NEWSLETTER NO: 32 Thursday 8th October 2015

*** 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

DATES TO REMEMBER

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G’day parents and friends,
Welcome back to an exciting term. We look forward to many busy and engaging learning opportunities. Together we can achieve the best with and for our children.

Friday Club
From student action last term, tomorrow is a free dress day for a gold coin donation to help the refugees. Every Friday we will have some action or collection to support those in need. Of course we always offer our prayers for our brothers and sisters in need.

Working Bee Tomorrow Friday 3-6pm
For those able to attend we have work clearing the kitchen garden, weeding around the south building and behind the main building, and if it not going to rain, some outside creative painting!

Learning Walk Tuesday 9am
This is an opportunity to be lead through some of our classes observing the learning accompanied by expert commentary and answers to questions by Mrs Whetham. Come and see. Child minding is possible if booked by Monday. We have two other Learning walks this term: Friday 30 October by Mr McKenna, Thursday 12 November by John Faulkner. Consider coming along!

PFA Lapathon Thursday 15 October 12:45
Your support is requested by the parents and friends Association to raise funds for the school. We are benefitting from the sails for which the PFA paid. We are seeking to fund an increase in the library bookstock, the construction of a gaga court, and some contemporary classroom furniture better suited to the learning styles of some children. So, please assist your children in raising some money. You might like to come along to join the run.

House Sports Friday 23 October 5:30pm
Last year we had a fun time at our inaugural house sports. So all are invited to attend our second house sports. We have a variety of individual, class and whole team games. There were also opportunities for parents and siblings to contribute to the team’s score. Green team won in 2014. Will it be Gold, Blue or Red in 2015?

Congratulations
We celebrate this week with Sienna Spencer, a past school leader of St Joseph’s School, who has been appointed vice captain of Mount Lilydale Mercy College for 2016. We are proud of her achievement and encourage all of our students to be positive school leaders.

God bless us all,
John

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
Valuing nature
Spring is a time that allows us to appreciate God’s gift of creation in all its splendour. It is a season of constant change when flowers bloom, seeds and new leaves sprout, vegetation becomes lush, new life abounds.
Action: Take time this week to look around at nature and thank God for the renewal that beckons us to expectation, hope, and rebirth.

Spring Prayer
May the sunlight and the rain remind us that You are at work renewing the earth. As a God of renewal, You are ever at work in our lives, too. Open our eyes and lives to the needed changes in our lives this Spring. Awaken us to new life and perspective, for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Karen McQuade
Christian Life Leader

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday – 7.00pm
Sacred Heart Church, Warburton

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

ALIVE IN OUR FAITH

LAST WEEKENDS
READINGS

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Gen 2:18-24
The Lord creates woman.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 127. R. v.5

Second Reading: Heb 2:9-11
Jesus was made low to taste death for all people.

Gospel Acclamation
cf. I Jn 4:12

Gospel
Mk 10:2-16
‘Let the children come to me.’
Mk 10:2-12

THIS WEEKENDS
READINGS

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading
Wis 7:7-11
Wisdom brings all good things.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 89:12-17. R. v.14

Second Reading
Heb 4:12-13
Nothing is hidden from God.

Gospel Acclamation
Mt 5:3

Gospel
Mk 10:17-30
A man asks Jesus what he has to do to enter the kingdom.
Mk 10:17-27
From the Wellbeing desk

Playground Report

We have had a practice at St Joseph’s to track and monitor, very carefully, about twice a year how the playground is faring. Our aim has been to focus on any incidents over a four week period, noting them down and then noting when, where and what happened. I spend time looking at the physical, and verbal aspects of each report, as well as children who may be playing in isolation or those who have been ignoring rules such as moving with the bell or being out of bounds. This process has been going on since 2011.

As a staff we have noticed HUGE changes in what happens in our playground. When I first began this tracking in 2011, we had 53 incidents over 30 duties that where physical in nature, with the oval being the ‘hot spot’ of issues. Over the years we have noticed a massive improvement in the way our children play and act around one another. Our Term 3 data this year has 19 physical incidents mentioned, most of these where not of a nasty or hurtful nature. Staff noticed 4 children over the four weeks who were playing in isolation, and each of these children was only found once to be alone or without friends. The oval has been a fantastic hub of footy and cricket games, which all staff have commented on the positive way in which the children are playing.

As a staff we are trying be vigilant and positive when dealing with our children on duty. Often teachers will mediate between children when in dispute or if they feel necessary they will use ‘time out’ as a time to reflect upon choices and actions, before bringing the child back into the yard with some better ways to respond. During Friendship Groups we have discussed how to be a good friend and the importance of reporting issues, not just letting them go. This data allows us to keep track of children who may need extra help with play, as well as those who are being positive role models for others.

Often as parents we often only hear the negative things that happen at school, or that our child didn’t have anyone to play with. It is always hard to navigate exactly what goes on at playtime, but please be assured this is discussed at most staff meetings and we have acknowledged the importance of keeping records to reflect and act upon.

Please call me or drop in for a cuppa on a Tuesday if you would like to chat about any social or emotional issues concerning your child. I am here to help and offer a time to talk.

Take Care
Prue Vanstan
Dear Parents,

In Term 4 our Senior students are investigating the concept of Creativity.

In keeping with our conscious awareness of sustainability issues, we are asking that you have a ‘clean up’ at home and donate to the school any materials, items etc that the students may be able to use, pull apart etc to create their own unique Bizarre Bazaar products.

This could range from old towels, wool, cutlery, clothing, cds, telephones etc. There really is no limit to what the students will be able to create out of the items you donate and the success of this unit largely depends on the variety and range of ‘Trash and Treasure’ from which they can choose.

If you have any items at home, they can be brought to the Senior Classrooms this week.

Kind regards,
Senior Teachers and Students

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Scholastic Book Club

Brochures for Issue 7 have been distributed.
Please return any orders by Friday 23rd October, thank you.
"There's no such thing as a kid who hates reading.
There are kids who love reading,
and kids who are reading the wrong books."
—James Patterson.
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Lap-a-thon - Thursday 15th October
Shopping Tour - Saturday 17th October

Thank you to the parents who helped with the hot dog day!!!!!!

WORKING BEE – Tomorrow Friday 9th October

The following families are rostered on to participate in this working bee:

ATKINS  CARTER  HERMON  ISKRA
PASSICK  PEELS  REED  ROBINSON
ROLANDO  SCOBLE  SHARP  SMITH (Hannah)
SWANKIE  TAYLOR

Any other families are very welcome to come along to this second last working bee for 2015.

Head lice cases are still being reported. Please check your child’s hair regularly and treat as necessary.
CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE CHEQUES

Conveyance allowance cheques for Term 3 2015 are available for collection from the office.

Please let us know if you would like your cheque signed over to go towards school fees.