Dear Parents

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, October is World Mission month and the students have been reflecting on the concept of “Mission”. Mission is about love and Christians are asked to focus on Jesus from whom we can draw the true example of care, compassion, hospitality, availability and interest in the problems of other people. Mission is our expression of God’s love for us and our love for others. Jesus was sent by his Father to show us through his teachings and example, the way to his Father. He was not only to prepare disciples who would take this Gospel to all nations, but to encourage all believers to be missionaries and take the Gospel to the people in their lives by the example of their lives.

World Mission Day is celebrated globally in October. It is a day where we, as Catholics, unite in prayer, mutual friendship and support, both spiritual and material. There are thousands of men and women missionaries who have foregone the pleasant lifestyle that we enjoy to bring the Gospel message of respect, care and assistance, as well as education and health improvements, to disadvantaged and often oppressed people in foreign lands and different cultures. They rely on our support and Caritas and Catholic Mission are two really effective groups through which our material support can be channelled.

The students have discussed with their teachers, ways we as a school community can raise awareness and help support Catholic Mission in their work. This Thursday, the students have decided to forgo their normal lunch and treats, and just have a simple rice meal, along with some fruit for morning tea to become better aware of the life of children living in less fortunate circumstances.

Then on Friday 30 October, the students will raise money for Catholic Mission through a skip-a-thon. Please read the accompanying note for further details.

We are looking forward to being part of the Thunderbolts Parade this Saturday. The students have been working on their clothing for the parade as part of their Science lessons on sustainability. They will need to assemble at Park Street by 10.15 and parents will need to collect their children as the parade finishes in Alma Park. Hope you can all get out and enjoy this event, and especially support our own BBQ Stall.

Our six new Kinders for 2016 began an induction program today and it was wonderful to see them settling into school life so well. Welcome to Ruby, Chelsea, Ethan, Cohen, Archie and Jade.

In Christ’s peace,
John Phillips
SCHOOL MASS
There will be a whole school Mass this Friday 16th October at 9:15. All families and friends are welcome to attend.

ASSEMBLY
Our next Assembly will be held on Friday 23 October at 2.45pm. All are welcome.

KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION PROGRAM
Today we began Kindergarten Transition for the students starting school at St Joseph’s next year. It provides a great opportunity for the children to become familiar with academic and social aspects of school life. The program will continue each Wednesday up to and including 25 November.

THUNDERBOLTS FESTIVAL
Our students will be participating in the Thunderbolts Festival street parade this Saturday 24 October. Parents are asked to have their children at the starting point in Park Street by 10:15am and to be ready to collect their children at the conclusion of the parade in Alma Park. The PT&F would appreciate your support at the BBQ stall on the day. Many thanks.

PT&F CORNER
Thunderbolt Festival
St Joseph’s PT&F will again be operating the BBQ at the Thunderbolt festival on Saturday 24th October. Thank you to those families who have sent in their volunteers note with offers to help. It would be great to get some more helpers to spread the load. If you have not already sent in your helpers note it is not too late!

If anyone can spare their eskies for the BBQ please contact Kathy Dodd as soon as possible—we need at least 3.

Please consider how you can give your time and help as this is a major fundraiser and we will be needing all of our families to make the day a success.

Fete
The annual St Joseph’s school and parish fete will be held this year on Sunday the 6th December. Fresh ideas and helpers will be needed so keep a lookout in the newsletters for fete meeting times.

If you are unable to attend our meetings but would like to know what is going on, copies of the minutes from our meetings are available in the office at any time.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 12 November in the school hall from 5:30pm. Every year the PT&F work tirelessly to provide our children with the latest technology and resources.

Please come along. All families are welcome to attend.

Kathy Dodd (President) Phone 6778 4774 or Mob. 0423 418 467
**CURRICULUM CORNER**

**Circus Skills ticked the PD/ H/ PE Curriculum!**

When we think of movement at school it is not just about participating in ‘Sport’ on Fridays and throwing a few balls through the week. Just like any other activity that students engage in at school such as Spelling or Reading, Physical Education also has specific skills that need to be introduced at various Stages, explicitly taught and practiced and developed over the time.

School programs at all levels have a responsibility to encourage the physical growth and development of all students, support the acquisition of movement skills and nurture positive attitudes towards physical activity. This key learning area provides regular and frequent opportunities for students to acquire and apply movement skills, enhance their creativity and aesthetic awareness and develop positive attitudes towards regular physical activity. And this was certainty the case in their experience at the Circus training yesterday! Movement skills - tick; positive attitude - tick; creativity - tick; aesthetic awareness - tick!

Children do not naturally develop fundamental movement skills as they grow and these skills need to be taught, practised and encouraged. Having mastery of the Fundamental Movement Skills such as throwing, catching, running and jumping opens up a vast array of sport, leisure and recreation options for our students. As the staff observed the activities that the students participated over the afternoon, we were amazed to see how much of the curriculum was covered just by circus training. Who would've thought?

*Kelly Walters  
Project Teacher*
The following awards were presented at last Friday’s Assembly:

**Term 4 Week 2**

**Principal’s Award for setting a higher achievement level of a learning goal:**
Shyan Dodd
Zac Walters

**Infants Learning Studio Award:**
Sienna Bastian for “Working hard in reading”.

**Primary Learning Studio Award:**
Makaala Dodd for “A consistently positive application & a ‘can do’ attitude in learning tasks”.

**MiniLit Award** went to Brittany Doran for “Staying focussed in bossy ‘e’ words; fluent & expressive reading; great self-correction in reading”.

All families are welcome to attend this week’s assembly on Friday at 2:45pm in the school hall.

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**Dates to Remember**

**Fri 23 Oct:** Mass 9:15am
Assembly 2:45pm

**Sat 24 Oct:** Thunderbolt’s Festival

**Wed 4 Nov:** First Reconciliation 5:00pm

**Wed 11 Nov:** Remembrance Day

**Thur 12 Nov:** PT&F Meeting 5:30pm

**Tue 17 Nov:** Yr 6 STEP Day

**Wed 25 Nov:** Transition ends

**Mon 30 Nov:** School Board Meeting 6:30pm

**Mon 30 Nov—Fri 11 Dec:** School Board Meeting

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**Swimming Program**
**Thur 10 Dec:** School Play
**Tue 15 Dec:** Presentation Night
**Wed 16 Dec:** Last day for students
**Fri 18 Dec:** Term 4 ends

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**
**MON 26 Oct:** Kathy Dodd

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**
**27 Oct:** Bailey Redmond