DIARY DATES

Week 8
Wednesday 20 March
9 – 12noon SACPSSA Swimming Carnival
7 – 9pm Café Conversation (AGM) in Hall
Thursday 21 March
Harmony Day
Friday 22 March
Sports Day
Sunday 24 March
Palm Sunday

Week 9
Monday 25 March
12.30pm Palm Sunday Liturgy in Hall: Yr 2 & 4 leading. All welcome.
5 - 6pm Coaches meeting for all parents in the Staff Room
Wednesday 27 March
Preschool Health Checks in the OSHC building
Thursday 28 March
HOLY THURSDAY
9.15am Last Supper and Crucifixion Liturgy in Hall led by Year 5. All welcome
Friday 29 March
GOOD FRIDAY

Term 1 Week 8
Tuesday 19 March 2013

New Life for Easter

The Receptions have been fortunate enough to experience the birth of 10 chicks, just in time for Easter.

The chicks will stay at the school and live in our Secret Garden where the children will watch them grow and learn how to care for them.
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Today we celebrate the Feast of Day of St Joseph. We remember this special Feast Day in our community because of the significance that Mary MacKillop bestowed upon St Joseph. She recognised Joseph's qualities as one of protector and provider who lived life simply. As patron of our school we look to St Joseph to protect and care for each one of us just like he cared for Jesus.

Joseph was a parent.
He knew the ups and downs, the day by day way of love and letting go.

Not much is known of Joseph. He was husband, father, provider - everyday - and he had dreams. What more can be said.

Perhaps the mark of greatness is not the accomplishing of great moments, great movements, great works, but facing life as it comes, being content with the daily – what we call the ordinary Joseph he was that kind of man - a saint.

Sister M Madeleva Williams csj

Thank you so much to the families who supported Movies under the Stars on Saturday night. Although a cold night it was great to see you there. Go to Twitter and view the short video of the night (you will find us on Twitter @StJoHectorville). Thanks so much to our P&F Committee for their enthusiasm and organisation of the night.

I am writing to provide further information regarding the Language Enrichment Program. As you are aware the program is not continuing in 2013. This was conveyed in the Parent Bulletin on Tuesday 4 December 2012.

In the past we have provided two Italian lessons and the option of attending the Language Enrichment program for one lesson. The withdrawal of children to attend these lessons was becoming more problematic while at the same time aiming to maintain the teaching of other curriculum areas (eg. Science, Health and History). The second issue the school was facing was how to keep staffing costs close to the allocated funding.

The teaching of languages is valued and this commitment is shown by providing two Italian lessons. In many primary schools only one lesson is dedicated to languages.

Making a decision to continue a program or not is always hard. Please know that the decision was not taken lightly but was considered in the best interest of our funding and our aims for learning. Thank you for your ongoing support.

This week we have two significant events and we look forward to your participation. Both are not to be missed!

- Wednesday 20 March 7pm - 9pm Cafe Conversation 2 in the Hall. This is an important evening for all parents as we will be talking about learning in the 21st century.
- Friday 22 March - Sports Day

I look forward to seeing you this week.

With best wishes

Leanne Carr
Principal
Pray for our new Pope Francis

Pope Francis has been elected and we join in prayer for him and his leadership of God's Mission into the future.

As Pope Francis begins his leadership of the Catholic Church we join in prayer for him as he calls the church to "set off on a path of love and fraternity".

In this special time of transition you may wish to use the Prayer for Saint Francis in praying for Pope Francis and for the whole church.

Lord, make me a channel of thy peace.
That where there is hatred I may bring love,
That where there is error I may bring truth,
That where there is discord, I may bring harmony,
That where there is despair I may bring hope,
That where there is sadness I may bring light,
That where there is sickness I may bring joy.

Lord, grant that I may seek rather to comfort than to be comforted,
To understand than to be understood,
To love than to be loved.
For it is by forgiving that one is forgiven,
it is by dying that one awakens to eternal.

Amen

From the APRIM

“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.”
Matthew 1:24

This week we are inspired through the humility of St Joseph. Pope Paul VI speaks about St Joseph, as a saint who is a role model in this way: “St Joseph is the model of those humble ones that Christianity raises up to great destinies...he is the proof that in order to be a good and genuine follower of Christ, there is no need of great things – it is enough to have the common, simple and human virtues, but they need to be true and authentic.”

As we celebrated the feast of St Joseph today, we came together as a community in the Church of Annunciation, where we asked St Joseph’s guidance and support in ensuring our words and actions always remain authentic to our Catholic faith.

The school values seek to present our authenticity as part of the Hectorville Catholic Community, and this year the value of Integrity will be highlighted. This value, along with the other school values of responsibility, inclusion, respect, faith and service, define our aspiration to follow in the example of Jesus.

Reminders for this week:
Holy Week Liturgies will be held on the following days in the Community Hall:
Monday 25 March with the theme of Palm Sunday, led by Year 2 and Year 4 students.
Thursday 28 March with the theme of the Last Supper and the Crucifixion, led by Year 5 & Yr 3
Tuesday 2 April with the theme of the Resurrection, led by the Liturgical Dance Group in Year 7
Thursday 4 April the Year 7 Leadership Development Day at the Campbelltown Recreation Centre.
Wednesday 27 March Project Compassion boxes may be returned to the school

May you be blessed through the prayers we offer to St Joseph as we celebrate his feast day.

Iva Denton
APRIM
SCHOOL TOURS 2013
WITH THE PRINCIPAL FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS

Term 1
Wednesday 3 April at 6pm until 7pm

Term 2
Tuesday 14 May at 9.30am
Thursday 27 June at 9.30am

Term 3
Tuesday 7 August at 9.30am
Thursday 19 Sept at 9.30am

Term 4
Tuesday 29 October at 9.30am
Thursday 28 November at 6pm until 7pm

Wellbeing

The Raising Children website www.raisingchildren.net.au offers parents/caregivers information and resources to support the day-to-day decisions of raising newborns to teens, and looking after your own needs. There is up-to-date, research-based material on more than 800 topics spanning child development, behaviour, health, nutrition and fitness, play and learning, connecting and communicating, sleep and safety. It is worth having a browse.

Louise Kilpatrick
Wellbeing Coordinator

Parents & Friends

Movie Night Under the Stars – Saturday 16 March
It was a great night!! Thanks to all that attended and made the night such a success. Thank you to everyone who help on the night, your hard work was really appreciated.

Sport Day – Friday 22 March
If you are able to help on the day and are on the School’s Volunteer Register please fill in the form and return it via your child’s class box. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Emilia Lewis
P&F President

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP
Please note the shop is open on the first Tuesday morning of the month in the Mini Gym between 9 – 9.30am and is run by volunteers. For all enquiries please call Toni Gladwich on 0403 784 403. Purchases are cash only.

JS EXPRESS UNIFORM SHOP

Monday 8am – 12 noon
Wednesday 1pm – 5pm
Saturday 9am – 12noon

Shop 5, 272 Montacute Road Rostrevor.
For all enquiries please call Lilly on 0433 618 496.
Credit card facilities are available.
Out of School Hours Sport
If your child is training or attending a game during or after school hours it is important that they are punctual. If you need to leave at all throughout the game or training please arrive to pick your child up on time. We need to remember that the coaches volunteer their time and it would be unfair to make them wait after the game or training for you. Your child will appreciate your involvement and encouragement if you stay to watch them.

Sports Day Friday 22 March
Sports Day is this Friday!! Sports Day t-shirts have been delivered and distributed via class office boxes.

Swimming
The last Catholic School's swimming carnival training will be on Tuesday 19 March. The carnival will be held on Wednesday 20 March from 9am - 12pm. Students need to be at my office by 8.40am. There will be no training on this day.

Jessica Woolford
Physical Education Teacher

Coaches Meeting
All Out of School Hours Sport Coaches received an invitation last week to attend a meeting for Coaches on Monday 25 March. Could all coaches please return the RSVP slip by Thursday 21 March.

Thank you to all our coaches for their generosity in coaching a team, without their support we would not be able to place teams in for registration.

CRICKET
SJH Yr 6/7. All played well but were defeated by St Joseph’s Tranmere. Marco took three of the four wickets with Udayvir taking the fourth. An excellent effort! Final score was SJH all out for 48 runs SJT 4/110.

Vince

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CANTEEN NEWS
Vegetarian pasties are now available in the canteen. Please write ‘vegetarian pasty’ on your order otherwise your child will get a regular pasty.

The canteen needs your help. If you can spare half an hour or more it would be greatly appreciated. On the days there is no help the canteen will not be able to open for over the counter lunch sales. Lunch orders will still be processed.

Di and Sue
Co Canteen Managers