Dear Parents and Friends

Last week most families took the opportunity to meet with their child/ren’s teacher/s and spend time talking about the new year and the goals that we would share as the year progressed. This is an important part of ensuring we all have a common understanding of expectations which sets the scene beautifully for a successful and smooth four terms of school.

INFO & HELLO NIGHT
Next Tuesday, March 1

This year we welcome all families along to our Hello Night and Information Session. The format will be:

- Information Sessions in the MacKillop Centre which explain our School Prep – 6 Approach to Teaching and Learning. All three sessions will be the same and your whole family is welcome. Start times are 5:30, 6:00 and 6:30pm
- Leave the MacKillop Centre and tour the School (make sure you check out the new adventure playground), making sure you focus on your child/ren’s classrooms. Say Hello to our Staff then wander out to the Courtyard and enjoy a BBQ Tea, compliments of our P&E.

INFO & HELLO NIGHT SUMMARY
- MacKillop Session Start Times
  5:30pm
  6:00pm
  6:30pm
*Choose the one session that suits you
*The 3 sessions are the same
*Bring the family

- School Open For Inspection
- Chat To Our Staff
- Then Enjoy a BBQ Tea c/o P&E

Lent & Easter

We continue through our Church’s Season of Lent. Lent is a time of preparation for Easter. We focus on the following three areas – Almsgiving (Giving), Fasting (Giving Up) and Prayer. It can especially be a positive time where it’s not a matter of what we can give up but more so what we can do for others.
FUN RUN 2016 SUNDAY MARCH 6

Here’s some reminders about our Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures:

**PARKING**

Our **Car Park** is now complete.

Morning Routine – Drop Off Options

- Park in the Middle and bring your child/ren in to class
- Use the Kiss and Drop. Pull up in the lane along from the Church Trees, let your child/ren out then off you go
- Street Parking *some parking is available along the school side. PLEASE DO NOT PARK OR DROP OFF IN THE BUS SPACE. It is clearly marked and signed.
  * some choose to park on the far side of the street. I strongly encourage these people to use the children’s crossing. Not doing this sends a very strong message to all the children, not just yours.

Afternoon Routine – Pick Up Options

- Park in the Middle and come into school to collect your child/ren
- Park on the street *school side – all spaces available as Bus Bay applies to morning only
  *far side - I strongly encourage these people to use the children’s crossing. Not doing this sends a very strong message to all the children, not just yours.

Our parking areas are busy places to be, especially after school so basically it requires patience and vigilance from drivers so departure is orderly and safe. From my experience I do think this area is efficient as we clear 280 children, a huge number of CARS and 4 BUSES in about 13 minutes. **Danger occurs when a driver is in a hurry or loses patience – simple as that.**

A slip up is a huge price to pay for the sake of a minute. Think about it!

**ARRIVAL TIME**

We ask that children do not arrive at school before 8:30 am. A teacher will be on duty from then. Before School Care is available for those families who need this service.

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**Afternoon Assembly:** Monday at 2:45
Yr 6 Leaders & Class Prayer
Feb 29: Ella & Natalie, Teaa & Flynn MID K&N
March 7: Lachie, Eloise, Page, Lauren & Oscar SEN K&J
ALL FAMILIES WELCOME

**Important Dates:** Weeks 5-9

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2:15pm finish

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Our Year 6 Leaders for 2016
WELFARE

"To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded"

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Anthony Brophy
Well-Being Officer

PRIVACY POLICY
It is now mandatory for each school to have its Privacy Policy easily accessible for all. It has now been posted on our website.

SCHOOL FEES:

- Thank you for informing us of your preferred fee paying option. The families having fees directly debited DO NOT NEED TO DO ANYTHING.
- Could those families who are NOT using the Direct Debit option, PLEASE REMEMBER WHEN YOUR FEES ARE DUE:
  
  ➢ **One Yearly Payment** due by 28th February
  ➢ **Four Term Payments** due in the first 4 weeks of each term
  ➢ **Ten Monthly Payments** – these are due on the 18th of each month from February to November.

If any family would like to commence having their fees directly debited fortnightly or monthly this can be done at any time!

  ✓ **Next Fortnightly Debits** 4th March & 18th March

  ✓ **Monthly Debits** take place on the 18th of each month up to and including November.

CSEF Application attached. If you are a Health Care Card Holder you may be eligible to apply for $125 per child towards your school fees.

OSHC NEWS

The children have been making paper mache easter baskets.

We cooked pancakes and ate them with maple syrup and ice cream.

Many different designs were made using the Pewter beads.

There were some cool moves seen when dancing to "Just Dance".

Some children enjoyed using clay to make faces, bowls and a bed.
LIBRARY

Issue #1 Book Club orders should arrive at school before the end of this week. I will give the ordered items to the children as soon as I receive them. If you wish to order from issue #2 these are due back at school by **Friday 11th March**. LOOP orders also close on this day.

Further details about ordering from Book Club will be included in the next newsletter. If anyone has any queries you are welcome to come and see me.

Mary Laidlaw

SPORT

On a scorching 42°c day, 28 students travelled down to Shepparton to participate in the Division Swimming Sports. All students represented St Joseph’s proudly and gave it their best effort all day. Students who placed in their individual event and won the opportunity to progress to the zone championships include: Rex Miller, Regan Mangles, Taigh Powles, Jorja Eddy, Asha Rees, Grace Eddy, Kynan Bethell and Emily Phillips. Also relay teams include 9/10 years girls & boys, 11 years boys, 12 years boys & girls and finally the mixed medley relay team.

WORKERS OF THE WEEK

**Sen E Grace Eddy**
For being such a hard working guest in our home group today.

**Sen J Regan Mangles**
For her positive and caring attitude towards her peers and her school work.

**Sen T Holly Osborne**
For a very settled start in our Senior School.

**Sen K Jenna Mason**
For trying her best at all she does & her compassionate attitude towards others.

**Mid N Ryan Russo**
For working hard at staying on task.

**Mid T Nic Tickell**
For his determination to succeed.

**Mid K Gemmah Hibberston**
For her bright and bubbly personality.

**Mid A Cody Skinner**
For his extra effort in staying focused on his class work.

**Jun S Jack Rowland**
For always being an attentive listener and for his helpful manner in our class.

**Jun PG Claire Bergamin**
For her wonderful improvement in her organization after recess and lunch.

**Jun V Timothy Oswald**
For his beautiful listening and creative book response.

**Jun J Matildah Board**
For settling in to your new school and classroom so happily.

**Prep T Jayde Welsh**
For her growing confidence and always including others.

**Prep J Landon Muller**
For his loving personality and gentle nature.
Thank you to all the mums & Grandparents that have volunteered their time to help run the canteen this year. Your time is appreciated.

February Roster
26th Carol Storer & Narelle Miller
29th Emily Cason

March Roster
1st Jaclyn Hibberson, Rocky Pellegrino
2nd Jacqui Patten
3rd Jo Newham, Shanna Milne
4th Kate Bell, Jen Bosse
7th Kate McGregor
8th Emilia Morris, Kimberley Chisolm,
9th Rachelle Moon, Kelly James
10th Jess Murnane, Kirsty Kallasmae
11th Jacqui Hughes, Caroline Waasdorp
14th Kylie Mangles, Cathy Nuttal
15th Frances Hodgson, Cheryl Beatson
16th Julie Buha, Michelle Emanuelli
17th Jodie Carkeek, Mel O'Dwyer
18th Lauren Board, Leah Laidlaw
21st Kristy-Anne Bright, Tracy Lomax, Susan Maskell
22nd Karyn Oswald, Narelle Schreenan
23rd Stacey Handford, Renee Judd
24th Leah Laidlaw, Rachel Robertson

Thank you to Jen Bosse for picking & to the Routleys for providing free fruit to the kids for the last couple of weeks.

Katunga Football Club Expressions of Interest

Interested boys or girls looking to play in Shepparton Junior League Football Club for Katunga Swannies in Under 12 & Under 10 Age group on a Saturday morning, season commencing mid May. Please register your interest with Chris Bethell 0409936100 or Rachel Howden 0400877409.

Katunga Football Netball Club – 2016 Season

Katunga Football Netball Club invites all new and past players to participate in our 2016 season. Please note the change in nights for the Thirds and Fourthths from previously advertised.

Football
Seniors – Mondays & Wednesdays at 6:00pm
Third XVIII – Tuesdays & Thursdays at 5:30pm
Fourth XVIII – Commencing Thursday 25th February 2016 at 5:00pm

Netball
Seniors – Tuesdays & Thursdays at 6:15pm
17/18Under – Thursdays at 5:00pm
15/16Under – Commencing Thursday 25th February 2016 at 5:00pm
13/14Under – Commencing Thursday 25th February 2016 at 5:00pm

Please come along and help our journey to success.

For further information please contact Rachael Howden on 0400 877 419 katungafnc@outlook.com or visit our website www.katungafnc.sportnguide.net

NFNC
Numurkah Football Netball Club

Junior Netball Training

Under 13’s commence – Thursday 3rd March at 4pm
Under 12’s commence – Thursday 3rd March at 4pm
Under 11’s commence – Thursday 3rd March at 4pm

Registration Night - all grades of Football & Netball - Thursday 3 March 2016
At 5pm
Cricket Shepparton
U12
ALL GIRLS
T20 Blast
Competition

Mar: - Wednesday 24 February 5.30pm, each Wednesday night for 4 weeks, ending
Wednesday 14 March

Time: Games start at 5.30pm take approx. 1 hour and 30 mins to play

Location: Kialla Recreation Reserve Oval 2 (back oval) Kialla

Teams: Teams of 6 girls can be a combined school/skills/community team

Uniform: School/club Tshirt, sport shorts, trail and sport shoes. Please remember a drink bottle & sunscreen.

Cost: $10 per child, covers insurance for 4 weeks of competition

To enter a team or for any more information please contact Cricket Shepparton T20 Blast Coordinator Alana Balb: alana.balb@hotmail.com.au
or Cricket Shepparton Junior Coordinator Steve Daft: stevedaft88@gmail.com

MILO T20 Blast gives girls the opportunity to play fun games of cricket in an active and social setting.
✓ Exciting atmosphere complete with music and mock KFC T20 Big Bash League
✓ Everyone gets a chance to bat, bowl and field
✓ Games are played at one venue
✓ Games only teams
✓ Inclusive of refreshments with a healthy
✓ Fun and safe environment
✓ All equipment supplied, including a soft ball
✓ Delivered by accredited coaches

Fresh Food Friday!

FFF is back for 2016!
The canteen window will be open every Friday at lunch time offering only the following healthy snacks:

Cold watermelon wedges- 50c
Fruit salad tubs - $1.50
Veggie sticks with homemade dip - $1.50

Calling all 5 to 11 year olds!!!
Numurkah and District Soccer Club will be holding Come and Try Soccer nights on
Wednesday 2nd and 9th March at 4.30pm at Numurkah Showgrounds.

Numurkah and District Soccer Club train locally on Wednesday afternoon at Numurkah Showgrounds and then play against other district teams on Saturdays in Shepparton. Teams include Under 6, Under 7, Under 8, Under 10 and Under 12.

New players welcome.

If you wish to register to play—$95.00 for 15 week season together with $40.00 (approx.) for your own personalized shirt.

Ange Gibbon & Rachel Newham
Numurkah and District Soccer Club
Phone: 0419 109 949 / 0401509 888
Email: numurkahjuniorsoccer@gmail.com
CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name ___________________________ School REF ID ___________________________

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____________________________
First name ___________________________
Address ______________________________
Town/suburb __________________________ State __________ Postcode __________
Contact number _______________________

Centrelink pensioner/concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

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☐ Foster parent* OR ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

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I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status. In order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service, I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

• DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.

• This consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.

• I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.

• If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.

• Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant ___________________________ Date ______/_____/______
CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student’s eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility
To be eligible* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two;
  
a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR  
b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;

- Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria
School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date
For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian’s concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (27 January 2016) or term two (11 April 2016).

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount
The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: $125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: $225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child’s school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student’s date of birth. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
   Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
   If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.

2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.

3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.

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