**Our vision says:** In our community we aspire to create a just world that promotes the dignity of every human person.

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**NEWSLETTER NO: 30**

**Thursday 9th October 2014**

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

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**SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS**

8.45am – 3.30pm

**PRINCIPAL**

Mr John Faulkner

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

Mr Justin Colley

**ADMINISTRATION OFFICER**

Mrs Sue Lucas

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**OCTOBER**

16th  Pinafore Pirates Production – Evening performance

18th  Working Bee, 9am – 1pm

20th  Mission Week begins

24th  SAB meeting 9am

Twilight Sports

29th  2015 Foundation class drop-in

Assembly 2.30pm

31st  Family Camp begins

**NOVEMBER**

1st  Family Camp

2nd  Family Camp

3rd  School Closure Day

Family Camp

4th  Melbourne Cup Day

Family Camp ends

5th  Giving tree begins

Junior B Mass 9am

6th  Dancing

12th  Foundation class 2015 Drop in Confirmation students’ Mass 9am

Assembly 2.30pm

14th  PFA meeting 9-10am

Sacrament of Confirmation 7pm

17th  Lap-a-thon

28th  Special lunch day

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**G’day parents and friends,**

**PINAFORE pirates**

The performances have been fantastic. On behalf of the community I would like to thank the staff and parents who very generously give of their time and talents to put all the parts together for the children. Especially honoured are Mrs Marg Broderick for her passion for performance most ably assisted by Katie Vranken, Ms. Marg Lunson for the hours devoted to the sets, Minna Nyhuis (Charlie JB) for the magnificent costumes, and the many hair and make up artists. It has been a wonderful joint effort fitting of our great community.

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**What’s Worth Learning?**

Every year the staff members prepare an Annual Action Plan for the following year. This year we have been working to improve the “voice” of students and parents, communication, student writing and use of ICT. What do you think we should emphasize next year?

Parents are invited to a community conversation with the staff and senior students on Tuesday, 21 October from 1:40 – 3pm. Please put this in your diary!

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**Sister Anne Quinn**

As part of deepening the understanding of Social justice with in our community, Sr Anne shared her experiences as a religious sister and a missionary teacher, currently with the poor in a very violent part of Jamaica.

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**Uniform**

Parents are responsible to ensure the children wear the correct uniform to school. We have had a growing number with socks, shoes and other items that don’t fit the uniform description, as well as nail polish and all sorts of jewelry.

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**Prayers**

There are a few families in our community who are struggling with health and other issues. You are requested to include them in your prayers.

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**Growing**

Our community has grown with two families joining us this term: Isaac Peitsch (F) and parents Ben and Lauren, and Jacinta (3MB) and Tess Carter (1JB) and their parents Monica and Matthew. We wish them a long and happy association with our community.

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**God bless us all,**

**John**

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**JOIN THE GROWING BAND AT TIBQBIZ!**

“Whole School” Users

85 (up 20)
ALIVE IN OUR FAITH

World Mission Week:

To conclude our Social Justice focus we will be celebrating Mission Month, next week. Yesterday, Sister Anne and the director of Australian Catholic Mission, Kevin Meese, spoke to us about the children in Jamaica who live amongst violence, crime and poverty. Sr Anne does marvellous work at St Anne’s school there, reaching out to children and families to create a brighter future for themselves by teaching skills and providing necessities.

What can we do at St. Joseph’s to support Sr. Anne?

Senior C will be organising and running a Socktober activity next week, to raise money for the children in Jamaica, as part of their social justice action. You can support them! Further details will follow.

Karen McQuade,  
Christian Life Leader
When does fun flip into addiction?

Gaming has come a long way since Space Invaders. Unfortunately with that growth has come an addiction to gaming in some young people. Catherine Gerhardt describes how to spot the signs and what to do about it.

Gaming addiction is a relatively new phenomenon. Today millions of homes around the globe are equipped with games consoles and personal computers.

When does fun flip into addiction?

Gaming gets into our deepest motivational drivers. As human beings we have a great need to be social. Games allow us to connect with others and give us the feeling of control over our own social environment.

Signs that your child may be developing a gaming addiction include:

- the inability to control the use of games
- finding it difficult to stop playing even if they want to
- experiencing withdrawal symptoms – physical and mood related changes such as bad temper, poor focus, or feeling empty, frustrated or angry
- exhibiting defensive behaviour when questioned about use
- making social and recreational sacrifices such as cutting off real life friends and only having online friends
- secrecy and solitude – playing alone and even in secret, sneaking it in when they can
- lying about use – they tell you they spent one hour playing when really it was two.

What does this mean for parents?

You can start to help your child by implementing some simple steps:

- Set time limits
- Limit content
- Keep gaming out of the bedroom
- Gaming is a privilege, not a right
- Video games are not a babysitter
- Search for a therapist

There is some debate as to whether gaming addiction is a diagnosable disorder, however the behaviour undeniably exists. The combination of intentional programming by designers and the predisposition some teens have to addictive behaviour means this is a real issue that parents, teachers, and friends should be aware of and may need to take action towards.

Kidproof Melbourne is dedicated to creating safer communities around the world. Looking for a way to compliment your safety education? – keep Kidproof top of mind.

www.kidproofsafety.com.au 1 300 577 663 catherine@kidproofsafety.com
Twilight Sports Night – Friday 24th October, 5:30p.m. till around 7:45p.m. There will be a break for dinner from 6:30- 7:00, so you can eat your picnic, and/or order your pizza or fish and chips.

Morning Tea- 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: 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. Please note that this date has changed again! Sorry. Look out for Sponsorship forms later this month.

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.

Dates to mark in your diaries:

Special Lunch Day- Friday 28th November.

P&F Dinner- Friday 28th November, evening. Time and location to be confirmed.
Have a great week!

WORKING BEE Saturday 18th October 9am – 1pm

Tasks include: Cutting a fallen tree, cutting tea tree, putting wire around the vegetable garden to keep rabbits out, finishing the pack up and cleaning after the Production.

All families are welcome, as well as those rostered on for this working bee.

Please bring big chainsaws, gardening tools and wire snips.
Rockin’ the “Junction”
Upper Yarra Parish Social Group
With the H.G.Band music

Date: Saturday 18th October, 2014
Time: 7.00pm – 11.00pm
Entry: $20 per person (at the door)

Venue: St Joseph’s School Sports and Performing Arts Centre
40 Milners Rd, Yarra Junction

B.Y.O. Drinks and Nibbles

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"If you have good thoughts, they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely."
Roald Dahl, The Twits.

Issue #7 of the Scholastic Book Club order forms have been sent home with the children this week. Please return any orders by Friday 24th October. Thank you.
Some scenes from *The Pinafore Pirates*