Dear Friends of the St Joseph’s Community,

Over the last few weeks the children have been learning about the remarkable life of Mother Teresa. On September 4 2016, 19 years after her death, Mother Teresa was canonised by Pope Francis and is now known as Saint Teresa of Calcutta. Catholics and non-Catholics all over the world continue to admire Mother Teresa as a model of humanity and compassion. She was honoured with a Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 for her work in helping the poor in India. Pope Francis described Mother Teresa’s work as “eloquent witness to God’s closeness to the poorest of the poor”. He went on to say “Let us carry her smile in our hearts and give it to those whom we meet along our journey, especially those who suffer.”

We pray that we continue to be inspired by the lives of the saints of the Catholic Church. We are called as Christians to be compassionate, especially to those in need. In the words of Saint Teresa of Calcutta, “Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love”.

We welcome three new students and their families to St Joseph’s. Chrystal Goodchild and Louise Faichney in Year 6 and Ted Faichney in Year 3. All three children have settled in very well. Once again, the children of St Joseph’s have made us proud by being so welcoming and friendly.

Thirty of our students in Years 3-6 were fortunate to experience a wonderful day at Thredbo on Monday. From all accounts, the skiing was good and weather superb. As always, the children’s behaviour was excellent; they are a credit to their families and teachers. Thank you to Mr Bennett, Mrs Moreing and Mary Ventry for supervising the children on the day.

For this term we have decided to replace the usual end of term assembly with a Learning Expo and Awards morning, here at school after Mass. This will take place on the last Wednesday of term, September 21. Please come along and see what your children have been learning this term. Feel free to bring any family or friends who may be interested. We will be having a special canteen lunch from 11.50-12.40, similar to the one we had for Grandparents’ Day earlier in the year. A separate note will go home for children to order lunches for family members. We have also been lucky enough to be invited to attend the Dress Rehearsal of Pinocchio at Bombala Public School on that same afternoon. It will be a big day for the children.
Can I please encourage all children to be at school before 8.50 am each day. If children are late, parents are asked to sign their children in and then the children will take themselves (or be escorted by front office staff) to their classes. In an effort to limit the disruptions to the Literacy Block in the mornings, we are requesting that all late children enter the building via the foyer.

It is essential that children, parents and visitors do not enter classrooms through the front doors as these need to be locked for security. For the safety of students and staff, the teachers have been instructed not to open those doors from now on.

Thank you so much for your help for the afternoon pick up. It is looking much safer now that parents cross the road in front of Sister Teresa’s house to collect their children. All children waiting to be picked up will gather as a group on the wooden seats, not near the road as first suggested. Please be aware that upon collecting your children, you are then responsible for them crossing the road safely.

Lastly, on behalf of the students and staff at St Joseph’s, I wish to express my gratitude to Jade Marks for her incredible leadership of the SCC. Jade has worked tirelessly for the good of the students and the whole school community. We will greatly miss Jade, Nathan and their lovely girls and wish them well in their new community.

God Bless

Noeleen O’Neill
Principal

Reminder
SCHOOL FEES ARE NOW DUE

September Birthdays

2nd Wendy Perkins
5th Marsha Sten
6th Simone Hillyer
10th Cooper Kidd
11th Torin Hillyer
13th Karina Perkins
14th Miller Stewart
14th Mitchell Reed
18th Grace Farrell
23rd Paige Hurley
In2Cricket

On Tuesday the 3/4 & K/1/2 did a cricket gala day. We practised bowling, batting, throwing and catching. Stewart told us that one of us had to bowl to the other and he or she had to bat. Then we had to bat off a tee and the other one had to stop it before it hit the fence. After that we had to hold the ball under our chin then the other person had to stop the ball from hitting the fence again. Finally we had a catching competition, Tait won and got a T20 blast hat.—Kurt Chaplin

Ski Trip

On Monday 3-6 went skiing. It was so fun we were laughing most of the time. We all had a great time at Thredbo and we thank all the staff very much—Brylie Stewart
MASS TIMES:
Sat. 10th Sept. 6 p.m. Mass Bombala
Sun. 11th Sept. 6 p.m. Mass Delegate
Wed. 14th Sept. NO Mass Bombala

St Joseph’s Working Bee
Tuesday, 13th September

SCC Clearance Sale Catering
Saturday 17th September 2016
Contact Jade Marks
0414 847 289
Helpers still needed

Cooma Champs Tennis
SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMPS
Camp: Mon 26 Sept, 2016
9am – 4pm Bombala Tennis Club
1 Day Camp – $50.00
Payment to be received previous to commencement of camp please.
Please call Tom: 0404 838 049
Lessons available during the school term in Bombala on a Wednesday afternoon.
We would love to hear from you!!
TOM Perea: ACCREDITED ATPCA / TENNIS AUSTRALIA CLUB PROFESSIONAL. ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL ACCREDITED.
Awesome prizes to be won!

Bombala Public School Presents
PINOCCHIO
22nd September, 2016
6:00 pm
Bombala Multipurpose Hall
Everyone’s Welcome

Being a Mindful Parent:
A Guide to Raising Resilient Children
Free Workshop at Bonang Hall in October
24th 9.30am – 4pm & 25th 9.30am – 1:30pm
PRESENTED BY LYN BENSON, COUNSELLING PSYCHOLOGIST & FAMILY THERAPIST
Topics covered:
- What is Mindfulness?
- Mindfulness meditation practice
- Benefits of Mindful Parenting
- Understanding yourself so you can understand your child
- Factors that promote wellness in children
- Factors that can hijack resilience in children
- Breath awareness
- Body awareness
- Attuning to your child
- Bringing mindfulness into everyday life
- Teaching children to become more resilient
- Teaching self-regulation - infants to adulthood
Who should attend?
- Community members/teachers
- Psychologists/Counselors
- Educators, parents, family

Register by 14th October
Early bird ticket
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Website: www.bombalaphysicalwellness.com.au
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