Our vision states: we value life-long learning and have high expectations of possible achievements.

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

**SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS**
8.45am – 3.30pm

**PRINCIPAL**
Mr John Faulkner

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**
Mr Marty McKenna

**ADMINISTRATION OFFICERS**
Mrs Sue Lucas / Mrs Di Hendriks

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**AUGUST**

11th  Circus session 5
12th  Hoop time – Middles  
14th  Foundation Open Day 9-10am
15th  Hoop time – Seniors  
16th  Confirmation 7pm
18th  Circus session 6  
19th  Working Bee 9am-1pm
21st  Circus session 7
25th  Foundation 2016 enrolment evening

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G’day parents and friends,

Eisteddfod
Our wonderful choral group is participating in two choir competitions known as eisteddfods. One of these is tomorrow at Warrigal and the other on the 24 August at Waverley. One of their two songs was presented at assembly yesterday. It and the other song are both beautiful examples of the quality of their teaching and skills! We wish them well.

Foundation 2016
A number of parents with their prospective students have visited the school. You are encouraged to persuade friends and neighbours to consider attending St Joseph’s School. Enrolment information is available at reception. Next Wednesday, 12 August, interested children are invited to drop in for an hour 9-10.

Hoop time
The middle and senior students interested in basketball are participating in Hooptime next week at the Yarra Centre. Our students are always well behaved and good at sports. We expect them to try to play their best and to enjoy it!

School Closure Day
As has been advertised several times, on Friday 21 August, all staff are participating in professional development at Alexandra with 4 other schools. No one will be on site at St Joseph’s School on that day.

Confirmation
Bishop Edwards is returning on Friday 14 August at 7pm to CONFIRM some of our students. All senior students are encouraged to attend to support their peers, and with middle students to contribute to the singing. Parents are requested to facilitate this (even though it is a Friday night!)

Working Bee Saturday 15 August 9 am – 1pm
The weather has been miserable but we hope that we will have an opportunity to mulch around play equipment and gardens, repair some wire fences, and more!

Surveys
We have received 27 hard copies back and 2 have been completed online so far. The annual collection of data is important!
Each year 60 families are randomly selected to complete a survey on their attitudes to St Joseph’s School. This survey by Insight SRC, is used by all Catholic schools in Victoria and also many government schools. This information is used to track change at the school and across the system.

Your opinions are valuable. Completing the survey takes about 20 minutes. Those selected have received a hard copy but may wish to complete it online. Those details are enclosed. Doing either is an imposition but we request your support! If you cannot or prefer not to complete the survey, please return it to school. If you wish to do the survey using school computers please contact the office to arrange a time.

As a small incentive, if you complete the enclosed slip it will be honoured at the school administration office with a reward!

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We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people who are the traditional custodians of this land.

We pay respect to the elders both past and present of the Kulin Nation and extend that respect to other Indigenous Australians.

God bless us all,

John
ALIVE IN OUR FAITH

Confirmation Spirit Day
Last Thursday, the Confirmation reflection day was held at St Joseph’s in the church meeting room. Forty children and their teachers from St Mary’s, Mt Evelyn, attended with our seven candidates.
We started with Mass in the church, with Bishop Edwards, Father Ashkar and some parishioners.
Afterwards, the students introduced themselves and the saint’s name they had chosen, meditated and reflected on how they would continue the mission of Jesus by following His teachings and their saint as a role model.
Bishop Edwards led an informative and entertaining discussion with the students and we then enjoyed morning tea baked by some of the Middles in lunchtime cooking club.
The afternoon was spent making banners for the church and enjoying outside play.
Thank you to all those who contributed to the planning to make it the most successful reflection day we have had.

Fr Ashkar invites all to attend Confirmation Mass at 7pm on Friday 14th August.

15th August Holy Day of Obligation Masses are 7pm at Warburton and 9am at Yarra Junction. Fr Michael will be celebrating both Masses.
KIDS! KIDS! KIDS!
FOR YOUR EYES ONLY!!

CAMP FOR BUILDING SELF ESTEEM AND CONFIDENCE FOR KIDS!!

Level 1 Camp- weekend Fri. 12th February - Sun. 14th February 2016
$65 Full Fee*
(Also, Level 3 camp on Fri. 23rd - Sun 25th October 2015)

SAY NO TO BULLYING!!
OVERCOMING SHYNESS!!

* Commenced in Feb 2003, this camp has continued for one reason only- because it works! It does cause kids to be much more confident, and it does increase their self esteem!

* The Feb 16 camp is for new campers. In some cases we do accept new ones in the October camp if extenuating circumstances exist, but ring and ask about this if needed.

- See www.kidsofgold.org.au to see who we are, what we do, and to download a form for the Feb 16 camp, which also has more on it about how the camp started and where it is in the beautiful Yarra Valley.
- Open to Primary kids in Grades 4-6 in 2015(& 9 year olds in Grade 3).
- There are 4 levels kids can work through. The 4th level is a Leadership Training level, and in the May 15 camp our first leaders came through from that level, after much hard work!
- All activities are fun activities, from low ropes, initiative activities, wall climbing, games, drama and challenging interactive sessions.
- Held at Lyrebird Park campsite, Beenak Rd Yellingbo- Melways 308 K10
- Cost of $65 is subsidised by sponsors such as Bendigo Bank, Bunnings and Yarra Ranges Council.
- Contact Kids of Gold on 0418 170 027 (Jenny) or 9737 9475 (Gary) or 0415 427 396 9 (Gary) to hold a place and/or find out more.

KIDS OF GOLD, 323 MONBULK RD SILVAN VIC 3795
ABN 57 327 231 83
ENSEMBLE PROGRAM 2015
MELBOURNE YOUTH JUNIOR STRINGS WINTER CONCERT:
SUNDAY 9 AUGUST

Gabriella Vukman is part of the Melbourne Youth Junior Strings Orchestra which is performing this Sunday, in the city. Anyone who is interested, please follow your heart and grab some tickets.

It sure is wonderful to witness the full impact of a live orchestra, details as follows:

CONDUCTOR Kieran Casey
ENSEMBLE COORDINATOR Chris Robson

CONCERT DAY
12:00pm CONCERT
1:00pm approximate conclusion of concert.

VENUE
Deakin Edge, Federation Square
Flinders Street
Melbourne
Enter the atrium from Flinders Street and continue all the way toward the River.

The Upper Yarra RSL Sub-Branch has invited people from all age groups to become involved in this year’s Vietnam Veterans March on Sunday 16th August at 10.30am at the Cenotaph in Yarra Junction.

They have particularly invited our school students (and parents) to come and march behind our school banner.

You may wish to wear medals belonging to grandparents or other relatives.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN PROGRAM IS ON AGAIN

Thank you to the following families who have sent in stickers – and to the many ones sent in but not named, or who have put their stickers in the box at Woolworths.

Robin, McLean, Sharp, Huynh, Nicolandos, Kerr, Butera, Vandersluis, Vranken, Ireland, Scoble, Hill, Smith (Jessie and William), Rawlinson, Atkins, Van de Paverd, Georgia O’Connor families, Graeme and other staff.
WORKSAFE
Game of the Month
Yarra Junction V Thornton Eildon

Sunday 9 August 2015
10.45am – 11.15am

Yarra Junction Reserve, 1 Park Rd.
Yarra Junction

FREE Netball clinic with Eloise Southby and Madi Robinson for all ages.

netballvic.com.au
Enquiries to Maeve Wood 9321 2252
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