Dear Parents and Friends,

This is a very full and challenging week!!

Below you will find some notes about the Commonwealth’s response to the Gonski report. We also have the action of school staff against the Victorian Government whose offer of pay increase for the next 4 years is below CPI and a long way from what was promised in the last election: to increase from the second lowest paid to the best paid in the nation. **St Joseph’s will be closed on Wednesday because most staff are participating in political action.**

**The facts on Catholic school funding**

You may have seen recent media reports about possible changes to government funding for Catholic schools. The media reports have confirmed analysis undertaken by the Catholic Education Commission Victoria Ltd (CECV) of the funding proposals currently being considered by the Australian Government. Almost one in four Victorian students attends a Catholic school. On average, they receive 20 per cent less government funding than if they went to government schools.

The families who choose to send their children to Catholic schools are pretty similar to government school families. Catholic schools tend to charge low fees, so that more families can make that choice for their children. The CECV is particularly concerned by the impact on Catholic education if this approach to school funding is adopted. A large number of Victorian Catholic primary schools, including schools working with disadvantaged communities in Victoria, would lose substantial amounts of funding.

At this time it is unclear what this could mean for our own school. The Australian Government is expected to provide further information soon. The CECV is monitoring the situation closely and will provide further information when more is known.

Catholic Education will continue discussions with the Australian Government, to ensure that the funding gap between Catholic schools and Government schools is reduced and government funding keeps pace with the cost of educating a child in a Government school.

Further information will be available over the coming weeks about the future of funding for our school. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me. There is also more information at [www.ceomelb.catholic.edu.au](http://www.ceomelb.catholic.edu.au).
St Joseph’s Cross

The Sisters of St Joseph who founded St Joseph’s School at Warburton and Yarra Junction have donated the 1.5m cross in the picture from their convent in Warburton that has been closed. We have installed the cross on the only wall that does justice to its size; in the multipurpose/art room.

Thank you to Mr Manning and Graeme for its daring installation.

Hooptime
Our middle and senior students had a great time. We were also quite successful. The senior boys and girls both made it through to the grand final unfortunately both losing by one point! The middles were more successful winning 2 of their grand finals. Please read the report by Kailee further on.

Assembly
Tomorrow we gather to celebrate our learning led by Middle M.

Working bee
The honour roll of workers includes Jeff Dolhequy, John Tie, Minna Nyhuis, Jodie Nagel, Lesley Lambrick, Robbie Henry, and Steve Cox. The main job of painting the stage ceiling was completed, and half of the mulch was moved. The next working bee is on 20 October.

God bless us all,

John

Some 2013 Preps settling in and having fun at transition
In the Gospel reading yesterday, Jesus told the parable of the master who entrusted talents, which were valuable coins, to his servants while he was away. Two of the servants used the talents to make more money while the third one hid it away, fearing that he might lose it. The master scolded the third servant for being lazy and took his talent, giving it to one of the other servants.

The message that Jesus was trying to convey to his followers, which still applies to us today, is that our abilities (gifts or talents) are our special gifts that God gave to each of us. He made some of us smarter about some things than others. Some of us are good at memorising, some of us are better at certain sports, and some of us are better at knowing how to help others. Some can solve problems better and some are more generous. Our ability is something special we have that’s different than anyone else.

The point Jesus was trying to make is that if you use your special gifts and abilities God will give you more to keep doing these things you are good at. He will trust you with so much more.

If you have a chance to do something for God that he gave you special abilities for and you don't do it, you will lose your special gift.

In the next week, let us reflect on our unique qualities and abilities and consider if they can be used to serve others as Jesus did.

Karen McQuade
Religious Life Leader
FAST FORWARD

Our FFW students have settled in beautifully and are enjoying their successes. We encourage parents to come in and see their children at work. Please ensure the timetable outside the FFW room is filled in as we only allow two parents per session so the children aren’t overwhelmed by too many visitors. Looking forward to seeing you soon.
The FFW Team

FAST FORWARD STUDENTS SAY

* Jake: FFW is a happy and friendly place, it is so FUN!
  * Carla: it helps you so much and you concentrate.
    * Jack: Ant eater is the best. FFW is fun.
    * Kane: Leaping Lizards is the best!
  * Mason: I like being on a computer and all the fun games.
* Josh: I like FFW because it makes me smarter and I'm now getting questions right in class.
  * Lily: FFW is fun.
* Mychal: I like FFW because it is quiet and everyone is friends.
* Sammy: FFW is helping my skills improve and I'm having so much fun.

THE PIED PIPER TICKETS

Any tickets ordered up until 3pm tomorrow (4th September) will be sent home on Thursday.
The Pied Piper
By Malcolm Sircom
By arrangement with Musicline Productions

Proudly presented by St. Joseph’s Catholic Primary School, Yarra Junction
at our own
Sports & Performing Arts Centre

- Tuesday 11th September 2012
  - Matinee Performance – 12.30pm
  - Evening Performance – 7:30pm

- Thursday 13th September 2012
  - Evening Performance – 7:30pm

TICKET ORDER FORM

Family Name: ____________________________   Contact number:________________

Tickets to be collected by / sent home with:_______________________  Class:_____________

- Seats are numbered and tickets will be allocated on a “first come-first served” basis.
- Tickets will not be allocated until payments are received.
- Students participating in the performance do not require a ticket.

Please put number of tickets in the appropriate boxes

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Melbourne Writers Festival 2012

On the 28th of August, 20 Senior students went to the Melbourne Writer’s festival. There were authors such as Andy Griffiths, Jackie French, Morris Gleitzman, John Larkin, Linda Sue Parks and Carol Wilkinson. There was one of the biggest illustrators in Australia, whose name is Terry Denton. Terry Denton produced the TV series GASP.

Andy Griffiths is a really funny man but a bad drawer. He has written over 10 books with Terry Denton, who he has known for a very long time. Andy is a very interesting man with a lot of stories.

Jackie French is very good in her history and is a very talkative lady who loves writing stories with her own life experiences. For this reason she feels that she doesn’t write fiction. It takes her about three years to write a book. Someone asked if Jackie would ever work with Morris Gleitzman and she responded that they have very different approaches to writing and that it would be difficult for them.

John Larkin was Amazing because he told stories that were very funny or sad. He is a Sydney-based author and screenwriter he was born in England but grew up in the western suburbs of Sydney. He now writes full-time.
Linda Sue Parks talked about the fortune game where you had to place objects on a table such as a pen which meant you would grow up to be a writer, also money and you would grow up to be rich, and there was a thread and you would have a long life. A book represented becoming a teacher - there were a few more objects. Everyone enjoyed themselves and it was a great day.

Thank you to Mr Colley and Mrs Vanstan for making it such a brilliant day.

Written by: Taylah R, Kendra S, Andrew K and James L.

On Friday the thirty first of August, the five six senior classes went to Hoop Time to compete with other schools in a match of basketball.

The atmosphere was loud and hectic to start off but as the day went on you wouldn’t have realised because you were part of that noise. As a player I loved cheering on my team mates and the other St. Joes teams, I’m sure the parents and teachers felt the same way too.

The boys St. Joes all-stars team got into the grand final and played a brilliant game. In the end they only lost by a point which was a great effort well done to that team (Riley P, Noah A, Jake P, Jack B and Rhys F) The girls all-star team also got into the grand final and also lost by one point to lunching place all-star girls. The score was sixteen to fifteen, with one second to go they got the final goal which was on the siren; they got the two points that made the score sixteen to seventeen. Good job to Sally M, Jamie H, Holly M, Amy B, Sienna C, Jasmine H, Kendra S and myself Kailee R, and all the rest of the teams from the all-stars and the future stars.

I really loved this day it was the best Hoop Time by far. I’m sure everyone else did too. It is a great day to experience.

Also a big thank-you to the parents that helped score, coach, organise and other things, we really appreciate your support, and the teachers for making this day possible especially Mrs Traynor.

By Kailee Robinson.
This week’s morning fitness roster:

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**CHILDREN’S ACHIEVEMENTS**
- Congratulations to Melinda Virgona and Grace Robinson who were awarded the highest mark in their Tap exam.

**WELL DONE!**
Important information about accident protection for students*

Dear Parent

Every day there are accidents involving children. To assist parents with costs associated with those accidents, we have SchoolCare Accident insurance provided by Catholic Church Insurances Limited. The SchoolCare Accident policy provides protection to all students attending our school.

The 24 hour cover includes accidental injury cover 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and provides lump sum benefits under Section 1 of the policy. Non-Medicare medical expenses are only payable in relation to activities such as:

– attending school
– engaging in a sporting activity
– a secondary student undertaking a work experience program
– voluntary services to a religious, charitable, educational or benevolent organisation
– youth activities organised by a voluntary association such as Guides or Scouts or
– travelling to or from the above activities.

Cover is worldwide.

Our policy covers three important areas of care and any one accident may be claimable under one or more of these areas. Cover includes:

Up to $7,500 inclusive per accident for medical costs (excluding any Medicare expenses or the Medicare Gap) from the following registered medical practitioners:

• Dentist
• Chiropractor
• Osteopath
• Physiotherapist
• Remedial massage
• Podiatry
• Acupuncture, and also costs from a
• Chemist, and
• Hospital accommodation and facility fees.

Please note:
Federal legislation in Australia prohibits Catholic Church Insurances from covering:

• the cost of any medical service for which a Medicare benefit is payable
• the Medicare Gap or
• the cost of any hospital treatment or other benefit unless the cost arises from an injury while taking part in certain activities, such as:
  – attending school
  – engaging in a sporting activity
  – a secondary student undertaking a work experience program
  – voluntary services to a religious, charitable, educational or benevolent organisation
  – youth activities organised by a voluntary association such as Guides or Scouts or
  – travelling to or from the above activities.
The Uniform Shop is open on **Tuesdays** after school.

Donna’s contact number is: 0427 516 375.

**NOTE:** Students are required to wear a school hat from 1st September until 1st May.

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**YARRA JUNCTION JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB**

**IS YOUR CHILD INTERESTED IN PLAYING CRICKET?**

The Yarra Junction Junior Cricket Club welcomes your child to **come to training to see you like it**, have fun, develop new friendships, be part of a team and be taught the game of Cricket by our skilled coaches.

**COME AND HAVE A TRY.**

**Training and Registration is on the following days.**

**Under 12’s** - Every Tuesday **from 4th September 2012** @ 4.30 pm to 6.00 pm at the Yarra Junction Oval

**Under 14’s** - Every Wednesday **from 5th September 2012** @ 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm at the Yarra Junction Oval

**Under 16’s** - Every Thursday **from 6th September 2012** @ 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm at the Yarra Junction Oval

Age groups are Under 12's, 14's & 16's as at 1/09/12.

IN2Cricket will be commencing in October 2012 for the 5 to 9 age group.

If you require any more information, please ring Denis Jenkinson on 5966 6482 A.H or 0408 590 147 or Paula Nightingale on 5966 7313 A.H or 0425 895 256

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**WINNERS OF THE FATHER’S DAY STALL RAFFLE**

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**WORKING BEE**

Thank you to the following families that attended the Working Bee:

- Cox
- Henry/Lambrick
- Nagel
- Nyhuis
- Tie
- Dolheguy