Dear Parents,

The term is very rapidly coming to an end, but there is certainly no ‘winding down’ period! The school is humming with activity.

This afternoon, children entertained each other with demonstrations of their skipping expertise! The whole school has been involved in skipping over the past few weeks and it is great to see the improvement in both skill and fitness. The children are to be congratulated on their work and dedication – well done!

On Friday evening our Year 5, 6 & 7 children will entertain parents with musical performances with a Japanese component. This showcases some of the children’s achievements in both Music and Japanese. To complement the Japanese theme, the Year 6 and 7 children will also perform some of their Japanese skits. At the same time, other classes who have had Mrs Autenzio teach them Art, will display some of their work in the Year 5 classrooms. This Arts evening began two years ago to take place every second year to alternate with the concert. It has already expanded considerably and the format will be altered for the future. Staff discussion so far would indicate that each class or year level will probably have some form of a ‘celebration of learning’ – whether they will do this individually or as a whole school event will be decided at the time (next in 2014). In the meantime, it is great to be able to welcome families and friends to see some of the wonderful work produced by students.

With this newsletter you will find the swimming notes for Years 3 to 7 for next term. Lessons will begin on the Monday in the second week i.e. 15 October. Lessons for Prep to Year 2 will begin on the first Tuesday back – i.e. Tuesday 9th October. Please read notes carefully so that children can ensure they have everything they need. Thank you!

I look forward to seeing many of you on Friday night.

God Bless,
Maryanne Riley

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As a culmination of their integrated unit of work this term, Year 4 children transformed their classroom into an indigenous Australian restaurant titled: ‘Bush Tucker Inn’. They eagerly anticipated the day’s arrival and yesterday, could finally share their learning in role as waiters. Each child invited one family member to partake in a delightful native Australian menu consisting of: Sop Sop soup, Wattleseed damper, Warrigal quiche and Lemon Myrtle cheesecake. Guests were kept entertained with a Photo Story on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, a poetry recital, magic tricks, band performances, dance acts and in conclusion, a Power Point pertaining to the year so far. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all and it was wonderful to see the children so engaged with their learning – not to mention the food was delicious! A special thank you must go to the children for preparing the food and of course Mrs Smith and Mrs Hammond for assisting us in the Tuckshop – their expertise in the kitchen was greatly appreciated!
Miss Hazelman and Miss Smith (Year 4 Teachers)
TUCKSHOP ROSTER:
Wednesday 19/09: Siby Thomas; Jenny Crowhurst; Nicola Hewlett-Smith
Cake Roster: N/A
Friday 21/09: Malene Bentzen; Claire Neumann; Catherine Medhurst
Cake Roster: Shivaun Clifton; Josie Kendall
The uniform shop will not be open on Friday 21st September.

The final pages of the MS Readathon reading period have fluttered to a close, but with the money due date being October 31st there is still time to make a difference and help those living with multiple sclerosis by registering at www.msreadathon.org.au. Thousands of children have already joined in the fun and you can too! Congratulations to the following students who have registered for the 2012 Readathon: Hannah Kennelly, Isaac Kennelly, Ella Phipps, Willem Nekker, Jeevan Lail, Rohan Lail, Shenaya Salgado, Melkam Gebrewold, Natalie Fresneda, Georgia O’Sullivan, Joseph O’Neale, Masiella Jaramillo, Elizabeth Foreman, Emma Foley, Caitlin Muller, Julia Lister, James Crowhurst, Emma Crowhurst, Angelique Mewett, Lily Ji, Emma Heers, Isabella Withers-Kelk, Abby Duce, Lachlan Jarvis, Amber Benz, Ella Klewin, Jasmine Nham, Matthew Heers, Arabella Davie, Ella Donaldson, Jacob Anderson, Annabelle Duce, Macsen Cunningham, Thomas Pham, Annabelle Van Eck, Allana Wessling, Darcy Leblang, Marnie Nottingham, Riley Wyeth, Brayden Wyeth, Ashley Wyeth, Luke Bischa, Maddison Bischa, Mikayla Hand, Joshua Hand, Bronte King Newsom.
Now is the time to collect and return your sponsorship money. Information on how to do this will be sent to students and their parents this week. As a thank you for raising funds to help make a difference in the lives of the 21,000 Australians living with MS, reading rewards are available for students. To learn more simply log on to: https://msreadathon.org.au/themes/images/pdf/Reading_Rewardsnew.jpg Don’t forget to check out the competitions on the website too! Log onto www.msreadathon.org.au/Landing_Page.aspx today. Happy reading Margaret Hanrahan (Co-ordinator)

2012, 2011, 2010 ….. All the way back to 1912
Help us to make St Joseph’s Centenary celebration on Sunday 4 November extra special.
Do you have photographs associated with St Joseph’s Church?
We need photos of first communion, confirmation, marriage, parish Balls, choirs, church musical groups, St Joseph’s footy team … If your family has any of these photos and is happy for them to be used in a Power Point history of our church, either leave them at the Parish Office or scan them without white borders and email them to king87@bigpond.net.au. Please provide names, dates and the event. So that we are able to return photos to you, please provide your address and phone number. Remember we are looking for photos from this year spanning back to 1912.

Corinda Graceville Catholic Parish
Weekend Mass Times
Saturday 6pm – St Joseph’s Corinda
Sunday 9.30am – Christ the King Graceville
Sunday 6pm – Christ the King Graceville

CHILDREN NOT RETURNING NEXT YEAR
Please complete and return to the school office as soon as possible (even if you have already advised the school that you are leaving)
My child ____________________________ in Year ________ Blue/Green/Gold WILL NOT be attending St Joseph’s in 2013. ____________________________ Signed Parent/Guardian