Dear Parents and Students,

This Sunday we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost. The feast of Pentecost is celebrated 50 days after Easter Sunday. Pentecost enables us to recognise what is good, what is right, what is ethical, what is true and of lasting worth that guides us on our lives’ journey to God. It is the Holy Spirit that enables us to recognise and celebrate our connectedness to God and to one another.

On Friday morning, we had the opportunity to thank our Mums and Grandmas for all that they do for us. It was wonderful that so many of our parents and extended family members were able to join us for a special morning tea. Thank you to the staff who provided food for morning tea.

Congratulations to all the children in Years 3 and 5 for the manner in which they navigated their way through the NAPLAN process this week. The content in the tests was generally as expected, with an increased literacy component in the mathematics assessment. The results will be sent to school in August. NAPLAN is just one assessment that the children undertake throughout the Semester. At St Joseph’s, in partnership with parents, we hope that we nurture and grow the ‘whole child’, not just how they perform in one test.

Students in Years 4-6 commenced Ukulele lessons this term. A big thank to the P & F who purchased ukuleles and music equipment for the school. Playing the ukulele has created opportunities to teach children about their coordination and allows singing along with the playing. Children have commenced playing simple chords and some children are developing more expertise and are playing melodies. This has allowed discussion and teaching of how many people playing together can create the music.

May God bless your week.

Natalia Thomson, Principal
Every Monday and Friday, St Joseph’s School offers a Pre Kindergarten program for 3 year olds. The program is run by our Early Childhood Teacher Miss Jess Csikos.

Pre Kindy offers educational experiences to children that are sensory and play based to prepare them for formalised schooling when they attend Kindergarten at 4 years old.

Our Pre Kindy students have been enjoying a variety of fun and educational activities, as well as enjoying the social interaction with their new friends.

Numeracy Day with Moorine Rock

On Friday 20th May 2016, Moorine Rock Primary School students will be visiting St Joseph’s School for a Numeracy Day.

Students from both schools will be joining together for planned numeracy activities which are in accordance with their age groups. Students will work in two groups - K - 2 and Yr 3 - 6.

The day will also provide a chance for the students to interact socially during recess and lunch time. After lunch, the students will also participate in outdoor maths games on the school oval.

We look forward to welcoming Moorine Rock teachers and students to our school.

Reminder to Parents

Reminder to all parents that St Joseph’s School will be closed on the following days:

- MONDAY 6TH JUNE - PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- TUESDAY 7TH JUNE - PUPIL FREE DAY

Welcome back Father Andrew! Father has been away on holiday and it was lovely to see him back at Church this week.
**Liturgical Corner**

**PENTECOST**
This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. This week’s reading from Acts sets the tone for Sunday’s celebration. Luke tells how the Church’s universal mission was inaugurated, in the power of the Holy Spirit, as faithful Jews gathered for their Pentecost festival, fifty days after the Passover celebration.

“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them”.

Acts 2:1-4 (NIV)

**Pentecost Prayer**
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful
And kindle in them the fire of Your love
Send forth Your spirit and they shall be created
And You shall renew the face of the earth
Let us Pray: O God,
Who instructed the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit,
Grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation.
Through Christ, our Lord.
Amen

**Parish News**

Our Lady of Montserrat Parish

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**Weekend Mass Times**

Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 8.30am
Fr. Andrew and Fr. Mark

**Sacramental Preparation**

We keep in our prayers all of our students who are enrolled in the parish Sacramental Program. The reception of these sacraments commits us to live a liturgical life, one which is not restricted to Sunday alone but where sacramental grace is lived out on a daily basis allowing us to make Christ present for others. Please keep our young students in your prayers as they in turn pray for us: Joe Ross Lendio who is preparing for the Sacrament of Penance (First Reconciliation) and Mackenzie Crafter and Cheree Navales preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**Dates for the Sacraments are as follows:**

- Saturday 14th May - Sacramental Commitment Mass 6pm
- Saturday 11th June - First Reconciliation 5:40pm
- Sunday 14th August - Sacrament of Confirmation 8:30am

**Project Compassion**

Project Compassion is Caritas Australia’s annual fundraising and awareness-raising appeal to help end world poverty.

Thank you to our school community for participating in this fundraiser and for fundraising $96.80. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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**TERM TWO - ALTAR SERVING ROSTER**
If you are unable to Altar Serve on your allocated roster, please swap with someone.

- Sat 14th May: Chester & Cheree Navales
- Sun 15th May: Volunteers
- Sat 21st May: Emerson Ciabarri & Fraser Della Bosca
- Sun 22nd May: Volunteers
WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 20TH MAY 2016

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we call consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes; it also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember Active Kids are Smarter Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 20th May 2016!

For more information, please visit www.walk.com.au

UNIFORM SHOP 2016

Uniforms can be ordered by contacting Mrs Rebecca Guerini on 0459 500 529.
Orders with payment can be left at the School front office.

STUDENT AWARD WINNERS

WEEK 2, TERM 2

Congratulations to the following students

MERIT AWARDS
K/PP/1 - Logan Holdem & Saidee Ann Perich
Year 3-6 - Jaric Evans

CHOOSE RESPECT AWARDS
K/PP/1 - Alyssa Carlson & Piper Holdem
Year 3-6 - Sienna Evans

BLUE RIBBON AWARD
Jaric Evans

Keep up the great work!

OUR TALENTED UKULELE PLAYERS!

WINTER UNIFORMS
Reminder to all Parents that Students are now required to wear winter uniforms.