Some Reflections from our Circus Performers:

Monty said that he learned new tricks that were hard!

Blair said, “The program was tricky, challenging; that I enjoyed facing the challenge, and I was frustrated and then relieved when I got there.”

Angus said” The plate was so hard to learn, so annoying when it kept falling off but if you keep on trying even 50 times then you get so relaxed and pleased when you achieve it.”

HARRY SAID” IT WAS NERVE WRACKING ON STAGE WONDERING IF I WOULD SUCCEED, BUT I FELT SO GOOD WHEN THE PLATE WAS ON MY FINGER.”

Lincoln said, “If you practice every day you will learn anything.” We had fun.

It felt good to learn things that others couldn’t do.

I thought I was like a footballer who has to practice to get better every day. It was easier to learn when your friends encouraged you. I learned how to make a sock boy.

It was fun. You had to ruminate! If at first you don’t succeed.

Practice. Persistence. Listen to instructions carefully.

Watch others to learn. If you keep trying you learn more.

Persistence and patience are cousins.

It took courage to go on stage.

It made my brain really work hard.
Circus learning is not boring but fun. We had to work as a team.

The learning was really difficult but I kept trying.

Practice Practice Practice Practice Practice makes perfect!
If you keep trying you get better.

If I practice my spelling as much it will get better too.

When you have a goal at the start it seems too hard, but if you keep on trying you get better and then it becomes fun.
ST JOSEPH’S BUSH DANCE

With
“Five and a Zack”

Friday September 11th
From 6.30pm
In the SPA
Cost: Donation

BYO Dinner

Dancing
7.00—9.00pm

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

TO ASSIST WITH OUR ORGANISATION FOR THE NIGHT COULD YOU PLEASE RETURN THE SLIP BELOW BY TUESDAY 8th SEPT.

St Joseph’s Bush Dance

Family Name: ...........................................

will be coming to the
Bush Dance.

☐ No of Adults

☐ No of Children
G’day parents and friends,

Bush Dance Friday 11 September 6:30 - 9pm

We know there are some netball finals and presentations on the same night but hope that families will still be able to come even if a bit late! All the children have been learning bush dances as part of the Performing Arts program. To use these skills we have been lucky enough to book Five and a Zack to play music for us. All families are invited to come to see your children dance and then to join them in a rollicking good time. We had one a few years ago that was great fun! Book the date and come along for the cost of a donation! Please return the attendance slip to assist with planning.

Little Devils Circus Performance
The turnout of parents for the performance on Tuesday received a great treat. We were pleased with the manner in which the children tackled their challenges, and were able to present their new skills. During and after the program many of the children were able to articulate about their learning. Some comments are attached.

New Book Sale
Our book bazaar in which students and parents will have opportunities to browse and purchase will be in the parish meeting room on Thursday and Friday 2-4 pm. In the past some parents have surreptitiously bought books for birthdays and Christmas. The school receives part of the turnover. Don’t feel compelled to purchase, but we wish to encourage reading and these books are at a reduced price. The children will bring home a wish list to show you.

Middles Sport CHANGE Thursday 10 September
It was most unfortunate that the forecast for today was so bad that the sports were postponed till next week. We hope this hasn’t inconvenienced anyone too much. Parents are most welcome to attend to watch, support and help! Our children will walk to and from the high school. Please let your teachers know.

Camp Program
Among several goals of our camp program is to develop independence. Tomorrow night our Foundation students will be sleeping over at school! Wish us well!!

God bless us all,
John
Open Your Eyes!
Sometimes I stop rushing around and realise that I rarely hear birds singing. I stay pretty busy. My mind stays pretty focused on the new task or appointment.

And I miss the birds. And I fear I miss other cries as well – the cries of people who need me. ‘Be opened!’ Jesus commands in this week’s Gospel. He restores a man’s hearing and gives him the power to speak. I wonder what that man heard after that. I bet he heard the sighs of lonely people who needed his time. I bet he stopped and sat with them. I bet he heard pleas of hunger from poor people. I bet he stopped and fed them. I bet he heard the cries of people who were rejected or suffering. I bet he stopped and embraced them.

Many people in our families, our schools, our jobs, and our world need our ears opened. Many don’t want our advice. They just want us to listen without judgement while they talk about what hurts.

Others need us to stand up with and for them at school or in our community. They need us to listen closely to understand their problems. Others, like parents and mentors, are crying to offer us advice for life. They need us to listen to their wisdom without getting defensive. Do we hear the cries or advice as we go through life? Or do we rush so quickly that we miss them? This week, each day, ask Jesus to open your ears so you can listen closely. People will come across your path who need you to listen, or to whom you need to listen.

Karen McQuade
Christian Life Leader

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

LAST WEEKENDS READINGS
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Reading: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8
By obeying God, Israel shows wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 142:2-5. R. v.1

Second Reading: Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27
All truly valuable gifts come from above.

Gospel Acclamation
Jas 1:18

Gospel: Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Jesus confronts the Pharisees, who pay only lip service to God.

THIS WEEKENDS READINGS
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Reading: Is 35:4-7
God comes with vindication.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 145:7-10. R. v.1

Second Reading: Jas 2:1-5
Do not judge by appearance.

Gospel Acclamation
cf. Mt 4:23

Gospel: Mk 7:31-37
Jesus heals the deaf man.
We listened to Abdi Adan who is a Somalian Refugee. He spoke to us about his life as a refugee and the work that he does now in Australia.

We met Sally Rippin who is the author of “Hey Jack and “Billie B Brown” series. She spoke to us about the importance of using a notebook to record our ideas when writing.

Emily Rodda spoke to us about her series Deltora Quest. While we listened, her illustrator Marc McBride airbrushed a dragon. At the end of the presentation one lucky school won the picture and that was us!!

We had a fantastic day listening to authors, buying books and experiencing a great day at the city. We look forward to coming again next year.
COLDSTREAM ANIMAL AID NEEDS YOUR HELP

Due to a long and cold winter, Coldstream Animal Aid is low on supplies to keep their fur babies warm.

If you have any old blankets or towels please donate them.

There is a box just outside the office for another week.

Warm your heart by warming theirs.

Thanks for your generosity.
St. Josephs is having a Book Fair next week in the church meeting room.
The children will be taken through by their class teachers and will fill out a wish list to say which books they are interested in & the cost. This is an indication only & may help guide some parents who are looking to buy birthday or even Christmas presents early.
On Wednesday and Thursday, the children will be given the opportunity to purchase books if they have brought in some money to do so.
The Book Fair will also be open to parents & any interested friends to buy books on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th from 2–4pm.

There will be some book voucher door prizes for those who come to the Fair, so see you there!

**REMEMINDER**
Scholastic Book Club orders are due in to the office by tomorrow, Friday 4th Sept.
Thank you.
Our Community at Work

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Father's Day stall - Friday 4th September
Helpers needed please. Contact PFA members or leave your details at the office.

Hot dog lunch day - Friday 18th September

Shopping Tour - Saturday 17th October

Your Goal!

Find 4 friends to form a 5 a-side kids soccer team

Free!!

1. Get a team together from your school or friends.
2. Come up with a cool name.
3. And join us.

WHERE
Wickhams Oval, Wickhams Rd, Launching Place

WHEN
Sunday 6 September 10 am

WHY
To form a local soccer competition for kids in the valley

Call Leon - 0408 588 047 - or visit our website
valleynkidsoccer.com.au

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN PROGRAM CONTINUES

Thank you to all families who have sent in stickers or who have put their stickers in the box at Woolworths.
Keep Collecting!

Woolworths Yarra Junction has run out of stickers BUT please keep your docket until we work out how they will be honoured.