Our vision says: In our community we aspire to create a just world that promotes the dignity of every human person.

G’day parents and friends,

Thank you to those who have helped at our working bees this year. With 17 acres to manage it is a big task! Last Friday we held our last for the year. We cleared all the roofs and gutters, tidied up the garden around the South Building and the church. The working bee honour roll this time includes the Gibson, Juffermans-Goodluck, Swankie, Voce, Lambrick/Henry, and Finette families. Those who have attended will have their working bee levy rebated from their accounts.

SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD 9am Friday
Tomorrow morning the SAB holds an open meeting to which all parents are welcome to attend. We will have a brief overview of the year, form a new board, and discuss plans for next year dinner. On Friday night members of the SAB and PFA are invited to gather for dinner at Cunninghams at 7pm.

SAFETY
We have had a couple of scares recently with little children and cars in the SPA car park. We are now taking the walking children around the other side of the SPA to keep them out of the car park. PLEASE be careful.

Are there any issues with the changes to the one-way process in and out of the car park? It was a trial but the only feedback has been positive, so I will be proposing to the SAB that we make it permanent.

Injuries
On Monday this week one of the Middle students slipped over playing and cut his leg. The staff First Aid training had him quickly suitably bandaged. With the advice of his mother we called an ambulance. Whilst this was happening a witness to the wound fainted hitting his head on the ground! Both went off to hospital in the ambulance. On Tuesday after the staff meeting, Mrs Whetham slipped in her classroom and broke a bone in her foot! She hopes to be back next week – probably on crutches! After these types of injuries we will always review our processes to identify any possible improvements to safety or procedures.

Pinafore Pirates DVD
The final edited DVD of the Thursday night performance will be available from the office soon for $15. To order one, please complete the attached form and return through the class black box.

Class groupings 2015
The teachers have been organising class groups for 2015 taking into consideration teacher knowledge, the student requests and parent information. Any other educational information that parents wish to be considered must be received by tomorrow, Friday 28 November.

Condolences
Our thoughts and prayers are with the Kangru family (Katia, F; and Sam, JR) as they mourn the loss of Kelly’s father. We also offer our prayers for Chris and Rebecka Hermon (Lara, SV; Jasmine, F) on the death of their Poppy.

God bless us all,
John
ALIVE IN OUR FAITH

First Week of Advent

The beginning of the new liturgical year begins this Sunday with the 1st Sunday of Advent. The word Advent derives from the Latin word meaning coming. We prepare for four weeks, to celebrate the coming of Jesus at Christmas. However we are also called to reflect on the coming of Jesus today through the Holy Spirit and the future coming of Jesus at end times when he will judge us. The season offers the opportunity to

- share in the ancient longing for the coming of the Messiah,
- take a good look at our lives and ask ourselves whether or not we are living the kind of lives that allow others to see Christ in us.
- to be alert for his second coming.

Many people have contributed to the giving tree this year showing their kindness to others who are in need. Hopefully many grateful children will enjoy these gifts this Christmas, donated by the families at St Joseph’s school.

Karen McQuade
Christian Life Leader.

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday – 7.00pm
Sacred Heart Church, Warburton

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

LAST WEEKENDS READINGS

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

First Reading: Ez 34:11-12.15-17
The Lord will rescue his sheep.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 22:1-3. 5-6. R. v.1

Second Reading
1 Cor 15:20-26.28
When all has been subjected to Christ, all will be one in Him.

Gospel Acclamation
Mk 11:9-10

Gospel
Mt 25:31-46
Whenever you serve the least of people, you serve Christ.

THIS WEEKENDS READINGS

First Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Is 63:16-17; 64:1-3-8
May the Lord come when we are doing good.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4

Second Reading
1 Cor 1:3-9
The Lord will strengthen us to the end.

Gospel Acclamation
Ps 84:8

Gospel
Mk 13:33-37
We know not the hour the Lord will come.
In Friendship Groups, we have been playing ‘old fashioned’ board games. This has proved to be an interesting sight, with many children experiencing games such as Snakes and Ladders and Pick up Sticks for the first time. Not only have we had fun but important skills such as sharing, taking turns and showing respect has been highlighted. What was your favourite game? Consider digging them out and challenging the family to a tech free evening!

SEND IN THE ORDER BELOW FOR YOUR COPY OF THE DVD
– A GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT

The ………………………………………..family would like to order……….copies of the Pinafore Pirates DVD at $15 per copy.

Enclosed is payment of $............................(Ensure payment is attached to this order)

Please send the order home with…………………………….in …………………….class.
Special Lunch Day- This Friday 28th November. Order forms went home last week. You won’t need to pack as much for lunch. Yay!

P&F and School Advisory Board Dinner- This Friday 28th November, 7:00p.m. at Cunningham’s Hotel in Yarra Junction. Pay your own way. Please see Cathy Linder if you would like to come.

Special Dress Day, bring an item for the Christmas Hampers- Friday 5th December. Children can wear free dress, and in return, should bring an item suitable for the Christmas hampers. Anything delicious or Christmas based would be great.

Lap-a-thon- Please ensure you return your forms and money to the school as soon as possible. Thank-you.

Irish Fair- Rides are booked, but we still need a lot of help planning and organising the Fair for next year. See Maria Virgona, or Cathy Linder if you can help.

The Future of the P&F- several of our long standing members will be standing down at the end of the year. Now is the perfect opportunity to start coming to meetings and events to learn the ropes! The P&F is a great way to meet people, to know what is going on at the school, and to use your skills. It looks good on a resume if you are thinking of going back to work. See Cathy Linder if you have any questions about the P&F.

Family Camp- A great time was held by all again this year. We have decided that a change is in order, so next year’s camp will be held at the Big 4 Park in Taggerty. This is quite a bit closer than Mansfield, so we hope to see some new families attend, or come up for a day trip. If you would like to book for Cup Weekend in 2015, call 1800 880 895, or check out their website through the Big 4 website. Mention you are from St Joseph’s if you make a booking.

Morning Tea- Come to the staffroom for morning tea and a chat. We will hold one on the 1st Friday of each term, and then the 1st Friday of each month. Younger children welcome.

Have a great week!