Our vision says: In our community we aspire to create a just world that promotes the dignity of every human person.

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**NEWSLETTER NO: 3**

Thursday 12th February 2015

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

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**SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS**

8.45am – 3.30pm

**PRINCIPAL**

Mr John Faulkner

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

Mr Marty McKenna

**ADMINISTRATION OFFICERS**

Mrs Sue Lucas / Mrs Di Hendriks

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**FEBRUARY**

13th  
Beginning of year Mass 9am

14th  
Working Bee 9am – 1pm

17th  
Shrove Tuesday

Sacrament information

meeting 7pm

18th  
Foundation class day off

Ash Wednesday Mass 9am

Assembly 2.30pm

25th  
Foundation class day off

27th  
District swimming at

Healesville

**MARCH**

1st  
Eucharist & confirmation

commitment Mass 9am

4th  
Foundation class day off

Assembly 2.30pm

9th  
Labour Day holiday

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**G’day parents and friends,**

**Beginning of the year Mass**

Tomorrow all are invited to join us for the beginning of the year Mass at 9a.m. at which we call on God’s blessings for the year and present the leadership jackets.

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**Parent Meetings**

Thank you to the parents who came to the introductory meeting this week. Thank you also for completing the surveys.

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**Working Bee**

Our first working bee will be on Saturday 14th from 9am – 1pm. The following families have volunteered to be in attendance: Dawson, Gvozdich, Hendriks, Maurici, Tie, Wells (Phoebe), and Young. Other families are most welcome to come along and assist with the many tasks including de cobwebbing, weeding the kitchen garden, digging over mulch, clearing, cutting and poisoning tee tree and moving the ring of tree cuts away from the parallel bars.

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The working bee rosters have been sent home this week. If you had not sent a reply, your family has been allocated a date to come.

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**New families**

Recently we welcomed two families to our school community. Nyah (Foundation) and Braith (Junior V/M) McAlhany and their parents Bree and Uriah and we welcome back Chris Furtuna to Middle M and Andrei Furtuna to Senior B and their parents Mariana and Cezar.

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**Irish Fair**

To help promote this event each student will be given 5 brochures to distribute in letter boxes around their house. Please encourage / assist them in this and remind them not to put brochures in letterboxes of those who have requested no junk mail.

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**Parish raffle tickets**

Each family will be asked to help support our parish by selling a book of raffle tickets (total cost of $10). Each sold book earns the family a ticket in our school Easter raffle. This is the only way to have a ticket in the Easter raffle. However, if you would rather not sell the tickets please return them to school immediately for redistribution.

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God bless us all,

John

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WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE WURUNDJERI PEOPLE WHO ARE THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THIS LAND

WE PAY RESPECT TO THE ELDERS BOTH PAST AND PRESENT OF THE KULIN NATION AND EXTEND THAT RESPECT TO OTHER INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS
Weekend Mass Times

Saturday – 7.00pm
Sacred Heart Church, Warburton

Sunday – 9.00am
St. Thomas à Becket Church, Yarra Junction

ALIVE IN OUR FAITH

Prayer
All classes are focussing on prayer in the first few weeks. Foundations will be introduced to God and prayer by talking to God as a friend. Other classes will begin or continue to learn that through prayer we grow from knowledge of God to experiencing God, so faith comes from the heart instead of the head.

Prayer develops our relationship with God. If we never speak to our spouse or never listen to anything our spouse might have to say to us, our marriage relationship will quickly deteriorate. It is the same way with God. Prayer helps us grow closer and more intimately connected with God. This can be illustrated with an example. “It’s like us and the Prime Minister. We’ve seen him on TV lots of times, and read about him in the newspaper and heard people talking about him. But we have never had a conversation with Tony Abbott, so we don’t really know him, do we?”

We build relationships by talking and communicating. How often then do you talk to God? Are you building up your relationship with God also? Why is this important – so we can be guided by him and grow in wisdom and happiness. Try talking to God this week too and you may experience the power of prayer and his love.

Karen McQuade
Christian Life Leader

LAST WEEKENDS READINGS

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jb 7:1-4. 6-7
Life is a drudgery.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 146:1-6. R. v.3

Second Reading
1 Cor 9:16-19. 22-23
Paul is compelled to preach the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation
Mt 8:17

Gospel
Mk 1:29-39
Jesus heals Simon’s mother-in-law.

THIS WEEKENDS READINGS

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading
Lv 13:1-2. 44-46
Lepers shall be kept apart.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7

Second Reading
1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1
Do everything for the glory of God.

Gospel Acclamation
Lk 7:16

Gospel
Mk 1:40-45
Jesus cures a leper.
What are we learning?

Classroom Communities Care!

Foundation:
In Foundation, we will learn the importance of our role as individuals as well as the importance of being an active member of a community. As a result of this unit we will be able to positively contribute to our class community. We will actively participate in lots of activities and continue to support our classmates. We will persist when learning new things and will be aware of ways to communicate clearly when discussing ideas and playing with classmates. Our classroom motto is “I can if I try!”

Connected Communities

Juniors:
In Juniors, we are exploring our community and how the people work together, and how we can get the most out of living in it. We will be investigating rules in our community and how we can contribute towards others in our community in meaningful and rewarding ways. We will work towards being thoughtful and caring members of the community in which we live.

Indigenous Inspirations!

Middles:
Through learning about the values and beliefs of different cultures within our community we can develop and show respect towards EVERYONE. We will begin to develop a curiosity and empathy towards those within our community who come from different cultures. We will investigate different belief systems that people within our community hold dear. We will develop an understanding and appreciation of the contribution of the first inhabitants of Australia. We hope to learn from their traditions, languages and belief systems.

Government – Get it? Got it? Good!

Seniors:
To enable us to be effective democratic citizens we are learning to understand the values and principles of democracy that guide the communities in which we live. We will grow to understand our role as active citizens who are able to vote and make decisions about what happens in our lives. We will grow to appreciate the importance of our laws and how they can make a contribution to our Australian society. We will see democracy in action within our classroom as well as understanding, in a broader way, democratic processes that take place in local, state and federal governance.

If you are receiving a paper copy of the school newsletter and would like to receive a PDF copy via email instead, could you please email me – office@sjyarrajunction.catholic.edu.au with your preferred email address and I will add you to our list.

Thanks,
Sue
2015 Irish Fair Meeting Dates:
19 February 2015
6 March 2015
13 March 2015
Meetings held at 9am in the staffroom.
All welcome to whichever days you can come.

Next week we are collecting flat chocolate bars of all different sizes for the Lob – a - Choc stall.

Wanted for the Parish Fair bric-a-brac stall:
any items: books, crockery, toys, etc. in good order,
but please no clothes or electrical goods.
Please leave them in the Parish meeting room.

IRISH FAIR – SUNDAY 15 MARCH FROM 10AM – 3PM

FOR PARENTS OF SECONDARY STUDENTS

Just a reminder that there is now a homework club operating the River Valley Centre in Millgrove every Thursday from 4-5:30pm.

*please note: Parents will need to pick their children up at 5:30pm from the centre.

The free sessions will be supported by volunteers who are police checked and have their working with children's check.

They will be able to assist students with any homework and study needs. A computer and some resources are available for the student to use at the centre.