Dear Parents and Friends,

Stand Up Day
This is the day on which we are asked to provide solidarity with the world’s poor and encourage our Australian Government to keep its commitment to meet the Millennium Development Goals to halve poverty by 2015. This morning we had our photo taken as we stood together. We will post it and ask our local member of parliament and the Prime Minister if we can do better!

Athletics:
Congratulations to all of our students who participated enthusiastically in the Divisional Athletics in Doncaster last week, especially to those who won through to Region including Declan Taylor in Long Jump, and Samara Draper and Natalie in discus.

Working bee:
On Friday 21 October from 3:15pm to 5:45pm, we will hold our second last working bee for the year. At our working bees each, we try to get jobs done to maintain and develop our facilities and to minimise the need paying a handyman/gardener to do the required work. The gardens around the school and parish need a lot of work to tidy them before the end of the year. Bushes need to be trimmed, or removed, and weeds need to be sprayed. The Kitchen garden needs a lot of TLC. The children have done some of the work, but two more garden beds need to be prepared for planting. The junior children are very keen to work in the garden. Please bring gardening tools, especially hedge trimmers, wheelbarrows, spades/shovels, etc. Please remember to register if you attend this working bee, to enable the office to credit your account for the $50 working bee levy. Thank you to the generous families who have attended more than one working bee this year.

Sunsmart
School hats need to be worn by all children. Please remind the children to bring them to school with their name on them. As the ultra violet rays strengthen children should be reminded to use sunscreen (which needs to be provided by the parents). Children will not be permitted to share their sunscreen as it may affect allergies. As part of ‘Sunsmart’ you may like to provide suitable sunglasses for your children, but please remember that they will be responsible for their glasses- not the teachers.

Literacy testing
As required by the CEO, there are many literacy tests to be done by the end of October. Years 1 and 2 children will start their literacy tests next week. Prep literacy testing will begin in week 3 when Mrs Vranken returns. Mrs Brown will be involved with the testing. Some will be done away from the classroom individually, and some will be done in the classroom. As you can understand, teachers are going to be very busy during this time. We will review the results after Melbourne Cup.

Prep 2012: As part of the transition program, the children and their parents have taken part in a short interview with me; some kinder visits have taken place and others are being organised. This Friday, 21 October, the children will have their first ‘drop in’ session from 9.00am to 9.45am when they will take part in Maths activities. The parents are invited to stay to meet each other and have any questions answered.

John
John Faulkner
Principal
ALIVE IN OUR FAITH

We Need Your **HELP**!!!

The school is chasing any items, pictures, recounts, stories, information, people who know anything about our Parish church in Warburton.

We are hoping to learn more and create a presentation for the 100 year celebrations in January. If you have anything or can contribute, could you please speak to your classroom teacher or myself.

Finally, please read the Gospel from the weekend. I believe it says a lot!!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

> You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself. When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

Nick Frederiksen
Religious Education Leader

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Weekend Mass Times
Saturday – 7.00pm
Sacred Heart Church, Warburton
Sunday – 9.00am
St. Thomas à Becket Church, Yarra Junction

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THIS WEEKENDS READINGS
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Is 45:1.4-6
*I am the Lord, there is no other.*

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

Second Reading: 1 Thes 1:1-5
*Paul greets the Thessalonians.*

Gospel Acclamation: Phil 2:15. 16
*Render to Caesar what is Caesar's.*

Gospel: Mt 22:15-21
*A lawyer asks Jesus which commandment is greatest.*

NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ex 22:20-26
*Treat all people with generosity.*

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2

Second Reading: 1 Thes 1:5-10
*The Thessalonians have become a model for others.*

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 14:23

Gospel: Mt 22:34-40
*A lawyer asks Jesus which commandment is greatest.*
CHILDREN’S ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Tayla Nagel** was in the top 20 finalists – Readers Choice Award – in the 2011 Lilydale Show Poster Competition.

**WELL DONE!**

You can support Tayla and vote for her entry online at [www.lilydaleleader.com.au](http://www.lilydaleleader.com.au)

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Division Athletics

In term 1 a number of children performed very well at the interschool athletics competition that was held at Upper Yarra Secondary College. These children went to Doncaster on Thursday to compete again at the district level. Well done Sally, Samara, Sienna, Declan Taylor, Natalie, Christian, Jamie, Chloe P and Braydyn.

Good luck to Natalie, Declan and Samara who are now going on to the regional athletics next week.

Last Thursday I went to Doncaster to compete in the Yarra Division Athletics Championships.

Boroondara, Manningham and Maroondah were also districts that were competing. On the day, I competed in long jump and high jump. I did long jump at 9.15am and high jump at 10.30am. I placed first in long jump in the Yarra Division, and I didn’t get a place in high jump.

This means I am going to regionals at Knox this Wednesday.

Overall it was a really fun day.

Declan Taylor
Caring For Each Other

12 friendship skills every child needs

Friendship skills are generally developmental. That is, kids grow into these skills given exposure to different situations and with adult help.

Kids can be picky about who they play and mix with. Popularity should not be confused with sociability. A number of studies in recent decades have shown that appearance, personality type and ability impact on a child’s popularity at school.

Good-looking, easy-going, talented kids usually win peer popularity polls but that doesn’t necessarily guarantee they will have friends.

Those children and young people who develop strong friendships have a definite set of skills that help make them easy to like, easy to relate to and easy to play with.

Here are twelve essential skills that children have identified as being important for making and keeping friends:

1. Ability to share possessions and space
2. Keeping confidences and secrets
3. Offering to help
4. Accepting other’s mistakes
5. Being positive and enthusiastic
6. Starting a conversation
7. Winning and losing well
8. Listening to others
9. Starting and maintaining a conversation
10. Ignoring someone who is annoying you
11. Cooperating with others
12. Giving and receiving compliments

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In past generations, exposure to different situations meant opportunities to play with each other with siblings and with older and younger friends.

They were reminded by parents about how they should act around others. They were also taught from a very young age.

Arrested development

The NEW CHILD grows up with fewer siblings, fewer opportunities for unstructured play and less freedom to explore friendships than children of even ten years ago.

A parenting style that promotes a high sense of individual entitlement rather than the notion of fitting in appears to be popular at the moment.

These factors can lead to delayed or arrested development in these essential friendship skills, resulting in very unhappy, self-centred children.

Here are some ideas if you think your child experiences developmental delay in any of these essential skills or just needs some help to acquire them:

1. Encourage or insist that kids play and work with each other: Allowing kids the freedom to be kids is part of the message here but parents have to be cunning with the NEW CHILD and construct situations where kids have to get on with each other. For some kids “go outside and play” is a good place to start.
2. Play with your kids: Interact with your kids through games and other means so you can help kids learn directly from you how to get on with others.
3. Talk about these skills: If you notice your kids need to develop some of these skills then talk about them, point out when they show them and give them some implementation ideas.

Kids are quite ego-centric and need to develop a sense of ‘other’ so they can successfully negotiate the many social situations that they find themselves in.

As parents we often focus on the development of children’s academic skills and can quite easily neglect the development of these vitally important social skills, which contribute so much to children’s happiness and well-being.

For more ideas, support and advice for all your parenting challenges, visit our website (www.parentingideas.com.au)

While you are there, subscribe to Family Matters, the easy-to-read, popular e-mail newsletter.

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The P&F Meeting will be held this week, on Wednesday 19th October, 7:30 p.m. in the Staffroom. All welcome. We will be planning the upcoming Bush Dance and the Christmas Raffle. We will discuss ideas for end of year festivities and start planning for 2012. We encourage new people to come along and share their thoughts.

School tea-towels and aprons. Order forms and payment were due today. If you have not already returned the form, please do so ASAP.

Family Camp 2011 will be held at Mansfield Holiday Park over the Melbourne Cup Long Weekend. All St Joseph’s families, past and present are welcome. Contact Matt at the Mansfield Holiday Park on 03 5775 1383 or at www.mansfieldholidaypark.com.au. Let them know you are from St Joseph’s. The park has requested that if you have young children or toddlers you let them know when booking as there is an unfenced dam nearby.

Contact: Jo Taylor 0403 504 096 or Drew Cummings 0413 999 315

VOUCHERS, DOCKETS AND BOTTLE CAPS!!!!!!!!!!!!
We can still record your docketts and vouchers - so please bring them in to school as soon as possible.
If you drink Paul’s milk please send in the especially marked Paul’s bottle caps.

Yarra Valley Uniforms
The Uniform Shop is open on Wednesdays.
Donna’s contact number is 0427 516 375.

Remember to keep receipts to claim on your Education Tax Refund next year.
MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Married couples, we encourage you to prioritise your relationship. It underpins your family life. Please join us for a Marriage Encounter weekend. Our weekend helps you to remember why you married and gives you skills to maintain your love for each other.

Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around catholic values but you don’t need to be catholic to attend. There is no group sharing. The next weekend will be held on, 11-13 November. For further information and bookings contact Marianne & Marcell Van den Bronk (03) 9733 0997 or Email vicbookings@wwme.org.au. Checkout the website for more information on www.wwme.org.au

LOST

1. Red, Sherrin football with MCG written on it in yellow. It belongs to Blair Weir.
2. Good Sherrin football with Christian Toy's name on it.
3. Three Scooby Doo books from St Joseph's library in a Spiderman library bag - named Andrew Saxon. Please return to Andrew in Middle C/T or to the school office.

WORKING BEE

The following families are rostered on for the Working Bee on Friday 21st October from 3.15 – 5.45pm:

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A note will be sent home this week outlining jobs and tools required. Please advise the office if you are unable to attend.

Families who have missed a previous Working Bee are welcome to come.
YARRA JUNCTION JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB

We require Under 12’s and Under 14’s players.

“Come and have a go”

Training is on the following days.
Under 12’s - Every Wednesday @ 5.00 pm. at the Yarra Junction Oval
Under 14’s - Every Thursday @ 5.00 pm. at the Yarra Junction Oval
Age groups are Under 12’s, 14’s & 16’s as at 1/09/11

If you require any more information, please ring Chris Fall on 5964 7092 A.H or 0425 759 974 or Paula Nightingale on 5966 7313 A.H or 0425 895 256

MILO CRICKET REGISTRATION

FROM AGES 5 – 9.
Milo Registration day is on Friday 21st October between 5 pm & 6 pm at the clubrooms. Cost is $60 for the season.
Contact Chris Fall on 0425 759 974 for further details.

BOOKCLUB

Bookclub orders are due back by:
Tuesday 25th October.

Late orders cannot be accepted.

ATTENTION – Prep/Junior, Middle & Senior Students and Parents:

On **Friday 28th October it is World Teacher’s Day.**
However the school will be closed on this day - so, between Monday 24th October and Thursday 27th October, you may wish to take a moment to stop and thank a teacher in person, by letter, by picture or some other wonderful way for their dedication and time given to your learning, their support, care and guidance for your wellbeing and / or some other special reason. Whatever the reason, the world needs teachers and we are very lucky here at St Joseph’s to have such a wonderful lot, so throughout this week we hope that you might stop and give thanks to all of our teachers.