

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,
Tomorrow, **Grade 5** students will be participating in a transition day at St Joseph's College, Mercy Campus. Mrs Hawkes will be attending. Students will be picked up by bus at St Joseph's PS at 9am and will arrive back at school by 2.30pm. Students are asked to wear their physical education uniform. Recess, lunch and drinks will be provided. Students do not need to bring anything.

Parents, children and family members are invited to attend **St Joseph's College 2017 Open Day** tomorrow, Tuesday March 21st from 4pm to 7pm. This will occur at both the Enright and Mercy campuses. Parents are asked to report to reception on arrival.

What a fantastic **St Patrick's Day** we had last Thursday. It was great to see everyone dressed in green and to see our student leaders set up fantastic games to raise money for Project Compassion. From the stalls and casual dress, we raised \$350. Thanks to the many parents who helped organise the meal deal and supported the activities on the day. A great community effort!

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the **Wentworth Big Sing** yesterday. They sounded amazing. Thanks to those parents who helped transport the instruments and supported this outside of school event. Thanks also to Ms Leamon for her amazing work.

It is with regret, but warm wishes, we announce that **Miss Alicia Hancock** has accepted a new position teaching English at Mildura Senior College to start at the beginning of Term Two. Our priority now is filling the vacant position with the best teacher possible and that we're taking the time necessary to find the best person for the job. We will keep you informed as soon as a decision has been made.

This Friday at 9am we have our next **Community Club** Meeting in the Lunch Shed. We are trialling a different time in the hope that we have an opportunity for more parents to attend. I look forward to participating in this meeting.

I am looking forward to our **School Advisory Council** meeting next week on Tuesday, 28th March at 7pm.

Our Community Club **Trivia Night** will occur on Friday 26th May from 7pm. It will have an 80's theme. Table teams of ten people will be required on the night so start putting your teams together before tickets go on sale to table leaders early next term. We are looking for donations of prizes for the table prizes and for major prizes to auction on the night. Please let myself know if you can assist.

'Parent & Teacher Meetings' are being held this afternoon, 20th March and tomorrow, 21st March. More details and schedules for the meetings were sent home last Friday. Grade 2/3 parents have a note being sent home today in regards to our catch-up meetings with Mrs Fuoco.

A reminder to parents of our funded students that our **PSG meetings** will be held on Wednesday. If unsure of the time you booked, please contact the office.

This Friday the Grade Prep/1 class will be leading us at **Assembly**. We look forward to seeing some of the work they have been doing.

Mark Gibson

School Calendar

The following dates are scheduled for the near future. Make sure you are aware of the ones that are applicable to you.

MARCH		
Mon	20	Parent/Teacher Interviews 2-5.30pm
Tue	21	Parent/Teacher Interviews 2-5.30pm
Tue	21	Grade 5 Transition Day at St Joseph's College, Mildura
Tue	21	St Joseph's College, Mildura Open Day 4pm – 7pm
Wed	22	PSG Meetings 8am-5pm
Thur	23	Music for Munchkins 2.30-3.30pm
Fri	24	Grade P/1 Assembly
Sun	26	Grade 5/6 Class Mass 10am-11am
Tue	28	Gr 2/3 Parent/Teacher Interviews 2-5.30pm
Wed	29	Gr 2/3 Parent/Teacher Interviews 3.30-4.30pm
Fri	31	Last day Term 1 – 2.20pm finish
APRIL		
Tue	18	First day Term 2
Tue	25	ANZAC Day Public Holiday

2017 School Closure Days

The following dates are confirmed as school closure days. No school will occur on these days.

24th May – Schoolwide Positive Behaviour PD

30th May – 21st Century Thinking Curriculum

6th November – Report Writing Day



The following students/staff celebrate birthdays over the next week.

25th March – Lilly

Notes Distributed

The following notices have been distributed over the last week. If you missed them, copies are available from the school office.

Prep/1

No notes sent home

Grade 2/3

20/3/17 Grade 2/3 P/T Interviews

Grade 3/4

No notes sent home

Grade 5/6

No notes sent home

Whole School

17/3/17 Parent/Teacher Interviews

20/3/17 Free "Hot Shots" Tennis lesson
25/3/17

RE & PARISH NEWS

Year 5/6 Class Mass: Sunday 26th March, Year 5/6 will lead the Parish Mass.

Project Compassion boxes have been sent home with the oldest child in the family two weeks ago. These will need to be returned on the last day of term, March 31. If families would like a receipt for taxation purposes, please complete the tear off attached to the box and place it inside when returning it. The annual **St Patrick's Day Fundraiser** for Project Compassion raised \$350+ towards the school's contribution for 2017. Thank-you to all of the children and families who supported this event, especially the parents who organised the meal deals and the teachers and students who ran activities.

Advance Notice: Palm Sunday falls on the middle Sunday of the holidays this year. We would still like to encourage any students who are not away on holidays to be part of the Palm Sunday Procession and Mass to carry the banners and large palms in the procession and be part of the Mass. The Mass times for Holy Week and the Easter Vigil and Easter Mass will be included in next week's newsletter.

GENERAL NEWS & UPDATES

Breakfast Club Roster: **Tuesday** - Sarra Napoli, **Wednesday** - Jodie Pascoe, **Thursday** - Christina Everett, **Friday** - Fiona Diamantis.

A Night for Michelle Davy: A fundraising night will be held for Michelle at the Red Cliffs Pub this Friday, 24th March, from 6pm-late. Numerous raffles and auctions will be held throughout the night with all funds raised going towards helping Michelle and the family. We continue to pray for Michelle as she undergoes treatment for her cancer. Please come along to support Michelle who does so much for the families in our school community.

Hot Shots Tennis: If any children are interested in continuing with Hot Shots Tennis for the last 3 weeks of term 1 after school please contact Community Play Coordinator: Lisa Hill {0400 726824} Days available: Monday 4-5pm or Wednesday 4.15-5.15pm @\$10 per lesson.

Brain Food: It is ideal that brain foods are not messy foods, or full pieces of fruit, so that the students can keep working rather than having to stop and eat. Please send them to school in a labelled container.

Wentworth Big Sing: Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Wentworth Big Sing yesterday. The students joined in a whole community rehearsal from 4-5pm and then performed beautifully during the performance under Jane and James' leadership. Big thanks to those parents who helped transport the instruments and supported this outside of school event to make it a success and for the Arts Mildura & Wentworth for making this event possible.

Footy Tipping: With the 2017 AFL season commencing this Thursday please invite family and friends to join our 2017 Footy Tipping Competition. Details are available from the Office.

Hot Cross Bun Orders: can be collected from the Canteen on Friday 24th March from 2.45 - 3.30pm.

Easter Raffle: Please place in classroom baskets your donations of Easter eggs for our end of term raffle if you haven't yet contributed. Please make sure that the chocolate donated is a recognised brand. The raffle will be drawn on the last day of Term - Friday March 31st. We will require parental assistance to package the eggs on that morning from 9am in the Hall Meeting Room.



A NIGHT FOR MICHELLE

DAVY FAMILY CHARITY NIGHT RED CLIFFS PUB FRIDAY 24TH MARCH



Please come along to help raise some well needed funds to help out the local Davy family. Michelle has recently been diagnosed with an aggressive cancer creating a huge impact on their young family.

The evening kicks off at 6pm with numerous raffles and auctions throughout the night. The popular band Unchained will also be playing from 8pm till late.

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS & UPDATES



A reminder to all parents that lunch / snack items for the fridge need to be in a container or snap lock bag with the child's name on it - Ideally food for the fridge should be sent to school with the child's name already written on the container or bag.

Mildura Eco Village ART Competition

Next Sunday 24th March The Mildura Eco Village (near round again) will be having an open day from 3 to 6pm. All of our Art work will be on display if anyone would like to go and have a look. Prizes will be awarded for the most imaginative, People's choice, Most Artistic and Best School.

Thank you to all of those families who donated some recycled items. Our children have been very busy creating a recycled piece of Artwork to enter.

Incubator Update: Our eggs seem to be progressing along well. We can expect to have some babies in the next 7 to 10 days. Let's cross our fingers.

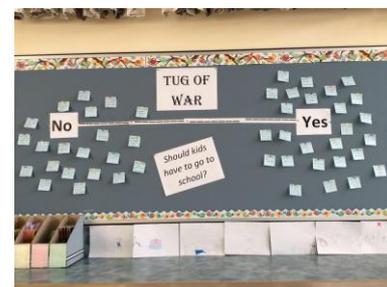


SENIOR UNIT NEWS & UPDATES

Happy St Patrick's Day! We hope all students enjoyed the festivities on Friday of our very short week. We raised lots of money for Project Compassion and you should all be very proud of your generosity. Over the next few weeks, senior students will be working hard at writing persuasive texts and narratives. They are rising to the challenge and creating texts with expensive, wow words that improve their arguments and enhance their descriptions. We are also full swing into our unit on LENT now. And are discussing the transformations that can come from overcoming challenge and hardship. Our new spelling program is showing great results already with lots of Super Spellers after their first assessments!



This week in Religion, 4/5 have been looking at the way nature has at times been challenged to survive and has instead, found a way to thrive.



4/5 have also been working hard to quickly identify arguments for and against a topic that can then be used to create a persuasive exposition!

All senior classes will now share home reading on a Friday. Students are **expected** to have read for 20mins a night Monday to Thursday, used the library open times to catch up that morning when this is not possible, and bring their text to school on this day in order to support their answer to the weekly question.



Winners

Term 1 Week 6:

No. of students who reached individual target

Grade Prep/1W

12/19

Grade 2/3F

22/23

Grade 4/5M

19/20

Grade 5/6H

21/21



The following students won awards last week:

Grade Prep/1W - Lilly - for listening and following instructions.

Grade 2/3 F - Logan - for demonstrating excellent strategies in identifying the main idea when reading.

Grade 4/5M - Tyrone - for the extra practice he has been willing to do on addition algorithms.

Grade 5/6H - Taylah - for being a hard-working student at all times.

Music - Gabriella S - for the huge energy, enthusiasm and musicality she brings and shares with us in every class.

P.E. - Liam - great hitting in tennis.



Everyone has the Right to Learn...

Junior Unit

Hannah- for being an enthusiastic, engaged learner.

Senior Unit

Luka - for having a positive growth mindset.

St Patrick's Day – Mission Fundraiser

