NEWSLETTER NO: 4                                                                                        Thursday 25th February 2016

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

G’day parents and friends,

School BBQ Friday 26 February
Games, free sausages, meet new people.
Each year we have a BBQ to welcome the Foundation and new families. This year we would like to encourage everyone to come! Come and meet new and old friends; those your kids play with and talk about! A sausage sizzle will be provided! BYO drinks, any other things you wish to cook, and chairs! Please complete and return the attached form.

Car boot sale Sunday 20 March 10 - 2pm
We are running an opportunity for you to make some money by selling all those unused items that clutter up at home. Or you may make or bake things that others might buy! Here is your chance to build your commercial empire! Booking is available through the school office! Our next planning meeting is Thursday 3 March 9am. We will be running a BBQ needing volunteers, so we hope you will be available to help for an hour! Start creating lucky jars and collecting bottles for ring a bottle!

Working Bee
On Monday you would have noticed the tree trimming that occurred on Saturday. We endeavoured to make safer some of the branches in the playground. We also worked on the kitchen garden, cleared some drains and gutters, and scrubbed some outside doors, and the painted vanity screens at the student toilets. The honour roll includes the O’Connor, Maurici, Hodge and Faulkner families!

Accounts
You will have received your account for school costs. If you have a valid health card you are eligible for a discount paid by the government for excursions and camps. Please contact Sue Lucas, as the window for application closes next week! We request that everyone be making some regular payments to keep on top of the fees. We have to pay our bills too!

SAB - School Advisory Board Meeting Friday 9am
Tomorrow morning the first School Advisory Board Meeting of the year is to be held. Members are Tonia Atkins, Andrea Maurici, Mel Dunne, Sally van de Paverd, Marty McKenna, Jo Taylor, Fr Ashkar and John Faulkner. The SAB is the peak school body that advises on developing school policies and programs. Please contact any of the members to discuss any issues or are interested in joining.

Photos: Sibling photos are only taken on a prepayment basis. Ordering information was sent home last week.

Remember:
• Download TIQBIZ from your app store- receive and send school messages
• Download Caremonkey, access your email from www.caremonkey.com.au and complete a health and permission profile to save time. If you have any internet access problems please contact the office to arrange completing it at school.
• Complete the photo order for siblings if you wish them taken.
• Send in a family photo
• Come to the BBQ Friday 6pm

God bless us all, John
What do we do when we’re facing an upcoming big event, celebration, or special occasion in our lives? We prepare for it. Holy Week and Easter are “big events” in the liturgical year of the Church and in the spiritual life of a Christian. So, as Christians, we prepare spiritually for these through the forty days of Lent. This means that, during Lent, we rededicate ourselves to prayer. There are as many ways to pray as there are pray-ers in this world, but a few prayer methods can help us in particular to spiritually prepare ourselves during Lent:

**Make your abstinence a prayer-in-action.**
As Catholics we are called to *give up something for Lent*. Chocolate, coffee, that extra helping of dinner, one less hour of video games or whatever it is, you can make what you’re giving up for Lent a prayer as well: a prayer-in-action. Whenever you encounter the thing you are abstaining from or the time of day that you would normally enjoy it, take a moment to say a prayer in recognition of your wholeness in God even without the thing you have given up. Thank God for the freedom to be wholly yourself without this and, at the same time, acknowledge the gift of its existence in the world.

**Read and LISTEN to the meaning!**
Now about eight days after these sayings, Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, ‘Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah’ – not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!’ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent, and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

The gospel of the Lord.
Dear Parents

I am seeking interest in running some after school Lego activities, run by Bricks4Kids. This organisation is totally devoted to learning, teaching and problem solving with Lego. Many of our students love Lego and we often see their creations when brought to school for show and tell. This would be an opportunity to access after school program for 2 or 3 sessions, with all equipment and leaders provided. There is a cost involved but this would depend on numbers and sessions. Costs *may* be between $8.00-$12.00 a session, per hour.

Website details: www.bricks4kidsaustralia.com.au

The school is also looking to purchase pre loved Lego for use during lunch time Lego club. We aim to have this up and running by Term 2. This will give children the opportunity to try something different at lunch times once a week. If you know of any Lego that is free or available at a small cost, please let us know.

Please fill in the slip below if you would be interested in your child attending some Bricks4Kids Lego sessions. This is not a definite at this stage.

Yours sincerely

Prue Vanstan
Wellbeing Leader

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**Bricks4Kids Lego sessions**

Name of child/dren: __________________________________________________________

Yes I would be interested in my child attending some Bricks4Kids Lego sessions and I understand there would be a cost involved per session.

Parent Name and Signature: __________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________
St Joseph’s School is participating in a project called Linking Learning. The aim of the project is to improve learning outcomes for children 0-12 years living in the Upper Yarra. St Joseph’s school would like to partner with families to improve children’s language experiences at home, in the community and at school.

Singing, talking and playing with children every day, right from birth, helps to create a foundation for lifelong learning.


Parents are also encouraged to join a local parent network group on Facebook called Parent Champions of the Upper Yarra (search and request to join). Linking Learning also has a Facebook page with information and updates for local families [www.facebook.com.au/LinkingLearningYR](http://www.facebook.com.au/LinkingLearningYR).

**Handy Tip (From the Hanen Preschool Language and Literacy Calendar 2016)**

**Follow the child’s lead in conversations**
Pay attention to what children are naturally curious about and involve them in conversations that build on their interests and encourage further thinking and exploration. Children will be most engaged in thinking about topics they have initiated.

*Daily Activities:* While washing hands together, pay attention to what your child is interested in. If he points to the water disappearing down the drain, build on his interest and get your child thinking with a comment like, “I wonder where the water is going.”

*Pretend Play:* Help your child create a menu for a pretend restaurant. When she tells you what she wants to put on the menu, follow her lead and ask questions that encourage her to draw on her knowledge and experience (e.g., what should the prices be and which food items should go together in the same meal?)

*Book Reading:* When your child points to a picture, build on his interest by asking a question that encourages him to use his imagination. For example, “Yes, that’s Clifford. Look how big he is! What do you think would happen if all the dogs who live on our street were that big?”

*On the Go:* When your child points out an insect at the park, talk about how many legs the insect has and make an interesting comment like, “I am trying to figure out why insects have so many more legs than people.”
Our Community at Work

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop will be open on Thursdays from approximately 2.45pm – 3.30pm.

Orders may be handed in at the office on any day but will only be filled when the uniform shop is open.

2016 price lists are now available – NOTE there will be some price increases from Term 2.

This year we will be holding a market day / car boot sale on Sunday 20 March from 10am – 3pm.

We are hoping to have a variety of stalls with food, handmade items, second hand goods, pre-loved baby clothes, local businesses and community groups etc.

You are invited to book a spot – more details to come shortly.

Quality second-hand goods (not clothing) can be brought in to school at the beginning of March.
How to order School Photos

Aussie School Photos take multiple images of each student on photo day to provide you with more choice and greater value.

Order forms and envelopes will come home to you usually 2 weeks in advance of photo day.

There are 3 methods available when ordering photo packs:

1. Place your order on-line prior to photo day using the unique WEB LOG-ON CODE printed on your prepayment order form.

2. You can complete the pre payment order form. Include your cash, cheque or credit card payment in the envelope and have your child hand it to our photographer on photo day.

3. You can choose to wait for 5 working days to go on-line to VIEW the images and CREATE a package to suit. Please tick the ‘order later on-line’ box on order form and hand to our photographer on photo day. Orders must be placed within 14 days of photo day to avoid postage charges.

4. If you do not wish to purchase photos, please tick ‘not buying photos’ under pack selection and have your child hand envelope to our photographer on photo day.

5. SIBLING PHOTOS. Will be taken on a pre paid basis. Consent/pre payment forms provided for the eldest child who should be instructed to present it with payment to our photographer at time scheduled for sibling photos. Check with school office for Sibling photo times.

www.schoolphoto.com.au

All queries should be directed to the photos@schoolphoto.com.au

Customer Service: 97076655.
NETBALL

Is your child interested in joining a Netball team?

We are trying to start an Under 9 St Joseph’s team to play on Fridays at the Yarra Centre.

Please complete this form to register your interest.

Child’s Name:__________________________ Age:__________

Parent/s Name:________________________________________

Contact number:___________________________

SCHOOL BARBECUE

☐ We will be attending

☐ We will not be attending

the BBQ on Friday 26th February at 6.00pm.

Sausages will be available free!

_________ Adults

_________ School age and pre-school age children

The __________________________ family.
St Joseph’s Market Day and Car Boot Sale

20th March 2016
at 10.00am
40 Milners Road
Yarra Junction

Devonshire Teas
Market stalls
Trash and Treasure
Local Businesses
Pre-loved baby clothes

Stalls Available $20

For stall bookings please contact
office@sjyarrajunction.catholic.edu.au

or phone: 5967 1183