G’day parents and friends,

Welcome
We can be grateful for the manner in which the children have started school. Positive routines, high expectations for behaviour and commitment to best work are being established. Families have had many and varied experiences of rest, relaxation and recreation over the holidays. It is fantastic to have these memories. Now it is important that in the busyness of family life that parents take responsibility that regular, hopefully daily, READING happens for all children. Read to them (even the big kids)! Read with them! Talk about books. IT IS THE MOST POWERFUL GIFT you can give your children!

Beginning Mass 9am tomorrow
All are welcome to join us tomorrow as we ask God’s blessing on our year. Also the Foundation students will be presented to the community, and the Year 6 students will receive their jackets.

Beginning meetings
Parents are encouraged to make an appointment with teachers for Wednesday 15 March between 2pm and 8pm. They are an opportunity to share information that might affect learning, and set goals for learning. Bookings are made online. Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au Log-in code rdkjm

Emergency Preparedness
Remember that on CODE RED fire days the school is compulsorily closed. There have not been any Code Red days. We hold regular drills to ensure appropriate responses to different possible emergencies.

Farewell
Over the holidays Mr Booth accepted a position in another school after being at SJS for 9 years. It was time to change! The staff went out to dinner with him and presented him with a very fine watch on behalf of the community. The Pietsch family also moved to Tasmania at short notice! We wish them all well.

Assemblies
This year, rather than having assemblies every second week, they will be every three weeks. They will start at 2:15pm on Wednesdays. They will be fewer but better! This term they will be on 22 February led by the Seniors, 8 March led by the Middles and 22 March led by the Juniors.

Irish Fair Sunday 19 March
We are holding our Irish Fair at the end of term. Planning meeting Friday 2pm. All welcome. How can you help? Pot up plants, sort your books, and make suggestions for stalls....

School Reports
During this year we would like to make changes to how we communicate the progress of your children. We have some opportunities for you to express what you think of current practice and what you think would help you understand your child better. Please give this your consideration and more information about how to tell us your thoughts will be available next week.

Dates
February 15 Parent Teacher Student Meetings
February 22 Assembly led by the Seniors
March 1 Ash Wednesday Mass (beginning of Lent), School Financial Audit
March 3 Twilight House Sports (5:30 - 7:30pm)
March 13 Labor Day Holiday
March 19 Irish Fair
March 24 Interschool Athletic Sports held at UYSC
March 31 Last day of Term 1
Camp Middles Tuesday 18 and Wednesday 19 April - The first 2 days of Term 2.
Camp Seniors Monday 24- Friday 28 April

God bless us all, John
Welcome to the new school year!

A Mass will be held tomorrow morning at 9am. It is a special occasion where we gather to celebrate together. The Year 6s will receive their leadership jackets from the Grade 1 students. The Foundation students will be presented to the school community by their buddies. It would be great to see parents there!

This year we will again offer information evenings and the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. In addition, we will have Adult information evenings based on the sacraments, so that parents can deepen their understanding of each sacrament.

An enrolment session will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon, next week, 14th, 15th February, from 3 to 4pm. I will be at a table outside the school office for parents to register children wishing to receive the sacraments. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held on Wednesday, 29th March, First Eucharist will be on Sunday, 25th June and Confirmation is to be held on Sunday, 10th September.

Prayer: Creator God, you have made each of us in your image. You look on us with love: we turn to you with hope and joy. May we grow closer together this year, with you and each of us. May all in our school work as partners this year: to share, to grow, to make a difference as people can when they walk together. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Wishing you all a good year,

Karen McQuade, Christian Life Leader
1. CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE
   If you live more than 4.8 km from school (and we are the nearest Catholic school to you) you are entitled to conveyance allowance.
   If I have not sent home a form for your child, please contact the office.
   **NOTE:** A new form is only required for new students or if you have changed address.

2. CSEF (Camp, Sport and Excursion Fund)
   If you have a health care card or pensioner concession card, you are entitled to this payment. If I have not sent you home a form, please contact the office.
   **NOTE:** This form needs to be completed each year.

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SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
Welcome back to the Scholastic Book Club in 2017. Here’s some details to help you understand the process.

There are two Book Club brochures distributed each term, which are given out to students to take home to look through.

If you would like to make an order, please write your child's name and class on the form and clearly indicate which books you are ordering. Once you have filled out the form, please return to your child's teacher with the correct amount of money or to the office by the due date which will be advertised in the newsletter.

Alternatively, we are now offering the LOOP service of ordering and paying online. The books are still delivered to your child at school. Please see the notice in this newsletter regarding the procedure.

It usually takes about two - three weeks for the books to come back to us once the due date is up. I will deliver them back to the classrooms as soon as possible for the teachers to give out.

If you would like a discreet delivery, for birthdays or surprises, please make a note on your form when returning it with your name & mobile number, and I will let you know when the item/s have arrived for you to pick up from the office.

Sometimes a book may be sold out or no longer available, in which case Scholastic gives the student a gift (book or poster) and a credit voucher for the amount you have paid. You can then use this voucher to get your money back or choose a different book in the next Book Club.

Our school receives 20% of all book sales to use to buy books & resources for our library and classrooms.

If there are any problems, please feel free to talk to me,
I will be in the school library every Thursday or office alternate Mondays,

Happy reading, Di Hendriks.

THE FIRST BOOK CLUB BROCHURES HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED & THE ORDER FORMS ARE DUE BACK BY Friday 17th February.
Book Club LOOP

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform.

It's easy to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order using your credit card. If your school is not yet in the LOOP, speak with your school's Book Club Organiser.

Head to scholastic.com.au/LOOP or [Download on the App Store] [GET IT ON Google play]

Follow these easy steps!

1. Simply grab your child's Book Club catalogue and either SIGN-IN or REGISTER your account.

2. Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for), then select your SCHOOL and your CHILD'S CLASS. Note: You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.

3. Click on ORDER and enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.

4. All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.

That's it! There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school.
UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The Uniform Shop is out of size 8 dresses. They are expected in March as the supplier has to order in more material.

The Uniform Shop will next be open on Tuesday 28th February at 3pm (just prior to School Photographs) then the first Tuesday of each month at 3pm.

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IRISH FAIR – Sunday 19th March

Meeting tomorrow at 2pm – all welcome!

Start looking for items for the Bric-a-Brac stall!

Next week we will have details on how you can help and what you will have to look forward to on the day!!!
Drum Lessons Available

My name is Nick Jackman and I currently teach drums/percussion at schools in both primary and secondary year levels. I have had extensive experience in various bands playing a wide variety of musical styles. I have recently moved to the Upper Yarra Valley and I am available to teach drums at my home in Millgrove in a relaxed environment. I teach technique, rhythm reading, various songs and more.

All lessons are one on one for 45 minutes. Lessons are held on Wednesdays or Thursdays after school hours. Times can be discussed upon request.

**Cost:** $25 per lesson or $20 per lesson if paid per term basis.

**For further enquiries, contact Nick on 0402365681**

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Fit Little Kids

Join in the fun and fitness at the Yarra Junction Tennis Courts

**10.15-10.45 Wednesdays**

3-5 year olds (younger children able to join in, but are not the focus)

$10 casual per family or $7 upfront payment per family for term 1 (8 classes =$56)

**Fitness, fun, balance, coordination, teamwork, flexibility, ball handling**

Call Kate to sign up – limited places available – 0400 430 584

School Kids Fit Club

6-11 year olds

**Wednesdays 3.45-4.30pm, Yarra Junction Tennis Courts**

Fun fitness in a supportive environment. Strength, endurance and coordination is the focus.

**RSVP to Kate on 0400 430 584. Limited places.**

8 sessions in Term 1 = $80 per family or $13 casual per family

Get fit and have fun!

Come and join the women's fitness class at St Joe's, Mondays 2.15-3pm.
You've seen us on the oval, now its your turn to join in! All abilities catered for and little ones are welcome.

Term 1 classes begin Monday 6th February. $70 upfront for 7 classes (payment plan available if required).

Other classes available at the YJ Tennis Courts daily, bring your little ones and get fit with other mums.

Check us out on Facebook (Fresh Air Health and Fitness) or call/text Kate on 0400 430 584
UPPER YARRA NETBALL ASSOCIATION
JUNIOR NETBALL REGISTRATION DAY!!

where: THE YARRA CENTRE,
WARBURTON HWY,
YARRA JUNCTION

when: MARCH

time: 4.30 to 5.30pm

ages: 5 - 7yr Old
Under 9’s
Under 11’s
Under 13’s
Under 15’s
Intermediates

YARRA VALLEY
SOCCER CLUB
REGISTRATION
DAY

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- Art/craft days
- Cooking days
- Pyjama/movie day
- Pony rides
- Water play
- Sports day
- Recycled and reuse day
- Board games
- fun and much, much more...

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