Dear Parents and Friends,

Sad News
This morning we learned the sad news of the death in a car accident over the weekend of Scott Francis, the father of Brydie (Middle B) and Rory (Junior V). We have offered our prayers and support to Siobhan and the children. This afternoon we took some flowers.

One of the most difficult situations people have to face is knowing what to say to someone who has just suffered a major loss. It is normal to feel uncomfortable and awkward, but we must try not to let that prevent us from communicating that we care. I am sure that many of you would like to support the family through prayers. If you send a card to the office we will pass them on. If you would be able to provide some practical support by providing food for meals then please contact the office or drop things in to us. Your children have been informed of the death today. No one can predict the impact that loss can have on anyone, even those not directly involved. These are important times to have conversations with your children about their thoughts and feelings, and great opportunities to grow in faith, empathy and understanding.

First Eucharist
Yesterday three of our children received Eucharist for the first time. Congratulations to Joel Purton, Chloe Patterson and Tyla Cole. We wish that they grow in the understanding and relationship with God by participating in the Eucharist frequently.

Confirmation
Confirmation was planned to be with our sister school at Mt Evelyn. Last week we became aware that there are more candidates than anticipated from there. So at very short notice, Bishop Les Tomlinson has offered to have a second Confirmation at Yarra Junction on Saturday 20 August at 1pm. Families have been offered the choice of either. To make this a beautiful celebration we may call on other children to attend to form a choir.

Welcome
Today we welcome another new family to our community. Meagan and Luke Slater have enrolled Keeley (Middle B) and Kaiben (Junior B). Please make them welcome.

Professional Development
We are lucky here to be participating in the Contemporary Teaching and Learning of Mathematics program. The teachers are working to refine practises. On Friday the Junior schoolteachers will be in training.

World Youth Day
Next week Mr Frederiksen begins leave to attend World Youth Day in Spain. It is a great worldwide encounter with the Pope which is celebrated every three years in a different country. This time it will be celebrated in Madrid from August 16th to 21st, 2011. WYD is open to all young people who want to take part in a festive encounter with their contemporaries centred on Jesus Christ. We wish him safe travel and a wonderful faith experience.

Working Bee Saturday 9-11:30
We have many things to do so we need help. Those rostered on will be contacted but others may wish to come too! Outside: cutting down some saplings, clearing some bush, and if anyone has a post hole digger please contact me so we can put in a small fence near the SPA crossover, turning the veggie garden and some planting! Bring tools please!!! Inside we have cleaning windows, moving some furniture and cleaning! Plenty for all. So come along!
ALIVE IN OUR FAITH

It has been a big week for our Confirmation Students. It started last Tuesday night with our Family Night. We had a few families come along, who helped build our confirmation display in the foyer, meditated and learnt about the gifts of the Holy Spirit through Father Ashkar. Thanks to all who attended and thanks to Miss Nicole Angeli, Mr John Faulkner and Father Ashkar.

Through the week, there was also some re-organisation of the Confirmation date due to a larger than expected response across both Parishes. The new date for Confirmation is:

Saturday 20th August at 1pm in St Thomas à Becket church.

On Sunday Tyla Cole, Chloe Patterson and Joel Purton all made their First Communion. It was a beautiful day in Yarra Junction for it and was a very nice Mass. Thanks to all the other candidates for their support.

Tomorrow is Spirit Day. The students from St Mary’s will be coming to our school and starting with mass at 9.30am. All are invited. The students will then participate in activities making their confirmation experience more personal, but sharing this as a group.

I will be heading to World Youth Day in Madrid, following in the steps of Pope John Paul II, so with a little luck I will be able to share some of my experiences while I am away.

Nick Frederiksen

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday – 4.30pm
Sacred Heart Church, Warburton

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

THIS WEEKENDS READINGS

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Is 55:1-3
Come to the water.

Psalm: Ps 144:8-9. 15-18. R. v.16
The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Second Reading: Rom 8:35. 37-39
Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Gospel Acclamation: Mt 4:4

Gospel: Mt 14:13-21
Jesus feeds five thousand.

NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1 Kgs 19:9.11-13
The Lord passes by Elijah as a whisper.

Psalm: Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8
Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading: Rom 9:1-5
Serving Christ involves some pain.

Gospel Acclamation: Ps 129:5

Gospel: Mt 14:22-33
Jesus walks on the water.
STUDENT AWARDS

| Prep       | Caitlyn Caneva, Deanne Dolheguy
            | Tali Love, William Smith |
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| Junior B   | Nicholas Durant                |
| Junior B/V | Portia Swankie, Charlotte Vranken |
| Junior M   | Ethan Linder, Kayla Weir        |
| Middle B   | Lexi Bowman, Angus Mellett      |
| Middle C/T | Shamus Trainor, Jack Jolly      |
| Senior A   | Keely Wehlauer, Belle Price     |
| Senior F   | Lilian Pagels, Thomas Sinton    |

CHILDREN’S ACHIEVEMENTS

- Congratulations to Jesse Long for coming 3rd in his Karta and 1st in Kumite with Yarra Junction Karate Club

WELL DONE!

Performing Arts: Victoria Opera Project

During the next two weeks our senior students are very fortunate to be taking part in the Victoria Opera Project. This project, presented by Victorian Opera and Melbourne University, aims to introduce opera and classical music to primary school students.

Tomorrow afternoon Richard Gill, Victorian Opera Music Director, and students from Melbourne University Music Faculty will be here at St Joseph’s to present an instrumental workshop. On Monday of next week, artists from Victorian Opera will conduct a vocal workshop. Then on Friday 12th August, the students have an excursion to Melbourne to visit Horti Hall ~ the home of Victoria Opera.

We are very grateful to Dandenong Ranges Music Council for providing the opportunity for St Joseph’s School to take part in this project.
Parents of students doing Fast ForWord please note that there is now a timetable posted outside the Fast ForWord room for you to make a time to come in and watch the program. We love having parents in to share our exciting program and look forward to seeing you. Please note we have allocated Tuesdays and Thursdays only with a scheduled time of 20 mins, this is to ensure our children have the quiet settled space they need to achieve great results. If these times do not suit you, please contact Sue or Bek to make a more appropriate time. Looking ForWord to seeing you,

The ‘Fast ForWord Team’

**ROUND ROBIN**

**Football**

On Wednesday the 27th of July Jesse, Joel, Jessica, Tayla, Josh, Riley, Kailee, Braden, Kobi, Jacob, Belle, Michael, Mitchell, James, and Daniel played football. We played four games and we won three but lost against Launching Place by twenty seven points. Our highest margin for winning was thirty seven points against Millwarra. We beat Badger Creek by nine points and Woori Yallock by eleven. Our Goal kickers were Josh 3, Braden 3, Riley 1, Joel 1, Jessica 1, James 1, Christian 1, and Mitchell 1. It was great fun.

By Joel and Josh

On Wednesday the 27th of July the seniors went to Round Robin sports day. Some people played footy, soccer, volleyball and netball, Tyla, Karah, Holly, Danielle, Amie, Samara, Chloe, Jamie and Sally were the netball team. Sally was the captain and Jamie was the coach. We played six games and won five. The first game we played was against Healesville and we lost that game. The second game we played was against Woori Yallock and we won by six. The third game they played was against Millwarra and we won by ten. The fourth game was against Launching Place and the score was seven to eight - we won. The next game we played was against Healesville and we won against them. The score was two to eleven. The last game we played was against Badger Creek and we won.

By Sally McIntosh and Jamie Hirschfeld. 😊

On Wednesday the 27th of July the year 5/6 seniors were going to the round robin sports day. My group and I were playing soccer, and all up we played 4 games. The first game we played was against Yarra Junction. Rhys Foley kicked the first goal, and James L kicked the second goal. Then Rhys Foley kicked the third goal. The second game we played was against Launching Place, and the score was 4 to 0. After two games we had lunch. The next school we played was Healesville and the score was 6 to 0. For the last couple of minutes we had a rest. Then we got back on to the soccer field, and we played Woori Yallock. We won by three and they were on zero it was a great day.

The things I was most happy about were the amount of teamwork and encouragement. I think that Rhys Foley was very good at being the coach. Lilian and I didn’t know how to play soccer, but we both had a lot of fun. The whole team agrees that we played very well.

By Amy Bourke
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. More information was sent home last week.

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

Yarra Valley Uniforms

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

The Uniform Shop is open on Thursdays.
Donna’s contact number is 0427 516 375.

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

Woolworths Earn & Learn

This year, Woolworths and Modern Teaching Aids are giving away $5 million worth of equipment to Primary and secondary schools right across Australia.

From now until 18th September 2011 when you shop at Woolworths please bring your docket to school for us to earn one point for every $10 you spend at Woolworths.

Paul’s Collect-a-Cap

Don’t forget to bring in your Paul’s milk caps!

St Joseph’s School will receive 10c for every cap we collect.
**Education Maintenance Allowance – Semester 2 2011**

If you have recently become eligible for a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card which was valid on 18th July 2011 you may be entitled to the Education Maintenance Allowance.

See Sue at the office for a form which must be returned by 5th August.

*Those who have already completed a form in 2011 do not need to fill in another form.*

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**Mount Lilydale Mercy College Open Day 2011**

Mount Lilydale Mercy College will once again be holding an Expo/Open Day on Tuesday 9 August between 11am and 3pm to enable prospective parents/guardians and students to visit the College, to see examples of student work and to participate in a tour of the College’s facilities.

Tours will depart half hourly from Centennial Hall between the hours of 11am and 4.30pm. No need to book.

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**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

Married couples, make 2011 the year that you prioritise your relationship. It underpins your family life. Please join us for a Marriage Encounter weekend this year. 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 weekends will be held on 19-21 August and 11-13 November. For further information and bookings contact Peter & Erika Smith (03) 9899 0824 or Email vicbookings@wwme.org.au. Checkout the website for more information on www.wwme.org.au

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**COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS VOUCHERS**

Yes, it is on again.

So, if you shop at Coles, please save the vouchers and bring them in to school.

We will then be able to redeem them for sports equipment for St Joseph’s School.

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**WORKING BEE**

The following families are rostered on for the Working Bee on Saturday 6th August:

Bannerman       Boxell
Clark           Finette
Robin           Sharp
Spencer         Lunson/Hannon
Noonan          Vranken
White-Smith/Smith
Virgona