**K/PP/Yr 1**

Go, go go! What a racy week we are having. We have been busy practicing our team games and races for tomorrow’s Carnival.

We have also been learning about the four seasons. It’s been fun dressing up accordingly and completing art, craft and written activities about each season.

Next week “news time” will be back with a theme of free choice.

Come along tomorrow and cheer us on – it’s going to be heaps of fun! Kindies and Pre Primaries will be finished by lunch time and you are welcome to take them home for a well-earned rest.

**Yr 2/3**

We have certainly picked up the pace for the term and it is now a case of ticking things off our ‘to do list’, as well as cramming in lots of learning still!

We are busily practicing for our assembly which is next Thursday at 2:30 in our classroom. It is all about the humble spud (which is our theme this term) and there will be quite a few humorous moments included!

**Yr 4**

This week we have been trying to squeeze in a few extra sport practices and I must congratulate the class for their sportsmanship and dedication. It is wonderful to see them having a go and cheering on their peers. I hope you can all come along tomorrow and show your support!

In between everything else that’s been happening this week we have continued our narrative writing focus. The students have begun planning and drafting their own ‘spooky’ story. I can’t wait to see what they come up with.

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**Canteen Corner!**

**What’s happening in the classrooms?**

The class are VERY excited about the sports carnival. Go St Joseph’s! One thing I absolutely adore about this class is their encouraging words and genuine delight in other people’s victories True sportsmanship being displayed!

We keep Peter, Gaia, Samuel and Sienna in our prayers as they prepare for the sacrament of reconciliation. They seem quite excited about the prospect of meeting Fr Gerald and discussing how their relationship with God may have been damaged and how to re-establish this connection.

Please note the Yr 2/3 excursion which was originally planned for the 14th of November has been changed to the following Monday, the 21st of November. Stay tuned for more details!

Have a lovely (hopefully sunny) weekend

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**P & F NEWS**

**Fundraising**

*Save the Date:*

Mark it in your diary! Our biggest fundraiser for the year is on Sunday 6th November at Big Brook Dam.

Full details and sponsorship forms went home today!

**P & F Executive**

Congratulations to our participants in the Mathademic Competition today.

Yr 3/4 coming in at 3rd place. Well done Charlie Windberg, Xander Omodei & Gaia Kelly

Yr 5/6

The class has this week been wonderful assisting with all things to do with the Faction carnival. We are always so pleased to see the class ‘stepping up’ to help coordinate team games – we are looking forward to seeing the great sportsmanship attitudes on the oval tomorrow at the Faction carnival.

This week we have continued to focus on the parts of narratives. The class has been examining paragraph structure and what each sentence contributes to the overall meaning and theme of a piece.

We hope the class can come dressed in their ‘Melbourne Cup’ best this coming Tuesday. It promises to be a wonderful day at the races!

Have a great week and I look forward to seeing our impressive dress wear for the Melbourne Cup next Tuesday.

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**From the Front Desk…**

**ABSENTEES**

At the end of last term a number of Absentee Letters went out to a number of families. It would be much appreciated if you could please follow up on these and return them to the school office.

**VACSWIM**

Summer will soon be here. Enrol now for swimming lessons

Enrolments for December/January lessons are now open. It is important for every child to learn vital swimming and water safety skills. VacSwim offers affordable school holiday swimming lessons run by qualified instructors at a range of locations throughout the state.

For further information and online enrolments visit: education.wa.edu.au/swimming

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**Cultural Incursion with Troy Bennell**

Charlie Windberg, Xander Omodei & Gaia Kelly

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**MJR**

Congratulations to the following MJR winners for the theme of ‘sportsmanship’.

**KINDY/PP/YR 1**

**Marcus Pratt**

For constant words of encouragement to his classmates during swimming week.

**YR 2/3**

Lachlan Abraham

For using encouraging words to support his peers in and out of the classroom. It is fantastic to hear you say, ‘Good Job,’ to people. Keep it up!

**YR 4**

James Fox

For using encouraging words to support his peers in and out of the classroom. It is fantastic to hear you say, ‘Good Job,’ to people. Keep it up!

**YR 5/6**

Josie Love

Josie has a wonderful ‘can do’ approach to challenges, both in the classroom and out in the playground. Josie can be counted on to acknowledge the opinions of others when looking for good ways for the team to move forward. Josie is excellent as a demonstrator of good sportsmanship in action.

**Celebrating a Birthday 🎂**

October 31st

Sumara Hastie
In Touch
Cultural Incursion
The whole school were treated to the many talents of Troy Bennell on Monday. He shared story, song and his flair for indigenous art with the whole school. The children painted two large murals which we will proudly display in our school.

Mathademic
Congratulations to Taj, Jordan, Kate, Xander, Charli and Gaia who represented St Joseph’s School today at the regional Maths competition held in Manjimup.

Bike-a-thon – November 6
It’s fast approaching! The biggest fundraiser of the year is on Sunday 6 November at Big Brook Dam. I hope you are all madly gathering sponsorship for this day and dusting the cobwebs off your bikes in preparation for the big day!

But wait…there’s more!
In true ‘St Joes’ style, the bike-a-thon has been made epic with a raffle that will also take place. Tickets are also included with this newsletter $2 a ticket. Each family will receive 20 tickets. It’s up to you how many you sell but we would love your support.

1st prize - $300 towards a new bike from Sports Power Manjimup.

To ensure we sell lots of tickets we also have a stall planned for Saturday 5 November at the Pemberton Post office. If you can spare some time to sell raffle tickets for an hour please contact the school.

Faction Sports Carnival
Good luck to all competitors at tomorrow’s Faction carnival. A reminder that tomorrow commences at 9.00am (jump events) with the track and team games beginning at 10.00am.

PBS
There has been lots of questions about our fabulous positive behaviour program. Included in the newsletter is a brochure covering the program and what things our school is doing. Please take the time to read over this information.

Melbourne Cup
Melbourne Cup is this Tuesday and we would like all children to come dressed in their ‘track side’ best. This is not simply a ‘free dress’ day so if you cannot come ‘dressed to be impress’, please come to school in the normal uniform. Thank you.

Year 2/3 Assembly
Please join us for the Year 2/3 assembly on Thursday 3 November at 2.30pm.

Interschool Carnival
From one carnival to the next! After this week is over, we turn our attention and training to the Interschool carnival on Friday 11 November.

School AGM
Please do try to consider a role on our School Board and P&F executive. We are looking for some new faces to be a part of our school community meetings. If you know someone who can help on these committees, please let me know. Our School AGM will take place on Tuesday 15 November at 7.00pm.

Have a fabulous weekend everyone. Take care if you are travelling.