Greetings parents and friends of our school,

Welcome back to Term Three.
Reports from the children are that the poor weather over the term break didn’t interfere with them having lots of fun, sleep, TV, and reading!! At my house the weather was an excuse NOT to do some jobs on THE LIST!
This week we welcome Andrew Waldron (Middle B) and parents Michael and Alison to St Joseph’s. Starting also this week was Ford Treloar (Senior C) and parents Brendon and Hang. We wish them a long and successful time here with us at St Joseph’s School.

Parent teacher student meetings
These important opportunities to share development and set goals for the rest of the year are invaluable. Most but not all made a time, so I would encourage you to do so soon. What did you think of the new online booking system? Please let us know if there were any problems to help us evaluate the use of it for the future. Please compete the (not on line) slip attached!

Excursion
Today I am accompanying the senior students to experience the National Gallery, the Immigration Museum, the Old Melbourne Gaol, St Patrick’s Cathedral and dinner at a Japanese restaurant! What a day! How fantastic!

Eucharist
Next Wednesday we have a thanksgiving Mass to celebrate together the reception of the Eucharist by some of our students at the end of term. Parents are encouraged to join us!

Musical Production
At the end of term all the children will be performing in the Pinafore Pirates that is loosely based on parts of Gilbert and Sullivan shows like the Pirates of Penzance. It is funny! We have a matinee and two evening performances in which ALL children are expected to commit and attend! Dates are: Tuesday 9 September (Matinee and Evening) and Thursday 11 September (Evening).

Condolences
It was sad to hear of the tragic death of Martie Buckland and Daniel Kerr at Mt Bogong this week. Mr Buckland lived in Yarra Junction and was close friends to some in our community. Reports are that he enjoyed life but was mostly known for the quality of his friendships. We can pray for the repose of his soul, but more importantly for his wife and child.

2015 Enrolments
If you are considering enrolling another child please contact the office for a form. Please encourage friends and neighbours to also contact us. Forms are available from the office or are downloadable.

God bless us all,
John
ALIVE IN OUR FAITH

Dare to Care

Welcome back to third term!

The response to the St Vincent de Paul's Winter Appeal was overwhelming. Many people brought in food, blankets, coats and warm clothing for the poor in our area. It is great to see so much care shown in the school community. Thanks!

The first Eucharist Mass on June 22nd was a success and they looked smart in their best clothes. We were impressed how reverently the children received the Eucharist and prayed to Jesus afterwards at their seats.

Next Wednesday we will have a celebration Mass for these children. The banners that they made will be displayed at the altar.

Karen McQuade
Christian Life Leader

LAST WEEKENDS READINGS

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Is 55:10-11
The Lord's word refreshes and stimulates.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 64:10-14. R.
Lk 8:8

Second Reading: Rom 8:18-23
Our suffering is nothing compared to the coming glory.

Gospel: Mt 13:1-23
Parable of the sower.
Mt 13:1-9

THIS WEEKENDS READINGS

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wis 12:13.16-19
God is mighty and gentle.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5

Second Reading
Rom 8:26-27
The Spirit overcomes our weaknesses.

Gospel Acclamation
See Mt 11:25

Gospel
Mt 13:24-43
Parables of the weeds in the field and the mustard seed.
Mt 13:24-30
Next week’s Morning Fitness Program

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Term 2 Conveyance Allowance cheques are now available for collection from the office.

These may be signed over to go towards fee payment if you wish.
Last term we had cooking club at lunch time for several Wednesdays. These were led by several senior students, assisted by Mrs McQuade. All levels had a turn and the response was pleasing. The core senior team included Charlotte Vranken, Isabella Cummings, Mason Cole, Melinda Virgona, Madisyn Nicolandos, Tom Reardon, and Annika Peeler. They learnt many new management skills to deal with large groups of children and to be organised so that the cooking could take place within the short time. A variety of yummy food was made including marshmallows, freckles, honeyjoys, rice bubble slice, chocolate strawberries, cupcakes, muffins and pizzas.

Well done all!
"Come on Jack! Get a move on. School starts in ten minutes and you’re not even dressed yet!"

If this scenario sounds familiar then you are not alone. Anecdotal evidence suggests that getting children to school or pre school on time can be one of the most difficult tasks for parents. Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late.

Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day with 10.00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do precious minutes are lost. A child who is fifteen minutes late to school each day misses one week of school every year.

How can you get your dawdling kids out the door without yelling yourself hoarse? Here are a few techniques and ideas for you to try to get your punctually-challenged children to school on time:

✔ Establish a morning routine.

Make sure your children know what is expected of them in the morning, and also what you will do. Resist nagging but be willing to take them to school even if they haven’t fully prepared for the day.

✔ Identify and remove distractions such as television.

If the children are regular watchers before school change the routine and keep the TV off. It should only be turned on when children are completely ready for school.

✔ Teach some of the basics of time management.

The average adult underestimates by about 25 per cent the time it takes to do various jobs. Make sure you have realistic time estimates and stop packing so much into the time you allocate. Encourage older children to estimate how long it takes to do activities such as getting ready in the morning. Then they can measure the time taken to do these tasks and compare their estimates with real time.

✔ Arrive at school ten minutes early.

Plan to arrive at school early rather than be there on time. This idea works well for perpetual latecomers, whether young or old.

✔ Model a good routine.

It’s pointless expecting children to be organised in the morning if you are in a muddle yourself. Set a good example by being as methodical as possible and avoid sleeping in unless your children are so organised that they get you breakfast in bed. And perch might fly as well!

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**Shopping Tour - Saturday 23rd August.** A great social day out with a bit of retail therapy, while we raise money for the school. Tickets are now available. If we have between 36-44 people they will cost $33. If we have over 44 people the tickets will cost $28. Invite your mum, sisters, daughters and friends! We will be visiting 11 outlets on the day which may include places like Russell Athletics, Sirocco, Kitchen items, Manchester, kid’s clothing etc. See Cathy Linder regarding tickets, or to help choose the outlets we will be visiting; or leave your name and contact number at the office if you are interested in coming.

**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.

**Dates to mark in your diaries:**

- Hot lunch day – Friday 15th August
- Father’s Day Stall – Friday 5th September
- Footy Day – Friday 19th September
- Lapathon - Monday 20th October
- Twilight Sports Night – Friday 24th October

Have a great week!

**Yarra Valley Uniforms**

Ph: Donna 0427 516 375

Open on Thursdays at 3pm.

**THANK YOU**

Our Metal2Metal challenge resulted in a cheque for $223.20 being received at school.

Thank you all for your support – we look forward to another collection in the future.

**Working Bee Saturday 26th July**

The following families are rostered on to attend. A message will be sent early next week with details of jobs to be done and tools that would be helpful.

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Why Catholics go to Mass

1. We have been invited by God Himself.
2. We love God and want to show him through our act of Him that He and heaven are our true priority in life.
3. We need to surrender this time to physically remind ourselves of God’s priority in our lives.
4. We want to show our gratitude for all that he has done for us.
5. We go so that the grace of God may transform us into the creatures God made us to become.
6. We wish to be united with Christ and with his body the Church especially through the Eucharist, Christ’s Body and Blood bringing us together through unity with him.
7. We need to be strengthened and renewed both by Christ and by the presence of fellow Christians.
8. We bring all our sufferings and joys together to be transformed into something of infinite value with Christ’s offering.
9. We come to learn from the Holy Spirit through the accounts of those who have gone before and from Christ himself so that we may be strengthened and encouraged to live a life in and for God.
10. We fulfil the Tenth Commandment of keeping the day holy.

OPEN LETTER TO PARENTS
OF OUR SCHOOL CHILDREN

TO THE PARENTS OF OUR YOUNG CHILDREN, MAY WE SUGGEST....

Relax! God put the wiggle in children, don’t feel you have to suppress it in God’s house. All are welcome!
Sit towards the front where it is easier for little ones to see and hear what is going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the backs of others’ heads.
Quietly explain the parts of the Mass and actions of the priest, altar servers, choir, and etcetera.
Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behaviour by copying you.
If you have to leave Mass with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, “Let the children come to me.”
Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT MEETINGS

What was your experience of the online booking process?

- [ ] Easy
- [ ] Use again
- [ ] Some Problems
- [ ] Don’t use again
- [ ] Difficult

Problems we had were: ____________________________________________________________

_____________________________________________________

Please return to the office via the classroom black box. Thankyou
**Yarra Valley Community Health** have a huge number of programs in Yarra Junction to support all ages: healthy cooking classes, mums day out, supported playgroup, well women health services, mums in training exercise classes, tobacco free clinic, social support groups. Contact 1300 130 381

**Bookaburra** Warburton Community Story time @ Redwood centre on **Tuesdays** 10:30 am. For parents, grandparents and/ or caregivers with young children -share stories, books and fun together. Contact 59662320

**Anglicare Parenting sessions** many on offer this term: **2 in particular**-
1. Seville community house from **Monday 4th August**- **Monday September 1st** for parents of children aged 2-12 years of age- Topics include - Behaviour, rules and consequences, dealing with feelings and resilience. Contact Helena 9735 6134
2. Understanding Self Injury in your teenager @ Upper Yarra Secondary College **THURSDAY 7th August**. 7-9 pm. Contact Helena 9735 6134

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**BOOK CLUB NEWS**

The first Scholastic Book Club order forms for term 3 are being sent home with the children this week.

Please return any orders by **Friday 25th July**

Thank you.