*** Supervision of students at St Joseph's School is from 8.35am until 3.20pm ***

G’day parents and friends,

School Closure Day TOMORROW Friday 12 August
Tomorrow the staff will be participating in professional learning with our colleagues from other Catholic schools. This day will be held in Yea so no staff will be on site here on that day.

Masses
On Monday morning we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary (August 15) with Mass at 9am. Parent and friends are encouraged to join us. The two Junior (Yr 1/2) classes will not attend as they walking into Yarra Junction to learn about commerce!
The Senior classes celebrated Mass this week. Next week parents and friends are invited to join the Middle M class on Wednesday 17 August 9am.

What difference are our 42 solar panels making?
In July 2015 we bought 291 kWh of electricity. In July 2016 we bought 172 kWh of electricity.

Choir
The Warragul Eisteddfod saw our choir perform beautifully. They came second! So everyone can hear and enjoy them, they will perform for us on Monday at 2:45pm in the SPA. All are welcome.

Congratulations!
To Amie and Paul Psathas on the birth of Zoe. Amie is Mrs Whetham’s daughter and taught here part-time recently.

Dates
Friday 12 August School Closure Day
Monday Mass 9am; Junior walking excursion to Yarra Junction shops.
Monday 2:45 choir performance
Wednesday 24 – Mini Olympics 2pm

Enrolments
Yesterday we welcomed some of Foundation 2017 to a Performing Arts experience. They had lots of fun!
Please encourage friends and neighbours to consider our great school. Parents are our best promoters! Applications are available from the office. If your children are not returning to St Joseph’s in 2017 please let us know as soon as possible.

Further in find a report by Kiara on the Social Justice conference and a really interesting reading report by Kallym and Ryan.

God bless us all,
John
Wondering about Creation.

As I was driving to work today along the Warburton highway, I began to appreciate the beauty of nature. I was feeling close to God because I felt his presence in the tranquillity of the Yarra Ranges. The mountains, gullies, trees, people and animals live in harmony most of the time.

This led me to thinking about our understandings about evolution like the “Big Bang” scientific theory and the creation stories in the Bible. It really is a mystery!

As a Catholic, I believe that God must have started the world because the universe had to start somewhere and somehow.

Anyway, back to reality. What I’m really saying is, “What a wonderful world! We need to look after it. Our school community is doing well by ensuring sustainability.

Karen McQuade
Christian Life leader
Social Justice Conference

On Tuesday, a group of seniors went to St Richard’s primary school, Kilsyth, to learn about Social Justice, presented as a conference run by a woman called Cathy. She came from an organisation with the name of Bahay Tuluyan, which is aiming to end poverty once and for all.

We had begun by playing a game where lollies represented our basic needs and we were the population of the world. We all had to try our best to grab as many lollies as we could. A healthy, rich child could start. But, some of us were blindfolded to represent disabled people, and many of us were not allowed to use our hands to represent the poor. What do you think happened? Four people had found 5+ lollies, approximately eight people collected 3- 5 lollies and the rest of the children had none or one lolly. Cathy then asked our groups to create a plan to make the world a better place. There were several answers but we had a vote and decided on one- to divide all the lollies equally amongst us. We related this game to real life and the results showed us how unfair it is for there to be wealthy people with too much and so many people dying of starvation and diseases. Only one rich person agreed with the proposal. Even with incredibly unjust scenarios shown right before their eyes, some still weren't willing to share.

After receiving a badge, stepping into someone else’s shoes and playing a few games of comparing the difference between the rich and poor, we watched a short video. From that we learnt how lucky we are to have clean, running water to drink, healthy food to eat, a warm bed to sleep in, and a roof over our heads to keep us safe from wind and rain. We learnt that because we have these, we're in the top 8% of wealth in a population of 7 billion. In the conference, we learnt that many kids are working from the age of 4 and they're still not getting their needs fulfilled. It's not right. Cathy explained that to really help Bahay Tuluyan achieve their goal of ending poverty by 2030, we need to spread the word to make a change. To end starving stomachs, child labour, uneducated children and help everyone have a happy family and a better quality life.

Kiara, Year Six
Alfa and Beto: Biblioburros

This book is a good to read. It is based in Colombia and there is one man that reads books to kids. That man is named Luis Soiano and he delivers books to small villages. One time Luis fell off his donkey and broke his leg. His donkeys are named Alfa and Beto. They carry the books on their backs. One other time Luis got robbed but he didn’t give up because he believed it was important for kids to learn to read. Luis’s library was named Biblioburro which means book donkey.

A radio person was speaking about Luis, people heard about him so they donated money. Luis built a library so kids and adults could come in for free to read books.

You can look up Luis on YouTube
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rKoXAlMkh3s

By Ryan

Alfa and Beto the Biblioburros

This is about a man who wants to bring books to kids that need to read. He wants to bring the ability of reading to kids, he believes that it is important for kids to read. He traveled miles to villages to teach kids to read. There was a time that he broke his leg and another time he nearly got robbed but didn't. Because he believed that the kids had to read because it was important to read he got the books to them.

But how did Louis get the books to the children? There were two donkeys that carried the books on their backs. He rode the donkeys to the children so they could read and he taught them to read.

Then reporters found him and talked about him on the radio, people gave him money and he got a library and children came to read at the library.

YOU CAN LOOK UP LOUIS ON YOUTUBE
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Done by Kallym
Next P & F Meeting –
**Friday 19th August 2 - 3pm**
Parents and Friends are always looking for new members, everyone is welcome – mums, dads, grandparents… Still to come this year are the Father’s day stall, Lapathon, shopping tour and we looking for new ideas for hot lunch days, plus much more.

**Father’s day stall – Friday 2nd September**
If any parents are able to help out please see Melissa or Sally or just come along on the day.

**Uniform Shop next open –**
*Monday 5th of September from 3pm.*
Please note that we can only accept cash or cheque at this time.
Orders can be placed at any time using an order form available from the office.
Second Hand Uniform will now be available from the uniform shop. Please consider donating your old uniform (in good condition) by bringing in to the uniform shop or leaving it at the office.

**Shopping Tour** – Save the date- **Saturday 20th October**

**St Joseph’s Yarra Junction Community Facebook group-**
https://www.facebook.com/groups/stjosephsyjcommunity
Parents and families are invited to join St Joseph’s Yarra Junction Community Facebook group. The group aims to keep everyone up to date, share events and notices, as well as buy, swap and sell uniform.
This group is run by parents not school. This is not a space to discuss any grievances with the school, please take them to the leadership team or a member of the advisory board.

**Clearance Uniform Order Form**
*Students may continue to wear the current uniform items during the changeover period of 2 years. Only sizes listed available and only while stocks last.*

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| Sky Blue Long Sleeve Polo Only available in sizes 10,14        | $10   |      |     |       |

**PAYMENT IS REQUIRED AT TIME OF ORDERING** – Cash or Cheque only

Student’s Name: _______________________________ Class: _______

Parent Contact Name and Phone: _______________________________

☐ Please send order home with child ☐ I will collect from the office.
LIBRARY NEWS

In the library recently we have been weeding our picture books, which means going through them individually and taking out of circulation those that are worn beyond repair. As we have a few "classics" that our children have loved, we would like to replace them if possible. We are asking if any of you have any of these books at home and they are no longer being used, could you please consider donating them to our library, which will save us the expense of buying them new.

Also as Book Week (20th – 26th August) is fast approaching, a second-hand book sale would be a great way to celebrate and get the children thinking about reading. We would be very happy if any donations for this sale or replacement books could be left at the school office any time or brought to the library on a Thursday. Don’t forget to check Grandparent’s book shelves!

Here’s a list of those we would particularly like to replace, I’m sure your children will recognise some of these titles:

**Bob Graham:** Sandy Beach, Let’s get a pup, The Wild, First there was Frances  
**Penny Dale:** Ten in the Bed  
**Matt Ottley:** Faust’s Party  
**Lynley Dodd:** Scattercat, Wake Up Bear  
**Marcia K Vaughan:** Wombat Stew  
**Judith Viorst:** Alexander & the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day  
**Shaun Tan:** The Lost Thing  
**Jenny Wagner:** The Bunyip of Berkely’s Creek, John Brown Rose & The Midnight Cat  
**Eric Carle:** The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Possum Goes to School, The Mixed-Up Chameleon  
**Janell Cannon:** Verdi  
**David McKee:** Elmer & Wilbur  
**John Heffernan:** Two Summers  
**Tania Cox & David Miller:** Snap! Went Chester  
**Rod Clement:** Just another Ordinary Day  
**A.B.Paterson:** Mulga Bill’s Bicycle  
**Babette Cole:** The Trouble with Mum, Princess Smartypants  
**Liliana Stafford:** Emelia Ellicott’s Garden  
**Margaret Wild:** The Pocket Dogs, The Best of Friends  
**Eve Sutton:** My Cat Likes To Hide in Boxes  
**Roald Dahl:** The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me  
**Carol Jones:** The Lion and the Mouse  
**Libby Gleeson:** Where’s Mum?  
**Mem Fox:** Possum Magic  
**Lyn Lee:** Pog  
**Anthony Browne:** Willy & Hugh, Willy the Wizard, Willy the Champ  
**Gina Newton:** Possum Blossom  
**Paulette Bourgeois:** Franklin Fibs, Hurry Up Franklin, Franklin is lost  
**Pamela Allen:** Belinda  
**Judith Kerr:** Mog the forgetful cat, Mog’s Christmas, Mog & Bunny  
**Martin Baynton:** Jane and the Dragon  
**Jeannie Baker:** Grandmother  
**Pat Hutchins:** Titch, Tidy Titch, You’ll soon grow into them Titch, Don’t forget the bacon  
**Margaret Wild:** Baby Boomsticks, Our Granny  
**Shel Silverstein:** The Giving Tree  
**Michael Salmon:** The Monster Who Ate Australia  

*Also any appropriate joke books, Captain Underpants books or Non-Fiction Reference books.*

Thank you very much to those who have already donated

and happy reading!