Our vision states: we value life-long learning and have high expectations of possible achievements.

NEWSLETTER NO: 33
Thursday 15th October 2015

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

G’day parents and friends,

Friday Club
From student action last term, every Friday we will have some action or collection to support those in need. Of course we always offer our prayers for our brothers and sisters in need, so tomorrow we will support them that way!

Working Bee
What do you think of the creative painting? We have “new” bench seats and a mural! We also have a weeded kitchen garden. We only had a small gathering but we achieved a lot! The honour role of workers includes John Iskra, Stefan Schmitzer, Andrea and Alex Maurici. The next working bee is Friday 20 November 3-6pm. If anyone is interested in creatively painting around the school, especially the kitchen garden area please see me.

Learning Walk Tuesday 20 October 9am
This is an opportunity to be lead through some of our classes observing the learning accompanied by expert commentary and answers to questions by Mrs Whetham. Come and see. Child minding is possible if booked by Monday. Consider coming along! Previous comments from parents began: I wish I had done this years ago… Now I understand….. It was amazing how the children…. I never knew….. It makes sense to me now that…. References were made to: the benefits of the open doors and the teachers working together, the children thinking and reflecting on their learning not just the task, how focused the children were how they were working independently. In short….they were blown away! We have two other Learning walks this term: Friday 30 October by Mr McKenna, Thursday 12 November by John Faulkner.

PFA Lapathon
We had a successful experience today. We made it earlier and shorter to avoid the heat. Your support is still requested by the parents and friends Association to raise funds for the school. We are seeking to fund an increase in the library bookstock, the construction of a gaga court, and some contemporary classroom furniture better suited to the learning styles of some children. So, please assist your children in raising some money. Thank you to the parents and grandparents who came along to support the children. Thank you to Launch Fresh for donating the oranges and water melons. Now… some money for the PFA please!!

House Sports Friday 23 October 5:30pm
Have you prepared your team colours? The children are asked to wear some clothes in their team colours. Last year we had a fun time at our inaugural house sports. So all are invited to attend our second house sports. We have a variety of individual, class and whole team games. There were also opportunities for parents and siblings to contribute to the team’s score. Green team won in 2014. Will it be Gold, Blue or Red in 2015?

Shade cloth
The very becoming shade cloth hanging at the front of the school is to encourage the swallows to nest and leave their droppings elsewhere. We installed spikes and a flying Hawk but the birds are still there!

God bless us all,
John

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS
8.45am – 3.30pm

PRINCIPAL
Mr John Faulkner

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
Mr Marty McKenna

ADMINISTRATION OFFICERS
Mrs Sue Lucas / Mrs Di Hendriks

DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER
16th October Dance week 2
17th October PFA shopping tour
20th October Learning walk 9am
21st October 2016 Foundation students 9-10am
22nd October Orienteering Yrs 3-6
23rd October House team sports 5.30pm
26th October Dance week 3
28th October MLMC students visit Year 6
30th October Learning walk 9am
31st October – 3rd November Dance week 4

NOVEMBER
2nd November School closure
3rd November Melbourne Cup Day
6th November Dance week 5
Junior Sport F-2

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
In this week’s gospel Jesus said to his disciples: “Whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be the slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Instead of displays of power, Jesus tells his disciples that service to one another is what shows that they are his followers.

Blessed Mother Teresa once said that even though we aren’t all going to do great things, we are all capable of doing small things with great love. When was the last time you helped someone else in a small way by holding a door open, cleaning up a spill, or helping a friend carry her stuff? Were you there for a friend having a hard time? Did you take on a project that benefited many, or forgive someone when the offense seemed unforgivable?

**Gospel Response:**

What can we do this week to make someone else’s life a little easier or happier?

(Extract from Weekly schools, GPBS)

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**Karen McQuade**

Christian Life Leader
Talking about school
From Raising Children.net

‘How was school today?’ ‘OK.’ Every afternoon, parents across Australia get the same frustrating one-word answer. Here are some ideas to get your child talking about school.

Why talking about school is hard

‘How was school?’ is a big question. To answer, your child has to sum up a whole day, and that’s hard for kids (and even grown-ups!) to do.
A child might really want to say, ‘My day was so jam-packed with ideas and classes and social stuff that I don’t know where to start’. So it’s easier just to say, ‘OK’.

Some children feel their school experiences are private, so they might not want to share them. This is a normal part of school-age development as children start to shape their own identities and social worlds. But your child still needs to know you’re there when she’s ready to talk.

Why talking about school is important

Talking with your child about the school day shows you’re interested in what’s going on in his life. This interest boosts his mental health, happiness and wellbeing. It can also have a very positive effect on your child’s behaviour and achievement. It shows your child that you value school and education, which encourages him to value it too.
Talking together about school also helps you get to know more about what’s expected of your child at school, how she learns and how she handles challenges. It can help you understand when she’s feeling less interested in school or experiencing problems.
When you’re in touch with your child’s feelings about school, you’re more likely to see problems when they’re molehills, not mountains. This way you can work on overcoming challenges together.
And talking about school issues – such as school projects or friendship problems – is also a great chance for you to express your family values about things like teamwork, respect for self and others, friendships, relationships, problem-solving and so on.

Strategies for talking about school with your child

Your child will probably be tired and hungry or thinking about other things when she first gets home. So easing the transition from school or after-school activities to home can help your child feel more like talking.

Simple, specific questions about parts of the day can get your child talking. For example:

- What was fun?
- What did you like best at school today?
- What does your classroom look like at the moment?
- Who did you play with/talk to at school today?
- What subjects did you do today?
- What did you buy or take for lunch?
- What projects are you working on at the moment?

When you ask your child about his day, try to use open-ended questions. These invite answers that are longer than ‘yes’, ‘no’ or ‘OK’. For example, you could ask your child what he did in class after recess.
Middle students worked hard last term writing stories and poems to submit in the “Write 4 Fun” competition. A number of children have already been notified that they are through the first stage of judging and will have their stories published in children’s writing book. Congratulations to Jacinta Carter, Phoebe Gibson, Monty Juffermans-Goodluck, Connor Vandenborne, Ben Hendriks, Zoe Hendriks, Tess Carter, Linken Paterson, Maximus Iskra, Grace Patterson, Indiana Butera, Mia Warner, Allison Farr, Daisy Wells, Samahdi Reed, Luke Schmitzer and all the other children who entered.

The white snow
Is falling gently
On the frosty grass
The misty sky
Blocks the sun
Toasty open fire
Keeps us warm
Hidden
From the crisp, frosty
Breeze
We hear
Hard, hail
Fall on the tin roof
Hot chocolate
Gets us through
WINTER

By Jacinta

Ed and Ted

Ed and Ted
Had some bread
But their dog, Ned
Had a sore head.
Their vet, Fred
Was getting fed
So Fred said
“Go to the shed”
As they sped
In their sled
The battery went dead
So they tread
To the shed
And found something for Ned
Ned ate the bread
He choked. He’s now dead

By Charlie
CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE CHEQUES

Conveyance allowance cheques for Term 3 2015 are available for collection from the office.

Please let us know if you would like your cheque signed over to go towards school fees.

Mount Lilydale Mercy College Old Collegians Memorial Mass

You are cordially invited to a special Mass for Old Collegians and their families who have entered into Eternal Life.

**Venue:** Our Lady of Mercy Old Collegians’ Memorial Chapel
**Address:** 120 Anderson Street
Lilydale
**Date:** Sunday 15 November
**Time:** 2pm.

Mass will be followed by afternoon tea in the Staff Dining Room. The Heritage Rooms will also be open for all those interested in our rich history at Mount Lilydale Mercy College.

If you have any queries, kindly contact Patricia Olson or Leonie Ziolkowski on 9735 4022

We conducted a whole school headlice check on Monday and will be continuing this process at intervals.
G.A.T.E.WAYS has pleasure in inviting

- Gifted and Talented Preps
to the ‘Prep Festival of Workshops’

hosted by Firbank Grammar School, Middle Crescent Brighton

10 and 11 December 2015  -  9.30 am to 3.15 pm

and

- Gifted and Talented Year 1 – 6 students
to the ‘Year 1 – 6 Festival of Workshops’

hosted by Lauriston Girls’ School, Huntingtower Road, Armadale

14 and 15 December 2015  -  9.30 – 3.15

Program information and enrolment details
are available from September 25

Parents can enrol directly with G.A.T.E.WAYS.

Fees are 98.00 per day.

http://www.gateways.edu.au/programs/festivals/end-of-year-festivals  to read workshop descriptions

Enrolments for all Festival programs open on October 21, 2015
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Shopping Tour - Saturday 17th October

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Great beer, coffee and cakes

Loads of competitions

Don’t miss out!

10am – 6pm

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Bubs and Kids Community Market

October 24th 9am – 1pm

Jean Eales Pavilion, Lilydale Showgrounds

In support of Good Friday Appeal

$2 entry

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