*** Supervision of students at St Joseph’s School is from 8.40am until 3.20pm ***

Dear Parents and Friends,

Canberra Camp

We have returned with all safe and well after having an extraordinarily successful visit to our nation’s capital. During visits to both old and new parliament houses we grew to understand some of the complexities of our system of government, our constitution, and our preferential voting system. Some of our students carried the mace of the Speaker of the House, dressed in the robes of the Speaker, Sergeant-at –arms, Clerk of the House, and Governors-General! Some of us also participated in a smoking ceremony at the Aboriginal tent Embassy!

We explored science concepts at Questacon, met Olympians and watched training at the Australian Institute of Sport. We learned of the vision of Walter Burly Griffin for the new city of Canberra and how the site was determined. The Australian Museum intrigued us with all its wonders but the first ever Holden and Phar lap’s heart were very popular exhibits.

Rising at 4 am to be at the dawn service at the Australian War Museum on ANZAC Day was challenging but memorable. Among the 40,000 we were not able to see much but we heard all - but more importantly our students later recalled they felt “the specialness” of the experience. Throughout all of this our students were exemplary. All our staff members are really proud of their behaviour and participation of St Joseph’s students.

I would like to thank the staff for their generous participation! Camp means being on the go all day and night; and we had a 4 am start and a 5 am start, making very long days for no extra pay or time off! It was exhausting but really worthwhile for us all. There are hundreds of photos that display our many experiences accessible on our facebook page:facebook.com/stjosephsyarrajunction.

Eucharist Workshop 7pm Tuesday

All those parents and children in middle school and older interested in participating in the Eucharist program this year must attend the workshop to be held tomorrow night in the South Building.

Open Day Tuesday 7 May 8 am – 8 pm

Next Tuesday 7 May we invite visitors to tour the school under the skilled guidance of our senior students. All parents, relatives, neighbours and prospective parents are most welcome.

God bless us all,

John
ALIVE IN OUR FAITH

For the first few weeks of this term all classes are focusing on the Easter stories until Pentecost. We started off with the events of Holy Week. The gospels of Holy Week reflect on the last days of Jesus’ ministry. They reveal his integrity, his moral vision, his faithfulness to God, his love of others, his simplicity, his sense of service and his refusal of hatred and vengeance as the means of resolving conflict.

The students demonstrated their understanding of the events through the paraliturgies that they presented in the last week of term. Each level did well in representing their version of a particular event. The Foundation and Junior classes re-enacted Palm Sunday. The Middles performed the events of Holy Thursday including the washing of the feet, the Last Supper and the prayer and arrest in the garden of Gethsemane. The Seniors presented a thought-provoking display of the final hours of Jesus’ life.

The mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus is at the heart of Christian faith and was celebrated at a whole school Mass.

Wishing you all a good week,

Karen McQuade
Leader of Christian Life

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday – 4.30pm
Sacred Heart Church, Warburton

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

LAST WEEKENDS READINGS

Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 14:21-27
Paul and Barnabas journey extensively, returning to Antioch.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1

Second Reading: Rv 21:1-5
John sees a new Jerusalem.


Gospel: Jn 13:31-35
Jesus issues a new commandment, love one another.

THIS WEEKENDS READINGS

Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
The Apostles decide not to burden the Gentiles unnecessarily.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 66:2-3. 5-6. 8. R. v.4

Second Reading: Rv 21:10-14, 22-23
An angel shows John the new Jerusalem.

Rv 22:12-14, 16-17. 20


Gospel: Jn 14:23-29
Jesus leaves peace as his farewell. Jn 17:20-26
Australian Government assistance for National Capital excursion

Last week students from our school have undertaken an educational tour of the national capital. While on this tour they participated in a variety of educational programmes focused on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist you (the parent) in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $30 per eligible student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate programme toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school on completion of the excursion.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

We know that the excursion was a rewarding experience for all students.
As my brain is still recovering from Senior camp …. I will keep this short and sweet this week. There are just a few notices for upcoming opportunities being offered to St Joseph students.

1) The “Have Sum Fun Online” mathematics competition begins on the 20th May. This is an online team competition for Year 5 and 6 students. The response from students has allowed us to make both a grade 5 and a grade 6 team. The organisers of this event (Mathematics Association of Western Australia) have informed me last week that they are taking late entries. Students who did not return the note last term but are interested in taking part in this, need to see me by THIS WEDNESDAY (1st May). I am happy to enter a second team if we get enough students.

2) St Joseph’s School is providing the opportunity for students in Grades 3 to 6 to participate in the UNSW International Competitions in English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing. Information about these competitions is being sent home today to all students in Grades 3 to 6 (yellow note). If you are interested in your child taking part in one, some or all of these competitions, please return the permission form and entry fee/s to the office by Wednesday 8th May 2013. If you have any enquiries, please feel free to contact me.

3) The final opportunity being offered is the Mathematical Challenge for Young Australians (MCYA). The MCYA Primary Enrichment Program targets the top 20 per cent of primary students in Years 5 and 6. This enrichment program commences shortly and runs for approximately 6 months. Students are provided with a textbook that contains valuable enrichment mathematics which they can keep as reference. Students work their way through the systematic structured course over the duration of the program, and submit their workings at the conclusion of the competition period. Most of the work for this program will need to be completed in the students own time, however I will meet with participating students on a weekly basis. Interested students should speak to me as soon as possible so that I can provide them with further information.

Cheers,
Lisa Bourke
School Mathematics Leader
lbourke@sjyarrajunction.catholic.edu.au

Q: What does the zero say to the eight?
A: Nice belt!

Q: Why was 6 afraid of 7?
A: Because 7, 8, 9.
Hi all,

Upcoming events:

Here we are Term 2 already!!!! Events to be discussed at the next meeting tonight (Monday 29th April) include: the Mother’s Day Stall, Lap-a-thon, Bunnings BBQ and Disco. We will be able to update on Term 2 events after the next meeting.

Mother’s Day Stall
The Mother’s Day Stall is to be on Friday 10th April. Times and more details will be discussed tonight. If you would like to assist with setting up the stall, selling items and assisting the children on the day please contact Cathy on 0409 187 166 or leave your name with Sue at the office.

Footy Tipping (round 5)
Results at round 5 – The Tigers were robbed of a win, Johnny I has just made it to first place with the Scoble family second and Bill Hendriks in third place. Well done all.

Parents & Friends Goals for 2013:
- Update our school Library by replacing old stock and purchasing much needed new books.
- Tables to go with the new furniture in the South Building.
- A Path leading from the school to the SPA centre.
- A Pie Warmer for more hot lunch days.

The Parents & Friends committee are happy to welcome more members, many hands make light work. We are meeting 2 times per term during 2013, but you don’t have to attend meetings if you can’t or prefer not to. We have lots of events and activities proposed for this year; for example, Disco, Bushdance, Shopping Tour, Trivia Night and we are always open for suggestions.

The next Parents and Friends meeting is, tonight, Monday 29th April in the staff room at 7pm. We would love to see you there.

Thanks from the P & F Team
Yarra Valley Uniforms

The Uniform Shop is open on **Tuesdays** after school.

Donna’s contact number is: 0427 516 375.

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**Book Club News**

The brochures for Book Club Issue No. 3 have been sent home with your children last week.

Please return any orders to the office by **Friday 3rd May**.

Thank you!

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**WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN STICKERS ARE ON AGAIN:**

More sticker sheets are available from the office.

*Thank you to Ruby Mellett, William Smith, Joel Lunson, Cash, Sophie and Scarlett Atkins, Lily Woods, Charli Vandersluis, Mason Cole, Harry and Charlotte Vranken, the Taylor family, the Nicolandos family, Tahlia Robin, Joshua Peels, Peter Scoble, Genevieve and Ethan Linder, the Enever family, Graeme and Sue L who have brought in stickers already!*

*Thank you to all the families who have placed stickers directly into the box at Woolworths.*

*Total at school so far is – 1740*

*Can we beat last year’s total?*

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There are still some CAR CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE CHEQUES FOR TERM ONE 2013 available for collection from the office. These may be signed over to go towards school fees.

Please note that, due to changes in the processing of claims, we are issuing a cheque for first term now and the cheque in fourth term will be for the remaining three terms if you are still eligible.
Years 5 & 6 Transition Evening
Maths, Science and Information Technology
Wednesday 8 May 2013
6.45pm - 9.00pm
MOUNT LILYDALE MERCY COLLEGE
120 Anderson Street, Lilydale, 3140  Ph: 9735 4022

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION
MONDAY 13TH MAY 7:30 PM

Little Yarra
Primary School
264 Little Yarra Road
Yarra Junction
Tel: 9677 1762

2013 marks our 10th year offering the VCE. As of this year, students have the option to choose an
ATAR-oriented school, University entrance.

Class 11 students have the opportunity of undertaking articulate projects.

All students participate in the learning through various VCE preparation programs.

Enrolment forms and packages are available for Academic and
ATAR-oriented courses.

Prospective parents are encouraged to attend the School’s open evening.

Book online to see a place for the High School Information evening

www.lyss.vic.edu.au
Yarra Valley's primary in K-12 Primary School