Dear Parents and Friends,

Tell those close to you that you love them! The terrible event in Norway over recent days reminds us that we can never know when tragedy will strike. Our prayers are with the families of all those involved, especially the families of all the murdered young. At the same time we can rejoice at the perseverance and determination of Cadel Evans. What an example to us all!

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

The feedback from teachers and parents about the meetings has been very positive. For education to be most successful parents, teachers and students need to be working together. Please always contact your class teachers or me if you have any concerns or questions. We look forward to seeing all other families at tomorrow night’s second round of interviews. Remember that your students attend with you.

**Confirmation**

Some of senior students are preparing for Confirmation which is to be celebrated on 19th August. We are all asked to support them with our prayers, that the Holy Spirit fills them with a passion for Christ. Tomorrow, after interviews, candidates and parents are to meet in the library for a Confirmation workshop.

**Cleaners**

We were shocked to be informed last week that the school’s long time cleaner Vicki Clinch was hospitalised. As a consequence, Vicki and Gary have resigned. Today we presented flowers with our best wishes for a speedy recovery and happy and healthy retirement. Last Friday the school was cleaned by contractors from Sebastian’s Cleaners, who also do Mt. Lilydale College. They will continue for the foreseeable future.

**Welcome to New Family**

Last week Matthew and Cathy Linder moved into our community with their three sons: James (Yr 5A), Liam (Yr 3B) and Ethan (Yr 1M). I am sure you will make them welcome.

**Dehumidifiers**

This week Dehumidifiers will be installed in all the rooms of the South building that experience extraordinarily high levels of moisture causing a musty smell. We plan to explore other steps to remedy this ongoing problem.

**Seniors Sports**

We wish our seniors well in their sporting endeavours on Wednesday. We want them to do their best and win, but mostly to represent St Joseph’s proudly as “good sports”!

**Working Bee Saturday 6 August 9-11:30**

I hope to meet many of you next week to maintain and develop the great facilities here at St Joe’s. More details will be available next week.

**Preschool Health Check**

The Commonwealth government has introduced a health check for children about to start school the following year. These new requirements will mean the payment of the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) Part A end of year supplement for these families will now be conditional on the completion of a health assessment, such as the Healthy Kids Check or state health checks. Pre-school health assessments check to see if children are healthy, fit and ready to learn when they start school. These checks help identify any physical health issues such as hearing or sight impairment, as well as developmental conditions and delays prior to starting school. The FTB Part A end of year supplement is about $726 per child. These new requirements will not affect the fortnightly payments of FTB Part A. More information will follow.

God bless us all,

John

John Faulkner

Principal
CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

For the next four weeks, some of our Grade 6 children will be undertaking the sacrament of Confirmation. This is a special time for all the children involved. The sacrament will be received on Friday 19th August. Bishop Tomlinson will be celebrating the sacrament with the children.

This Tuesday all families of the students in the seniors are invited to attend our ‘Confirmation Family Night.’ It will be held in the Library from 7.30pm. **Please note the change in time and location.** There will be some reflection, art activities, a discussion and just a nice way for all families of senior students to come together and celebrate this occasion.

Finally, if there is anyone who would like to be a prayer partner for any of the students making their sacrament, could you please email myself at nfrederiksen@sjyarrajunction.catholic.edu.au. This would require just writing a simple letter to one of the candidates and praying for them over the next few weeks.

Nick Frederiksen
This week’s morning fitness roster:

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**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.
Footy Tipping Leaders at the end of Round 18 are Drew Cummings, Dean Cerveri and Steve. Well done!

Our first meeting for this term will be held on Wednesday night, 27th July, 7:30p.m. in the staffroom. We will be planning for the third and fourth terms. All welcome. We would love to see some new faces.

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 available later this week.

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

Mount Lilydale Mercy College Enrolments Year 7 2013

Parents/Guardians wishing to apply for enrolment at Mount Lilydale Mercy College for Year 7 2013 are advised that the next Enrolment Application Information Evening will be held at the College 25 July 2011.

To apply for enrolment in Year 7 2013, parents/guardians MUST attend one of these meetings. The meetings will be held in Centennial Hall and commence at 7.30pm.

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.
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.

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.

Up-coming Programs at Upper Yarra Family Centre

For further information on any of the below, please contact Information and Referral Service - Jenny/Detchema on 5967 1769

Parenting Program – Talking Teens and Alcohol/Drugs

The Linking Youth and Families Together (LYFT) Program works with young people and their families, to reduce the adverse effects that problematic alcohol use may have on young people and their families, by providing information, support and therapeutic treatment as well as linkages to other community supports. LYFT will be running a program for parents called “Talking Teens and Alcohol/ Drugs”. The program is targeting parents and carers who are worried about their teens alcohol / drug use.

Come and join us for a chat around the everyday highs and lows of parenting.

WHO: Dads, Mums and Carers of young people under 18

WHEN: Thursday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th August, 1st, 8th and 15th of September

TIME: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

WHERE: Anglicare, 47 Castella Street, Lilydale

COST: FREE (bookings essential)

Emerge

Parenting support program. Share a cuppa and chat, enhance emotional well-being and parenting skills.

WHEN: Every Tuesday during the school term

WHERE: Upper Yarra Family Centre, Yarra Junction

TIMES: 1pm- 3pm

COST: FREE

Family Drug Help Support Group

Information and support provided in a small group setting.

WHO: all those who are concerned and have been affected by a love one’s use of alcohol and / or other drugs

WHEN: 1st Wednesdays of the month

WHERE: Upper Yarra Family Centre, Yarra Junction

TIMES: 10 am – 12 noon

COST: FREE