Dear Parents and Friends,

What a week we had! Book week celebrated with the costume day and visits to the YJ Library; Prep Enrolment Night; an early morning School Leadership Meeting; a very professional Staff Meeting led by Simone Traynor; Memorial Mass for Scott Francis; Playgroup started; a successful Parents and Friends Meeting; an engaging Young Mary Production; and the Learning Ladder Party! All signs of an active and alive community and school. St Joseph’s is blessed with the large number of extra curricula activities that support and enrich the educational programs and the community. These include Fast for Word, Reading Recovery, the choir and choral groups, class Masses.

**Literacy and Numeracy Night Tuesday**

All families are encouraged to attend on Tuesday night. The staff has prepared an interesting night for all so we hope to see you all there.

**“Have Your Say” Attitude Surveys**

Each year Catholic schools in Melbourne participate in surveys of staff, parents and students. You may have participated in recent years. All Staff and students receive online surveys and a randomly selected group of parents are invited to complete either paper or online surveys. Because of this some may be chosen repeatedly and some not at all! We request that if you are selected that you treat the opportunity seriously and respond. The information gathered will be used to direct St Joseph’s goals over the next few years. So have your say!! Parent surveys will be distributed during the week.

**Parents and Friends Association - PFA**

Your committee is well under way in planning for The BIG Night Out on 17 September! The Australiana theme means you need to dust off your cork hats. So, get your tickets early and SAVE!

**Play Group**

I would like to invite parents of any young children to consider participating in our informal playgroup here at school on Wednesdays.

**Prep Enrolment**

I would like to invite parents of next year’s preps to make a 15minute appointment to meet me with your child over the next few weeks so we can get to know one another. Please contact the office for available times. Thank you to those who have already done so.

**Chickens**

If you would be prepared to go on a roster to tend to chickens on the weekends with collecting the eggs, checking food and some exercise, please return the form and we will contact you. Thank you to those who answered last week.

God bless us all,
John
Principal
ALIVE IN OUR FAITH

**Gospel**    Mt 16:21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself. Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. ‘Heaven preserve you, Lord,’ he said. ‘This must not happen to you.’ But he turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God’s way but man’s.’ Then Jesus said to his disciples, ‘If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

‘For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.’

**Weekend Mass Times**

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

**THIS WEEKENDS READINGS**

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** Jer 20:7-9
Despite discouragement, God's word burns in Jeremiah's heart.

**Psalm:** Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2
My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

**Second Reading:** Rom 12:1-2
Offer yourself as a living sacrifice.

**Gospel Acclamation:** See Eph 1:17-18

**Gospel:** Mt 16:21-27
Jesus reveals his future death, rebukes Peter.

**NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS**

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** Ez 33:7-9
Ezekiel is to be the watchman for Israel.

**Psalm:** Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8
If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

**Second Reading:** Rom 13:8-10
Love your neighbour.

**Gospel Acclamation:** 2 Cor 5:19

**Gospel:** Mt 18:15-20
Find ways to win others over; prayer shall be answered.
This week’s morning fitness roster:

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<td>Meet outside office. Run around cross country track and oval</td>
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Not on this week:

| Pentathlon | SPA gym | Art room (Mon, Tues, Fri) or Church Meeting room (Wed, Thurs) |
| Games | Basketball court | SPA gym (one third) |
On Thursday 25th August, Starrs Production Company treated St Joseph’s students to a performance on the life of young Mary MacKillop.

BOOKWEEK
On Thursday 25th August, the Promotions Group asked students and staff to dress as a character from a selected book or their favourite book character.
Music: Count Us In

On **Thursday 1st September at 11.30am** St Joseph’s School, along with 1900 other schools across Australia, is participating in this year’s **Music: Count Us In**.

This project, run by the Music Council of Australia with support from the Australian Government, is Australia’s biggest school music initiative. It is all about celebrating the value of music education to students’ development, whoever they are, wherever they are. It involves schools all over Australia signing up to learn, rehearse then perform the same song, on the same day, at the same time.

And so, at 11.30am on Thursday we will gather in the SPA to perform this year’s song, **We’ve Got the Music**. It won’t be a polished performance – the emphasis is on everyone participating and enjoying singing and making music together. Parents are most welcome to come along and join in.

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**CHILDREN’S ACHIEVEMENTS**

Congratulations to **Hardy Nagel** and **Tayla Nagel** who competed in the Edge Martial Arts Tournament.
Hardy was awarded **2nd** place in Sword Combat and Tayla won **1st** place in Kata.

**WELL DONE!**

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**HATS ON DAY**

**Thursday 1st September**

School hats must be worn at play and sport

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**STUDENT AWARDS**

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24th August 2011

Dear Parents

SEASONS : A PROGRAM FOR GRIEF AND LOSS

We are seeking interest for our Seasons Program. Seasons is a peer support program designed for children who have experienced a loss in their lives. This may be a result of death, separation or divorce.

The program runs for approximately 8 weeks and will use the season’s highlight and explore feelings and behaviours related to loss. Groups will be small and run be a companion who has been trained, this will be me. Sessions will take place during school time and run for about 40 minutes. At the end of the program we will gather for a small celebration.

If you would like your child to participate, please fill in the form below and return it to school. I anticipate beginning next term. I am available on a Wednesday to discuss and explain the program further.

Yours sincerely

Prue Vanstan
Wellbeing Leader

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SEASONS PROGRAM: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST 2011

I would like my child/children ________________________________
to take part in the Seasons Program.

Reason for attending ________________________________

Parent name: ________________________________

Signature: ________________________________
**Our Community at Work**

**Yarra Valley Uniforms**

Navy Polar Fleece Vests with school emblem now available $35 (all sizes available including adults!)

The Uniform Shop is open on **Wednesdays**. Note change of day. Donna’s contact number is 0427 516 375.

*Remember to keep receipts to claim on your Education Tax Refund next year.*

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The **Father's Day Stall** will be held this Friday 2nd September. Helpers are required for setup and wrapping on Wednesday 31st, 1:30p.m. – 3:00p.m. Helpers are also required on the day for the stall, Friday 2nd September, 1:15p.m. – 3:00p.m. **Text Jo on 0403 504096 if you can help or leave your name at the office. Children may bring up to $10 to spend at the Father's Day Stall.**

The **Big Night Out** will be held on Saturday 17th September. Early bird discount tickets at $25 per head, due back by this Friday 2nd September. Enjoy an Aussie themed night of great food, fun games and dancing!

**Footy Tipping Leaders** at the end of Round 23 are Drew Cummings, Nicole C. and Dean Cerveri! Well done!

Please note that at the completion of round 24 all 'Tip 8' monies will be available for collection at the office.

**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](http://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.

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

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**VOUCHERS, DOCKETS AND BOTTLE CAPS!!!!!!!!!!!**

We have lots of opportunities to obtain free goods for our school.

If you (or family members) shop at Woolworths or Coles please keep the vouchers (Coles) and doockets (Woolworths) for our school.

If you drink Paul’s milk please send in the especially marked Paul’s bottle caps.
We are able to help tend the chickens.

We prefer to be rostered on ○ Saturday ○ Sunday ○ Either.

Our family name is: ..........................................................