Dear Parents and Friends,

Our school is dedicated to Joseph – carpenter, husband, teacher, partner, surrogate father, and one who listens to God when his culture tells him to go the opposite way. He is the quiet presence in the family that provides, secures and saves the family, and when the time comes, he just quietly fades away with little acknowledgement of his strength and contribution. Without him none of the story of Christ would have taken place. Jesus described God as a father who cares for us and knows us intimately. “Every hair on your head is numbered” (Matthew 10:30). We all have a father, and many of us are fathers. What does it all mean for us? I hope all fathers had a memorable day.

Working Bee This Saturday

We look forward to planting out on the embankment between the courts and the roundabout, clearing some scrub, cleaning some windows and clearing some gutters. You are always welcome to come along and help even if you have been already this year.

Literacy and Numeracy Night:

Thankyou everyone for a great night.

“Have Your Say” Attitude Surveys

Each year Catholic schools in Melbourne participate in surveys of staff, parents and students. You may have participated in recent years. All Staff and students receive online surveys and a randomly selected group of parents are invited to complete either paper or online surveys. Because of this some may be chosen repeatedly and some not at all! We request that if you are selected that you treat the opportunity seriously and respond. The information gathered will be used to direct St Joseph’s goals over the next few years. So have your say!! Parent surveys have gone home today.

Nutrimetics

We have been donated some items from Nutrimetics as prizes for the Big night Out. There is a catalogue available at the office if you wish to order any personal items.

Chickens

We are proud carers of 3 silkie bantam hens and a magnificent rooster thanks to the generosity of Pam Finette. They are being cared for by Middle CT.

God bless us all,

John

John Faulkner
Principal
ALIVE IN OUR FAITH

Fatima

Well, here I am back in Australia, after what has been a pretty incredible period of my life. I was fortunate enough to visit some amazing places, from Krakow in Poland, to Rome, Madrid and Fatima in Portugal.

Fatima is a tiny village, about 100km outside of the capital of Portugal, Lisbon. After the hustle and bustle of Madrid, with 2 million fellow pilgrims, Fatima had a tranquil feel to it. Fatima is famous because in 1917, Jesus’ mum Mary appeared to 3 little Shepherds. Mary appeared at a time of great turmoil in Europe and Portugal was struggling with various problems, such as a dictatorship, war and poverty.

Mary appeared and gave a simple message. The message was, by praying the rosary each day, it will help Portugal and the world to remain peaceful (Portugal hasn’t been involved in a war since). She appeared 6 times, the last time there were approximately 70,000 witnesses.

During my time away, praying the rosary was a nice moment that all the pilgrims got to share together, and it was just nice to have time to devote to prayer. So attached is how to pray the rosary.

1. Make the Sign of the Cross and say the "Apostles' Creed."
2. Say the "Our Father."
3. Say three "Hail Marys."
4. Say the "Glory be to the Father."
5. Announce the First Mystery; then say the "Our Father."
7. Say the "Glory be to the Father."
8. Announce the Second Mystery; then say the "Our Father." Repeat 6 and 7 and continue with Third, Fourth and Fifth Mysteries in the same manner.

Nick Frederiksen

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday – 4.30pm
Sacred Heart Church, Warburton

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

THIS WEEKENDS READINGS

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Psalm: Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8
If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

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.

NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Sir 27:30–28:7
Hate and anger lead to death; love and forgiveness to the kingdom.

Psalm: Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8
The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

Second Reading: Rom 14:7-9
Christ is Lord of the living and the dead.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 13:34

Gospel: Mt 18:21-35
Parable of the official who, receiving mercy, does not show it to others.
This week’s morning fitness roster:

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**CHILDREN’S ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Congratulations to Lily Trainor’s basketball team ‘Wessy Sunshines’ who won their Grand Final on Saturday.
  
  WELL DONE!

**BIG NIGHT OUT**

2 weeks to go!!!
Make sure you get your tickets now!
BEST NIGHT OUT YOU’LL HAVE THIS YEAR!
Contact the office for tickets.
Last Wednesday six seniors and two teachers went to the Writer’s Festival at Federation Square in the city. We had a fabulous time. We listened to three authors telling about how they wrote their books, their inspiration and story behind each. Andy Griffiths kept us laughing all the time and explained how he wrote down all his silly ideas in a journal to stimulate his writing, while Emily Rodda gave us some helpful hints on how to use everyday experiences in our own lives as a basis for a story. Michael Panckridge encouraged us with his experiences of getting his first book published and how he progressed from sports stories to scary fantasy.

It was a worthwhile experience and great to see everyone reading their signed books on the way home.

Belle, Belinda, Jasmine, Marlee, Michael, Tayla, Mrs Spencer, Mrs McQuade

Tayla and Belle with Andy Griffiths, author of the *Just Disgusting* series.

Marlee and Belinda getting into their new books on the way home in the train.

Jasmine getting her book signed by Emily Rodda, Author of *Deltora Quest* book series

The group with Michael Panckridge, author Of *The Legends* book series.
24th August 2011

Dear Parents

SEASONS : A PROGRAM FOR GRIEF AND LOSS

We are seeking interest for our Seasons Program. Seasons is a peer support program designed for children who have experienced a loss in their lives. This may be a result of death, separation or divorce.

The program runs for approximately 8 weeks and will use the season’s highlight and explore feelings and behaviours related to loss. Groups will be small and run be a companion who has been trained, this will be me. Sessions will take place during school time and run for about 40 minutes. At the end of the program we will gather for a small celebration.

If you would like your child to participate, please fill in the form below and return it to school. I anticipate beginning next term. I am available on a Wednesday to discuss and explain the program further.

Yours sincerely

Prue Vanstan
Wellbeing Leader

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SEASONS PROGRAM: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST 2011

I would like my child/children ________________________________
to take part in the Seasons Program.

Reason for attending________________________________________

Parent name:_____________________________________________

Signature:_______________________________________________
We hope everyone had a great Father’s Day yesterday and that Dad’s enjoyed their presents. Thank-you to the P&F members who organised the Father’s Day Stall. Great job! Also, thank-you to all the mum’s who came along to help serve at the stall. It was a great turnout this year. Lastly, thank-you to John Faulkner for his assistance in moving the children through the stall in such an efficient manner.

The Learning Ladder Party was held Friday a week ago. Although not a lot of people attended, we have been lucky to get a book and a board game for the school. For those who have ordered products, they will be available early next week.

The Big Night Out will be held on Saturday 17th September. Tickets are now $35 a head. Enjoy an Aussie themed night of great food, fun games and dancing!

Footy Tipping Leaders at the end of Round 24 are Drew Cummings, Nicole C and Dean Cerveri! Well done! Please note that at the completion of round 24 all ‘Tip 8’ monies will be available for collection at the office. More information this week. Thank-you to everyone who participated in the tipping this year. Enjoy the finals.

Footy dress and Special Morning Tea Day- Friday 23rd September (last day of term). Children can wear their favourite team colours and purchase some party pies and sausage rolls for morning tea. Look out for the order form in the next couple of weeks. Helpers will be required in the morning.

School tea-towels and aprons – Order forms coming out soon. Each child’s and staff member’s self portrait and name on a tea-towel and/ or apron. Great souvenirs and gifts.

Stuck on You – Brochures will be sent home sometime this term. Or go to https://www.stuckonyou.biz/australia to browse named labels, tags, stationary, sleepwear and gifts. Great for labelling school items. Whether you are placing on order with the brochure or online, make sure you mention St Joseph’s School Yarra Junction as we receive a commission on all sales. Thanks!

Family Camp 2011 will be held at Mansfield Holiday Park over the Melbourne Cup Long Weekend. All St Joseph’s families, past and present are welcome. Contact Matt at the Mansfield Holiday Park on 03 5775 1383 or at www.mansfieldholidaypark.com.au. Let them know you are from St Joseph’s. The park has requested that if you have young children or toddlers you let them know when booking as there is an unfenced dam nearby.

Contact: Jo Taylor 0403 504 096 or Drew Cummings 0413 999 315a
VOUCHERS, DOCKETS AND BOTTLE CAPS!!!!!!!!!

We have lots of opportunities to obtain free goods for our school.
If you (or family members) shop at Woolworths or Coles please keep the vouchers (Coles) and docketts (Woolworths) for our school.
If you drink Paul’s milk please send in the especially marked Paul’s bottle caps.

Yarra Valley Uniforms

Navy Polar Fleece Vests with school emblem now available $35
(all sizes available including adults!)

The Uniform Shop is open on **Wednesdays**. Note change of day.
Donna’s contact number is 0427 516 375.

*Remember to keep receipts to claim on your Education Tax Refund next year.*

LOST PROPERTY

We have a great deal of school uniform items in Lost Property at the moment.
Please ensure your child’s uniform is correctly named and encourage your child to be responsible for clothing they may remove when the day warms up e.g. windcheaters, leadership jackets etc.

WORKING BEE

The next Working Bee will be held on Saturday 10th September from 9.00am – 11.30am.
The following families are rostered on:

- Bannerman
- Carter
- Clark
- Clements
- Hin
- Kent
- Kerr
- King
- Mellett
- Munro
- Rolando
- Sharp
- Sinton
- Smith
- Spencer
- Warner

Any other families are welcome to attend.

BOOKCLUB

Bookclub orders are due on:
Friday 9th September.
Late orders cannot be accepted

LOST

Windcheaters belonging to Tyson Scutcheon-Shirley.
They are named.
Please return to Tyson or the school office.
For more information on any of the following or on any service/program in the Yarra Valley, contact the Information and Referral Service in Yarra Junction on: 59671769 Tuesday to Friday 9:30 am -1:30 pm

1. “ASK” - Autism Spectrum Kids
A free social skills group for young people 12-18 who have aspergers or high functioning autism.
Topics include: understanding emotions; respect and responsibility; verbal and non-verbal communication; friendship; social problem solving; assertiveness; relaxation.
8 week program on Tuesdays at Youth Services Lilydale 2/8-20/9 4:30-6:30 for more information call Lynne @ youth services on 92946716.

2. Mount Evelyn Counselling - Parenting for Success
A half-day seminar that examines the principles and strategies that replace the stress of parenting with effective confidence and joy!

Seminar Details
Date: Saturday, 10th September 2011
Registration—8:30am
Seminar—9:00am—12:30pm
Venue: Careforce Church. Mt Evelyn
89 Monbulk Road Mt Evelyn
Cost: $40 per person
$35 Early Bird & Concession
$60 Per Couple

Early Bird—7th September 2011
Includes: Seminar materials and morning tea.
For further information, Please contact: 9736 2273

3. RECLAIM, RENEW, RECONNECT
Term 4
8-week creative arts journey for women recovering from family violence.
For more details contact Anglicare, Lilydale on 97354188

4. Community Kitchens
Community Kitchens are cooking groups that bring people together to cook affordable, nutritious meals and socialise.
A group for older men is starting in Yarra Junction.
If you are interested in this group or future groups, please contact:
Yarra Valley Community Health on 1300 130 381

The Information and Referral service has information on Youth services; family services; counselling; financial counselling; drug and alcohol programs and support; housing; disability; parenting programs; health; employment; legal etc.
Many of these services can be accessed locally.

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, have fun, develop new friendships, be part of a team and be taught the game of Cricket by our skilled coaches.

Training & Registration Day is as follows.

Under 12's, 14’s & 16’s -
Friday 16th 2011 @ 4.00 pm.
at the Yarra Junction Oval

Age groups are Under 12's, 14’s & 16’s as at 1/09/11.

If you require any more information, please ring Chris Fall on 5964 7092 a.h or 0425 759 974 or Paula Nightingale on 5966 7313 a.h or 0425 895 256

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JUNIOR CRICKET REGISTRATION DAY IS ON

FRIDAY 16th SEPTEMBER
4.00PM - 6.00PM