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

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**G'day parents and friends,**

Welcome back to the Spring term. There are lots of stories of slow time over the holidays. The weather was a bit challenging sometimes! We still have lots of coughs about but I encourage children to be at school as much as possible as we want to maximise learning time.

We certainly look forward to plenty of grass growth on the oval and it drying out a little!

We had a fun last day of term with our footy activities. Thank you to the parents of the PFA who organised the hot lunch.

**Rainmaker**

All of the performances were excellent and we are very proud of the children. They are fantastic! The contributions of many went into its success. The efforts by Minna Nyhuis (she did an incredible amount of work), Kate Warner, Monica Blanchfield and Janette Hutt in costume making have also reached new heights this time! Thank you to all parents for your creating or organising and those who helped with hair & makeup.

The staff have given a great deal of their time and energy to prepare and facilitate the musical especially Marg Lunson who organised the creation of the backdrops and props. Mrs Margaret Broderick has again been an extraordinary leader of our great Performing Arts program which is an important part of the learning here at St Joseph's School. Congratulations, well done, and thank you!

We have paid for permission to use the musical. Our contract gives us some limited permission. The school is posting some photos on Facebook. A video of our production is available for order online. Go to www.eventprogroup.com.au. These are a bit slow but will be available in another couple of weeks.

**Confirmation**

We celebrate this sacrament tomorrow at 6pm. It would be great if the other seniors and our fantastic singers came to support their friends. We ask for God's blessing on these children as they take this, the third part of their initiation into the church. Please pray for Scarlet Atkins, Fraser Beyer, Jessica Finette, Will Kerr, Brooke Martin, Ella Merkotter, Cooper Murray, Chloe Parker, Josh Peels, Peter Scoble, Ailish Sheehan, Lily Smith and Portia Swankie.

**Esmart and Safety 8 November 7pm**

The earlier session has been postponed to this later date. We are sorry if this inconvenienced anyone. Parents and students are encouraged to learn how to be a safer user of the various social platforms and technologies. Targeted at senior and middle students and parents, but all are welcome to attend. Please book by going to tinyurl.com/stjosafety. Be informed so you can better support and keep safe your children!

**Chickens for sale**

We have 2 pure white silkie hens and 1 rooster for sale for $20 each. They hatched at school at the beginning of the year. We have too many again. Please contact the office.

**God bless us all,**

John
Showing God’s Love to Others

In this Sunday’s Gospel, we hear that the one leper who comes back to thank Jesus is a Samaritan – an outsider. Sometimes, we forget to show God’s love to those who don’t seem to fit in. This week, identify one way in which you can show God’s love to someone who is on the outside of your community. Perhaps you can invite someone at work or school, who just doesn’t seem to fit in to join you and your friends for lunch. Or, you can connect with your parish to see if there is an opportunity coming up for you to serve the homeless, who are often ignored by others, at a soup kitchen or Vinnies van. Pick one thing to do, and then do it! Talk with a friend about how it felt to break your usual boundaries and extend God’s healing love to someone whom you might usually ignore.

On Friday evening eleven Grade 6’s and two students from St Mary’s, Mt Evelyn will be making their Confirmation. They will commit to being adult followers of Jesus and will receive gifts from the Holy Spirit to help them show God’s love to others. Please keep them in your prayers.

Karen McQuade
Christian Life leader

LAST WEEKEND’S READINGS

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4
The just one shall live.

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

Second Reading: 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14
The Spirit makes us strong.

Gospel Acclamation
1 Pt 1:25

Gospel: Lk 17:5-10
The apostles ask for increased faith.

THIS WEEKEND’S READINGS

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 2 Kgs 5:14-17
Naaman is cured of leprosy.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

Second Reading: 2 Tm 2:8-13
If we die with Jesus we will live with him.

Gospel Acclamation
1 Thes 5:18

Gospel: Lk 17:11-19
Jesus cures ten lepers, one returns with thanks.
Next P&F meeting: T.B.A.

Coming up:
Lapathon and Sausage Sizzle.

Uniform Shop next open –  Monday 7\textsuperscript{th} of November from 3pm.
Orders can be placed at any time using an order form available from the office.

Please note that we can only accept cash or cheque at this time.

It’s time to spring clean!!!!  Clean out the cupboards and leave any second hand uniform at the office.
Please ensure items are in reasonable and clean condition without holes, etc.

Big second hand uniform sale coming soon!!!!

**Uniform Sale (Old style uniform items)** - All $10-
OLD style school dresses, short and long sleeve polo tops.
Very limited sizes available! These items can only be worn during the 2 year rollover period.

**Sizes available:***  **** While stock lasts****

Dresses - 4, 6, 8, 10, 14, 16  
Short sleeve polo- 5, 6, 10, 12 and 16.  
Long sleeve polos- 10 and 14.

Please write child’s name, items ordered and size. Please note if you would prefer to collect from the office otherwise items will be sent home with your child.

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Saturday 22nd October —  
$34pp (under 18 years old $17pp)

Payment required to hold your place so please pay at the office ASAP.
Any questions please call or message Amy 0412245223
Extra pick up available from Bayswater Rnngs.
BYO lunch or available to purchase.

*** outlets may include those listed on this page but are subject to availability and may change.
Once payment is made no refunds, however, can be transferred to someone else.

Name: ____________________________
Phone number: ______________________

Additional passengers (please note if they are under 18 years old):

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Number of passengers _________ x $34 — $_________
Number of u 18 passengers ________ x $17 — $_________

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NATIO  
Diana Ferrari
An invitation...

Mount Lilydale Mercy College Old Collegians' present...

2016 Gala Dinner!
Celebrating 120 Years!

Get a group of friends together and enjoy a fun packed evening with Live Entertainment, Hawker Style Food, Punt Road Wines, Napoleone Beers, Coldstream Ciders, Silent Auctions, A Photo Exhibition and much, much more!

Saturday, 15 October at 7pm
Centennial Hall, 120 Anderson Street, Lilydale
Tickets $80 per person (Includes food, drinks & entertainment!)
Ticket sales close Friday, 7 October
Please contact Mrs Patricia Olson on 9735 4022
or email: oc@mlmc.vic.edu.au

Celebrate the induction of the Old Collegian Nominees on to the Mercy Honour Roll. All funds raised go towards helping those in need within the community.

Bookings @ https://www.trybooking.com/MOSL
LOSE WEIGHT?

- $5 per week
- Advice, support, friendly
- No joining fee-Oct/Nov
  Save $50!
- WEDNESDAY 6.30pm –
  Yarra Burn Centre, Yarra Junction
  (next to Footy Oval)
- Any enquiries please call:
  Kerry 0437 917 024 or
  Debra 0417 103 589
The panel will address the drug problem in our community, the effects of different drugs, treatment and how to help prevent drug use in young people. Questions and answers from the audience invited.

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