Reading Tips

*Have 10 minutes of quality reading a day- put timer on and stop at 10 minutes.
*Make the reading time enjoyable as possible.
*Sit somewhere comfortable.
*Allow the child to choose the book that they want to read. It may be a book from school that has been given to suit their reading level or it may be a book they have at home or from the library.
*Let the child hold the book, so that they are in control of the reading.
*Take a few minutes to discuss the book first. Flip through the pages, talk about the title, illustrations and unusual words you notice.

Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews

The Semester One reports will be sent out tomorrow so keep an eye out for them in your child’s bag.

The staff are looking forward in meeting with all families for the parent / teacher interviews next Tues 25th and Wed 26th June.

Value of the Week

Value of the Week— Wk 8 and 9 Encouraging Others
**Greetings from God**

If God can work through me, He can work through anyone.

**School Counsellor**

On Tuesday, the children at St Joseph’s said ‘Goodbye’ to the school counsellor ‘Le Le’. She had been replacing Katie the counsellor who returns next term from her 12 month maternity leave.

In her last session, ‘Le Le’ spent time with both classes discussing feelings and the people the children can go and talk to for support if they are feeling sad, worried or nervous.

Katie and Jasper presented ‘Le Le’ with a card and present and thanked her on behalf of St Joey’s for being there for the children when they needed someone to talk too.

**Going Green**

Write on the back off old documents / letters when you need a pad for lists, messages and drawing paper for the children.

**Message from Mary MacKillop**

“We feel our crosses hard at times, but our courage should rise with them.” (1882)

**Birthdays**

19th June—Orlando

23rd June—Mrs Shannon
Congratulations to the children who received Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time on Sunday 16th June at St Mary’s Parish. It was a very special day for the children, for their families, as well as the parishioners, as we were invited to recall our own First Communion day. During the Mass we were reminded Jesus will become present for us in the Eucharist through the gifts of bread and wine. Jesus is our food for the journey and He will continue to nourish us.

Thank you to Fr Paul Huthnance, Sr Teresa for preparing the children for First Communion, Jan Farrell for being the organist, John Vincent for being the acolyte, Carol Garnock and Anna Vincent for being Special Ministers, Tayla Ventry and Katie Farrell for being altar servers.

Words of Wisdom

Change your thoughts and you change your world.

School Photos

Today the school photos were taken and it was lovely to see the children wear their beautiful smiles to school for this occasion.

You can still order school photos online by logging onto www.msp.com.au and click on Order Online. This option closes three days after the day when the photos are taken at school.

Infants Assembly

A full report of the Infants Assembly will be in next week’s newsletter.
St Anthony of Padua
St Anthony of Padua was born in 1195 at Lisbon in Portugal into a wealthy family. He was baptized and named Ferdinand. His parents wanted him to be a great nobleman but when Anthony grew up he wanted to become a priest.
He received an excellent education from the Augustinian friars and joined the order. When he was twenty five, he heard about a new order of priests and felt a strong desire to join the Franciscans.
One day, at a large gathering of priests, when the speaker failed to arrive, Anthony was forced to preach. He preached such a marvellous sermon that everyone who heard him was most impressed. From then on, until he died nine years later, St. Anthony preached all over Italy and France. He was so popular that people even closed their stores to go to hear him.
St. Anthony died at Arcella, near Padua, Italy, on June 13, 1231 when he was just thirty six. His feast day is June 13.

Management of Infectious Diseases in Schools
Please help the school manage the spread of infectious diseases.
It is advisable for your child to absent from school for two / three days if they have influenza or influenza-like symptoms.

After School Sports Program
Yesterday saw the last of the Term 2 After School Sports Program. Thank you to Miss Bailey for her preparation and hard work in being the coach for the Term 2 indoor soccer program. A big thank you also goes to Colin Ryan for transporting the children each week to the high school.

RE News

Cleaning Roster
21/06/13
Kath Farrell

Canteen Roster
24/06/13
Emma Sellers
Infant News

Yesterday the infants children had the opportunity to meet Peter and Mason (his dog) from Pet Education. Peter talked to the children about dog safety and how to protect yourself when you see an angry dog. The children then got to meet Peter’s dog Mason who was a Border Collie. The children learnt a song about dog safety and were given stickers and an activity sheet to take home. At the end each student got to demonstrate how to ask permission to pat someone’s dog. They all loved giving Mason a pat.

Steps when you see an angry dog:
1. Stand still
2. Hands down by your side
3. Quiet as a mouse
4. Look at the ground

Steps when you want to pat a dog:
1. Walk up slowly and stop
2. Ask the owner for permission
3. Let the dog smell your hand
4. Stroke the back of the dog gently

Primary News

Just a reminder that the primary students will have a gold excursion to the Bendoc area tomorrow Friday 21st June 2013. The children will need to wear their winter (blue) uniform, black leather shoes (no joggers as they are not water proof). The children are encouraged to wear a rain coat, gloves, scarf and beanie. They will need to pack fruit break, recess and lunch as normal.

The St Joseph’s primary choir will be performing next Wednesday 26th June at the Bombala Home and Community Care (HACC) Centre at approx. 10:30am and again at Currawarna Nursing Home at approx. 11:15am. This will be an excellent opportunity for the choir to prepare for their ‘Big Gig’ in Canberra next term.