Principal’s Message

Last week, I identified a couple of dreams that we would like to see become a reality in the short term. One of these dreams was to commence a LOTE (Language Other Than English) program throughout the school.

With higher than expected student enrolment numbers, the ability to fund this program is now a reality. As such, an advertisement has been placed on Catholic Jobs Online seeking a LOTE teacher. This position has been advertised since Wednesday, 19th February, and closes tomorrow.

In consultation with the School Leadership Team (Lauren Robba, Sandra Freeman, Rebecca Prichard and John Hinton), the Italian language has been chosen. There are a number of reasons the Italian language has been chosen. Some of these include:

- Because of the deep connections Childers has with the Italian community.
- Italian is the language closest to English (Cambridge Encyclopaedia of Language, 1987). Italian will therefore serve to enrich our primary students’ knowledge of English vocabulary since it contains many cognates and roots that resonate with familiarity.
- Italian is also thought to be the “best phonetic fit”. It is the easiest foreign language to read, write, and pronounce because there is only one sound per letter of the alphabet and four consonant blends.

Over the coming weeks I look forward to appointing a LOTE teacher and commencing our program.

Warmest regards,

John Hinton

NRL Tipping Competition

A ‘St Joseph’s School’ tipping competition has been registered at http://tipping.nrl.com/

St Joseph’s School community are invited to participate. Registration is via the website above. Our tipping competition code is SNVJJRH4.

The cost is $20 which is due by round 5 of the NRL competition. Further details regarding the split of prize money will be released after round 5.
Cross Country Training
With a Cross Country coming up later this term, many of the children are keen to improve their fitness and do some training. If your child is interested they can come along to Cross Country each Wednesday and Thursday morning from 8.15am (starting this week).

School Swimming Carnival
St Joseph’s swimming carnival is being held on Friday, 14th March, 2014, commencing at 10am. Once again we are in need of your help to conduct the carnival. Your help is very much appreciated.

If you are available on that day and would be able to help, even if it was for a short time, please fill in the slip below and return it to the school office by Thursday, 6th March.

Get Started – Funding to help kids participate - Opens 10 February
Get Started assists children and young people who can least afford or may otherwise benefit from joining a sport or recreation club. Eligible children and young people are provided with a voucher of up to $150 to help pay for club membership and/or participation fees. The vouchers can be redeemed at a sport or recreation club registered with the program.

Finally, the website pages for Get Started have been updated with information for round 3 – here is the link to the main page:

AFL Future Stars Cup
Nominations are now open for the annual AFL Future Stars Cup Day (Friday March 7th). Nomination forms can be collected from Mrs Joy Macklin and must be returned by the 27th February.

2015 Shalom Enrolment
Please be aware of the following key dates for Shalom College. Please contact Shalom directly for further updates and confirmation.
- Open day on Thurs 6th, March
- Information night Mon 28th, April
- Orientation day for year 7 in 2015 10th, Nov
- Orientation day for year 8 in 2015 18th, Nov

Private Speech Pathologist now visiting Childers
Flourish Speech Pathology is excited to be starting a monthly outreach speech pathology service to Childers in 2014. Flourish provide paediatric speech therapy services to children with speech difficulties, language difficulties, literacy difficulties, developmental delays and disabilities. Flourish will be working out of the Childers Neighbourhood Centre, 69 Churchill Street, Childers. Flourish currently visit on the 1st Friday of each month. For further information about services visit www.flourishspeechpath.com.au or telephone: 0437 753 964 to discuss your child’s communication needs.

I/we ................................................................. am/are available to help at the Swimming Carnival on 14th March, 2014.

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Parent/Caregiver
Extra-Curricular Activities
Please contact the school office if you wish your child/children to participate in Tennis or Instrumental Music. A reminder that these extra-curricular activities operate under ‘user pays’ arrangements (places are limited).

Winter School Uniform Order
The cold weather will surely be upon us soon. To have winter uniforms here on time, we need to have your orders now. Winter uniforms are not held in stock and must be ordered in advance. We only order once a year, so be sure to order to avoid disappointment.

The school offers two types of jackets:
1. Fleecy Jacket - $22.00
2. Soft Microfibre Jacket - $30.00

Both of these jackets have the school emblem embroidered on the left hand side. There will be a display of the school jackets in the school office. Tracksuit pants can be purchased from major chain stores, as long as they are dark navy blue in colour.

Please fill in and return the order form (inserted into last week's newsletter or available from the office) by Friday, 21st March, 2014.

School Board
If you are interested in being a part of the School Board, please make contact with the Principal.

Parent & Friends Committee
The next P&F meeting will begin with the AGM at 7pm on Tuesday, the 25th February, 2014. I would encourage any interested parent to become involved in the P&F.

Healthy Eating
The following information has been derived from the Better Health Victorian Government Website.

Healthy lunches and snacks are important for active children. It is important to offer healthy lunch box choices. Tips include fresh fruit, crunchy vegetables and a combination of protein, dairy and carbohydrates.

Eating healthy food helps children concentrate and learn. However, healthy eating changes are not always easy to make. Try to set a good example with your own lunches. Encourage children to help choose and prepare their own lunch. They might like to make a list of the foods they enjoy. Praise your child when they choose healthy foods for their lunch box.
Happy Birthday

Callum Nugent 27/02

Student of the Week

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Volunteers Needed!

- We are seeking a volunteer grounds person to work one day per week.
- We are always looking for tuckshop volunteers. The commitment is 3 hours every second Wednesday, however flexibility exists.

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Junior Golf Childers

**GOLF...What is so good about golf??**

✓ Make new **friends**!!
✓ **No Travel**!! Play weekly matches at Childers.
✓ Able to **practice at home** or on your local course
✓ Skills which you can enjoy throughout your life
✓ The opportunity to play a sport that the whole family can play

Childers Junior Golf is played every Saturday at 7:30am (except on the school holidays) for a small cost of $5 per person. Children’s yearly joining fee is $20 or $30 for a family.

We play 6/9 and 13 hole golf, so as to cater for the beginners through to the more experienced. Clubs can be borrowed.

Contact: Rob 0437 535 467