NEWSLETTER NO: 18                                                                                       Thursday 16th June 2016

*** 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

DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE:
Thursday 23rd  Reports sent home
Friday 24th  Students finish term 2 at 2.30pm

JULY:
Monday 11th  Term 3 begins
Tuesday 12th  Student/Parent/ Teacher Meetings 3.30pm – 6pm
Wednesday 13th  Student/Parent/ Teacher Meetings 2pm – 8pm

Friday 22nd  Disco
Saturday 23rd  Working Bee 12 - 5pm

G’day parents and friends,

Camp Policy
For the last few days the middles have been enjoying a two day camp at ADANAC, with which we have a common boundary fence. You would have seen photos on Facebook of the great time we experienced there.

Our school policy, introduced in 2013, is designed to assist the children to develop independence, and provide opportunities for them to grow socially and emotionally. The camp policy progression is:

- Foundation - a sleepover at school on a Friday night,
- Juniors - a sleepover at school each year on a Thursday night then a normal day at school,
- Middles - a one night camp each year at ADANAC,
- Seniors - one year a two night camp at Gembrook (2016), the alternate year a four night camp in Canberra (2017).

I wish to thank the staff for generously giving up their family time for your children. This week I especially thank Mrs Traynor, Mr McKenna, Mr Booth and Mrs Spencer.

Conference
Next week, as part of my principals’ network, I am attending the National Catholic Education conference leaving the capable Mr McKenna in charge.

School Supervision
Here is a repeat from last week: When the children are on school property staff have a legal duty of care therefore we always have on yard duty two staff who between them have visual and voice control of the playground. There are clear boundaries and rules. The playground is usually peaceful and orderly.

After school children are to wait and are supervised at the sails until they are picked up. This works reasonably well.

Because we are a friendly school many parents gather after school for a chat. Their children often then play on the oval or equipment. To ensure that all the children are safe, they must be with their parents who are supervising them on the equipment or oval. There must be no unsupervised children away from the sail waiting area. Thank you for your support in ensuring everyone is and stays safe.

Mass
Parents are welcome and encouraged to join the children with Fr Paul over the next week. The planned Masses during this term are on: Next Wednesday: 22 June-Seniors.

Enrolments
Please encourage friends and neighbours to consider our great school. Parents are our best promoters! Applications are available from the office.

Leave
Mrs McQuade is enjoying Long Service Leave in Vietnam for the rest of term.

Linking Learning Reward Program
Have you joined this program for birth -12 yo children and their families! There was some positive feedback about some activities. All families are encouraged to join the Linking Learning Reward Program. If you do a simple online search it will take you to a registration page. Being a part of the Linking Learning Rewards program is a great way to find out about some enjoyable and fun events to attend in the Upper Yarra with your child/ren and to also be rewarded for doing so!

Simply Sign up to the program via the on-line form to receive your Linking Learning Rewards Card.

God bless us all,

John
The Sinner

Last week’s Sunday gospel from Luke 7:36 was about Jesus dining with a Pharisee named Simon. A woman stood behind Jesus at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears, and dry them with her hair, kissing them, and anointing them with ointment. When Simon saw this he said that Jesus should know what sort of woman she was - a sinner who was touching him. Jesus rebuked Simon saying that she showed great love for him and her sins were forgiven. The one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.

Sometimes people our society look down on the most, like homeless people, show us the deepest faith. That’s what happens in this week’s Gospel. A sinner shows her gratitude to Jesus. His praise for her actions and his forgiveness of her sins must have brought her great comfort. She probably needed it. As a sinner in Jesus’ time she would have been shunned by many people.

Maybe she had been waiting years for Jesus’ message about a God who welcomes all people, forgives all people, and heals all people. Maybe Simon doesn’t show Jesus the same love because he can’t face his own sins and need for God.

Reflection: Jesus used the actions of this woman as an example for others to follow. But what she did isn’t exactly customary in this century, with our different social expectations. If Jesus came today and the same situation took place, with a modern updating, what kind of gesture might be comparable to the washing and anointing of Jesus’ feet?

Karen McQuade, Christian Life leader
Parents' Holiday Survival Guide - making the most of your holiday

Michael Grose

Keeping children occupied for up for five weeks or more can be a daunting task, particularly for modern kids for whom four or five extra-curricular activities a week are the norm. Highly-organised school routines come to a grinding halt during the term holidays, leaving kids of all ages with time on their hands. And they frequently turn to parents to keep them occupied.

1. Make yourself scarce every day....but not all the time

The funny thing about being available is that kids begin to rely on you. The holidays may provide the chance to wean you them off you! Make sure you have some time on your own to do your own thing. As I wrote in my book Thriving! holidays should be a mixture of ‘Me ’time and ‘Them’ time, so make sure you have some time to yourself!!!

2. Mix up routines

Some kids feel comfortable with the routines of school-life and can feel a little lost until the new holiday routine kicks in. Be patient with these routine-junkies! Also make sure you begin adjusting the routine as a return to school comes closer so kids are prepared to for going to bed and getting up at earlier times.

3. Resist being an entertainment officer

While we want our kids to be occupied, it’s worthwhile remembering that kids also need some downtime. The opportunity to relax and unwind is a pre-requisite for good mental health so make sure the kids have an opportunity to take a break from the usual grind, and become bored. “I’m bored” is an invitation for kids to keep themselves occupied rather than for you to keep them amused. Alternatively, think of inexpensive, fun ways to keep themselves amused.

4. Keep them active

It’s well-documented that today’s children lead more sedentary lifestyles than their parents lead at the same age. The minimum of an hour a day’s exercise is quite a challenge for children who spend a great deal of their free time in front of screens. Encourage kids to play outside as much as possible. Perhaps you can take them to a park with a friend and leave them to play on their own, and allow them to return home on their own.

5. Do something different

One way to make holidays memorable is to do something that you wouldn’t normally do with your children. Take a train ride to the country and spend a day in a country town or regional centre. If you live in the bush take a train to the city. It’s doesn’t have to be expensive, just different and fun to stick in their memories.

Holidays offer the chance to broaden your child’s social circle and spend extended time with their friends. Create opportunities to spend time with other families preferably with children the same age as yours.

6. Team up with other families.

Team up with other families and share the holiday load. You don’t have to holiday together to get these benefits. Share the child-minding with a friend or swap sleep-overs where you look after my kids and I’ll look after yours for a night or two gives you a break and gives children a different family experience.

The holidays don’t have to be stressful for parents. Look for a balance of activities, team up with others and resist the temptation to keep your kids busy every minute of the day.
Family Camp 2016

Family Camp is held every year on the Melbourne Cup Weekend and all St Joseph's families past and present are welcome.

As it is too late to book sites elsewhere for the Cup weekend 2016, the suggestion is to hold this year's camp at St Joseph's in the school grounds.

As well as the camping we are also hoping to arrange some social events over the weekend. Some of the suggestions so far have been games night, roast dinner night and a kids versus parents cricket match. Families who are not able or interested in camping could still come and join in any of the activities.

If you are interested in coming along or have some ideas of events we could hold over the weekend please fill in the form below and hand to the office.

Thanks

Andrea Maurici

Please return the form below by Friday 24 June

We are interested in

______Camping at school

______Joining a group to help organise the camp.

______Camping is not for us but we are interested in the social activities

Ideas  ___________________________________________ _______________

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Name  ________________________________________ _________________

Contact details ___________________________________ ______________________
**Uniform Shop –** FIRST MONDAY of every month (starting term 3)
From Term 3 Parents and Friends will be running the Uniform Shop. Things will mostly be the same, however, the uniform shop will only be open on the **FIRST MONDAY of every month at the end of the school day.** If the first Monday is during school holidays or a public holiday, then it will open the following Monday.
**Orders can be placed at any time using an order form available from the office.**
The change to P&F running the uniform shop means any profits from sales will go directly into the school to benefit the students.

**Second Hand Uniform** will now be available from the uniform shop. Please consider donating your old uniform (in good condition) by bringing in to the uniform shop or leaving it at the office.

St Joseph's Yarra Junction Community Facebook group-
[https://www.facebook.com/groups/stjosephyjcommunity](https://www.facebook.com/groups/stjosephyjcommunity)
Parents and families are invited to join St Joseph's Yarra Junction Community Facebook group. The group aims to keep everyone up to date, share events and notices, as well as buy, swap and sell uniform.
This group is run by parents not school. This is not a space to discuss any grievances with the school, please take them to the leadership team or a member of the advisory board.

**2017 School Fair – Please return the form below by Friday 24th June**
We are looking for expressions of interest for joining a working group for the school fair and ascertain whether we have enough helpers for the day. This will determine whether we host a fair in 2017. We are in need of more hands and fresh ideas so please consider joining.

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Ideas / Comments / Talents or Connections you can offer:

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CHILDREN’S ACHIEVEMENTS

Last weekend four of our students: Josh Sharp, Patrick Huynh, Ryan Hirschfeld, Will Smith and Patrick Vanstan were chosen to play in interleague Valley versus Mountain football matches at Woori Yallock.

For these matches the best players from each club were brought together and we congratulate the boys on their achievements. The Under 12’s had a draw and the Under 11’s won their game.

“It was pouring with rain and very cold” Josh and Patrick H commented.

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**DRUGS**

**HOW TO PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN**

7:30pm-9pm
Wednesday, 22nd June

*Speaker: Fr Paul Newton*

*Plenty of time for Q & A*

*ST MARY’S YOUTH CENTRE*
*58 Clegg Road, Mt Evelyn*