**Autism Awareness Day**

World Autism Awareness Day on April 2, and every year, is an opportunity to celebrate and be involved in helping raise awareness about autism spectrum disorders.

Autism is a complex disorder which affects roughly 1 in 100 Australians. Autism affects a person's ability to interact with the world around them in a number of ways. Also referred to as ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) this developmental disorder has wide ranging levels of severity, commonly affecting social, emotional and communication skills. Many people with ASD have unusual ways of learning, paying attention, or reacting to sensations. The cause of autism is not yet fully understood and there is no known cure.

Today Kath Farrell, the Monaro family support officer, spent time with the students at St Joseph’s discussing what autism is and that autism is not a disease or an illness that you can ‘catch’, it is a disorder.

Please find a fact sheet attached about autism. The school has a 20min DVD on autism awareness. If anyone would like to borrow this DVD, please let Miss Crannis know.

**Information Session**

The Bombala Council and Monaro Family Support Service will be running an information session on 'How can we best help children achieve in the areas of learning, social and emotional development” at the Bombala Community Centre on Tuesday 16th April from 5pm- 9:30pm. Please see the flyer for more information.
Infant News

Yesterday students from K-6 had the opportunity to visit the Life Education van. Life Education Australia is the nation's largest not for profit provider of preventative drug and health education in schools.

The children were involved in a variety of activities with a focus on healthy living. The program aims to teach students in a highly engaging and interactive manner.

The infants loved learning about how the body works and what we need to eat to keep our bodies working.

Max Chaplin did a fantastic job as Dr Max, asking questions of the students and getting to wear the awesome costume. At the end of both sessions the children got to meet the famous Healthy Harold and even have a quick pat. The focus for the sessions will form our unit focus for health next term.

Teacher Interviews

I am pleased to announce that Mr Paul Bennett has been appointed as the classroom teacher for the Yr3-6 class for the rest of 2013.

Words of Wisdom

A monkey dressed in a tuxedo is still a monkey.

Change of Date

There has been a change of date for the Southern Region Cross Country. The new date is Wednesday 8th May in Cobargo.

A note has been sent home today with the details for those students who are eligible to compete at the Southern Region Cross Country level. Please return permission note and money to school by Friday 12th April so your child can be nominated to attend the cross country event in week two of next term.
Primary News

This term the primary class has been investigating the different types of forces including friction, gravity and pushes and pulls and the important role these forces play in our everyday lives. The students have engaged in some 'hands-on' activities to explore and identify how different-sized forces affect the movement of objects. Here the students have planned and conducted an investigation (catapult) of the effect of different-sized forces (rubber band) on the movement of an object (plastic block).

Recipes

We still need 25 recipes for the cook book commemorate St Joseph’s 125th Anniversary. The cookbook will be divided into the following sections:
* Breakfast
* Lunch
* Morning and Afternoon tea
* Main Meals
* Desserts
* Drinks
* Special Occasion Food
Just a reminder that each recipe needs to be from a different section for our cookbook.

Going Green

Take your own plastic bags / reusable when grocery shopping.

Greetings From God

Exercise daily, walk with the Lord.
**School Community Council News**

The St Joseph’s School Community Council is preparing to hold an election. All parents who have a genuine interest in being of service to the school community and have time to commit to the SCC duties are encouraged to nominate for a position on the SCC.

The SCC meets twice a term and the term of office is generally two years.

**Please note that nominations will now close Thursday 11th April.**

Please place your nomination in the box in the front office.

**Tennis Lessons**

Tennis lessons are now available Wednesday afternoons. Bookings are now being taken, so if interested please phone Tom on 040483804

**Tennis Camp**

There will be tennis camps running throughout the school holidays at the Bombala Tennis Courts from 9am-3pm on the following dates. Each camp is for two days and costs $60.

- **Camp 1:** Mon 15th April– Tues 16th April 2013
- **Camp 2:** Mon 22nd April—Tues 23rd April 2013

For more information phone Tom on 040483804

**Photos**

If you would like a copy of a photo that your child appears in from the newsletter throughout the year, just send an email to kim.crannis@cg.catholic.edu.au and I can forward the picture on to you.

**Message from Mary MacKillop**

“Believe the whisperings of God to your own heart.”
**Bombala Junior Rugby League**

**TRAINING**
Training will be Thursday at 5:30 this week.

**HELP NEEDED**
Bibbenluke Carnival
Friday 5th April 3pm Clean up and set up the grounds

**Bibbenluke Rugby League Carnival**

We would like to wish the boys from St Joseph's and their teams all the best at the Bibbenluke Rugby League Carnival on Saturday.

**Birthdays**

9th April—James Tellis

**Wanted**

Buttons of any size, colour or shape are needed for a craft project at St Joey's. We will need these by the end of April.

**Cleaning Roster**

05/04/13
Karen Peck

**Canteen Roster**

08/04/13
Kylie Simpson