Dear Friends of the St Joseph’s Community,

I am very pleased to be back at school following surgery on my right eye. My vision is still limited but as I explained to the children ‘I can still see everything on the playground’. I think I have them bluffed!

I would like to thank Paul Bennet for stepping into my role and overseeing a number of important events in my absence. Thank you to those parents who came to parent teacher meetings last week. The teachers were very impressed with how they went and I hope you were equally happy. Parent Teacher meetings are important for both celebrating successes and identifying any areas for growth in your child’s learning.

I have heard that the Southern Regions Athletics carnival was a great success. As our numbers grow, more students have opportunities to represent St Joseph’s at such carnivals. It is wonderful to receive such positive feedback about the children’s efforts and behaviour. Well done to all students who participated on the day. Thank you again to those parents who helped with transportation and who were there to support the children. Congratulations to Lilly Day Edgecombe, Jack Ventry and Max Chaplin for making it to the next level. The Archdiocesan Athletics Carnival will be held in Canberra on August 18. We wish you the very best of luck.

Yesterday, we received news of the tragic death of a young boy from St Pat’s in Bega. Please keep the child’s family and friends and the community of St Pat’s in your prayers as they go through this difficult time. We must ensure that our children learn how to cross roads safely and be extra vigilant getting on and off the school bus each day. As you know, we have been working on making improvements to our picking up procedures in the afternoon. From now on, children will cross the road in front of the convent (at the witches’ hats). To make life easier, I suggest that parents park opposite the convent rather than in front of the Church. Parents must then come over to collect their children. Please support us by making sure that you do not cross over between buses or call your children across the road.

As we all know, children learn more by watching than being told. In the words of Robert Fulghum ‘Don’t worry that children never listen to you; worry that they are always watching you’.

Finally, thank you to those parents who were able to complete the online parent survey. Catholic Education made the decision to replace the old paper ones with an online survey. As it came out while I was away, I had not had a chance to mention it. From all accounts though, it was more successful than the ABS Census Tuesday night. Seriously, feedback from the staff and teacher surveys helps us to identify areas for improvement in our practices. Thank you for your ongoing support.

God Bless,

Noeleen O’Neill
Principal
2017 Kinder Orientation

Last Wednesday we welcomed back to the infants class some very excited and enthusiastic children for our second kindergarten orientation day. They enjoyed a healthy snack for fruit break and then got down to business.

The new Kindies were very engaged with the picture book Alphabet Squabble. We discussed their own names and what letter of the alphabet their name begins with. It was then time for a craft activity to decorate their own letter.

The children all had a fantastic time and would have loved to have stayed on!

Running Club

Every Thursday some students head over to the church oval to practise long distance running. We do it because we like to keep fit and because we enjoy running with friends.
Year 3/4 Mini Olympics

August Birthdays

2—Ruby Smith
4—Mathew Reed & Brylie Stewart
12—Max Smith
19—Oliver Bruce

MASS TIMES:
Saturday, 13th August, 6 p.m.
BOMBALA, Mass

Sunday, 14th August, 5 p.m.
DELEGATE, Mass

Monday, 15th August,
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mass 9.30 am BOMBALA