A message from Mr Pardini...

Bike-a-thon
I hope this serves as a good reminder to all our families, that we really would like your support at the P&F Bike-a-thon on Sunday 7 December. Your support will come by helping your child to raise as many sponsors as possible. I have heard of some students who have made a great start collecting sponsors! All money raised will assist towards the redevelopment of our playground areas around the school (we hope to purchase some new pieces of equipment!). So, don’t forget to mark the date on your calendars because it promises to be a big one!

Faction Sports
Last Friday saw three factions enjoying a day of good weather, great company and healthy competition! The carnival was well supported by our families (thank you) and our teams gave their best shot to everything. Well done to PDHS Red for taking out the shield and to all our students for their hard work leading up to the day. We look forward to participating next week as the Interschool season commences.

Tuesday 11 Nov – Jumps
Thursday 13 Nov – Athletics

Interschool Lunch orders
All Year 4/5 and 6/7 students are involved in Friday’s Interschool competition and today have received a PDHS lunch order (included with this In Touch). Please ensure these are filled in and returned to Sue in the office by Tuesday. Thank you.

P&F and School Board nominations
The AGM for both P&F and School Board is set for Tuesday 25 November. We are seeking nominations for both committees so please put your thinking caps on. As part of this In Touch, there will be a section you can cut off and send back into school with a name of someone you think may be able to help. We are looking for 2 P&F committee members and 3 School Board members. It may not seem like much but 5 places is a lot to fill!

Nativity Play - change of date
Just in case you missed last week’s message - our end of year play will be held on Thursday 4 December in the Mill Hall. Please mark this on your term planner.

Year 6 camp
Calling camp parents! Please come to front office for a camp meeting on Monday 10 November at 3.00pm. This will be a time to go through the program but also to have any questions answered that you may have. A reminder that if you haven’t already done so, please return the permission slip by this Friday.

Term fees
School fees were recently sent home. If you are experiencing difficulty in meeting this payments please do come and see me there is always some agreement we can work out!

WHAT’S COMING UP?

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**K/P/1**

This week we have started getting ready for our assembly. Please come and join us in the K/PP/1 classroom, Thursday of next week. The at 9am. Watch out for the scary animals though!!

Our Eric Carle books this week are “Who Will Be My Friend” and “Pancakes, Pancakes”. The children will be having a go at some Persuasive writing and painting about friends and will be producing a book on how to make a pancake.

We had some really great crazy hats on Tuesday for Melbourne Cup Day. Thanks for all the effort put into these.

Mrs Ellis and Mrs Ryan

**2/3**

We have settled back into our normal routine, continuing to build on all our hard work before the craziness of Term Four takes over. We have been busy learning about bees this week and we did not realise how fascinating they are! Did you know that all worker bees are female? Did you know that all larvae are given royal jelly for three days after hatching? Female bees that are feed royal jelly all their lives become queen bees (makes sense doesn’t it!) We also learnt that you should apply an ice pack if you are stung by a bee. We have also been working hard to master the art of telling and converting times between analogue and digital - very tricky!!

**4/5**

Firstly, well done to all year 4/5 students in their efforts last week in the jumps and athletics sports carnival. You all conducted yourselves very well and I was pleased with your level of sportsmanship. Now to start getting ready to do it all over again next week.

In maths over the past few days we have been reviewing how to convert between 12 and 24 hour time. There are so many things that you need to remember when working with time but with our dedication we are getting to be some time super stars.

In English, we have continued reading our novel called ‘Toad Surprise’. This book has had the whole class laughing as we join two cane toads on their journey to spread peace and goodwill. We can’t wait to see what happens next!

**6/7**

Interschool

As soon as we know times for the Interschool carnival, we will let you know. The class have begun practising for these days. In regards to the selection of students, we take the top 2 ‘place getters’ from the Faction carnival for individual events.

All Year 6/7s will be competing in the carnival on Friday so please don’t forget your lunch orders (see front page note about this!).

Year 6 camp

At the parent meeting next Monday I will be handing all parents a copy of extra items to bring on camp so you know what to help your child pack. The meeting will commence at 3.00pm in the library.

Have a great weekend everyone.
From Sue’s desk...

OFFICE HOURS

The office will Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

CANTEEN ROSTER

11 November  Adamina Bendotti & Sonia Barnsby
18 November  Veronica O’Donnell & Marcelle Batticci

ALTAR SERVERS

9 November  Ella
16 November  Nick

P & F News...

AGM
As we have mentioned once or twice in last few weeks our AGM is coming up and we need new faces to join our committee in 2015. The nomination form is included in this newsletter and we would urge you to consider a position on our committee. There will be heaps of support from our existing, experienced committee members but we need more members with fresh ideas and enthusiasm for us to continue raising much needed funds for our school.

Bike a thon
Keep up the good work and get as many sponsors as you can. It is only a few weeks away and it will be here before you know it. Make sure all your hard work pedaling earns you lots of money!!

Have a great weekend.

Kelly Cabassi
P&F President

Athletics Carnival

I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the St Joseph’s students who attended the sports carnival on Friday. I can’t count how many times adults in our community commented on the wonderful behaviour that was displayed by our school. Also the effort that individuals put into their events was fantastic, you all tried your absolute hardest and worked very hard not to let your teams or yourselves down. You should all be very proud of your efforts.

Also, a special congratulations to those medal winners on the day.

Nicholas Batticci – 6/7 Champion boy
Kiara Little – 4/5 Champion girl
Maxx Della Franca – 4/5 Champion boy
Anthony Thexton – 4/5 runner up Champion boy
Taj Barnsby – 3rd Place in the 800m

Thank you,
Mr Kelly
Experience the world in your own home by hosting with AFS

Can your family host Baptist from Switzerland?
AFS is currently seeking a host family interested in hosting Baptist who is arriving on February 6 2015 for a high school exchange program for 11 months.
Baptist is 16 years old and likes Soccer, tennis, clarinet, snowboarding, swimming, surfing, mountain hiking.
“Someone on the other side of the world saying your name as if you are a member of their family. This is the AFS experience.”
Naomi, AFS Host Mother

Would your family like to learn more about another country and culture? Share your daily family life with a young person from overseas? Gain friendships that can last a lifetime?
 If your family is interested in hosting Baptist, or for further information on what it takes to become a host family please contact Lian Drinan who can put you in touch with your local AFS Volunteer on 1300 131 736 or visit www.afs.org.au/host.
“My host son Frederick from Norway came to us as a quiet, only child; into a loud, and sometimes outspoken family…. We learned that if you are prepared to work through the difficult times ...it is the most rewarding experience a family can have.”
Sue, AFS Host Mother

SCHOOL BOARD / P&F

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

St Joseph’s School Board and the P & F Association extend an invitation to parents, past pupils, adult members of the Parish and staff employed at the school to attend the AGM of both organisations on

Tuesday 25 November at 7pm
in the School Library.

If you are interested in nominating for a position please return the form below to the front office or on the night of the meeting.

School Board Membership
Name of nominee: ____________________________

Parents and Friends Executive
Name of nominee: ____________________________

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