Last week we certainly had a taste of winter. It does make for a very cozy work environment. Unfortunately the junior tabloid sports were cancelled but the cross country children soldiered on and enjoyed the challenge. The working bee under the direction of Don and Justin also had to be cancelled, even though five families braved the elements and began the many tasks at hand. Another working bee will be scheduled to replace last Saturday.

On Friday I visited a number of local pre-schools to say hello and to draw attention to the very important “School at Work” session to be held on the 9th June between 9-11. The open morning is an excellent opportunity for all members of the community to see the school in action. A special invitation is extended to Prep children who will be attending in 2012. Please spread the word to all who are considering this great school. Enrolments for 2012 are now open.

On Wednesday Mr John Faulkner, the new principal, visited to meet with staff and students. The staff and students were impressed by his warmth, friendliness and keenness to get to know the school community.

An important meeting will be held on Tuesday, 17th May for all children and their families wishing to receive the Sacrament of Penance, Eucharist or Confirmation. All relevant families received a letter regarding this enrolment night.

On Friday, 20th May staff, together with approximately two hundred fellow staff members from the outer east, will attend the symposium which draws on the many programs being implemented in the twenty six schools. St. Joseph’s will be facilitating, Fast ForWord and Positive Partnership workshops. The venue is St. Jude’s. A reminder that school will be closed as it is a pupil free day.

Yours with every blessing
Jenny Allatt
Acting Principal

**NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**MAY**

- 17th Sacramental Information Night
- 20th Symposium – School Closure Day
- 23rd School Photos
- 25th National Simultaneous Story Time Day – Juniors visit Yarra Junction Library at 11.00am
- 27th 2nd School Fee Payment due
- Yr 5 – 6 Aussie Sports Expo

**JUNE**

- 1st P & F Meeting 7.30pm
- 3rd Prep – Yr 2 excursion to Scienworks
- 6th Assembly 2.30pm
- 7th School Advisory Board 7.30pm
- 8th Division Cross Country
- 9th School at Work Open Morning
- 13th Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
- 17th School Disco
- 18th Working Bee
- 20th Assembly 2.30pm
- 21st Sacrament of Reconciliation 7pm

**FORMS DUE:**

- Yr 7 2012 Enrolment forms by Wednesday 18th May
Parish Priest: Rev Eugene Ashkar
Parish Phone: 9736 2850
Parish Fax: 9736 3285
PO Box 317,
Mt Evelyn 3796
Email: stmarys3796@bigpond.com

Weekend Mass Times
Saturday – 4.30pm
Sacred Heart Church, Warburton

Sunday – 9.00am
St. Thomas A’Becket Church, Yarra Junction

ALIVE IN OUR FAITH

Sacraments 2011
All parents whose children are making a sacrament this year need to attend a compulsory information night.

Tuesday 17th May – 7pm
South Building
Approximately 30 min

Prayer of the Week
Leader: Gather together your sheep, Lord, in all the places where they have been scattered during the mist and darkness.
All: Lead them to good pasturage; let them rest in good grazing ground.
Leader: Those who are lost,
All: search out.
Leader: Those who have strayed,
All: bring back.
Leader: Those who are wounded,
All: Bind their wounds.
Leader: Those who are sick,
All: tend with care.
Leader: Those bearing young,
All: watch over them.
Leader: All of your sheep,
All: keep them safe in your flock.
Leader: Lord Jesus, because you are our Good Shepherd, guide us, your flock, in the ways of life and truth.
All: Gather all people into the fold of your love so that there may be but one flock and one shepherd.

From Biblical Prayers by Fr Lucien Deiss

THIS WEEKENDS READINGS
Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41
Three thousand are baptized at Peter’s urging.

Psalm: Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: 1 Pt 2:20-25
Christ delivered himself up to free us from sin.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 10:14
Gospel: Jn 10:1-10
Jesus the sheepgate.

NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS
Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7
Stephen is chosen as the first deacon.

Psalm: Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v.22
Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading: 1 Pt 2:4-9
Jesus, a living cornerstone.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 14:6
Gospel: Jn 14:1-12
Jesus the way, truth, and life.
Reminder:
St Joseph’s School enrolments for Prep 2012 are being taken now.

If you, or any family, friends or neighbours are interested in enrolling your child please complete a Prospective Enrolment Form or contact the office.

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SCHOOL PHOTOS
next Monday 23rd May

Please ensure correct uniform is worn:

**Winter**
- Navy blue polar fleece beanie with school logo (optional)
- Sky blue polo top with school logo or long sleeved polo
- Navy blue windcheater with school logo
- Navy blue school pants, pinafore or winter skirt
- White or navy socks
- Black school shoes

The photos are being taken by:
Arthur Reed Photos Pty Ltd
Ph: 5249 8600

Packages can be ordered by filling in details on the envelope that is being sent home today OR by ordering online directly from their website: www.arphotos.com.au

MATHS, SCIENCE, ICT TRANSITION EVENING

WEDNESDAY 18 MAY

MOUNT LILYDALE MERCY COLLEGE
6.45 PM - 9.15 PM

STUDENTS IN YEARS 5 & 6 ARE INVITED TO JOIN IN THE ACTIVITIES
April 2011

Dear Principal, students and staff,

Japan Disaster Appeal

Thank you for your most generous support of this SchoolAid emergency appeal to assist the children and their school communities affected by the devastating impact of natural disasters. SchoolAid has launched the Japan Disaster Appeal to provide Australian school kids with an opportunity to support their peers impacted by these catastrophes. Our kids here have witnessed the graphic images of destruction and loss through our media – we’re giving them the opportunity to turn their compassion and concern into action.

Feedback on where your action and giving has made a difference will be displayed on our website at . This will be once the final assessment and needs analysis has been completed for the respective schools and communities affected by the disaster.

Please find your receipt below for tax purposes.

Thank you once again for your support of this Appeal.

Kind regards,

SchoolAid Trust

SchoolAid Trust
ABN 27 715 716 643

Gift Receipt

Please accept this receipt as sincere thanks for your generous gift.

Name: St. Joseph’s Primary School
Amount: AUS 236.95
Appeal: Japan Disaster Appeal – Launched March 2011

SchoolAid Trust
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April 2011

Dear Principal, students and staff,

Christchurch Earthquake Appeal

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Thank you.
Our Community at Work

Yarra Valley Uniforms

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

The Uniform Shop will be open on Thursdays at 3.00pm.
Donna’s contact number is 0427 516 375.

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre

Peruvian Winter Warmer Event

Thursday 19th May
from 12.30pm – 8.00pm

This event is in support of the Sisters of St Joseph Peruvian project which “helps Peruvian women to help themselves”.

Winter items such as alpaca scarves and beanies, socks, bags, baby blankets and other fair trade products will be available for sale.
Everyone welcome.

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre
362 Albert St
East Melbourne. Ph: 9926 9300

WORKING BEE

Thank you to the following families that braved wintry conditions to attend the Working Bee:

Cook
Enever
Hendriks
Henry/Lambrick
Taylor

The annual Children’s Disco is planned for Friday 17th June. While we are always extremely fortunate to have many helpers on the night, there is a lot to organise before then. We would love to have a couple of people join us in planning and organising a great disco for 2011. As we will be holding the event in the SPA centre this year, we will need some creative heads thinking about decorating the space. Please text or call Jo on the number below if you would like to be involved, or leave your name at the office. Thanks!

Please note that the Dates to Remember section at the front of the newsletter, and the Term 2 Calendar have both listed the Big Night Out on the 28th May. This is incorrect. While we may still have a dance, it will be later in the year.

The Footy tipping ladder at the end of Round 8 has the following leaders

1. Steve
2. Robbo Family
3. Iskra Family
   Well done!

Contact: Jo Taylor 0403 504 096 or Drew Cummings 0413 999 315
SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD REPORT

A monthly SAB meeting was held on the 3rd of May, 2011.

We thanked Jenny Allatt for her great work as Acting Principal and will welcome our new Principal John Faulkner to our school.

A huge thank you to the panel in their great work as it was a very exhaustive process nominating a Principal to our school and I am sure that we all look forward to meeting him shortly.

Father Ashkar will be away from the end of May to mid June and Father Michael will be saying Mass in his absence.

Thanks and best regards
Sharon Knight
On behalf of the School Advisory Board

LOVED AUSKICK??

Are you a girl aged 9–12 who loves her footy?
Why not get involved in a junior girls football competition?
Five new competitions are about to start all over Melbourne!

AFL Victoria and local community football leagues are now starting up Under 12 Junior Girls football competitions for girls aged 9–12 using the AFL’s modified junior girls rules. We are looking for over four hundred girls to play in Victoria’s first ever all female junior football competitions.

For more information and registration details contact: www.youthgirls.aflvic.com.au

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE CHEQUES

There are still a few cheques to be collected or signed over to help towards school fees.

These can be collected from the school office.

STILL MISSING!!!

Size 14 Windcheater (clearly named and nearly new) belonging to Pierce Jenkin.
Please return it to the office or to Pierce.

Yarra Junction Library Hoddle St, Yarra Junction

COLLECTING AND IDENTIFYING YOUR MILITARIA

Saturday 21 May
10.30am – 12.30pm

Do you have a military badge, medal, photograph or unknown item you would like identified?

Bring it along and we will try and help you find its origin.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: phone 5967 1588 or online at www.erl.vic.gov.au