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

G’day parents and friends,

Irish Fair Sunday 15 March 10am – 3pm

COMMITMENT TIME! HELP OUR SCHOOL

Please consider how you can support this community day. We need you to donate some time to help run the stalls. The sign-up sheet is out the front every day. Many hands make light work!! If you are happy to work on any stall, pop your name down in that spot and we will let you know. Do you have or do you know a business that could donate prizes for the spinning wheel?

We are still collecting soft toys, books and anything for the Trash and Treasure stall.

The money raised this year will be added to last year’s to pay for the sails installed today. Aren’t they great! They cost $17000, which was much cheaper than the first quote!

Open Day Tuesday 10 March 8am – 8pm

Encourage friends and neighbours to visit St Joseph’s on this day to have tours led by our students to see the classrooms in action and our wonderful facilities. Bookings on this day are not necessary. Parents and family are welcome to come along also.

Wednesday 11 March 9am: Guided learning walk for parents.

Come for an hour to be led on a tour through some of the classrooms to observe the learning, have some expert commentary and have an opportunity for questions. The purpose is to help parents deepen their understanding of contemporary educational practices. Only small groups are possible so booking is essential by contacting the office. If there is interest then we will plan more. Please contact the office for bookings.

Assembly

We thank Mr McKenna and Middle M for their presentation today about the Habits of Mind that we are including into our teaching across the school this year. Mr M also impressed us today with his very fine piano playing of the National anthem, and hymns at Mass today! The presentation at the next assembly will be by Junior VM on 18 March.

Solar Panels

From today you will notice the installation of panels. As we use most of our power during the day, these will reduce our expenditure on electricity over time – and our energy use footprint more sustainable!

God bless us all,

John
Clearing the Temple
This Sunday’s gospel reading is about Jesus getting angry with the money changers in the Temple. Faithful Jews coming to the temple for worship first had to buy animals for sacrifice and exchange their coins for those that would be acceptable for their temple tax. But some Scripture scholars say the people selling the animals and changing the money were making a huge profit because people had to deal with them. They had a monopoly. This infuriated Jesus. He saw a system set up to take advantage of good people coming to worship their God. The system especially hurt poor people. It was an example of how the religious and political leaders of Jesus’ time abused people.

Getting angry over injustices isn’t unchristian – but it doesn’t have to lead to violence. Martin Luther King Jr. is a perfect example. He fought racism with righteous anger, but never used violence or threats of it against his opponents. It is wise to remember Jesus’ words, “Love your enemies,” even while you oppose their actions.

What did the Apostles do when they were confused? The Scriptures tell us they kept trying. They prayed and read Scripture together. They prayed before decisions. Then they did their best and trusted that the Holy Spirit would work through them. And in the end, they changed the world.

Karen McQuade, Christian Life Leader
Launching Place Netball Club  
– Season 2015
**Registration Day – Friday 13th March –**
Yarra Centre foyer – 4.30pm
Boys & Girls – Net Set Go, 9 & Under, 11 & Under,
13 & Under,
15 & Under (girls)
All Welcome – Season starts Friday 17th April
Come along and register for safe, healthy & fun competition.
For further info contact  -  Taryn Buller 0400858618 or Shelley Gray 0410626353

Upper Yarra Netball Association
Registration day
Friday 13th of March 2015
4:30 -5:30
At the Yarra Centre Foyer Area

**Warburton Junior Netball Club**
VNA Membership $47
Club Membership $10
$102 Game/Court Fee
Payment in full is required on registration.

Friday Afternoon Competition
9&Under, 11&Under, 13&Under, 15&Under,
17’s/Intermediates - Played Tuesday Night
New Players Welcome
Further details contact:
Cindy Smith 0448 656 358 – President

Harvest Party

**SUNDAY MAR 8TH**
TIME: 12PM TO 5PM

**LIVE MUSIC**
“The Dukes of Despair”
Pop-up Spanish Kitchen
From “Ole Pablo”

**TICKETS**
HALF PRICE until 18th Feb
BUY FROM: www.bulengestate.com

Buleng Estate Winery
76 Summerhill Rd, Yarra Junction
Phone: 5967 1358

Tickets at the gate $10 p.p.
IF NOT SOLD OUT PRIOR
Children under 12 years FREE.
No BYO food or drinks.
Cash preferred for purchases, limit ed card facilities available.
2015 Irish Fair Meeting Dates:
6 March 2015
13 March 2015
Meetings held at 9am in the staffroom.
All welcome to whichever days you can come.

We are collecting flat chocolate bars of all different sizes for the Lob – a - Choc stall.

Also, please bring in Lucky jars which can be filled with items such as lollies, craft items, drawing tools, toys First aid, hair ties etc.

Wanted for the Parish Fair bric-a-brac stall: any items: books, crockery, toys, etc. in good order, but please no clothes or electrical goods. Please leave them in the Parish meeting room.

We are also focussing on second-hand books and soft toys to sell at the fete.

Time to go through your house (and ask friends and neighbours) to pass on these items for our wonderful Irish Fair!

IRISH FAIR – SUNDAY 15 MARCH FROM 10AM – 3PM

Bee Rawlinson is making jam for the Irish Fair. Please bring in to the office any clean, empty glass jars with metal lids for her to fill with yummy jam. Thank you!

Thank you to the families that have returned the parish raffle tickets.

Remember – you are allocated a ticket in our Easter raffle when you return the sold book.

All books are to be sent back to the office by Friday 20 March.