



St Joseph's Springvale

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DATES

FEBRUARY

MARCH

2nd Ash Wednesday

10th & 11th School Closure. Staff Professional Learning

14th Labor Day Public Holiday

15th St Joseph's Feast Day Mass

16th School Advisory Committee

18th St Joseph's Feast Day Whole School Celebration/Beach Day

20th Staff Commissioning Mass

10:00am

APRIL

Friday 8th

END OF TERM

15th Good Friday

17th Easter Sunday

TERM 2 BEGINS

APR 19th

REFLECTION

Human nature seems to not change and this Sunday's Gospel is still so relevant today. Luke 6:39-45

"He also told them this parable: "Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into a pit? ⁴⁰ The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher.

Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? ⁴² How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye,' when you yourself fail to see the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. ⁴⁴ Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thornbushes, or grapes from briars. ⁴⁵ A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of."

As we watch world tensions rise, our concerns for our brothers and sisters overseas increases.

Let us pray,

May our world leaders not fall into a pit and be the blind leading the blind,

We pray that they see the fruit in everyone's heart,

That they see the fruit of empathy in their heart.

May all world leaders bring out the good things stored in their heart, for the advancement and good of all.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord, Amen

ON TIME

ALL THE TIME

If your child is not coming to school please ring us in the morning.

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Dear Parent,

It was wonderful that most families have now spoken with their child's teacher. The teachers certainly appreciated meeting you and having a chat last Thursday. I apologise again that we had to again do this online. If you did not meet with your child's teacher, please ring the school (95468223) and we can arrange a time.

We continue to be lucky with COVID and continue to only have about one positive case per day. This means life at school is going ahead as normal, and I'm sure this is because you are testing your child twice a week. I thank you for your support in doing this, as it's not pleasant for your child.

The Victorian Government announced this week that this testing will continue for the remainder of the term. We will be sending more RATs home with your child.

Again, thanks for your cooperation, it appears to be working.



Birthdays are really exciting days for your child and it is lovely for your child to celebrate their birthday at school with their friends. We want to be able to continue celebrating birthdays, so to avoid the risks of food allergies and COVID, we ask that you bring **non food treats** such as, pencils, erasers, stickers etc. The \$2 shops have lots of possibilities. I

would really appreciate your support in helping us keep all children safe and healthy.

We are celebrating the Feast of St Joseph on March 18th. The whole school will be going to the beach. We will be asking for parent helpers that have a Working With Children Check and are fully vaccinated. Parents are welcome to join us at Mordialloc Beach. More details will be sent home.

The CSEF payment continues to be available in 2022. This a payment to the school of \$125 that comes off your swimming, camp or excursion costs. To be eligible you need to have a concession card. If you would like more information on applying please contact the school office. You will only be required to submit an application form to the school in the following circumstances: the parent/carer is applying for the CSEF payment for the first time – i.e. an application form was not lodged with the school in the previous year; or circumstances have changed – e.g. there has been a change in the care arrangement of the student, a change of name or CRN, or a new sibling has commenced at the school and the parent/carer wishes to apply for the CSEF payment for the new sibling also.

Congratulations to Ms Murphy on the safe arrival of Olivia. Ms Murphy and Olivia are both doing well and we look forward to a visit from her soon.

Please note that March 10th and 11th the school staff are doing professional learning and there will be no school for the students. The school will be closed, but the holiday program will run in the school hall for students that need care.



Have a great weekend, God bless, Chris