Dear Parents and Guardians

This is the last newsletter for this term with the Easter school holidays less than a fortnight away. 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 liturgy, it is still vitally important that families attend the Easter ceremonies as celebrated by the Church.

**EASTER CEREMONIES**

**ST JOHN’S PARISH**

**Holy Thursday** (24th Mar) - 7.30pm
Mass of the Lord’s Supper

**Good Friday** (25th Mar) - 3.00pm
Celebration of our Lord’s Passion

**Holy Saturday** (26th Mar) - 7.30pm
Easter Vigil Mass

**Easter Sunday** (27th Mar) - 10.30am
Mass celebrating the Resurrection

Wishing you all a joyful and peaceful Easter break.

God Bless

Lidia Goodwin

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**SCHOOL EASTER LITURGY**

Thursday 24th March - 12.30pm
StJohn’s Church

At this Liturgy the children will remember the Easter Story, beginning with Palm Sunday and finishing with Jesus rising from the dead on Easter Sunday. 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 this presentation, families are invited back to the school to draw the raffle then parents are welcome to take their children home; otherwise school will officially finish at 2.30pm.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

On Tuesday 15th March five 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 to God for the mistakes we make in life.

Please pray for our candidates: Thomas Griffiths, Sheridan Jacobs, Rheanna Dunston, Sienna Jonas and Hannah Upston
LIBRARY BORROWING
8.45 - 9.00am
The library is open every morning from 8.45 – 9.00am if children wish to borrow books. We have an enthusiastic group of grade 6 leaders trained and ready to help children borrow books for reading.

WINTER UNIFORM ORDERS
With the current hot weather it seems incredible that we are talking about warm winter clothing. However, before we know it Term 2 and the winter weather will be upon us. Orders for winter uniform need to be placed by today Friday 11th March as orders can take up to four weeks to arrive. Order forms are available in the office or can be downloaded from our website. [www.trafalgar.catholic.edu.au] – enrolment information
A bulk order will be sent off before the end of term; please note late orders will incur a freight charge

Art Smocks
All children need to bring an art smock to school to protect school clothing in art classes. The art smocks can be bought or can be old shirts, t-shirts etc. Please name the art smock as they will be left in classrooms and used when needed.

Book Club Orders
Scholastic Book Club Issue 2 will be sent home today. There is now only one book club brochure for all age levels and they will be distributed to the eldest student in the family. Orders are due back today, Friday 11th March, 2016.

P&F News
Next Meeting: April
All Welcome
Thank you to all the parents who attended the recent AGM of the P & F. A good turnout has ensured that we once again have a strong committee to support the school.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
FOR 2016
President Lauren Francis
Vice President Angie Farrell
Secretary Anne Farrell (Word)
Vice Secretary Dan Towb
Treasurer Jane Speed
Vice Treasurer Naomi Walsh
Uniform Shop Cassie Dubelaar
Pru Scanlon
Special lunches Fran Barbera
We look forward to the P & F carrying on the good work and all the school community enjoying and participating in the many different activities that they organise.

Next P & F Meeting will be held on Thursday the 21st April – 9am

Hot Cross Bun Drive
Orders due back by the 11th March ready for pick up on the 24th March.

P&F EASTER RAFFLE
Tickets: $1.00 each
The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 24th March after our Easter Liturgy which starts at 12.30pm.

Family Portraits
Thank you to Alison Landmeter and the families involved for supporting this fundraiser.
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**Student of the Week**

Congratulations to the following students:

Erin Kondo & Charlise Erhard – Grade Prep/One
Hudson Grujic & Adele Diwell-Fowler – Grade One/Two
Jade Taylor & Tahlia Hammond – Grade Two/Three
Will Dubelaar & Xanthe Paul – Grade Three/Four
Blake Buckland & Lilly Tunks – Grade Five/Six

And the Principals award goes to Jaxson Scott for a terrific job handling the sports equipment at the school Athletics’ Day.

**School Closure**

**Friday the 18th March**

The staff will be attending a PD day at Warragul so there will be no school for the children on this day.

**Athletics Carnival**

Thank you to the many parents who assisted at our recently held athletics carnival. We could not run this event unless parents volunteered to take charge of the different events, and it was great to see most events had at least two helpers. So an extra big cheer of thanks goes to those who worked tirelessly at our school carnival.

Also a big thank you goes to Lucy O’Connell who put in a great amount of work in organising the day. We should all be very grateful that we have such generous teachers and parents who are prepared to put in and make sure that the children are able to experience such a quality event.
Subway is now weekly and you can download the order forms directly from our school website or pick up from school office. Delivery occurs Fridays with orders returned Wednesday morning 9am sharp. Please note; envelopes will NOT be provided to complete your Subway order and late orders will not be received.

Note: there will be no Subway orders for next Friday due to school closure day.

‘St Joseph’s Veggie Garden’…
Thank you to Kara Pedemont, Kylee Eerhard and Di Kent for volunteering to renew our Veggie garden. Anyone wanting to join this group is very welcome. We look forward to growing, cooking and eating vegetables from our own garden. Thank you to our parent helpers.

Working Bee
Sunday 17th April
9.00am – 12.30pm

There are a variety of jobs to do around the school so please come along and help out on Sunday morning. We particularly need some dads who have handyman skills as the jobs include painting, replacing wooden seating, erecting new backboards, welding, etc. A flyer asking for your help will be sent out at the end of this term.

Thankyou… to Charles D’Amico of Valley Wide Tree Services, who has donated valuable tree mulch for our school grounds; your kindness is appreciated.

Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:
- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 28 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), such as full-time, part-time, casual or seasonal work, and have a child at school or study yourself.

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