Dear Parents and Friends,

PFA Meeting
At the PFA meeting last Monday the school was presented with $2000 towards the upgrading of the take home books that are made available to the children as part of our literacy program. Upgrading the furniture in the south building and adding to the library book stock including e-books are our next targets. All parents are welcome to come to meetings and contribute to building the community and fundraising. Thank you to all parents for your generosity. Great work PFA!!

SAB Meeting
The School Advisory Board met last Tuesday. The SAB is the peak policymaking body for the school. At the meeting we:

• Ratified a Grievance policy developed last year. It is expected that any concerns of a member of our community would in the first instance be raised with the party concerned, where with good will on all sides a satisfactory resolution will be found. However, if this is not so, then this policy sets out steps with fair procedures for all.
• Outlined parental involvement in the review of school achievement and goal setting for the next four years
• Set the task of developing a site master plan to guide the refurbishment, rebuilding and building to meet the future needs of our students and our community.
• Discussed inviting new members to join the SAB. The SAB meets twice a term on Tuesday nights. All parents are welcome to come and contribute to setting the directions of the school. If you are interested please contact me.

Parent Teacher Meetings
The feedback from staff was very pleasing. The transition to the New Year has been very successful and we are well on the way into new educational programs.

Date with Dad
Tuesday 19 February 6 pm SPA Centre
PIZZA tea

We have ordered 60 pizzas for those booked in thus far! Late enrolment is welcome but please let us know so we cater for you!

Overwhelmingly social statistics reveal that many men have difficulties fathering. At St Joseph’s this year we are providing various opportunities for dads to share experiences to help develop relationships with your children. We can all be better parents and enjoy our children. Take the chance!!
Footpath
This is just a reminder that during pick up and drop off times the short path from the car park is NOT to be used. Please tell friends and family who may be helping. Please use the path from the basketball courts past the dumper or the crossing and past the SPA.

Photos 22 March
The school photos will be taken on this day, including a whole-school photograph.

Swimming district Friday 22 February
The district swimming will be at Healesville pool this week. We wish them well and good luck. Thank you to the parents who are helping.

Fair Monday 18 February Tonight!
The Autumn Fair is getting closer! Only 5 weeks! It is going to be FANTASTIC. We need YOU to help by giving some of your time by adding to the lists on the board! Also we need more volunteers to help organise. Tonight is your chance. Come along!!

Sacramental Information night Tuesday 26 February
Next week all families with children preparing for Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation are to attend a brief meeting with Fr Ashkar. Enrolment for preparation programs occurs on that night.

Award winners at last assembly were:

God bless us all,
John
The Sunday readings this week focus on remembering God’s presence and guidance to overcome hardships and temptation. God brought his people out of Egypt and provided for them in their journey in the wilderness. Jesus faced thirst, weariness and hunger as well as spiritual torment by the devil, during his forty days in the desert.

In his struggle, he triumphed because he refused to listen to the voice of evil and resisted the devil’s temptations. He chose to listen to the voice of God, his Father, which prepared him for his public ministry.

During Lent we too are on a journey, seeking to change ourselves and become more like Jesus. We may also be tempted by hunger for food, power and recognition. Our self-control will be tested. If we seek God and ask for help and guidance we will find new grace to resist temptation and continue our journey in faith.

So I leave you with a question to reflect on this week. What positive spiritual steps are you planning to take this Lent to turn ‘wandering’ into a ‘journey’ that is resolute, purposeful and trusting? Many of our students have already made their Lenten promises in an attempt to become better people.

Karen McQuade
Christian Life Leader
This week’s morning fitness roster:

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Not on this week

- Obstacle Course
- Power Walk

**PIANO STUDENTS:**

It is important to bring your books to every music lesson.

Please make sure you put them in your bag on Friday.

Thank you,

Sarah
Our exciting project begins this Term, targeting our Dad’s….You! The idea is to connect with your kids, school and community through some great activities. Dad’s spend a great deal of time working and often can’t make it to many events but here is your chance! The first night will be great fun and is run by Better Men Australia. Date Night with Dad is a game show night for Dads and their primary school kids only. The second event, is a blokes only night about kids and parenting. Pizza will be supplied. Once again this is run by the guys from Better Men Australia and promises to be a good night. Next Term, we are connecting with Ben’s Shed to make and create for our quiet shared area. This will be a one off session wood working in the shed.

All of these activities have been funded by a grant we received from School Focused Youth Service.

As previously mentioned last year, we will happily welcome any Grandads, Uncles or special significant males to come along and support their special child here at the school.

Dates for Term 1:

**Date Night with Dad** 19\textsuperscript{th} February  
and

Dads Only Parent Night 27\textsuperscript{th} March

Please contact me for any further information. It is worthwhile, valuable and will mean a great deal to the children.

Come on Dads this is for you and your children!

Prue Vanstan  
Wellbeing Leader
Hi all,
Parents & Friends met last Monday and worked through the activities that are planned for 2013. Each week we will highlight events coming up and where we need assistance. Also we will include our wish list for the year and an indication of how we are tracking towards achieving these goals.

Upcoming events:

**Autumn Fair**
There will be a free dress day on Friday 1st March where we ask each child to bring in an item for hampers we will be using in a Silent Auction at the fair. Hamper categories will be Gourmet, Books, Garden, Pamper, Confectionary and Toys. Please send something that can be included in one of the hampers.

**Easter Raffle**
The Easter Raffle is to be drawn on the last day of Term 1. It would be great if a donation towards the raffle could be brought in on Friday 22nd March. While chocolate is great for the hampers there are other Easter goodies available as well. You will already have received the raffle tickets for the Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle, for which selling the book of 5 tickets you automatically get a ticket in the Easter Raffle. Also, if anyone could help put the hampers together, meet in the staff room on Tuesday 26th March.

**Crank Up**
We have been offered the opportunity to run the BBQ at the ‘Crank Up’ event held at the Upper Yarra Museum in Yarra Junction, weekend of 6th and 7th of April, 2013. This would be a great fund raiser for the school if we could get enough helpers. It is in the middle of the school holidays after Easter. We would be looking at setting up a roster with 2 hour shifts (4 people per shift) from 9am to 4pm both days (note change of time). Maybe your family would have the numbers or you could team up with another family and make it a bit of fun. Please leave details at the office or contact Cathy 0409 187 166.

**Parents & Friends Goals for 2013**
- Update our school Library by replacing old stock and purchasing much needed new books.
- Tables to go with the new furniture in the South Building.
- A Path leading from the school to the SPA centre.
- A Pie Warmer for more hot lunch days.

We are very pleased to have already provided the school with $2000 for new Take Home Books (Readers) and hope the children enjoy their reading learning experience.

*The Parents & Friends committee are happy to welcome more members, so if you would like to get involved, even as a general member, leave your details at the office or contact our chairperson Cathy Linder on 0409 187 166. We are meeting 2 times per term, but you don’t have to attend meetings if you can’t or prefer not to. We have lots of events and activities proposed for this year; for example, The Autumn Fair, Bushdance, Shopping Tour, Trivia Night and we are always open for suggestions.*

The next parents and friends meeting will be on Monday 25th March in the staff room at 7pm.

Thanks from the
P & F Team

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**Yarra Valley Uniforms**

PAYMENT TO DONNA BY CREDIT CARD IS NOW AVAILABLE

The Uniform Shop is open on Tuesdays after school.
Donna’s contact number is: 0427 516 375.
RELAXATION AREA AT THE AUTUMN FAIR

We're trying to get an idea of whether we can create a relaxation/pamper area at our St Joe's Autumn Fair....

Wondered if there are any qualified massage therapists (preferably with insurance), who would be willing to volunteer an hour or two or your time on Saturday 23rd March? Please, please let us know if you'd like to be involved; we'd love you to help with mini massages - feet, hands, head and shoulders etc.

If we DO have enough volunteers to run this little idea, then we'll also be looking to borrow foot spas too....

If you can help in any way, or would like to know more, please call Pip on 0434 942663 or e-mail: info@happybubba.com.au

WORKING BEE THANKS

A BIG thank you to the families that attended our first Working Bee for 2013:

Cox, Ferguson/Purcell, Randall, Clements, Read, Robin (Emelia), Taeuber and Virgona.

*The painting looks great outside the Art Room.*

MY TIME MY PLACE

YARRA JUNCTION LIBRARY INVITES YOU TO

Describe life in your town for students to read in 2113
and marvel what life was like

100 years ago

Up to one page in length for

EARLY PRIMARY
MIDDLE PRIMARY
UPPER PRIMARY
YOUNG ADULT

To celebrate UPPER YARRA MUSEUM CRANKUP 2013
UPPER YARRA SECONDARY COLLEGE

The date for our Grade 5/6 information evening was set last year as Tuesday March 26th.

Wesburn Junior Football Club 2013 Training has Started

New player registrations are welcome on training nights

**Current Training Timetable**

**U16** Wednesday 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm  
Coach: Robert Ferguson – 0439 569 138

**U14** Wednesday 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm  
Coach: Mark Toy – 0419 705 788

**U12** Thursday 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm  
Coach: Adrian Clements – 0410 564 663

**U10** Tuesday 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm  
Coach: Adam Humphrey - 0437 167 794

Age as at 01/01/2013 for Under 10’s to 14’s. Age under 16 as at 01/10/2012

For more information email [WesburnJFC@gmail.com](mailto:WesburnJFC@gmail.com) or call Ray on 0419 573 699