G’day parents and friends,

2015
You will have received your payment schedule options for next year. On the form you will notice that there have been small increases in both the school fees and levies. Unfortunately our school costs have risen like your own personal ones. We do request that you make arrangements to meet your commitment to your child’s education at St Joseph’s School. If you are unable to fully reach this commitment please contact Fr Ashkar or me.

You also have noticed that the School Advisory Board has committed to running two different programs next year – a circus skills program, and a dance program. We also plan to have a swimming day at the beach day with the Royal Life Saving Society. However we will not run a swimming program in 2015 but will research what is happening in the community – current levels of swimming achievement, private lessons et cetera, before making commitments to 2016. We are seeking to best meet the needs of all our children. It is exciting!

Class Groupings Next Year
Next week I expect to announce the teachers for 2015 and invite you to submit in writing any EDUCATIONAL and SOCIAL issues to be considered as we develop the groups. We always ask the children to nominate 3 peers with whom they would like to work and we consider the social and learning relationships we have observed. The teachers plan and prepare together in levels. The students have the opportunity to play with their friends at recess and don’t necessarily have to be in the same homeroom. It should be considered extraordinary to submit a request but they are welcome.

CAROL SERVICE – for your diary
We are planning a Christmas Carol Service on Friday 12 December at 7pm.

God bless us all,
John
Confirmation

On this Friday evening 14th November at 7pm, twelve students will be making their confirmation. They will renew their baptismal promises and confirm that they wish to be full members of the Catholic Church.

They will be anointed and sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, to carry out the mission of Jesus in the world today. This means to love God and others, through caring and helping.

Please keep these children in your prayers.

Karen McQuade
Christian Life Leader

LAST WEEKENDS
READINGS

The dedication of the Lateral Basilica

First Reading: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12
The water from the temple brings life.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 45:2-3, 5-6, 8-9. R. v.5

Second Reading: 1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17
You are God’s temple.

Gospel Acclamation: 2 Chr 7:16

Gospel: Jn 2:13-22
Jesus drives the money-changers from the temple.

THIS WEEKENDS
READINGS

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Prv 31:10-13.19-20.30-31
A worthy wife is invaluable.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1

Second Reading: 1 Thes 5:1-6
You are children of the light.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 15:4. 5

Gospel: Mt 25:14-30
Parable of the rich man, going on a journey.
Mt 25:14-15.19-21
Wellbeing Desk

Hello Families

It is that time of the year when we start to think about planning for 2015. In order to make the transition process easier for us all, especially our children, we are going to run four transition sessions for the whole school, beginning next week on Tuesday.

Set over a 3 week period, the children will move into the next grade with a current teacher from that level. These groupings do not mean your child will be with that teacher. The aim is to make the step up into the next level smoother and make children less anxious about change. Children will swap between teachers and complete independent and group activities. The sessions will be short, about 30-40 minutes.

The fourth session will be with your child’s 2015 teacher.

Our next year’s senior students will be completing some leadership training and coaching. Our current Grade 6 students will begin planning for Graduation and its many aspects.

We hope this process will be successful and beneficial, assisting both children and staff in planning and preparing the 2015 year.

Respect has been our current focus across the school. The children have been paying attention to morning greetings and general conversations with peers and adults. We have seen more children demonstrating this simple form of respect however we are now expecting this of everyone. If a ‘hello, how are you?’ is met with a blank, we will be calling children back and expecting the correct greeting or manners. We have had lots of role play opportunities over the last few weeks, especially at assembly to highlight respect. The raffle will continue to run and we are now looking to acknowledge respect through actions, for example holding a door open, or words, ‘Can I help?’. Have a discussion at home about great ways to say hello or goodbye or ways of showing respect. Like a thank you after dinner to the cook. As a Mum, maybe I could use respect to discuss clean bedrooms!

Every little bit helps and we want our children to be socially aware as they grow and develop. We would be happy to hear about any ideas your children have come up with for showing respect at home.

Today was a lovely morning, a favourite time for me. The introduction of our new Foundation children to their 2015 Year 6 Buddies. Lots of lovely chatter, reading and smiles were shared. Well done to the way our Seniors introduced themselves to their Buddies parents and the gentle way they interacted with the Foundations. Some great friendships have begun.

If you wish to chat with me about any social or emotional issues, please let me know and we will arrange a time for a cuppa.

Kind regards

Prue Vanstan
ON THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER ALL STUDENTS ENJOYED AN INTRODUCTION TO DANCE FROM 'FOOTSTEPS'
BOOK CLUB NEWS

The latest Book Club brochures have been sent home with your children this week.

Please return any orders by Friday 21st November.

CHRISTMAS is coming & books make a wonderful gift. When you make a book club purchase, you are also giving books to our school library...

THANK YOU!

Remember: if you would like a discreet delivery, please make note on your order form, and the books will be left at the office for you to pick up.

YARRA JUNCTION JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB INC.

CAN YOU MAKE UP A TABLE

The Yarra Junction Junior Cricket Club challenges you to a Trivia night on Friday 14th November 2014 to match your skills against the cream of the Trivia buffs.

All you need is 6 to 10 people to form a table for a 7.00 pm start. (Kids welcome & for free)

If you cannot make up a table, just come along and we will find you a table.

Cost of the Trivia night will be $10.00 per head with prizes for the winners.

B.Y.O. nibblies, Drinks at bar prices.

Yours hopefully,

Committee
Yarra Junction Junior Cricket Club.

Thank you for your support of the poppy sales for Remembrance Day.

We raised $229.45
Morning Tea: A special one to be held tomorrow morning. Come to the staffroom for morning tea and a chat. We will hold one on the 1st Friday of each term, and then the 1st Friday of each month. Younger children welcome.

Next P&F Meeting: Tomorrow, Friday 14th November, 9:00 -10:00 a.m. in the Staffroom. We will be discussing our 4th term events, e.g. Lapathon, Special Lunch Day, Graduation, Christmas Hamper Raffle. We would love to see some new people attend. All welcome.

Lapathon: Monday 17th November. Remember to bring in your sponsorship forms on the day.

Special Lunch Day: Friday 28th November. Order forms have gone home.

The Future of the P&F: several of our long standing members will be standing down at the end of the year. Now is the perfect opportunity to start coming to meetings and events to learn the ropes! The P&F is a great way to meet people, to know what is going on at the school, and to use your skills. It looks good on a resume if you are thinking of going back to work. See Cathy Linder if you have any questions about the P&F.

Family Camp: A great time was held by all again this year. We have decided that a change is in order, so next year’s camp will be held at the Big 4 Park in Taggerty. This is quite a bit closer than Mansfield, so we hope to see some new families attend, or come up for a day trip. If you would like to book for Cup Weekend in 2015, call 1800 880 895, or check out their website through the Big 4 website. Mention you are from St Joseph’s if you make a booking.

Dates to mark in your diaries:

P&F Dinner: Friday 28th November, evening. Time and location to be confirmed.

Have a great week!

The Giving Tree – from 5th November – 21st November
During this time you are asked to take a tag from the tree in the foyer and donate a gift for a child under 12, which will be collected by St Vinnies. These gifts are taken to a ‘shop’ run by LinC, Anglicare and St Vinnies. These agencies then contact families in our local area they know are having difficulties and offer them the opportunity to come and choose some gifts for their children. Please do not wrap the gift.