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

G'day parents and friends,

Communication
Good communication will contribute to a successful year for our children. We will have parent teacher meetings on the 16 and 17 of February during which parents and teachers share information relevant to learning this year. Booking information is in the newsletter and on Tiqbiz.

Classrooms: During the year if you have any concerns always contact your class teachers in the first instance. You can contact teachers in the classrooms from 8:35 each morning, or by email.

For important matters it is better to make an appointment.

Parent Teacher Meetings: are being held on Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17.

Whole school information: is through the weekly newsletter, with reminders and urgent information coming through TiQBIZ. Emergency information will be through TiQBIZ initially.

Caremonkey: this new program will make school notes and permission forms much easier and less repetitive. Please follow the instructions in the email. EASY!

Bike Ride
On Friday the Herald Sun Bike ride is racing up Little Yarra Road towards Moe. National and International riders are participating. This is big for Yarra Junction! So we plan to walk the children at 11am to watch the passing riders between 11:20 and 11:35.

Beginning of the Year Mass 9am Friday
Tomorrow we celebrate the beginning of the year. At the end of the Mass the Big buddies will introduce our Foundation students, who will in turn present the Year Sixes with their Leadership jackets.

Sacraments: Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation
If your children are eligible to make one of these sacraments, you must enrol them in the program. On Tuesday 7pm in the Green Room in the SPA, Fr Ashkar and Mrs McQuade will briefly outline the programs and accept applications to participate. Apologies can be accepted if you contact Mrs McQuade and return the registration form.

Welcome
In Foundation we welcome Tarrin Birthisel, Ryder Crowe, Hannah Downward, Bridie Dunne, Kaylee Feim, Harry Freegard, Lillijana Hall, Ethan Hodge, Sophie Kangru, Paddy Lambie, Charlotte Lord, Skye O’Connor, Makayla Pye, Grace Rankin, Elena Tarquinio, Jack Waldron and their families. We also welcome Will Rankin (1V), Molly Lambie (3T) and Ryan Lambie (4M).

Camp
From next Wednesday the Seniors will be attending Stringybark Lodge in Gembrook. They will be participating in a great initiative and team building program.

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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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See further in the newsletter for details of booking introductory meetings

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Our vision states: we value life-long learning and have high expectations of possible achievements.
Uniform
It is good to see the students wearing the new sports shirts only on PE days. 
Wednesdays: Seniors and Middle M; Thursdays Foundation, Juniors, and Middle T. The 
children will be given permission to wear it on some special days. If your child needs be 
out of uniform, please send a note to me via the class teacher.

First Aid
Small playground incidents are dealt with by the teachers on duty outside. If your child 
is sent to sickbay you will receive a note detailing the reason and action taken. You will 
be informed by phone of any knocks to the head. All Staff are Level Two trained.

God bless us all,  
John

2016 introductory meetings
Introductory meetings for parents to meet 
with your child/ren’s class teacher are to be booked at:

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

The event code is EJ9EB
Year of Mercy

Welcome to the new school year! This year, Pope Francis has called us to be more aware of our need to be merciful, meaning, forgiving, and concerned for other. He has made 2016 a Jubilee year, naming it The Year of Mercy. Throughout the world, churches will be focusing on events that recognise God’s mercy for us and our need to be merciful.

This year we will again offer information evenings and the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. Baptism needs to be arranged with Fr. Ashkar and this can be done by attending a meeting at the parish church, held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm. I am always available if you wish to discuss anything.

An information and enrolment evening will be held on Tuesday, 9th February at the school for parents of children wishing to receive the other sacraments. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held on Tuesday, 15th March, First Eucharist will be on 29th May and Confirmation is to be held on 7th October.

Wishing you all a good year,

Karen McQuade
Christian Life Leader
**Choral Group** will recommence **next Monday 8th February** at the usual time of 3.15 – 4.00pm.

All students who were members last year are automatically invited to participate again. However, they need to decide if they are willing to make the commitment to regularly attend rehearsals and to persevere in the group throughout the year. Parents, please discuss this with your child. We would love to see everyone back for another great year of singing.

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

The uniform shop will be open on Thursdays from approximately 2.45pm – 3.30pm.

Orders may be handed in at the office on any day but **will only be filled when the uniform shop is open.**

2016 price lists will be available shortly.

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**YARRA JUNCTION LIBRARY AFTER SCHOOL MOVIE**

An after school movie will be shown at Yarra Junction Library for the next few weeks.

Tuesdays at 3.45pm
February 9th, 16th, 23rd and March 1st

Family entertainment with the theme Man’s best friend
Woori Yallock Junior Football Club
Registration Day

Date: Sunday 14th February
Time: 11am to 2pm
Where: Woori Yallock Football Ground

Players Wanted:
Boys - Under 9, Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, Under 16
Girls – 8 to 12 years old

Free Sausage Sizzle and Soft Drinks

Please contact Andy Taylor on 0417 296 532 if you have any questions

Go Tigers!
This year we will be holding a market day / car boot sale on Sunday 20 March from 10am – 3pm.

We are hoping to have a variety of stalls with food, handmade items, second hand goods, local businesses and community groups etc.

You are invited to book a spot – more details to come shortly.

*Quality second-hand goods (not clothing) can be brought in to school at the beginning of March.*