NEWSLETTER NO: 30
Thursday 9th October 2014

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

G’day parents and friends,

PINAFORE pirates

We have a full dress rehearsal on Monday with the sound and lighting man, so costumes that are coming from home need to be at school. We have sold nearly 500 tickets! Please order yours on line or through the school office.

What’s Worth Learning?
Every year the staff members prepare an Annual Action Plan for the following year. This year we have been working to improve the “voice” of students and parents, communication, student writing and use of ICT. What do you think we should emphasize next year?
Parents are invited to a community conversation with the staff and senior students on Tuesday, 21 October from 1:40 – 3pm. Please put this in your diary!

Sister Anne Quinn
As part of deepening the understanding of social justice with in our community, next Wednesday morning the children will be visited by Sr Anne to share her experiences as a religious sister and a missionary teacher, currently with the poor in a very violent part of Jamaica. The talk will be in the church at 9:30am after the Junior R Mass.

Morning Tea – 9am in the Staffroom
Parents are welcome to gather in the staff room on the first Friday of each month and the first Friday of each term for a “cuppa” catch up! Tomorrow you are welcome!

Retirement
Today Mrs Ann Manning announced her retirement at the end of the year after starting work at St Joseph’s nearly 40 years ago! Wow! We will have to celebrate the contribution Ann has made!

Uniform
Parents are responsible to ensure the children wear the correct uniform to school. We have had a growing number with socks, shoes and other items that don’t fit the uniform description, as well as nail polish and all sorts of jewelry.

Prayers
There are a few families in our community who are struggling with health and other issues. You are requested to include them in your prayers. More specific requests for help may come later.

Growing
Our community has grown with the birth of Ari John Psathas to Amie and Paul. Amie was teaching Foundation half-time. We also welcome Patrick to Siobhan and David Perry, a brother to Lily (Jnr B).

God bless us all,
John

Have you collected your Conveyance cheque?

Our vision says: In our community we aspire to create a just world that promotes the dignity of every human person.
The final principle of Catholic social justice teaching is common good, which means that we can only live life in all its fullness when we are in relationship with others – through community.

At St Joseph’s we teach that every person has the right to a fulfilling life, with access to the resources they need. The rights and needs of the individual must be balanced with the needs of the disadvantaged and dispossessed. The common good is reached when people work together to improve the wellbeing of all.

Karen McQuade
Christian Life Leader
On the 30/9/14 the Hawks team came to my house to celebrate after winning the grand final. I was able to get all their signatures and hold the premiership cup. The team also came up before the finals to talk about their tactics. My friend Ryan Hirschfeld was over and got to meet them. Because they ended up winning the grand final, they thought our farm, Tibooburra, gave them good luck which is why they wanted to come back to celebrate. They’re lucky that we let them in the gate because we all barrack for the Blues.

By Will Kerr
Hope everyone had a great holiday.

**Morning Tea** - On this Friday morning, straight after drop off. Come to the staffroom for morning tea and a chat. We will hold one on the 1st Friday of each term, and then the 1st Friday of each month. Younger children welcome.

**Next P&F Meeting** - this Friday morning, in the Staffroom. We will be discussing our 4th term events, e.g. Lapathon, Special Lunch Day, Graduation, Christmas Hamper Raffle. We would love to see some new people attend. All welcome.

**Twilight Sports Night** – Friday 24th October, 5:30p.m. till around 7:45p.m. There will be a break for dinner from 6:30- 7:00, so you can eat your picnic, and/or order your pizza or fish and chips.

**Lapathon** - Monday 17th November. Please note that this date has changed again! Sorry. Look out for Sponsorship forms later this month.

**The Future of the P&F** - several of our long standing members will be standing down at the end of the year. Now is the perfect opportunity to start coming to meetings and events to learn the ropes! The P&F is a great way to meet people, to know what is going on at the school, and to use your skills. It looks good on a resume if you are thinking of going back to work. See Cathy Linder if you have any questions about the P&F.

**Dates to mark in your diaries:**

**Special Lunch Day** - Friday 28th November.

**P&F Dinner** - Friday 28th November, evening. Time and location to be confirmed.

Have a great week!

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**Rockin’ the “Junction”**

**Upper Yarra Parish Social Group**

With the H.G.Band music

**Date:** Saturday 18th October, 2014

**Time:** 7.00pm – 11.00pm

**Entry:** $20 per person (at the door)

**Venue:** St Joseph’s School Sports and Performing Arts Centre

40 Milners Rd, Yarra Junction