YEAR SIX TERM 3 UPDATE

LITTLE LUNCH EPISODE

At the start of this term we made our own Little Lunch episode called the ‘Broken Window’. We entered a competition that included making a video and sent it to ACTF which stands for Australian Children's Television Foundation. We created our video episode using the Little Lunch app. Over a hundred schools from all over Australia took part in this competition and we have been lucky enough to make it into the top six finalists. Our video was about Oscar and Katelyn making up crazy excuses about how the window got broken. Everyone was sooo happy when we found out we were one of the six finalists and we are all very proud of our achievements.

To see our entry please copy and paste the following link into your browser:
https://vimeo.com/channels/1079363/175770019

INTER-SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

On the 27th of July, a freezing day, St Joseph's top cross country runners from Year 4 - Year 6 went to the Cross Country Inter-school Carnival to compete against 30 other schools. The events all went by in a flash (ha ha). Everyone who went put in a huge effort and we came 3rd overall in B division. So many people got in the top 50 runners which was really good considering that all the races had more than 100 people in them. Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Interschools and especially to those who made it in the top ten like our very own Will.

CLUBS

This year the St Joseph's Clubs are back and there is a wide variety of choices. Some of the activities that we got to choose from were; drawing, coding, metal work, sport, cooking, Lego, gardening, knitting and many more. We participate in these clubs every Friday and let me tell you we have had so much fun. Coding, with Mrs Miller, is a great way to show your geeky side; well that's what it is to me. In coding we are making our own games, mine is a horror and survive map but let me tell you something it's very,very,very,very hard! In drawing we are learning how to draw self-portraits; eyes, nose, mouth, hair and the actual shape of the head. We are also allowed to have free choice drawing and Miss McCartney is helping us to improve our skills. In our first session of metal work with Mrs Wild we made metal mosaics which we got to design. I decided to design a sword and shield which I gave to my mum and dad as a present. The next thing we did was make a candle holder. We would like to thank all parents and teachers who have made Clubs possible this year.

CAMP

On August 22nd, Year 5 and 6 went to Bickley Outdoor Recreation Camp. We left school at 9am and reached the camp by morning tea time, we had a snack and discussed what activities we are doing. The camp was over seventy years old and was used during World War Two to train young cadets. The activities were really fun and amazing and the food was delicious (and don't even get me started on the dessert). Some of the activities included vertical climbing challenges, flying fox, raft building, and hut building. Thursday we had a bonfire and a movie night and someone left both the girls dorm doors open so bugs came in. Friday morning we packed up and cleaned our cabin and took the long trip home. When we got back to school we had subway for lunch. A great time was had by all. In fact, this was a once in a life-time experience that we will never forget. Thank you so much to the teachers for putting up with around 55 really loud kids for 4 days.
FLYING FOX
Before we could use the flying fox we needed to put on a safety helmet and harnesses. When we put on the harness we needed to make sure the straps were tight enough that we couldn't pull it down off our hips. We then needed to tighten the leg straps so that they were firm on our legs. Once we had our safety gear on we climbed the ladder to the top of flying fox. Most people felt a little bit nervous before jumping off but after we jumped we realised that it was really fun.

HUT BUILDING
In this activity we were challenged to build a hut that could protect us and our bags from some splashes of water. We had to gather sticks and leaves to make a waterproof hut, our group got nine out of ten points and we won first place.

ORIENTEERING
For orienteering we were split into 2 teams and each team was given a walkie talkie, a map and a bag containing an emergency whistle and a blow horn. Using the map we were required to find markers located on trees in the bush. For each marker we found the team was given points and the team with the most points at the end were the winners.

VERTICAL CHALLENGES
In vertical challenges we had the opportunity to climb three different apparatus. These were a rope ladder, army net and a timber pole with rock climbing handles. This was an extremely exhausting activity.

AND MORE.....
One of the activities was Search and Rescue where we had to find war relics while being chased by bad guys. Another activity was canoeing. Did you know that you actually have to coordinate your paddling if you want to go anywhere? The Flying fox really tested my fear of heights but eventually I jumped off. For a minute I heard the song by R Kelly, ‘I believe I can fly!’.

CONFIRMATION
Early next term the Year 6 class will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. This is where you make an adult commitment to be a member of God’s church. As part of this sacrament you choose a saint to help you on your journey and their name becomes a part of your name forever. To learn about the saints we have chosen for our Confirmation name, we are doing a research assignment to find out about their lives and how they served God. Next term when we receive Confirmation, we will come another step closer to God.