NEWSLETTER NO: 11

Monday 9th May 2011

*** Supervision of students at St Joseph’s School is from 8.40am until 3.20pm ***

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

I hope all the mums had a relaxing Mother’s Day yesterday and were well and truly spoilt. I had a very busy one and managed to see four of the six children and spoke to the other two by phone. I think a parent is most contented when they are with their children seeing them safe and happy no matter what the age... It was wonderful to talk with the children on Friday after they had purchased their gifts at the Mother’s day stall; they were proud of their purchases and couldn’t wait for mum to receive their precious gifts. Family is certainly the foundation of society and a treasure to nurture and appreciate every day.

Thursday was another special family occasion and we were fortunate to see so many special people here on that day. To pray, play and work with us. It was very special and we thank all those “special people” who were able to attend. A big thank you to P&F for providing gifts for children to purchase on Friday and to all parents who were able to assist on the day.

This week Year three and five children will participate in NAPLAN. Please make sure your child is at school for this important assessment.

At the School Advisory Board meeting last Tuesday, concerns were raised about children being picked up and dropped off at school. A couple of reminders for your consideration. The basketball court is unavailable for parking before school. After school the basketball court is available, cars wishing to park need to be here by 2.50 as the pick up line is in operation once buses leave. Cars wishing to park are not to overtake the pick up line. If you are in the pick up line it is that only and cannot be used for anything else. The paramount concern here is safety of the children. We ask that all adhere to these safety guidelines.

A sacramental meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th May for all children wishing to receive sacraments this year. A more detailed letter will be sent home this week.

This Wednesday Mr John Faulkner will be visiting the school to meet children and teachers. I am sure he is very excited about visiting the school for the first time. I am looking forward to showing him the school environment and sharing knowledge about our enthusiastic, vibrant community.

Yours with every blessing

Jenny Allatt
Acting Principal

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS
8.45am – 3.30pm

ACTING PRINCIPAL
Mrs. Jenny Allatt

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
Mr. Justin Colley

ADMINISTRATION OFFICER
Mrs. Sue Lucas

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

9th  School Nurse Visiting
    Assembly 2.30pm
10th  School Nurse Visiting
    NAPLAN
11th  NAPLAN
12th  NAPLAN
13th  Yr 3-6 Cross Country
    Prep-2 Expo Tabloid/Photo Trail
14th  Working Bee 9.00-11.30am
17th  Sacramental Information Night
20th  Symposium – School Closure Day
23rd  School Photos
    Assembly 2.30pm
25th  National Simultaneous Story Time Day – Juniors visit Yarra Junction Library at 11.00am
27th  2nd School Fee Payment due
    Yr 5 – 6 Aussie Sports Expo
28th  Big Night Out

NOTE: Assemblies will be held on alternate Mondays in Term 2

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**ALIVE IN OUR FAITH**

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**Sacraments 2011**

All parents whose children are making a sacrament this year need to attend a compulsory information night.

Tuesday 17th June – 7pm

South Building

Approximately 30 min

There will be a letter going home this week with an expression of interest, but if your child is making their communion, confirmation or reconciliation this year, you must attend.

Finally, thank you for all parents, grandparents and special friend who attended last Thursday’s Family Mass. It was a great celebration, which then followed into the classrooms. Thank you to Father Michael Misfud for celebrating Mass with us at short notice.

Nick Frederiksen

Religious Education Leader

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**Weekend Mass Times**

**Saturday – 4.30pm**
Sacred Heart Church, Warburton

**Sunday – 9.00am**
St. Thomas A’Becket Church, Yarra Junction

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**THIS WEEKENDS READINGS**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**First Reading**: Acts 2:14, 22-33
*Peter addresses the people on the day of Pentecost.*

**Psalm**: Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11
*Lord, you will show us the path of life.*

**Second Reading**: 1 Pt 1:17-21
*We are delivered through the blood of the lamb.*

**Gospel Acclamation**: See Lk 24:32

**Gospel**: Lk 24:13-35

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**NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**First Reading**: Acts 2:14, 36-41
*Three thousand are baptized at Peter's urging.*

**Psalm**: Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1
*The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

**Second Reading**: 1 Pt 2:20-25
*Christ delivered himself up to free us from sin.*

**Gospel Acclamation**: Jn 10:14

**Gospel**: Jn 10:1-10
*Jesus the sheepgate.*
Fantastic weather…
Beautiful scenery…
Smiling faces…
Enthusiastic kids…
supportive parents…
only slightly frazzled teachers…

You could not ask for a better day at the interschool athletics carnival. And to top it all off we brought home a trophy.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all the parents who came along and helped on the day and an especially big thankyou to Luke Atkins for carting and hauling high jump equipment to the venue.
Educational Blogging for Children

What is a blog?

To put it very simply, blogs are online journals where a person can record information chronologically. Blogs can be seen either by anyone, or if the person chooses to, only by its "subscribers".

Why use blogs with children?

Blogging can be a fantastic way for a child who is uninterested in writing, to communicate their thoughts, feelings and stories to the world. They are also the perfect tool for reflection, creating a learning portfolio, project management, sharing, and much more. Blogs are being used by millions of children around the world with great success, however finding a secure and child friendly blogging site can be a hurdle.

However, the Victorian Education Department has set up a blogging site that is strictly limited to teachers and students in Victorian Government and now Victorian Catholic schools. This provides a safe and monitored environment in which children can easily create their own web blog and share it with other students. They have named it Global2. All students need is their school email address and they can be on their way to creating their own blog in minutes!

http://global2.vic.edu.au/

Reminder:
St Joseph’s School enrolments for Prep 2012 are being taken now.

If you, or any family, friends or neighbours are interested in enrolling your child please complete a Prospective Enrolment Form or contact the office.
Hope all Mums had a wonderful Mother’s Day and enjoyed their gifts from the stall. A big thank-you to the P&F members who organised the stall, and to everyone who helped with wrapping and serving on the stall.

The Footy tipping ladder at the end of Round 6 (Round 7 will be completed tonight) has the following leaders 1. Robbo Family 2. Kynen Robin 3. Iskra Family. Well done!

Contact: Jo Taylor 0403 504 096 or Drew Cummings 0413 999 315

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Yarra Valley Uniforms

Navy Polar Fleece Vests with school emblem now available $35 (all sizes available including adults!)

The Uniform Shop will be open on Thursdays at 3.00pm.
Donna’s contact number is 0427 516 375.

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Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre

Peruvian Winter Warmer Event

Thursday 19th May
from 12.30pm – 8.00pm

This event is in support of the Sisters of St Joseph Peruvian project which “helps Peruvian women to help themselves”.

Winter items such as alpaca scarves and beanies, socks, bags, baby blankets and other fair trade products will be available for sale.

Everyone welcome.

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre
362 Albert St
East Melbourne. Ph: 9926 9300

WORKING BEE

The following families are rostered on for the next Working Bee on Saturday 14th May:

Atkins Cook
Enever Hendriks
Holland Lambie
Henry/Lambrick Iskra
Petty Pitman
Schroeders Taeuber
Taylor

A note will be sent home this week advising of the tasks and tools required.

Any other families are welcome to attend.
**NTC Duathlons on Sunday 15th May at Metec Bayswater North.**


There will be no entries on the day!

Each race may close early due to field limits.

**Sunday 15th May at Metec 112 Colchester Road, Bayswater North Mel 51D7**

8am **NTC Duathlon championship** 5km/20km/2km (must be 16 on day or older)

9.30am **NTC Duathlon Enticer** 2km/10km/1km (must be 12 or older)

**Non Timed Participation only races below**

10.30am **Active feet kids Under 7 Duathlon** 50m/500m/50m (Under 7)

10.45am **Active feet kids 7-9 Duathlon** 200m/2km/300m (7-9)

10.45am **Active feet kids 10-15 Duathlon** 400m/4km/600m (10-15)

For further information please email Mark Beovich markb@nunatriclub.com or visit either of these sites [www.nunatriclub.com](http://www.nunatriclub.com) or [www.triathlonkids.com.au](http://www.triathlonkids.com.au)

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**UYCH COURSES**

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**Courses in Healesville Term 2**

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Certificate III Aged Care work will get you qualified and ready for work

**Work in childcare**

Certificate III Children’s Services is the minimum qualification to work in this growing industry

**Sport & Recreation**

This Certificate III qualification will enable you to promote healthy and active lifestyles

**Live and learn locally**

Please phone UYCH 5967 1776 for further details

More courses available, refer to UYCH Course guide or visit [www.uych.vic.edu.au](http://www.uych.vic.edu.au)

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**CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE CHEQUES**

Cheques for those families who are entitled to the conveyance allowance are available.

These can be collected from the school office.

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**Yarra Junction Library** Hoddle St, Yarra Junction

**COLLECTING AND IDENTIFYING YOUR MILITARIA**

Saturday 21 May

10.30am – 12.30pm

Do you have a military badge, medal, photograph or unknown item you would like identified?

Bring it along and we will try and help you find its origin.

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL:** phone 5967 1588 or online at [www.erl.vic.gov.au](http://www.erl.vic.gov.au)