Dear Friends of the St Joseph’s Community

As our Lenten journey continues we continually strive for connections in how the message of Lent is conveyed. At a recent address to a school in Canberra, Archbishop Christopher Prowse highlighted the importance of prayer in our lives. He referred to prayer as “breathing in” – a necessary preparation for “breathing out” in good works. He went on to say:

“It’s all about doing things for others, especially the poor, which is fine, but before you can do that – breathing out, exhausting yourself as it were for the sake of the kingdom of God – breathe in. And breathing in we call prayer.”

The Lenten prayer table in our foyer, designed under the creative talents of Mrs Shannon, is built around the prayers of our students. Prayer can be simple, conversational and personal and this is evident in the prayers on display; we can only hope that this essence of prayer is carried throughout life in all of us.

The St Joseph’s Swimming Carnival on Tuesday was certainly a highlight of the year’s calendar. Spirits were not dampened by the grey skies and students are to be commended for their enthusiasm, participation and encouragement throughout the day. There were many who swam tirelessly in many events and at the same time there were many who gave encouragement to others in every race, whether they were in their house or not. Yet again the support of parents was invaluable through their assistance in the tasks of timekeeping and participation in some of the events. The staff are to be thanked also for all the lead up organisation and for the smooth operation of the day. Thank you to everyone involved!

During the next few weeks we will be providing advice in the newsletter for parents and carers on how to best assist their child/ren on with their literacy and numeracy development. We know that the home is the child’s first place of learning. Everyday activities in the home introduce children to many of the skills they develop further at school. However, every child is unique – for example, they learn to walk and talk at different times. This is the same for everything that they learn. The suggestions that we place in the newsletter may help build a culture of learning at home that can only enhance what happens at school.

A letter went home last week about Grandparents and Friends Day on Thursday 12 March so please encourage those family members who might be able to join us on the day.

Next week I will be joining the 56 other Principals from across the Archdiocese at the annual Principals’ Retreat which this year will be conducted by Archbishop Christopher Prowse at Bowral. It promises to be a most worthwhile experience.

May God bless you,

Phil Stubbs,
Acting Principal

"Remember that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return..."
Our swimming carnival was held on Tuesday, with overcast weather; it was lovely to have the pool so warm for our competitors. Thank you to the Staff and Parents for your hard work on running another successful carnival!

Congratulations to Samantha Marks, Orlando Papalia, Lilly Day-Edgecombe and Connor Sten who are our Junior and Senior Champions for 2015, and congratulations to Penola for taking out this year’s house shield.

Infant recounts:

‘Yesterday St Joseph’s had our swimming carnival. I went in the noodle race and got a ribbon. It was Fun.’ By Josh Tellis

‘Yesterday St Joseph’s had our swimming carnival and I went in a race and cheered. I went in backstroke, freestyle and butterfly. It was fun.’ By Sarah Marks

Miss Moreing
Primary Teacher
Enclosing and heating our pool

On Monday the 9th of March we are hosting a rally to enclose and heat our local swimming pool. We need as many people as possible to come along and show their support. This is a very important issue and with the support of the Bombala community it is believed that we can make this significant change. It will be a great service for our town, one that has been long overdue.

So we are urging everyone, even if at the moment you don’t use the pool but think you might if it was warmer and covered in to please come along to the pool on the 9th March and show your support. There will be a free sausage sizzle to thank you for your support.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AT THE POOL ON THE 9TH OF MARCH!

Michelle Peisley
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

SCC Update

We have our first SCC open meeting of the year at 6.30pm on Wednesday 11th March, all welcome and we would love to see lots of parents there.

Thanks to all those who have already advised they are able to assist with the Street Stall on Friday 6th March, if everyone could please return those slips ASAP so we can organise a roster for the day and advise everyone with plenty of notice, at this stage we have afternoon spots still to be filled. We will be sending out more requests for help in the next couple of weeks and following these up with phone calls if we don’t hear anything from you, first term is always busy with events and if everyone could get in and help a little it makes lighter work for us all… It won’t stay this hectic all year! The coming events after the street stall are the Bombala Show stall on Saturday 21st March, Deb Ball set up during the following week, Deb Ball clean up on Sunday 29th March and then the Calf Sale on 15th April and delivery of the White and Yellow Pages books during the holidays/early term 2.

Thanks to the parents who have returned their availability to assist with the canteen, at this stage we are really low on volunteers and would appreciate any offers for someone to be able to spare a couple of hours on a Monday… even if you are working, maybe you have a family member including grandparents who might be able to be on the canteen roster in your place.

We are also seeking any donations of gift vouchers or items that we would be able to include in our raffle for the upcoming street stall, if you are able to help out could you please let Jade or Kristy know ASAP.

Thank you
Jade Marks
SCC Chair

SCC dates to remember:
11 March – Open SCC meeting
21 March – Bombala Show Stall
23-27 March – Deb Ball Set up and Preparation
28 March – Deb Ball
29 March – Deb Ball Clean up
15 April – SCC Catering for Landmark Calf Sale

Basketball AGM & Call for Names

Due to insufficient numbers the Bombala Basketball Assoc. is again holding the AGM next Thursday 5th march at 7.30pm in the RSL Club Boardroom. All Parents of players are urged to attend. Remember No Committee – No Basketball.

In the hope of getting enough people at the AGM, the Basketball Committee is calling for names for all competitions. Junior Miniball (K-3) is played Monday afternoons, although if there are a lot of players this may be moved to Wednesdays. Senior Miniball (year 4-6) is also played Monday afternoons. If your child would like to play please put their name down with Terry or Carol Ingram at Bombala Fabrics, Furnishings and Technology. Any parents that can help coach or ref please put your name down too. Ladies Comp is on Monday nights and Mens will be held on Wednesdays. Names have to be in by Friday 13/3/15 and completion starts 23/3/15. Contact Carol on 6458 3562.