NEWSLETTER NO: 16 Thursday 28th May 2015

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

Parents and friends,

First Eucharist:
We are very much looking forward to celebrating the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time this Sunday at 11am with some of our students. Our First Eucharist candidates are: Ben Hendriks, Harrison Vranken, Rory Francis, Daisy Wells, Grace Patterson, Cash Atkins, Phoebe Gibson, Luke Schmitzer, Ellen Bradley, Madisyn Nicolatos, Cooper Murray and Macklin Murray. We wish them well for Sunday and will keep them all in our prayers. Thank you to Mrs McQuade for her preparation work with these students once again.

Punctuality:
Late arrivals have been a feature of this term. Please ensure that you are aware of all starting times and arrive with time to spare. We will continue to monitor that our car parking/drop off system is flowing smoothly, but we urge all parents and carers to take note of the following reminders about school starting time.

8:47am – Music (all children to begin to line up @ assembly area)
8:50am – Bell (all children ready for announcements and prayer)
8:55am – Morning Fitness (Compulsory- late arrivals still need to report to office)
9:10am – Enter classrooms to commence Learning Day

Kidsmatter Launch:
Last Thursday we experienced a wonderful community night at our school. For those families lucky enough to attend our Kidsmatter Launch, it was a great example of family fun packed into an hour and a half. Whilst the night aimed to promote Kidsmatter (a mental health and wellbeing framework for primary schools which helps to nurture happy, balanced kids), it was more of a fun night where both kids and their parents (and some grandparents) could have some organised fun together. There was even a jumping castle! It was superbly planned and lead by our Wellbeing team headed by Prue Vanstan and Katie Vranken. A big thank you to all staff who made themselves available for the evening. But most importantly, thank you to the 55 families that made the night an amazing success!

Excursions:
Two excellent excursions were enjoyed this week. Our Foundations and Junior students enjoyed a wonderful Photo Trail on Tuesday, whilst our Middles has a fantastic excursion to Kurth Kiln Regional Park on Wednesday. Both groups enjoyed fantastic weather and even better behaviour by the students. We look forward to our Senior Aussie Sports Day tomorrow! Well done everybody and special thanks to all of the generous parents who continue to make themselves available to help out!

Reminder: we have a Working Bee scheduled for Friday 3:15pm-5:00pm (tomorrow). Please bring equipment for spreading mulch and tan bark. Wheelbarrows and rakes would be fantastic if possible. We are also requiring a ute or trailer that might assist in spreading mulch on sections of our Cross Country Track!

Have a great weekend everyone!

Marty McKenna, Acting Principal

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS
8.45am – 3.30pm

PRINCIPAL
Mr John Faulkner

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
Mr Marty McKenna

ADMINISTRATION OFFICERS
Mrs Sue Lucas / Mrs Di Hendriks

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY
29th Aussie Sports Expo – Seniors
31st First Eucharist Mass 11am

JUNE
3rd Archery – Seniors
4th School Nurse
8th Queen’s birthday holiday
10th Foundation Open Day 9-10am
   Archery – Seniors
   Assembly 2.30pm
12th School Disco
17th Eucharist thanksgiving Mass
   Archery – Seniors
23rd Mt Lilydale Mercy College
   Future Stars
24th Archery – Seniors
26th Hot lunch day
   End of Term 2

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE WURUNDJERI PEOPLE WHO ARE THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THIS LAND
WE PAY RESPECT TO THE ELDERS BOTH PAST AND PRESENT OF THE KULIN NATION AND EXTEND THAT RESPECT TO OTHER INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS
Parish Priest: Rev Eugene Ashkar
Parish Phone: 9736 2850
Parish Fax: 9736 3285
PO Box 317
Mt Evelyn 3796
Email: mountevelyn@cam.org.au

Weekend Mass Times
Saturday – 4.30pm
Sacred Heart Church, Warburton
Sunday – 9.00am
St. Thomas à Becket Church, Yarra Junction

ALIVE IN OUR FAITH

First Eucharist Mass

On Sunday twelve of our students will be celebrating their First Eucharist. It is an exciting day for them as they will be receiving Jesus in a special way, through the bread and wine. Everyone is welcome to come to the Mass at our church; St Thomas A’Becket Church, Sunday 31st May, 11am.

Please pray for them as they prepare for the day.

Karen McQuade
Christian Life Leader

LAST WEEKENDS READINGS
Pentecost Sunday
First Reading: Acts 2:1-11
The Spirit comes to the Apostles as tongues of fire.

Respondorial Psalm: Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13
Be guided by the Spirit.
Gal 5:16-25

Gospel: Jn 20:19-23
The Spirit will guide the Apostles to all truth.
Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

THIS WEEKENDS READINGS
Trinity Sunday
First Reading: Dt 4:32-34. 39-40
Moses tells the people of the one true God.

Respondorial Psalm
Ps 32:4-6. 9. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

Second Reading: Rom 8:14-17
We are heirs with Christ.

Gospel Acclamation
See Rv 1:8

Gospel: Mt 28:16-20
Jesus sends forth the Apostles with the promise to be with them always.
Why talking is important
Talking and listening to children does lots of important things. It improves your bond with them, and encourages them to listen to you. It helps them to form relationships and to build self-esteem.

The basics
Like so many other things, talking and listening can be done badly, just OK, or really well. And like any other skills, you get better with practice.

Good communication with children is about:
- encouraging them to talk to you – and listening so they can tell you how they feel
- being able to really listen and responding in a sensitive way to all kinds of things – not just nice things or good news, but also anger, embarrassment, sadness or fear
- focusing on body language and actions as well as words, and interpreting nonverbal forms of communication.

Some children need a lot of encouragement and positive feedback to get talking. Others will be desperate to talk to you when you’re busy doing something else. This might mean stopping what you’re doing and listening.

Top tips for talking and listening
- Set aside time for talking and listening to each other.
- Listen to your children when they want to talk, have strong feelings or have a problem.
- **Be open to talking about all kinds of feelings**, including anger, joy, frustration, fear and anxiety. Talking about feeling angry is different from getting angry, though. Learning the difference is an important step for a child learning to communicate.
- When talking to your child, try to remember how it was when you were a child and how you were generally attracted to those people who really listened to you. After all, **children think differently from grown-ups**. There are a lot of things they don’t know and a lot of things they don’t have the words to talk about.
- Let your child finish talking and then respond. When listening, try not to jump in, cut your child off, or put words in your child’s mouth – even when your child says something ridiculous or wrong or is having trouble finding the words. Children appreciate this as much as grown-ups!
- **Use language that your children will understand**. Sometimes we forget that children don’t ‘get’ everything.
- Watch your child’s facial expression and body language. Listening isn’t just about hearing words, but also trying to understand what’s behind those words.
- To let your child know you’re listening, and make sure you’ve really understood, **repeat back what your child has said** and make lots of eye contact.
- Show your interest by saying such things as, ‘Tell me more about ...’, ‘Really!’ and ‘Go on ...’.
- Ask children what they feel about the things they’re telling you about.
- **Avoid criticism and blame**. If you’re angry about something your children done, try and explain why you want them not to do it again. Appeal to their sense of empathy.
- Work together to solve problems and conflicts.
- Be honest with each other.
Cross Country at Wesburn on 22nd May

Congratulations to these students who achieved top 10 in their age groups:

10 Girls - Ellen Bradley 2nd
Tahlia Nicolandos 6th
10 Boys - Ryan Hirschfeld 1st
Ben Peeler 10th
11 Girls - Ella Meerkotter 3rd
Grace Robinson 4th
Annika Peeler 6th
11 Boys - Tarkyn Nicolandos 1st
Josh Sharp 5th
12/13 Girls - Maddi Nicolandos 10th
12/13 Boys - Max Bradley 1st
Ford Treloar 5th

Well done to everyone who took part, and thank you to the parents who assisted on the day.

Book club Reminder
Any orders for the Scholastic Book Club are due in tomorrow
Friday 29th May
thank you :)

You’re never too old, too wacky, too wild to pick up a book.
& read to a child.
Dr. Seuss
Congratulations to Rory & Sinead Francis and family on the birth of their little sister.

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**Program of events**

3484 Warburton Hwy, Warburton (cnr Park Rd)

11:00 Open Day

12.00pm Lantern Making Workshop with Sioux Dollman (for taking to the torchlight parade at 6:30)

2.00pm Drawing Competition Prize Draw

4.00pm Official Centenary Ceremony, unveiling of the Bell

6.30pm Torchlight Parade Marching from Alpine Hotel to Warburton Fire Station

Open Day Family activities including the following:

- Historical Fire Trucks
- Face Painting
- Jumping Castle
- Sausage Sizzle
- Silva Coffee
- Live Music
- Candy Floss
- Captain Koala
- Smoke House
- Little Pat the Helicopter
- Drawing Competition

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**Help us celebrate 100 years of Firefighting Volunteers**

**Warburton Fire Brigade**

**Saturday May 30th**

**Station Open Day, Official Centenary Ceremony & Torchlight Parade**

The torchlight parade in Victoria is based on tradition. A large number of volunteer firefighters in uniform or turnout gear, carrying lighted open wicked lamps, march through our town at night. A number of marching bands are interspersed within the parade. It is a very spectacular sight.

For more info please visit Warburton Fire Brigade CFA on facebook
Here are the winners of the Combined Catholic Parishes raffle 2015 drawn on 22 May. Congratulations to the successful ticket holders – and thank you for your support of our parish.

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Ringwood

All choir members are invited to come and sing at the First Eucharist Mass this Sunday 31st May at 11am at St Thomas à Becket Church, Yarra Junction.