NEWSLETTER NO: 27                                                                                           Monday 12th September 2011

*** Supervision of students at St Joseph's School is from **8.40am until 3.20pm ***

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS
8.45am – 3.30pm

PRINCIPAL
Mr. John Faulkner

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
Mr. Justin Colley

ADMINISTRATION OFFICER
Mrs. Sue Lucas

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER
22nd Student Learning Portfolios go home
23rd Term 3 concludes at 1pm.

OCTOBER
2nd Daylight Saving begins
10th Term 4 commences
17th Mission week starts
19th P & F Meeting 7.30pm
21st Prep transition Week 1
25th School Advisory Board Meeting
28th School Closure Day
29th Family Camp
30th Family Camp
31st School Closure Day

NOVEMBER
1st Melbourne Cup Day Holiday
Family Camp
All Saints Day
4th Prep transition Week 2
6th First Eucharist Mass

Dear Parents and Friends,

Working Bee
We were very lucky with the weather on Saturday morning as the rain was late and light allowing us to work unaffected. What a team the families made! You will note the planting along the embankment and the repair to the retaining wall. The kitchen garden was dug over, the gutters were cleared, windows in the library and south buildings were cleaned, gardens were weeded, fruit trees mulched and scrub was cleared. We now have a couch in the library and better tables in the old staff room and interview room. The honour roll of workers includes the Spencer, Clements, Kent, Mellett, Rolando, Sinton and Taeuber families. We thank you for your generosity. The next working bee is in twilight on Friday 21 October.

Playgroup
You will have noticed the brightly coloured play equipment in the SPA foyer. This indicates the new home of the Playgroup! It is a sunlit spot next to the kitchen, toilets, and car park! So, parents of pre-schoolers, come along on Wednesdays 9-10:30. Cost $1.

Staff
Our great Prep teacher Mrs Katie Vranken is taking well-earned Long Service Leave. During this time Mrs Jenny Allatt will teach for the remainder of this term and Mrs Paula Reed will teach during the first three weeks of term four. We wish Katie and her family well.

Car park
Drivers are reminded that there is NO passing of the queue of cars to get to the car park. School policy is to wait in line until able to turn into the entrance. We are endeavouring to keep the cars moving through, but always our priority is safety not driver convenience!

Surveys
Our thanks are offered to the parents who have completed the SRC surveys and returned them. If you complete on line please print off the confirmation sheet and send in to the office via the class boxes. The hand written surveys need to be returned by **THIS WEDNESDAY**. We need all the surveys returned so the data will be valid.

Eucharist Workshop
I wish to remind parents of the workshop on 18 October at 7pm for the families of those making their first Eucharist on 6 November.

BIG NIGHT OUT
I look forward to a great night with you on Saturday. It is still possible to purchase tickets.

God bless us all,

John

John Faulkner

Principal

Wanted:
Cushions of any size or colour to go on the couch in the Library.
**ALIVE IN OUR FAITH**

Thoughts on the Gospel

Forgive 77 Times.

Peter asks Jesus a question about the limits of reconciliation. He asks whether seven times is enough. Christ recommends seventy-seven times. The numbers are symbolic. Seven represented a perfect number. The ancients noted that the background of stars moved in a regular cycle, but the seven objects in the sky moved independently. These were the Sun, Moon, and five planets visible to the naked eye.

Hence, seven seemed to have a divine significance. This explains why there are seven days in a week, seven sacraments, etc.

‘Luke’s version of the story goes even further. In it Jesus demands “seventy times seven” or 490 acts of forgiveness. The point is the same, our mercy must be unlimited.’

*Excerpt from a commentary by Fr Richard Lonsdale*
This week’s morning fitness roster:

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<td><strong>Bandicoots</strong></td>
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<td>Meet outside office. Run around cross country track and oval</td>
<td>Join in with aerobics</td>
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Not on this week:

| Obstacle Course | Meet on playground |
| Power Walk      | Meet in undercover area. Walk around school paths | Meet in undercover area. Walk around passages/stairs in main building. |

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Upper Yarra Secondary College has a student free day on Tuesday the 13th of September.

The following school buses including the shuttle bus will be the only buses running on this day.

Bus 10 & 13 - Reefton and Warburton combined, Bus 12 - Big Pats Creek, Bus 20 - Hoddles Creek, Bus 22 - Powelltown.
CHILDREN’S ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Ella Meerkotter** achieved 3rd place in her gymnastics competition on Sunday.
- **Natalie Boxell** was awarded the Coach’s award for Upper Yarra Representative Under 11’s team. Her family is very proud of her.
- Congratulations to **Anastasia Alexander** who attained 2nd place twice in the Cheerleading State Championship.

WELL DONE!

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**Big Night Out**

1 week to go!!!

Make sure you get your tickets now!

BEST NIGHT OUT YOU'LL HAVE THIS YEAR!

Contact the office for tickets.

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**We need your help!**

We require 3 Year 1 parent helpers for this Friday for the Junior Photo Trail / Tabloid Sports Day at Maroondah Dam on Friday 16th September.

Please contact your child’s class teacher or the office if you can help on this day.

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**STUDENT AWARDS**

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Last Wednesday morning, Fletcher and Zak Stafford were welcomed into the Catholic Church by making their Baptism. It was a memorable occasion for all and an excellent educational experience for the Junior children who attended. Their proud parents, godparents and grandmother were beaming. Father Ashkar explained each step along the way and the meaning behind the symbols and prayers. Our students joined in the singing and prayers of the faithful and received a special individual blessing at the end. We celebrated back in the classroom with a party and presentation.
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