G’day parents and friends,

This has been a busy week with the seniors at the MLMC musical, the sport round robin, some attended "Teach the Teacher" training in Lilydale and some on a ski trip tomorrow! Tomorrow we also have the NED show in the morning. We like the positive content of the show, but they do try to sell yoyos at the end. We are not compelling or even encouraging you to buy these. They are available if you wish to purchase them. We provide many experiences and opportunities for the children to learn and excel.

School Closure Day Friday 12 August
On this day the staff will be participating in professional learning with our colleagues from other Catholic schools. This day will be held in Yea so no staff will be on site here on that day.

Masses
The Foundation class celebrated Mass this week. Next week parents and friends are invited to join the Junior classes on Wednesday at 9am. The seniors are going on 10 August.

Dates
School Closure Day Friday 12 August
Friday 7 October is Confirmation
Tickets for the Musical sessions will be available in the middle of the term.

Working Bee Saturday
We had a bit of rain but still managed to do a few things. You will have noticed the improved entrance to the SPA carpark, the dropped tree cut split, removed, and the mess cleaned up. The split melaleuca near the playground had the dangerous limbs removed, and the bushes along paths were trimmed! Thank you to Nathan and Cathy Murray, Bill Hendriks, Colleen Randall, Angie and Stefan Schmitzer, and Anthony Willemse. The next working bee is Saturday, 3 September between 9-12.

UYSC Students
Seven students from the local secondary school will be working on Monday mornings in classrooms as aides. This week they visited for orientation and will start next week.

Disco
A big thank you to the PFA for organising the success of last Friday. We had nearly every child, and they had fun!

MLMC Awards
From the presentations at MLMC last week it is noteworthy that Connor Taylor is the most outstanding Yr 7 student (10 Academic, 1 Merit) along with several other of our community students: Zoe Hendriks (5+2), Lilly May (6+2), Melinda Virgona (4+3), Max Bradley (2+2), Tilly Cottier (2+1), Lachy Cox and Tom Reardon. Riley Swankie is one of the most outstanding in Yr 8, and many other SJS students were acknowledged! The Japanese language program awards went mostly to our students! Congratulations to all.

Round Robin Sport
Yesterday we competed in several games against a dozen local schools in several sports. Our children were champions in volleyball and football (undefeated). The BOG at footy were Patrick, Tom, Ellen, and Monty. Parent Coach Matt Kerr said all the players were a credit to the school. They performed exceptionally well in all aspects of the day. It was fantastic to be involved with them. Despite challenging weather, the children showed good behaviour and sportsmanship in all the sports. Thank you to Miss McLean for your organisation, and all parent and staff helpers. Congratulations and well done to all our children.

God bless us all, John
Appreciating our natural world

This term we are focussing on the theme necessity: that is needs and wants. In RE the seniors are looking at this through a social justice perspective. They will be looking at doing something for people in need. The other levels are exploring the natural world and investigating the creation stories and their meaning for us. They will be looking at ways to care for our wonderful world.

Yesterday, in assembly, the Middles shared their drawings and descriptions of the places in creation where they feel close to God. They were experiencing the awe and wonder of this natural world as well as developing skills to write about it.

Here is an outstanding example of writing skills in Harry’s work:

I was at the lighthouse.
I felt the wind through my ears.
The waves carving over and splashing on the sand.
I felt like I was at a sunny side beach.
And I was calm and all is nice.

Karen McQuade
Christian Life leader
Please note that we can only accept cash or cheque at this time. The uniform shop will only be open on the FIRST MONDAY of every month after school. If the first Monday is during school holidays or a public holiday, then it will open the following Monday.

Orders can be placed at any time using an order form available from the office. Second Hand Uniform will now be available from the uniform shop. Please consider donating your old uniform (in good condition) by bringing in to the uniform shop or leaving it at the office.

St Joseph's Yarra Junction Community Facebook group- https://www.facebook.com/groups/stjosephsypjcommunity

Parents and families are invited to join St Joseph's Yarra Junction Community Facebook group. The group aims to keep everyone up to date, share events and notices, as well as buy, swap and sell uniform.

This group is run by parents not school. This is not a space to discuss any grievances with the school, please take them to the leadership team or a member of the advisory board.

P & F Meeting – Next meeting – to be advised.

Parents and Friends are always looking for new members, everyone is welcome – mums, dads, grandparents… In Term 3 and 4 we will be running a father's day stall, disco, Lapathon, shopping tour and looking for new ideas for hot lunch days, plus much more.

Parents and Friends Uniform – Clearance Order Form

Students may continue to wear the current uniform items during the changeover period of 2 years. Only available while stocks last.

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PAYMENT IS REQUIRED AT TIME OF ORDERING

Student’s Name: ___________________________ Class: _________

Parent Contact Name and Phone: ___________________________

☐ Please send order home with child ☐ I will collect from the office.
SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB NEWS

The first book club brochures for the term have been distributed to the children.

Any orders should be returned to the office by tomorrow

Friday 29th July.

Thank you

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage!

Forget life’s tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit.

There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

2016 Melbourne weekend dates : 19-21 Aug, 11-13 Nov
Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided.
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