NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

FEAST OF ST JOSEPH THE HUSBAND OF MARY – (Saturday 19th March)

This Thursday we will be celebrating the Feast Day of St Joseph the husband of Mary and father of the Holy Family. Mass will commence in the church at 1:30pm followed by a feast day cake celebration in the church foyer. Parent, carers, families and friends of our St Joseph’s Catholic School community are warmly invited to attend.

SOCIAL MEDIA – Gentle reminder

Please remember that there are risks associated with the improper and potentially illegal use of social media sites/personal social networking sites where parents/carers publically criticise their child’s school, the Tasmanian Catholic Education Office or the policies and personnel of these institutions. I advise that the appropriate vehicle for addressing issues you have with the school or its employees is via the school’s publicly accessible set of Grievance Procedures (available on our website or from the school office).

Please be mindful that what might be considered an innocent and private conversation between two people online is not necessarily so and a comment made in the public domain can automatically become available for a wide number of people to view. Please also be mindful that there is a potentially dangerous assumption in reading comments that are posted online and assuming that they are completely accurate.

Christina Gretton
Principal
CLASS NEWS - Myrtle
Myrtle is working hard to establish and improve St. Joseph’s vegetable patch and surrounding area. Our hope is to be able to produce enough food to create meals and perhaps even sell to the St. Joseph’s community.

Tuning into Kids
A reminder that the Tuning into Kids sessions start next Tuesday 22nd March.

Caritas Boxes
Caritas boxes need to be returned to the school office by Wednesday 30th March.

NW Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to the following students who will be travelling to Devonport this Friday for the NW Swimming Carnival: Agatha, Shelby, Jaidin, Tommy, Will, Meshca, Cooper, Jordan, Sharee, Ashley, Joel, Kyle, Tobi, Tahlia, Casey, Luke & Liam. Forms are due back to the school office by Wednesday 16th March.

Parent Teacher
A reminder that parent teacher sessions will be held next Wednesday 23rd March from 3pm - 7pm. Please see your child’s teacher if you are yet to make an appointment.

Parents and Friends Easter egg raffle
The Parents and Friends will be holding their annual Easter raffle. We are asking for each family to please donate one Easter egg. These can be dropped off to the school office by Monday, 21st March. Raffle books will need to be returned to the school office by Wednesday, 23rd March. Class tickets are also available from class teachers. 2 tickets max per child for $2.

Scholastic Book Club
Please return book clubs to the school office by Tuesday 22nd March.

LOOP Orders: If you want to pay by credit card for your online Book Club order, LOOP makes it easy! It eliminates the need for paper order forms plus your online order is submitted to the school safe and sound.

Log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download our iPhone and iPad app from the App Store or get it on Google Play for Android.
Year of Mercy
PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,
and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.
Show us your face and we will be saved.
Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being
enslaved by money;
the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in
created things;
made Peter weep after his betrayal,
and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.
Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you
spoke to the Samaritan woman:
“If you knew the gift of God!”

You are the visible face of the invisible Father,
of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness
and mercy:
let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen
and glorified.
You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness
in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance
and error:
let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved,
and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with
its anointing,
so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord,
and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news
to the poor,
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight
to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy,
you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for
ever and ever.

Amen.