Starter/Marshall:* Cyn
*Chief Timekeeper:* Wayne Huf
*Timekeepers for distance:* Wayne Hooton, Kim, Rex, Donna
*Timekeepers for 200m:* Rachael, Wayne Hooton,
*Relay helpers:* Mel, Cherie, Bec
*Canopy:* Patto/Cherie
*8 year old girls:* Nicki
*8 year old boys:* Amanda

**NAPLAN Online Readiness Testing**
Our Grades 3 & 5 students participated in this yesterday. The good news is there were no technical issues with our laptops or wireless so everything went smoothly with technology at this end. There were a couple of little glitches from an Admin point of view with the NAPLAN portal but once that was sorted everyone was busy completing the trial test!

**Parent meeting**
A parent meeting will be held on Thursday 6th September, beginning at 2pm. The main agenda item will be a review of the Field Days catering and the New Year’s Eve bar. We hope many of you can join us for this meeting. If there are any other agenda items please contact the office.

**Parent/Teacher Interviews**
These will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday 19th September. The timetable will be sent home shortly. In the meantime we ask that parents please mark this date in your diary and contact us immediately if you will be unavailable on that afternoon so you are not included on the timetable.

**Flying Bookworm**
The F-2 students will be headed to the Hopetoun Recreation Reserve on Thursday 13th September for the Flying Bookworm. The stories this year are Custard the Dragon, Tiddalick the Frog and The Three Little Pigs. Permission notes are attached today.
Healthy Fun Fundraiser
Our Junior Red Cross & Mission Group are organising a Healthy Fun day on Friday 14th September to raise money for the relocation of the Hopetoun Community Gym. Students are asked to come to school dressed in their favourite team’s footy colours and give a gold coin donation for this. Fruit skewers will be for sale at lunch time – 50 cents/skewer. Members of the Junior Red Cross & Mission Group are busy planning lots of fun activities and games for students to participate in at lunch time, 20 cents per turn at whichever activity they choose to participate in. A note is attached today for parents of grades 3-6 students with some organisational information. We hope everyone will support this fun and healthy activity!

Southern Mallee Lakes Athletics Carnival
Parent Club BBQ

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Dream Chasers

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HOPETOUN P-12 COLLEGE BOOK FAIR

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND OUR BOOK FAIR IN THE COLLEGE LIBRARY CLASSROOM AUGUST 27TH – 30TH BETWEEN 9 AM & 3.30 PM

Nude Food Day
EVERY Thursday

eSmart Tip - Isabella
We can keep a balance by only going on or using technology for a certain amount of time.

Day                  | Reminders                      |
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Thursday 30th August | Father's Day Breakfast 8:15am start |
Friday 31st August   | SML Athletics Rainbow 9.15am into groups |
Monday 10th September| PUPIL FREE DAY                 |

A COMMUNITY OF FAITH AND LEARNING
WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOMS?

Room 1
This past week we have been writing Information Reports on Halls Gap Zoo; here are two samples of our work.

Halls Gap Zoo

Halls Gap Zoo is in Victoria Australia at the Grampians. The Halls Gap Zoo lets people see animals that you don’t normally see. The Zoo has some Chinese, Australian and African animals.

Animals at the Zoo

At the zoo you can see giant giraffes and they have a big walkway to let the zookeepers feed the giraffes. There are very big lazy pigs and piglets they’re in their big pig pen. There are also kangaroos. Most of them are brown but one special white kangaroo is called the Albino Kangaroo. There are cockatoos in a big bird cage, they also repeat what people say. The dingos live in a big cage and a kennel that they sleep in. The Cassowary is a big bird with a big crest on its head which is very hard and its habitat is near water.

Animal Encounters

You can have eight different animal encounters. The dingo encounter is where you can get licked and you can scratch them you can also pet the dingos but you have to be 6 years old. For the lizard encounter you have to be 3 years old to experience the lizard and it’s a blue tongue. The giraffe experience lets you feed them if you’re 13 years old. The alligator experience lets you see the newest addition to the zoo but you have to be quick before the alligator gets too big for the zookeepers to handle. You have to be 6 years old though.

Conclusion

Halls Gap Zoo is in the country Australia in the state Victoria the zoo is located in the Grampians. It was made for people to see different animals that they don’t often see. The Zoo is very special because you can have animal encounters.

By Max

Halls Gap Zoo

Classification

Halls Gap Zoo has animals to keep them safe for us to see, Halls Gap Zoo is in Victoria Australia. Halls Gap Zoo is 21.5 hectares. Halls Gap is part of the Grampians Ranges.

Animals at the Zoo

The Cheetahs are spotty and they have two fences. One of the fences is electric they have a big yard. The horses are blonde and black they eat hay. The horses don’t have an electric fence. The wombats are brown and furry, in winter the wombats hibernate. The kangaroos and joeys are brown they eat grain and grass they can come out of their yard. The Halls Gap Zoo has one white kangaroo. Monkeys are brown they have a tree to climb they have one fences and they eat bananas. The dingos had a big yard and a kennel. They were blonde colour. They eat meat. The giraffes have black spots and they were blonde and white. The giraffes have a big yard and a shed, they eat grass and leaves. The Reptile has snakes that are white and black.

Halls Gap Zoo Animal Encounters

There are eight different encounters in Halls Gap Zoo. You have to be 2 years old to hold the snake and pat it. You have to be 3 years old to hold the blue tongue lizard. You can pat them and hold them. You have to be 13 years old to feed and pat the giraffes. You have to be 9 years old to feed and pat the meerkats.

Conclusion

Halls Gap is in Victoria and has a zoo that keeps animals safe. there is eight different animal encounters this means the people can get up close to the animals and even pat them.

By Luca

Miss Cook
In art we have studied Vincent Van Gogh’s paintings in considerable depth, with an emphasis on his Sunflowers. The students discussed his appreciation of the colour yellow and his expressive, bold brush strokes. Using mixed media they created a still life. The students used a combination of drawing, printing and collage to complete their own version of Van Gogh’s sunflowers.

Miss Maiden

Music Therapy Session

I put the stretchy on my drum and tapped 4 times, then I used my egg shaker for 4 counts. Ava

We used the drums; there was a new drum called the snake drum. Jimmy

I liked how we were using our own drums with the egg maracas. Denim

We had a music therapy session. We had drums to tap to the beat. We also had flex bands and egg maracas. It was a bit like African Drumming. Max
Congratulations to the following students who received awards at assembly last Friday:

**Room 1:**
- **Axel:** for being able to generate a detailed classification about Halls Gap Zoo
- **William:** for being able to encourage and guide his peers in Mathematics

**Room 2:**
- **Belle, Emily & Taya:** for correctly applying new skills to help distinguish, compare and order decimal fractions
- **Marni:** for persevering when faced with challenges in Mathematics in order to overcome them

**Playground raffle winners:**
- **Dakota:** for cleaning up the sand that blew out of the sandpit
- **Toby:** returning the sand to the sandpit

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**Star of the Week**

**Favourite school subject:** Mathematics

What’s your favourite colour? Purple

What’s the most exciting thing you’ve done at school so far?: Getting the new playground

What’s your favourite thing that you like to do with your family?: Go swimming in summer

If you could do anything or go anywhere in the world right now what would it be?: I would travel around Australia

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**Macey**

Favourite thing to do when you are bored: Jump on the trampoline
**Fried Rice**

**Ingredients**

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**Method**

Cook rice according to packet instructions.

Heat half the oil in a large wok over high heat. Add the eggs and swirl to make an omelette. Cook for 1 to 2 minutes or until cooked through, then slide onto a chopping board to cool.

Heat the remaining oil. Add the vegetables and stir fry for 2 to 3 minutes.

Slice the omelette into thin strips and return to the wok.

Add the rice and cook for a further 2 minutes.

Add the soy sauce and half the spring onions. Stir to combine. Remove from heat.

Serve the fried rice garnished with the remaining spring onions.

*The nutritional information provided is based on the exact ingredients and method as shown. Any variation/s to the ingredients or method may alter the nutritional outcome.*

**Tips**

The smaller sized serve is ideal for primary schools.

For a non-vegetarian version, add some lean ham, cooked skinless chicken breast or tuna canned in spring water at Step 3.

Any frozen or seasonal vegetables can be used for this recipe. Zucchini and corn kernels are a good combination.

BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS

A COMMUNITY OF FAITH AND LEARNING
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**Vision Statement**
St. Joseph’s School is a Child-Safe School. It is a learning community 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 provide 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.

*Please ensure your child’s pie warmer is clearly marked with their name to avoid confusion at lunch time.*

Grounds Roster: August W Huf & A Glen
Patchewollock Music Festival encourages young musicians to perform at our festival. The **Youth Show Case** 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**