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

NEWSLETTER NO: 7 Thursday 12th March 2015

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

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS
8.45am – 3.30pm

PRINCIPAL
Mr John Faulkner

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
Mr Marty McKenna

ADMINISTRATION OFFICERS
Mrs Sue Lucas / Mrs Di Hendriks

G’day parents and friends,

Irish Fair Sunday 15 March 10am – 3pm
HELP OUR SCHOOL

Have you offered to help? Many of you have. Thanks. Please consider how you can support this community day. We need you to donate some time to help run the stalls. The sign-up sheet is out the front tomorrow. Many hands make light work!! If you are happy to work on any stall, just let the office know or send a message and we will let you know.

The money raised this year will be added to last year’s to pay for the sails. Aren’t they great! They cost $17000.

Well done
The Linder family have donated a freestanding tennis net for the children to use. We have quite a few playing tennis at recess daily so this will be really useful. We offer thanks also to Anthony Willemsen who acquired 2 new stainless steel trolleys for us.

Firewood
The Herman family have donated 2 x 5m3 of firewood to be raffled at the fair. The tickets are available at the office, Launch hardware, Launch Fresh or the fair. Thank you very much Chris and Rebecka Herman.

Enrolments
If you have a child to enrol for Foundation in 2016 please contact the office for a form. Please encourage friends and neighbours to contact us if they are thinking of St Joseph’s for their child.

Friday 13 March 9am: Guided learning walk for parents.
Please note the change of day! Come for an hour to be led on a tour through some of the classrooms to observe the learning, have some expert commentary and have an opportunity for questions. The purpose is to help parents deepen their understanding of contemporary educational practices. Only small groups are possible so booking is essential by contacting the office. If there is interest then we will plan more. Please contact the office for bookings.

Working Bee tomorrow 3-6pm
We always have lots to do! Our last working bee was rained out! This time we want to tidy up for the fair, and we will cut and poison teatree, move sand into the sandpit, weeding, decorating the chicken coop and more….

God bless us all,
John

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
Reconciliation

At the beginning of Lent we are asked to “Repent and believe in the gospel” when we are blessed with the ashes. What does this actually mean for us today? We are called to follow the example of Jesus by believing in the Good News that he taught, which is recorded in the Bible. We are encouraged to reflect on our lives, looking at ways to change ourselves to be better people. This involves being reconciled to others and God when we make bad choices.

The Middles are being taught the steps to effective reconciliation needed to rebuild relationships and create happiness and peace within families and friendships. These are:

1. We must admit that we have done wrong
2. We need to say sorry (and mean it)
3. We ask for forgiveness
4. We make things right and try not to do it again.

If you are a believer in God, you also need to be reconciled to God because making poor choices damages our relationship with Him – it draws us further apart.

In most classes during the Lenten season the children are exploring scripture, especially the stories that gives messages about God’s unconditional love for us and his forgiveness.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation often brings about a peace of mind because we are forgiven by God, through the priest. In human relationships we are not always forgiven. The priest also gives advice about what you can do to change your behaviour or strengthen your relationships with the people involved.

Karen McQuade,
Christian Life Leader
ART NEWS
Catholic Education Week

VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION March 17th – 22nd.

Exhibition takes place at the Celtic Hall, Catholic Leadership Centre 576 Victoria Parade East Melbourne. Viewing times 9:00 – 3:30 Tues - Frid. Saturday 21st open to students and families, 1:30 – 4.

A reminder that we have a number of our students, representing our school, in this exhibition. There are a group of masks by Connor Taylor, Riley Swankie, Violet Hall, Chris Newell, Finn Reardon, Mitch Farr and Dane Cerveri. Other works on display are a collaged face by Samadhi Reed, an expressive face painting by Scarlett Atkins, a Daggy Dude collage by Sean Voce.

Also of interest is an exhibition of GRAEME BASE author and illustrator.

BAYSIDE ARTS & CULTURAL CENTRE
BRIGHTON TOWN HALL corner Carpenter & Wilson St.
BRIGHTON.


Graeme Base, Lazy Lions Lounging in the Local Library 1983-84, watercolour gouache and pencil on hot press illustration board, 75 cm x 100 cm. Collection of the artist. Image courtesy of the artist and [MARS] Gallery

The Gallery @ BACC is pleased to present a large body of original artworks by Australia’s most successful picture book author and illustrator, Graeme Base. Base’s popular books are loved for their intricate, vibrantly coloured watercolour and acrylic paintings that crowd each page, entrancing readers with activity and detail. This exhibition also offers fans of his work an opportunity to view two works from Base’s best known and most loved books, the alliterative animal alphabet Animalia.
We (Senior V students) participated in a lunch time cooking experience this week, making potato pies using produce from the school vegetable garden.

We cooked the vegetables, mashed the potato and mixed the vegetables with minced beef cooked in bolognaise sauce. Then we cut pastry circles and put them into the bottom of each muffin tin. We filled them with meat mixture, added potato to the top and baked them. Finally we cleaned up and did the dishes.

Mr Faulkner, Mrs Lucas and Mr Booth were asked to judge the final product and these are their comments:

Mrs Lucas: Presentation 10/10 – great portion size, look appealing, smell enticing!
Taste: 10/10 – delicious flavour, lovely crunch sound when slicing.

Mr Booth: nice, great job, could have added some herbs to improve the flavour.

Mr. Faulkner: lovely crisp pastry, taste good – could enhance the tomato flavour by using some thyme from the vegie patch.
WANTED LEGO

We are hoping to start a Lego club next term.

In order to make it successful, we require some pre loved Lego. We are seeking bricks, wheels, figures, joining pieces and anything else Lego.

If you have any to donate, please send it in to Mrs Vanstan’s Junior class or drop it in to the office. Please pass this onto anyone who may be able to help us. If you see any in a local Op Shop or online, please let us know.

Any donations will be gratefully accepted, big or small!
Looking forward to creating some master pieces next term.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
orders are due back to the school by TOMORROW, Friday 13th March.
WORKING BEE: Tomorrow – Friday 13th March from 3 – 6pm

The following families are rostered on for the Working Bee:

BRADLEY  CONRAD  DUNNE  FROST  HIRSCHFELD  HENRY  HILL  NICOLANDOS  TIMBURY  VAN DE PAVERD  VANDERSLUIS  WILLEMSEN
St Joseph's Primary School Irish Fair!

15th of March Sunday
10am - 3pm
42 Milners Rd
Yarra Junction
**2015 Irish Fair Meeting Dates:**

13 March 2015
Meeting held at 9am in the staffroom.

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

Also, please bring in Lucky jars which can be filled with items such as lollies, craft items, drawing tools, toys First aid, hair ties etc.

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.

We are also focussing on second-hand books and soft toys to sell at the fete.

Still time to go through your house (and ask friends and neighbours) to pass on these items for our wonderful Irish Fair!

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

Thank you to the families that have returned the parish raffle tickets.

Remember – you are allocated a ticket in our Easter raffle when you return the sold book.

All books are to be sent back to the office by Friday 20 March.