Dear Parents and Friends,

Fete
The fete is planned for Sunday 25th March 2012. A small group has started planning for it, so if anyone else is interested & enthusiastic and could help out with planning it would be really appreciated if they could attend the next meeting on Thursday 22 September @7pm.

Thanks
The family of Scott Francis has expressed thanks to those who have assisted them and those who attended the funeral on Thursday. The eulogies passionately spoke of a man who enjoyed life and loved his family.

Kitchen Garden
During the working bee the garden was dug over. Now we are preparing to plant! If any parents are interested in spending some time working in it – with or without children, please let me know.

Play Group
We are delighted to be able to have informal playgroup on Wednesday mornings at 9am starting on Wednesday 24th August in the parish meeting room. Tell your friends, as this is open to all.

Confirmation
This Saturday we celebrate the sacrament of confirmation, the last rite of initiation into the church. We ask God to fill the children with the Holy Spirit so they can grow to build the kingdom of God. Please pray for Tyla Cole, Chloe Patterson, Chloe Knight, Grace Trainor, James Bishop, Joel Purton, Braydyn Gange, Jesse Long, Christian Toy, Thomas Sinton, Jess Patterson and Peter Sung.

Literacy and Numeracy Night
This special night is only a few weeks away so book up your diaries the evening of Tuesday 30 August to join other families and staff.

Code Black
Last week your children may have informed you that we practised part of our emergency plan concerning a lock down because of a potential external threat such as a threatening stranger. You will be pleased to know that the systems in place worked well. We will continue to have regular practices of differing types of emergencies, including fire of course!

Assembly
Over the next month the senior students are busy engaged in other things. So assembly will be held on Mondays this term: August 29, and September 12. We hope you are able to join us and that the change doesn’t inconvenience you. On Wednesday I will be travelling to Mansfield for my principals’ overnight and Thursday network meeting, and on Friday I have Jury duty!

God bless us all,

John
John Faulkner
Principal
ALIVE IN OUR FAITH

Please keep in your prayers the children who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation which will be held at St Mary's church Mt Evelyn on 19th August or St Thomas à Becket church Yarra Junction at 1.00pm on Saturday 20th August.

Fr Ashkar has asked for volunteers to help make sure St Thomas à Becket church is looking its best for the Confirmations so, if you have some spare time on Friday afternoon (19th August) from 2.00pm, could you please help to arrange flowers for the church.

Confirmation Choir Practice

To prepare for next Saturday’s Confirmation there will be a choir practice in the church tomorrow evening, Tuesday 16th August at 7.30pm. Anyone who would like to be part of the choir for this liturgy is invited to come along. Children from the School Choir may also attend this practice, although it is not essential.

2012 Parish Fete

Sunday 25th March

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This week’s morning fitness roster:

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Congratulations to the Stingrays for winning the Hooptime grand final on the 5th of August. These girls will go to the next level to compete in Dandenong. We wish them all the best for the competition.
Last Monday, Preps and Juniors celebrated 100 days at school. It was a very exciting day where there were lots of activities based on the number 100.

Preps talked about 100 as being a very big number. We made 100 crowns and a centipede. We counted by 2’s to 100.

We threaded 100 straws, noodles and foam pieces onto string. It took a loooong time!!

We counted the 100 objects we bought into school. We had fantastic collections of 100.

A big thankyou to our families for supporting this very exciting day for our Junior children....
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Contact: Jo Taylor 0403 504 096 or Drew Cummings 0413 999 315

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**Yarra Valley Uniforms**

Navy Polar Fleece Vests with school emblem now available $35 (all sizes available including adults!)

The Uniform Shop is open on **Wednesdays**. Note change of day.

Donna’s contact number is 0427 516 375.

*Remember to keep receipts to claim on your Education Tax Refund next year.*

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**VOUCHERS, DOCKETS AND BOTTLE CAPS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

We have lots of opportunities to obtain free goods for our school.

If you (or family members) shop at Woolworths or Coles please keep the vouchers (Coles) and docket (Woolworths) for our school.

If you drink Paul’s milk please send in the especially marked Paul’s bottle caps.
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We would like you to come and help us celebrate our 4th BIRTHDAY. We are having an open day on Monday August 22nd. Come in and Have a FREE WORK OUT and FITNESS ASSESSMENT! You can join now, 6 weeks for $84!

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St Joseph’s School
BIG NIGHT OUT
17th September
Live Band, Dinner and Child minding!
Invitation out soon!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN
BASKETBALL / MINIBALL

Are you between 5 Yrs and 7 Yrs of age?
Are you looking for a Fun Team Sport?
Are you wondering how to get involved?
MLBC Lakers Wants You!

We offer a fabulous program for children aged 5-7 years. Everyone Welcome
Girls & Boys teams Under 8’s. Girls play Tuesday night. Boys play Saturday. Encourage your child to become part of a team sport!
Team training conducted at Mt Lilydale Mercy College.

Summer Season 2011 is about to start !!!
All new Miniball players receive a basketball & drink bottle.

Inquiries please call:
Email: mlbclakers@bigpond.com
Live it. Love it. Lakers.