Dear Parents

We have a new Pope! Pope Francis 1st hails from Argentina, and is renowned for his work with the poor and in promoting social justice. One of the first things the new Pope did was to ask the people to pray for him as he takes on the role of leading the world’s 1.2 billion Catholics.

The Pope will be very prominent in the ceremonies of Easter with Christians all around the world following the story of Jesus, from his death (remembered on Good Friday) to his resurrection celebrated on Easter Sunday. Easter is a very important time of the year for all Catholics with many feeling a need to make a connection with the Church at this time. Whilst the children have been learning about the significance of Easter for Christians in the world today, and we will be marking Easter with a special presentation at our final assembly, it is still vitally important that families attend the Easter ceremonies as celebrated by the Church.

EASTER CEREMONIES
ST JOHN'S PARISH

Holy Thursday - 7.30pm
Mass of the Lord’s Supper

Good Friday - 3.00pm
Celebration of our Lord’s Passion

Holy Saturday - 7.30pm
Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday - 10.30am
Mass celebrating the Resurrection

Wishing you all a joyful and peaceful Easter break.

God Bless

Lidia Goodwin
CASUAL CLOTHES DAY  
Friday 15th

To support Reuben Joiner who has signed up for the world’s greatest shave to raise money for the leukaemia foundation we will be having a casual clothes day on Friday March 15th. **Children are asked to bring a gold coin donation to support this cause or go to:**

http://my.leukaemiacfoundation.org.au/reubenjoiner  
and donate online

Reuben will have his rat’s tail shaved off at assembly.  
We have also invited Father Tom to come along to assembly so we can sing him Happy Birthday. All parents are invited to join us.

SCHOOL EASTER ASSEMBLY  
FINAL ASSEMBLY FOR TERM 1  
FRIDAY 28th March - 12.30pm

At this assembly the children will remember the Easter Story, beginning with Palm Sunday and finishing with Jesus rising from the dead. Each grade will be taking part in presenting the Easter Story and parents are very welcome to attend.  
Easter reminds us that Jesus came on earth to offer us eternal life. Easter is an invitation to grow, to accept God’s love and faithfully respond to it.  
After the presentation, parents are welcome to take their children home; otherwise school will officially finish at 2.30pm

ST JOSEPH’S DAY CELEBRATIONS  
Tuesday March 19th

St Joseph’s day is the school’s birthday, and how better than to celebrate with special activities and a lovely lunch. So on the Feast of St Joseph all the children will take part in a School Well-being day. The children will be split into multiage groups and rotated through different activities where the focus will be on social and emotional learning. Themes such as optimism, cooperation, meditation, confidence, humour and emotions will be explored in different ways.

The day will end with a liturgy at the church at 3.00pm where we will look at the life of St Joseph, a saint who showed a great deal of resilience and ensured the well-being of his family. All parents are invited to join us for this liturgy.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

On Tuesday 19th March nine of our grade 3 students will be receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Reconciliation is a Sacrament of healing, where we learn to say sorry for the mistakes we make in life. By participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation we experience God’s individual and unwavering love for us and one of the true graces made available to us by our Catholic faith. God loves us just the way we are, but God loves us too much to leave us that way!

ROCKTOTS  
Fridays 9.30am  
18months – preschool  
$5.00 per child

Anne Bishop a fully qualified teacher will be taking sessions every Friday at 9.30am. These sessions are great for rhythm and coordination and help children to learn about following directions, focused listening and developing social skills. The school is subsidizing part of the cost involved in running this program, and we would love to see more pre-school children come along as this is a great chance to get to know each other.

COMMUNITY STORY TELLING  
Fridays 10.15am  
Free

Bring along your toddlers and preschoolers to listen to a story and do activities in the library.

Starts in Term 2.
I would like to thank the outgoing 2012 committee for their generous support of our school. A special thank you goes to Yvette Templeton who has been president for the past four years. Yvette ensured the meetings ran smoothly and showed great loyalty and support to the school.

A big thank you also goes to Tiff Viney who has been secretary for the past four years. Tiff was a very efficient and organized secretary, ensuring that we had up to date minutes and agendas.

Thank you also to Sharon Webb and Amanda Guthrie for coordinating the uniform shop these past years. The Uniform shop has been transformed into an efficient, streamlined business, achieving a profit which has been passed on to the school.

Also thank you to Ang Farrell for taking on the role of special lunch coordinator and book club. I know the children always looked forward to the special lunches and book club orders.

Thank you to Michelle Roberston and Katie Balfour for sharing the role of treasurer. Michelle ensured all the bills were paid and money was accounted for while Katie assisted with counting and getting to the bank.

Lastly thank you to the parents who came along to meetings and/or supported any of the initiatives organized by the P & F. It is so good to know that whenever there is a need for parent help, the P & F are always there to assist and support wherever needed.

THE NEW COMMITTEE FOR 2013 IS:

President        Scott Draper
Vice President   Di Kent (Battley)
Secretary        Lou Treadwell
Vice Secretary   Yvette Templeton
Treasurer        Michelle Robertson
Vice Treasurer   Katie Balfour
Uniform Shop     Prue Scanlon (Paul)
                    Katie Balfour
                    Amanda Guthrie (assisting)
Special lunches  Ang Farrell
                    Yvette Templeton

Next P & F meeting
Tuesday April 23rd
7.00pm.

UNIFORM SHOP
Orders for winter uniform need to be placed by Monday 18th March as orders can take up to four weeks to arrive. A bulk order will be sent off before the end of term; please note late orders will incur a freight charge.

P&F EASTER RAFFLE
Tickets: $1.00 each
Drawn on 28th March 2013

Parents & Friends are once again having the Easter Raffle. Raffle tickets are sent home today along with this newsletter. Families are kindly asked to support this fundraiser by selling their raffle tickets and donating an egg/chocolate for the raffle. Donations can be left in the box at the office.

It would be appreciated if all families could return their sold/unsold raffle tickets, together with payment by the due date. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 28th March after our Easter Liturgy which starts at 12.30pm.

INVITATION
Ladies & Gents of St Joseph’s School
Come along on Tuesday 26th March
7.00pm to TRAF CHINESE for a meal and an opportunity to catch up with the Mums, Dads and Teachers of the school.

Hope to see you there, please RSVP to the number below,

Michelle Robertson
0419 510 168 by 22nd March
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Monday 25th March 2013
Newborough Recreation Centre
12 Noon - 2.30pm

Thank you to all those parents who have responded to our call for help; a note will be sent home soon with your job allocation. There are still a few unallocated jobs so please help out if you can. If you are coming to watch, consider being a ‘helper’ the children love to see their family members get involved, and as we all know “Many hands make light work”. Also please note that we will be starting at 12.00pm and finishing at 2.30pm due to buses.

CHANGE OF DATE
SCHOOL PHOTOS
Monday May 13th

This year our school is involved in a program called “Success in Literacy”. This is a government funded program where the focus is on ensuring highly effective literacy teaching. Teachers involved in this initiative are Lucy O’Connell and Janet Poelsma and the first training day falls on the 18th March, (the date we had set aside for photos). So we have changed the date for our school photo day to Monday May 13th, (the next available date with the photographer). This means the children will be in winter uniform. More information and envelopes will be sent home in May.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
TERM ONE
MARCH 2013
15th Casual Clothes Day
19th St Joseph’s day celebrations
19th Sacrament of Reconciliation
25th Athletics Carnival
26th Get together at Chinese Restaurant
28th Easter Assembly 12.30pm
END OF TERM 1 - 2.30pm

Student of the Week
W/ending 1/03/2013
P/1 Hannah Upston
1/2 Riley Hammond
3/4 Noah Stanley
4/5/6 Tayla Dyke
Tayah Webb
PRINCIPAL’S AWARD
Kane Cameron – for having a positive attitude to his work

W/ending 8/03/2013
P/1 Heath O’Brien
1/2 James Snape
3/4 James Balfour
Joshua Pinch
4/5/6 Skye McPherson
PRINCIPAL’S AWARD
Abbey Taylor, Deanne McPherson & Chloe Durkin – for helping Mrs Goodwin with her Maths

BOOK CLUB ORDERS
All Book Club orders are due by Friday 15th March – TOMORROW.

JAPANESE NEWS
If you enjoy the songs we sing in class – check out this website. Genkijapan.net

NEXT SUBWAY LUNCH DAY
Term 1

FRIDAY 22nd MARCH
Forms & payment due back
no later than 9.00 am
TUESDAY 19TH MARCH
Forms are available at the office front counter for your collections
COMMUNITY NEWS

Trafalgar Auskick 2013

Starts Sunday 17th March to Sunday 26th May
Location: Trafalgar Football Ground 9am
Please register and pay online as no cash payment facilities are available, at aflauskick.com.au
Further information please call Shane Dwyer 0438 340 843 or check website above for further details

Trafalgar Victory FC

It’s not too late to register for soccer!

Everyone is welcome to attend training at the soccer ground, Waterloo road, Trafalgar

(we need more u12,u13, u14 players especially)

SOCCER TRAINING TIMES
Under 7    Thursday 4.30
Under 8 girls Thursday 4.30
Under 9    Thursday 5.30
Under 11   Tuesday and Thursday 5.30
Under 12/13 Tuesday and Thursday 5.30
Under 14   Tuesday and Thursday 5.30
Under 15   Tuesday and Thursday 5pm
Under 16, Youth, Senior Men, Senior Women – Tuesday and Thursday 6.30pm

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