**Principal’s Message**

*Dear Friends of the St Joseph’s Community,*

We have had an excellent first three weeks of school. We hosted a very successful PSSA swimming carnival and our swimmers made us proud. A special thank you to Ms Moreing and Mrs Ventry for organising the carnival and to all staff for helping out on the day. I would particularly like to thank our parents who volunteered (or possibly coerced) into timekeeping and other duties. Without your help we could not provide such extra curricula experiences for the children. Congratulations to our talented swimmers; they were awarded the Championship Shield. Twelve of our children have progressed to Southern Districts Swimming carnival to be held tomorrow in Narooma. We wish them the best of luck!

On Ash Wednesday, we had our first School and parish mass. Father Mick explained the meaning of Ash Wednesday and the children received ashes on their foreheads. During Lent, the children are reminded to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and do things to help others. It was lovely to see some parents and grandparents join us. Our next school mass is Wednesday February 24 at 9.30 am.

This afternoon we are having a Working Bee at the school from 4-7pm. If you can spare an hour or so, please come in and help us with weeding and tidying up the school grounds. Children are welcome to come along.

On Wednesday night we are hosting a Parent Information Night and sausage sizzle at 6 pm. Please join us with your family. We are very grateful to our School Community Council (SCC) for offering to feed us. If you haven’t already responded to the note about catering, please do so by tomorrow.

Our St Joseph’s swimming carnival is to be held this Thursday from 10 am. All children will be involved and non-swimmers will be catered for. Please join us if you can as it should be a wonderful day.

Finally on Thursday February 25, Mrs Moira Najdecki will be visiting St Joseph’s. The SCC is providing a morning tea for the staff and any parents who may like to attend.

Thank you for your support in making our start to the school year so successful. If you have any issues or concerns please feel free to pop in for a chat. I encourage you to speak directly with your child’s teacher if you are worried about anything. Remember, it takes a while for the children to settle back into their learning after a long summer break. Teachers also need time to get to know their students and how each of them learns. When teachers and parents are positive and work closely together, the children benefit.

**God Bless**

Noeleen O’Neill

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**Canteen News:**

- Sorry there are no Focus Waters available next week.
- Also there was an error in the Menu: Chicken Burger Meal Deal=
  Plain Chicken Burger and either Icy Pole, Frosty Fruit, Frozen Yoghurt or Split (please select one)
Senior Class

Welcome back. I trust we had a good break and are looking forward to the year ahead. The class has got off to a good start with our English/Geography work on India and the tiger conservation program being undertaken in Bandhavargh National Park.

Homework will take a different format this term and will commence this week. I will be in touch with all parents this week end to outline details of this and other aspects of our class work.

Paul Bennett
Senior Teacher

IT’S A GIRL!

Name: Sophie May Shannon
Date: 10/2/2016
Time: 19.26pm
Weight: 3.3kg (7.3lbs)
Length: 49cm

Congratulations to Alice and Michael on the safe arrival of little Sophie May Shannon.
Welcome to 2016

SIGN UP DAY

27th February 12 PM @ POOL

All Past and New Players welcome
Free Sausage Sizzle
We are looking to field teams in
U7, U8, U9, U10, U12, U14, U16
For the first time Girls League Tag
REGO Only $40 per Child

Included Socks and Shorts

IF YOU WANT TO PLAY PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME DOWN

Please bring along a copy of Birth Certificate

BOMBALA BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Bombala Basketball is holding its AGM on Wednesday 17/2/2016 at 7.30pm in the RSL Cub Auditorium. All parents of layers are urged to attend.
Remember No-Committee = No Basketball