G’day parents and friends,

Mrs Karen McQuade
Karen was taken unwell at school on Monday morning and taken to hospital by ambulance. Some of you and your children would have observed this. She is much better. We ask God to bless her and we look forward to Karen returning to us soon!

School Closure Day Friday 12 August
On this day the staff will be participating in professional learning with our colleagues from other Catholic schools. This day will be held in Yea so no staff will be on site here on that day.

Masses
The Junior classes celebrated Mass this week. Fr Michel praised their participation and behaviour. Next week parents and friends are invited to join the seniors on Wednesday 10 August 9am.

Social Justice Learning
This week a dozen seniors participated in a social justice conference in Kilsyth at which they learned of the randomness and inequalities in the sharing of resources in Australia, in and between countries. We are encouraging them to ask why this is so, and to consider ways that we could make this more just. Some of the students will write up some of their reflections to share with you.

Choir
We wish our choir well in their competition tomorrow. Last year they won this Warragul Eisteddfod. They do sound beautiful again this year, but we are happy to do our best and have a chance to hear other schools!

Dates
Friday 5 August: Warragul Eisteddfod tomorrow
Tuesday 9 August: Confirmation Workshop 7pm in the classroom; Middles Hooptime
Wed 10 August: Foundation 2017 Open day 9-10 Performing Arts; 2:30 Assembly
Friday 12 August: School Closure Day

Secondary School Process
Next week students who have applied for government school places will be informed of their allocated school. If you are not accepting any places please inform that school immediately.
Those considering a Catholic secondary school are reminded that applications for Year 7 are now required to be submitted in Year 4!

Enrolments
Please encourage friends and neighbours to consider our great school. Parents are our best promoters! Applications are available from the office. If your children are not returning to St Joseph’s in 2017 please let us know as soon as possible.

God bless us all, John

Jesus is telling us to live our lives so that we will be ready for him when he comes because none of us know when that will be. And how can we be ready for him? We can be ready by loving God and loving and caring for each other. That means sharing what we have with our family and friends. And it means helping without being asked. We should always remember to be kind to all of God’s people. If you do all these little things now, it will be so much easier to do God's will as you grow up.

Of course we have to take care of our own lives. We have to do homework if we want to do well in school. If we are sick, we need to go to the doctor. Our parents need to work to provide a home and food for us. That is what God expects us to do.

But Jesus is telling us that we should not let worry about those things take most of our energy. We should trust in God and know that God loves us and cares for us. One way that God shows care is by giving us parents, teachers, doctors, police etc. But God, and our faith in God, should be the centre of our lives. God wants us to talk to him. God wants us to share our worries and fears, and then do our best to work them out, knowing that he is with us at our side.

We need to have trust in God, and really believe in our hearts that God loves us, and will care for us, just as he does the birds and the flowers. We are precious to God.
Wellbeing Desk

We have certainly started Term 3 with gusto and lots on the Wellbeing agenda. We sent 12 Senior Students to Teach the Teacher program at St Patrick’s in Lilydale last week. This program was developed by the Victorian Student Representative Council, initially as a secondary school model, however this year the program has been redesigned to include Year 5 and 6’s. We at St Joseph’s are one of only 6 schools in Victoria to start the program in the primary school setting. Teach the Teacher is a student-led professional learning program for teachers, where everyone has a voice.
Teach the Teacher provides a space for students, teachers and principals to connect, explore and share ideas in a constructive and judgement free environment.
Teach the Teacher:

• empowers students to have impact on their education and school environment
• encourages meaningful student participation and contribution to the learning process
• engages the whole school community with a collaborative approach to change
• enhances school values by focusing on what matters to your school

Our team are going to explore student safety with us and will begin working together with me and then with the staff. We are looking forward to their input and ideas.

On Friday we had a very vibrant and exciting 45 minute performance from Maiya from The NED show. The NED Show is a character education program that centres around three important messages that have lifelong relevance:

Never give up
Encourage others
Do your best

Maiya blew us away with her acting, storytelling, magic and of course yo-yo tricks. The children were mesmerized! The message of never giving up, encouraging others and doing your best resonated with the children and encouraged lots of great conversation. The yo-yo’s from the show were available to purchase at playtimes until Thursday. There is a yo-yo area at school for the children to practice their new skills as well as lots of on line information to support the messages and the tricks. www.theNEDshow.com. Once again children did not need to purchase a yo-yo, it was parental choice.

We have another group of Senior Students heading off to the Social Justice Conference this week. So what does it all mean? We are trying to provide relevant and real activities to support our children’s wellbeing, sense of voice and encourage them to be participants in all aspects of school life. The NED message is a simple but powerful one and certainly supports the idea that we all need to ensure we are filling our ‘buckets’ and those of our friends, family and community members.
If you need any more information, want a chat or need some ideas please contact me via the office.

Have a great week

Prue Vanstan

Wellbeing
UNIFORM SHOP
Please note that we can only accept cash or cheque at this time. The uniform shop will only be open on the FIRST MONDAY of every month after school – from approximately 3.00pm. If the first Monday is during school holidays or a public holiday, then it will open the following Monday.
Orders can be placed at any time using an order form available from the office. Second Hand Uniform will now be available from the uniform shop. Please consider donating your old uniform (in good condition) by bringing in to the uniform shop or leaving it at the office.

St Joseph’s Yarra Junction Community Facebook group-
https://www.facebook.com/groups/stjosephsyjcommunity
Parents and families are invited to join St Joseph's Yarra Junction Community Facebook group. The group aims to keep everyone up to date, share events and notices, as well as buy, swap and sell uniform.
This group is run by parents not school. This is not a space to discuss any grievances with the school, please take them to the leadership team or a member of the advisory board.

P & F Meeting – Next meeting – to be advised.
Parents and Friends are always looking for new members, everyone is welcome – mums, dads, grandparents… In Term 3 and 4 we will be running a father’s day stall, disco, Lapathon, shopping tour and looking for new ideas for hot lunch days, plus much more.

Parents and Friends Uniform – Clearance Order Form
Students may continue to wear the current uniform items during the changeover period of 2 years. Only available while stocks last.

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PAYMENT IS REQUIRED AT TIME OF ORDERING

Student’s Name: ________________________________ Class: _____

Parent Contact Name and Phone: ________________________________

☐ Please send order home with child ☐ I will collect from the office.
Costume helpers

If anyone would like to assist with costumes for the production, please contact Minna Nyhuis via text message on 0439614456

Minna is available for costume workshops on Mondays

KD's Pottery Classes

Yarra Junction
Hand building with clay
Kids classes (8 years plus)

Call Kaz on 0448 911 355
Classes run for 1 hour and 15 mins for $15 (includes clay and firing)

SATURDAY AUGUST 20th

The Reading Hour

FAMILY STORY TIME
11am with Maria

Family DOOR PRIZE
ticket drawn at noon (must be in attendance to be awarded prize)

Tickets given out between 11am - 11.30am

TOAST / COFFEE

Adult quiet read
In the library recently we have been weeding our picture books, which means going through them individually and taking out of circulation those that are worn beyond repair. As we have a few “classics” that our children have loved, we would like to replace them if possible. We are asking if any of you have any of these books at home and they are no longer being used, could you please consider donating them to our library, which will save us the expense of buying them new.

Also as **Book Week (20th - 26th August)** is fast approaching, a second-hand book sale would be a great way to celebrate and get the children thinking about reading. We would be very happy if any donations for this sale or replacement books could be left at the school office any time or brought to the library on a Thursday. Don’t forget to check Grandparent’s book shelves!

Here’s a list of those we would particularly like to replace, I’m sure your children will recognise some of these titles:

- **Bob Graham:** Sandy Beach, Let’s get a pup, The Wild, First there was Frances
- **Penny Dale:** Ten in the Bed  
  **Narelle Oliver:** The Hunt
- **Matt Ottley:** Faust’s Party
- **Lynley Dodd:** Hairy Maclary, Scattercat, Hairy Maclary from Donaldson’s Dairy, Hairy Maclary’s Bone, Wake Up Bear
- **Jenny Wagner:** The Bunyip of Berkely’s Creek
- **Eric Carle:** The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Possum Goes to School, The Mixed-Up Chameleon
- **Janell Cannon:** Verdi  
  **David McKee:** Elmer & Wilbur
- **John Heffernan:** Two Summers  
  **Tania Cox & David Miller:** Snap! Went Chester
- **Graeme Base:** Jungle Drums  
  **Rod Clement:** Just another Ordinary Day
- **A.B. Paterson:** Mulga Bill’s Bicycle
- **Babette Cole:** The Trouble with Mum, Princess Smartypants
- **Margaret Wild:** The Pocket Dogs
- **Roald Dahl:** The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me
- **Libby Glesson:** Where’s Mum?  
  **Mem Fox:** Possum Magic, Hattie and the Fox
- **Anthony Browne:** Willy & Hugh, Willy the Wizard, Willy the Champ
- **Gina Newton:** Possum Blossom
- **Paulette Bourgeois:** Franklin Fibs, Hurry Up Franklin, Franklin is lost
- **Pamela Allen:** Belinda
- **Judith Kerr:** Mog the forgetful cat, Mog’s Christmas, Mog & Bunny
- **Martin Baynton:** Jane and the Dragon  
  **Jeannie Baker:** Grandmother
- **Pat Hutchins:** Titch, Tidy Titch, You’ll soon grow into them Titch, Don’t forget the bacon

*Also any appropriate joke books or Captain Underpants books.

Thank you very much and happy reading!