NEWSLETTER NO: 27  Thursday 4th September 2014

*** Supervision of students at St Joseph’s School is from 8.35am until 3.20pm ***

G’day parents and friends,

PRODUCTION

It is expected that tickets will be available in the last week of term. It will be fantastic!

Tuesday October 14 - matinee and evening
Thursday October 16 - evening

Join the Growing Band at Tiqbiz!

“Whole School”

Users 64 (grown five!)

During the last week appointments have been planned by individual parents, absence notes have been received.

Don’t limit your child to “baby talk”

When around kids, it can be tempting to “dumb down” the way we talk, either to ensure that they understand what we mean, or simply because we find the way they talk cute and endearing.

However, research shows that the size of a child’s vocabulary in kindergarten predicts his or her ability to learn to read, so by using only “easy” words and simplified or even made up terms around your child, you are greatly limiting their ability to expand their vocabulary. Aside from this, making up words or changing the way they sound (saying “wuv” instead of “love,” for instance) can be confusing for a child who is just learning to speak.

Don’t be afraid to use a more sophisticated vocabulary around your child – they pick things up quicker than you might expect. This is true for children of all ages.

If you are using a new or complicated word around your child for the first time, take a moment to give details about the word and explain what it means.

Also, rather than going along with a child’s mispronunciation of something (as cute as it may be), try to correct them in a positive way. For example, if your child were to refer to an avocado and say “acado,” rather than repeating it the wrong way, you could say “Yes, you’re right! It’s an avocado.” Austraya instead of Australia is common with our senior students! Listen to your child’s speech and help them improve! Correct pronunciation has a powerful impact on correct spelling also!

God bless us all,

John
ALIVE IN OUR FAITH

Social Justice:

**STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION**

God wants us to take care of these gifts.

The Earth and all the people, plants and animals on it are gifts from God.

**How do we do this at St. Joseph’s?**

- **We reuse** boxes, cartons etc.
- **We reduce** our rubbish
- **We recycle** cardboard, paper
- **We pick up rubbish outside**
- **We look after plants**
- **Food scraps** for chickens

Karen McQuade, Christian Life Leader

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**Weekend Mass Times**

**Saturday – 4.30pm**
Sacred Heart Church, Warburton

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

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**LAST WEEKENDS READINGS**

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 62:2-6, 8-9. R. v.2

**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.

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**THIS WEEKENDS READINGS**

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. R. v.8

**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.
Great work is happening in the art room at present. Senior students are working simultaneously on their masks and designing and creating props for the Production. Junior students have been working with paper weaving and are experimenting with collage using tissue paper. The tissue paper images were inspired by illustrations in the story of the Little Red Hen and the Fox.

Students in the middles are developing a series of works at their own pace. This employs a variety of techniques, mediums and experimentation. At the end of term they will have at least 5 works that will use paint, collage, drawing and print making skills.

Foundation have worked with paint and learning to use painting tools, and the etiquette of working in a group situation. They have demonstrated wonderful listening skills and developed wonderfully vibrant work.

More Foundation class activities

We have been learning about dinosaurs.

And we are starting to explore Space.
Melbourne Writer’s Festival

Some Senior students were lucky enough to participate in the Melbourne Writer’s Festival where many of Australia’s great writers discussed their work with the public. We were able to ask them questions and some of us were lucky enough to have our books signed. The authors we saw were Morris Gleitzman, Kirsty Murray and Shaun Tan.

“I really enjoyed meeting Morris Gleitzman and watching the play about Loyal Creatures.”
Melinda

“I liked being the first one to get a new book signed. My book was called Sean. It was great to see the writers and meet them.”
Connor

“I liked hearing the play about Loyal Creatures and also what inspired him to write the novel Loyal Creatures.” Tiffany

“I really liked meeting Morris Gleitzman and Shaun Tan.” Max

“The writer’s festival was good fun. It was interesting to meet the authors and get them to sign our books.” Tilly

“It was wonderful listening to the interesting authors. I especially liked listening to Morris Gleitzman and his play which was performed for us. It was a great day.” Charlotte
Parenting ideas INSIGHTS

Building parent-school partnerships

Michael Grose

Being a great dad

Many dads tell me that they want a better relationship with their children, particularly their sons, than they had with their own fathers.

1. Spend time with your sons
A dad can do little wrong in the eyes of a young boy. From around the age of five years a boy thinks his dad is like superman. Ironically, he may give his mum a hard time at this stage. Dads need to spend as much time with their sons in those impressionable years as possible. They just need to be careful not to push their sons too hard or turn every game into a lesson. That’s when boys turn off their dads.

2. Don’t whimp out on discipline
Dads are traditionally the kings of play, but they can go missing when it comes to discipline. They get their kids excited by a game before going to bed, then expect their partner to settle them down. It helps if both parents can take their share of managing children’s behaviour.

3. Treat your daughters well
There are strong links between close fathering and the healthy development of girls. Dads teach their daughters strong lessons about how they should be treated by males. So dads need to treat their daughters respectfully so they learn to expect this treatment in their future relationships with men.

4. Say good-bye Superman, hello Clarke Kent
Adolescent boys are programmed to challenge their fathers. It’s part of the growing up process. Australian author John Morden refers to this phenomenon as the ‘old ram, young ram syndrome’. He’s right. It’s a type of rite of passage that plays out in many Australian homes. Verbal jousting matches are a popular father-son game where boys take great delight in proving their fathers are fallible. A dad at this stage needs a sense of humour as well as a willingness to stand back and allow other mentors in to his son’s life.

5. Support your partner
Fathers may play an integral part in the lives of their children but they also have a profound effect on the quality of mothering that children receive. There is little doubt that a woman who can share the emotional and financial burdens of child-rearing with a supportive partner is more likely to be a loving, affirming mother. Supportive fathering is one of the keys to better parenting.

6. Change as your child changes
Kids grow up at the speed of light and change before you know it. They’re kids one day and teenagers the next. They can catch many fathers unawares. The most effective dads are those who change their parenting to suit the needs of their kids at each stage of development, rather than stubbornly hold on to outdated ideas of how they think their kids should be. Those fathers who are a little more perceptive or back sufficient confidence should become involved in as many aspects of parenting as they can. The best way to learn about parenting is by doing it. Children are a terrific resource for fathers — men can learn about children from children themselves. By being alert, watchful and learning to listen to their children, fathers can learn all they need to know about parenting.

Father’s Day Stall- Friday 5th September. The Father’s Day stall is on tomorrow. We will need help setting up the stall this afternoon, and with manning the stall tomorrow from 1:45p.m. See Cathy Linder if you can help. Children will be able to bring a maximum of $10 each to spend on the stall. No IOUs.

Footy Day/Special Lunch Order forms went home this week. If your child/children would like a hot dog on the Footy Day on Friday 19th September, please return the filled in form, attached to a paper bag with money, by Wednesday 10th September.

Morning Tea- come to the staffroom for morning tea and a chat. We will hold one on the 1st Friday of each term, and then the 1st Friday of each month. Younger children welcome. Next morning tea, Friday 5th September (tomorrow!).

P&F Meeting, Friday 5th September, 9:00a.m. in the staffroom (tomorrow morning!). We will be holding this at the same time as the morning tea. It may be your first chance to attend a P&F meeting if evenings are difficult for you. We would love to see some new faces who are interested in learning about what the P&F do. All welcome.

Dates to mark in your diaries:

- Footy Day – Friday 19th September
- Lapathon - Monday 20th October
- Twilight Sports Night – Friday 24th October

Have a great week

Yarra Valley Uniforms
Ph: Donna 0427 516 375
Open on Thursdays at 3pm.

Family Camp – Mansfield – Cup Weekend

The annual Family Camp is on again at Mansfield Holiday Park, Friday 31st October – Tuesday 4th November. Phone Matt on 03 5775 1383 or go online www.mansfieldholidaypark.com.au to book. This event has been running for over 20 years and is a wonderful opportunity for children to get together and play out of school and for parents and teachers to relax together. All St. Joseph’s families past and present are welcome – come for a day trip or the whole long weekend! For more information contact Ms Bourke or Andrew Peeler (P&F member) on 59673619.
Launching Place Cricket Club Registration

Under 12, 14 and 16’s

Junior Price $45 which includes training shirt.

Any queries please contact Leah 0411417253 Stuart 0438113798
WESBURN JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB
PRESENTATION DAY
The WJFC presentation day will be held on Sunday the 14th September 2014 at the Millgrove Community Centre. The day will start at 3.00pm and a light supper will be provided at approximately 6.00pm. Soft drinks will be provided free during the day.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

![Image of students holding certificates]