Dear Parents,

Welcome back to term 2. Another busy term is ahead.

We celebrate the beginning of Catholic Education week on Friday 26th April. The theme for Catholic Education Week in the Diocese of Sale is “Faith in Action”. As a Catholic school, we are called to do more than just pass on the faith; we are invited to translate our faith into deeds so we are truly living God’s Word.

We encourage our students to put faith into action through social justice activities such as fundraising for different causes and through everyday interaction with others. As part of our celebrations, assembly this Friday will focus on the specialness of our school and the next week grade 3/4 children will be visiting the kindergarten to perform a play and promote our school.

Faith is believing that God is going to take you places before you even get there.  
(Matthew Barnett)

Faith is taking the first step even when you don’t see the whole staircase.  
(Martin Luther-King)

You are what you do, not what you say you’ll do (C.J.Jung)

What does the Lord require of you? But to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God (Micah 6:8)

Faith is about doing. You are how you act, not just how you believe  
(Mitch Albom)

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world  
(Anne Frank)

**UPDATES**

Father Bernie’s operation was very successful and he is now in the process of a slow rehabilitation. He is back in the Parish with his sister to help him but he will not be up to Parish work for a while yet.

Unfortunately the news for Carmen Rowlings is not as good as we expected. She requires further treatment due to the discovery of Brain Tumors. I ask you all to keep Carmen and her family in your prayers as she continues her brave fight.

We are organizing a roster for food / groceries to help support Carmen and her family. Please contact the school if you are able to help. This is our faith in action, doing something to help, praying and practical support.

**SCHOOL RENEWAL**

This term we begin the formal process of planning for the next four years with a strategic plan to be completed at the end of the process. We have a number of staff meetings dedicated to discussions and actions and a whole school closure day will also be used to help us review our vision and mission statements and to help us come up with a strategic plan that will carry us forward for the next four years.

**MONDAY 27TH MAY**

**SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY**

God Bless

Lidia Goodwin
CASUAL CLOTHES DAY FOR THE LEUKAEMIA FOUNDATION
Student Reuben Joiner who signed up for the world’s greatest shave raised a total of $1173 of which $142 was collected through the Gold Coin donation Casual Clothes Day held last term. Reuben would like to thank everyone for their support and very kind donations for this very worthy cause.
http://my.leukaemiatfoundation.org.au/reubenenjoiner

ROCKETOTS continues
Fridays 9.30am
18 months – preschool
$5.00 per child

COMMUNITY STORY TELLING
Fridays 10.15am
Free
Bring along your toddlers and preschoolers to listen to a story and do activities in the library. Thank you to the parish ladies for organizing this activity.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Monday May 13th
9.00 AM SHARP
Dress requirements: Full Winter Uniform
No sports uniforms
School Logo on jumpers
Individual photo envelopes will be sent home in May. Please read the instructions on the back of the envelope – the school does not handle any photo money, it is all directly paid to the photographer, so the correct money is required on the day. Do Not Send Envelopes To School Prior To Photo Day.

UNIFORM SHOP
Uniform shop will be opened the first Friday of every month at 2.45pm. Order forms are kept in the office or can be downloaded from our website.
Pru Scanlon - 56331489
Katie Balfour - 56352251

MOTHER’S DAY LITURGY
FRIDAY 10th May 2.45PM
Followed by a Mother’s Day assembly
At St John’s Church
All mothers and grandmothers are warmly welcomed to come along to these special celebrations.

P & F NEWS
Another well attended P & F meeting was held last night with lots of discussion about some new fundraising ideas. A great suggestion that is being explored for a social event for parents is a mystery bus tour, encompassing a meal and entertainment. Stay tuned for more information.

Easter Raffle: Thank you to Angie Farrell and Fran Barbera for wrapping the gift baskets of Easter eggs and to all those who donated eggs and bought tickets. A total of $550 was raised.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL : 10th MAY
Our first fundraiser for this term is the Mother’s Day stall which will be held on Thursday 9th May at 2.00pm. The P&F have purchased quite a number of gifts to be sold. Each gift will be wrapped and sold for $5.00. Thank you to Sharon Webb and Amanda Guthrie for purchasing the gifts.

Next P & F meeting
MAY 28th - 7 pm
All WELCOME
Michael Hanney from the Catholic Education Office will be attending to give a background to the school renewal program and to gather parent feedback. All parents are invited to come along so that your voice can be heard.

SCHOOL DISCO - Thursday 20th June
More information will be sent home closer to the date.
Japanese News - Asian Studies

The school has received a small grant to promote Asian studies across the curriculum. As part of this grant we will be having a special Japanese morning on Thursday 9th May which Mrs Jo Kondo is organizing. Also, if you enjoy the songs the children sing in class – check out this website. Genkijapan.net

Athletics Day

I know it feels like ages ago that we had our athletics day because of the holidays but I would like to thank the great turn out of parents who came along to run events and support the children. Thank you to all those parents who were in charge of an event all day and to Lucy O’Connell for her wonderful organization of the day.

A number of children in the upper grades will now participate in the next stage as they go off to compete against other schools in our district. We wish them all the best.

Dates for Your Diary

Term Two

April 2013

25th Anzac Day (public holiday)
26th Start of Catholic Education Week
29 -1st May - Camp (grades 5 & 6)
30th Excursion to zoo (P-2)
29th & 30th Grades 3/4 visit kinder

May 2013

9th Japanese Day
10th Mother’s Day stall - 9.00am
   Mother’s Day Liturgy - 2.45pm
13th School Photos – 9am SHARP
14th -16th Naplan testing (grades 3 & 5)
24th Excursion (grades 3-6)
27th School Closure Day (School Renewal)

June 2013

5th Family Life grades 1 & 2
10th Queens Birthday Public Holiday
12th Family Life grades 3 & 4
19th Family Life grades 5 & 6
20th Disco
21st School Closure (RE)
28th End of term 2

School Fees

Term 2 Fee Statements were sent home or emailed last week. Payment by Friday 31st May 2013 would be appreciated.

If you are having trouble meeting your fee commitments please contact the office and speak to Lidia. Thank you

Book Club

All BookClub orders and money are due back at school by next Friday 3rd May.

Woolworths Earn & Learn

This year we will once again be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. From Monday 8th April till Sunday 9th June, you can collect Earn & Learn stickers when you shop at Woolworths. There’ll be one sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the stickers onto a Points Collection Sheet (available at Woolworths) and when the sheet is FULL simply place it in the collection box here at the school. – IT’S THAT EASY!!

Student of the Week

W/ending 22/03/2013

P/1 Georgia Stoiljkovic
1/2 Xanthe Paul
3/4 Whole Class Award
4/5/6 Michael Judd

Principal’s Award

Caitlin Guthrie & Tayah Webb – for creating a beautiful dance at such short notice

W/ending 19/04/2013

P/1 Whole Class Award
1/2 James Snape
3/4 Joshua Pinch
4/5/6 Michael Judd

Principal’s Award

Melody Durrant - for perseverance and determination
Jasmine Landmeter - for being very encouraging and positive
**NEXT SUBWAY LUNCH DAY**  
Term 2

**FRIDAY 3rd MAY 2013**  
Forms & payment due back no later than 9.00 am  
**TUESDAY 30TH APRIL**  
Forms are available at the office front counter for your collections

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**FUTURE NEWSLETTERS VIA EMAIL**

Last term a notice regarding our intention to email all future Newsletters was sent home requesting your current email address be supplied to us. The majority of families have returned their reply slips but we would like to hear from all families regarding this issue. If you still have our original letter please complete and return it ASAP, or complete the tear off slip below and return.

We would also like to use this facility to email your Quarterly Fee Statements. This will be just another way we can become a more environmentally sustainable school.

Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.

**FAMILY NAME:………………………………….**

**ELDEST CHILD:………………………………….**

**EMAIL ADDRESS:………………………………**

- I do not have access to email  

Signature…………………………………………

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**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

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**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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