**From the Principal’s Desk**

Dear Parent and Carers,

Week 9 is upon us already! It has been a very busy and productive term so far. Students have been very active and engaged in their learning activities that their teachers have so carefully and capably prepared and delivered. It has come to that time of the year where we formally invite parents and carers in to have an important conversation with teachers regarding your child's learning progress thus far. I encourage every Year 1-6 parent/carer to take this opportunity to attend a formal parent-teacher interview to continue to strengthen the already positive bonds between the school and home and to encourage the best possible support for the growth and development of your child academically, physically and spiritually. Letters from teachers to parents with available times for interview are being, or have already been, sent home.

Our Parent Forum’s ‘Welcome Disco’ last Friday night was a huge success! Thank you to all families who supported the evening. DJ Brett did a fantastic job of ensuring the dance floor was constantly packed with his masterful selection of tunes – A huge thank you, Brett, for your generosity of time, effort and equipment in making this a successful and fun gathering for the students and their families.

During Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of Holy Week, when we recall the central events of our faith. On Sunday we celebrated ‘Palm Sunday’, Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Following on this week, The Triduum, is one ceremony we celebrate over three days: On Holy Thursday we recall the Lord’s Supper when He gave us the sacrament of himself in the Eucharist. Good Friday is the day when we recall the sacrifice that Jesus offered in his death on the cross. The Easter Vigil is the great Christian celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord and the night we recommit ourselves in faith by renewing our Baptismal promises.

We will be celebrating the events of Holy week during a liturgy on Thursday at 12.15 p.m. in the Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, all are welcome to join us.

I wish all families a happy, holy Easter.

Peace and blessings,

Jason Clarke
Principal

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Mini Vinnies

Congratulations to our new members who received their badges from Father David at the St Joseph's Day Mass last week:

Mia Kirwan, Alexandra Macdonald, Sarah Cook, Lauren Kennedy, Ella Kent, Shakyra Gillard, Kobi Hunter, Brendan Piccini, Lily Rainford, Madison Wyborn, Ruby Achurch, Phoebe Naoum, Ryan Alickolli and Zen Dank and Liliana Evans.

They join our existing Mini Vinnie members, who are being wonderful role models: Sophie Cummins, Stephanie Guinea, Emily Annandale, Jaidah Fergus-Mackie, Brooke Metcalfe and Charli Anderson.

Congratulations on a job well done with the painting of the Logo over the past few weeks. Great team work and patience!

Polding Winter Sports Trials

Congratulations to Shakyra Gillard (soccer) and Oscar O'Keefe (hockey) who gained selection into the Diocesan Winter Sports Team. Shakyra and Oscar will now travel to Bathurst in April to participate in the Polding Winter Trials.

Good luck!

You Can Do It Awards

**Kindergarten**
- Charlie Twohill: Persistence
- Ben Hendrikse: Persistence

**Year 1**
- Essie Nuske: Persistence
- Mackenzie Skelly: Persistence

**Year 2**
- Asha Pearson: Persistence
- Ike Nuske: Organisation

**Year 3**
- Cooper Stephan: Organisation
- Sienna Mellows: Persistence
- Holli Skelly: Persistence

**Year 4**
- Paris Young: Organisation
- Thomas Gresham: Confidence

**Year 5**
- Jack Denner: Persistence
- Sarah Stuart: Confidence

**Year 6**
- Phoebe Kirk: Confidence
- Persistence
- Brody Cook: Persistence
- Matilda Stephan: Organisation
- Persistence

**Others:**
- Emily Selwood: Confidence
- Holli Skelly: Getting Along
- Isabella Dusi: Getting Along
SRC Easter Raffle

Our raffle draw will take place on Wednesday morning at our assembly in the undercroft. A huge thank you to all the families that have supported this raffle by sending in donations and through buying raffle tickets. The SRC and many other children from Year 6 have also been very generous with their time throughout the last few weeks, supporting the organisation of the raffle.

All winners of the raffle will be displayed on our school moodle page and published in next week’s newsletter.

St. Joseph’s School Forum P & F Annual General meeting Tonight 7 p.m.

Some important agenda items for tonight’s meeting:
- School cook book
- Mother’s day cooking competition
- Fundraising ideas

Everyone is invited to attend this meeting and your input is valued.

First Reconciliation

Last Thursday, seven children from our Year 3 class went across to the Parish Meeting Hall for their First Reconciliation Retreat. Later that night these children joined with other children from the Parish, along with their parents and their First Reconciliation at our Sacred Heart Church.

Congratulations to Bree Chisholm, Bella Dusi, Rory Flynn, Kye Haywood, Emma Loughman, Holli Skelly and Summah Young.

All the other children from Year 3 have also been supporting these children through their participation in the lessons at school. A small celebration was held last Friday.

Year 3 would like to thank Mrs Loughman and Mrs Haywood for helping with transport and Mrs Ryder for the beautiful cake that she made for the class.

Mathletics

Congratulations to Sasha Hendrikse from Year 2 on reaching her Gold level in Mathletics. Sasha has shown a willingness to spend extra time on her activities to reach this level. She was presented with her Gold certificate at a recent Wednesday morning assembly.

Sausage Sizzle helpers thank you

Thank you to our wonderful parents who came along to help with the St. Joseph’s Day Sausage Sizzle.

Your help is always greatly appreciated.

Janelle Haywood  Sarah Hendrikse
Bec O’Keefe       Renae Quirk
Caroline Gale    Amy Shoobridge
Colin Loughman   Gab Cramb
Mt. St. Patrick College Enrolment 2014

Parents wishing to enrol their son or daughter in Year 7 in 2014 at Mt St Patrick College are asked to submit an Enrolment Application Form to the College by Friday 5th April, 2013.

Please contact the College on 66722340 for further details, if necessary.

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New helpers are still needed to fill some gaps in the roster. If you can help, please call/text Nelle on 0438 982 688 or email her at nelle@spiritlevelhealing.com.au

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New Menu - After much consultation with staff, parents & volunteers, it has been decided to introduce a new streamlined menu in the canteen in Term 2. As such, we will be running down stocks of some canteen items and they may not be available towards the end of Term 1. In such cases we will reimburse by placing the money in your child’s lunch bag or offering an alternative.

We apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause.

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School Photos

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Hot Shots Tennis Program

As you are probably aware the children have been participating in the Hot Shots Tennis Program at School.

The program is designed by Tennis Australia is fun and fully interactive. The children will participate in lots of games and activities designed to develop their coordination.

Don’t forget to visit the website to collect your free t-shirts and other great giveaways.


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**Triduum**

**Holy Thursday**
7 p.m. Sacred Heart Church. Celebration of the Lord’s Supper followed by Exposition.

**Good Friday**
9 a.m. Stations of the Cross – South Murwillumbah
3 p.m. Sacred Heart Church. Solemn Celebration of the Lord’s Passion

**Easter Vigil**
7 p.m. Sacred Heart Church

**Easter Sunday**
8 a.m. Sacred Heart Church
10 a.m. OLPS South Murwillumbah

**Chocolate Paschal Lambs**
on sale $7-00 each

This Easter instead of giving Easter eggs, why not give a Paschal Lamb and at the same time support the Michaelite Mission Priests in Papua New Guinea.

Phone Philomena Zambelli 66724635

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**PARENT LIBRARY BOOK DVD REVIEW**

**The Resilience Doughnut – Lyn Worseley**

The Resilience Doughnut Book - The Secret of Strong Kids.

This book is a timely and valuable resource for anyone who works with children and young people.

The 7 factors that resilient young people and adults have in common are illustrated in the shape of a doughnut. Ways of helping a young person through stressful times and building their resilience are shown using a simple the common sense formula: “If something is working, do more of it”.

Lyn has written this book in everyday useable language, making it an easy read, and a resource that can be used for anyone experiencing the difficulties that life inevitably brings. Children as young as 5 years old have used the Resilience Doughnut and understood what makes them strong!

What others have said about The Resilience Doughnut ...

“**THOUGHTFUL, ACCESSIBLE, WELL WRITTEN AND QUITE INSPIRATIONAL...**”

Dr Michael Carr Greg PhD, Adolescent Psychologist

“This book has the potential to bring resilience into the common language of families.”

Andrew Fuller, Psychologist -resilience doughnut.com

Gives Parents and Educators hope. Many are clueless about the topic of building ‘Resilience’. They are either hitting the ‘weak’ areas, or trying to do everything. When they know they only need to hit 3 out of the 7, gives them the focus and the energy.

Points given are precise. Includes an assessment which can be used 90-degree or 180-degree (student and educator / parent), which assesses the level of strengths in one of the 7 strength areas. Recommendations are contextual. The recommendations given in the book to build the areas of strengths are not a ‘one-size-fits-all’, but ways suitable to a teacher / counselor, a caregiver, or a parent.

-Julian Yang, bookdepository.com

This resource, available in DVD or as a book, is an easy to read and apply. Lyn presents a practical and positive approach focusing on building resilience by encouraging your child’s individual strengths. See Kay in the front office to sign out a copy.
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