

St Joseph's School Yarra Junction



Our vision states: *We value lifelong learning and have high expectations of possible achievements*

Newsletter No 31 - Thursday 11th October 2018

School Office Hours

8.45am – 3.30pm

PRINCIPAL

Mr. John Faulkner

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Mrs. Prue Vanstan

ADMINISTRATION OFFICERS

Mrs. Alison Waldron & Mrs. Di Hendriks

Dates to Remember

OCTOBER

Saturday 13

Working Bee 9am until 12noon

Monday 15

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY – NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL

Thursday 18

2019 Foundation Transition 2 – 9am to 9.45am

Bee Incursion Grade 2/3 1.15pm to 2.15pm

Excursion to Task works - Foundation Students only

Sunday 21

Eucharist 12.30 to 1.30pm

Monday 22

Whole school Swimming Program Starts and finishes on Thursday

1st November. (Not on Friday's, only Monday to Thursday)



*G'day parents
and friends,*

School Closure Day

Please note that the school will be closed for staff professional development on Monday 15 October. This date has been negotiated in association with other schools and the facilitator, and has been in the newsletter on the 13 September and 20 September. We are sorry for any inconvenience this might cause.

Working Bee Saturday 9 - 12 COME AND HELP

Jobs include filling the sand pit, spreading mulch, planting, gutters, gardening.....led by Prue Vanstan.

Funding

There has been much coverage in the media about funding for non-government schools. Our funding comes from 3 sources, roughly broken into: The Commonwealth Government 50%; State Government 25%; and School Fees and Levies 25%.

Much of the commentary is misleading. The amount of money the Commonwealth gives to non-government schools is compared to what it gives to State schools. Often it is ignored that State governments are responsible for 100% funding of their schools paid out of GST money, and the Commonwealth is responsible for non-government schools. The states argue for additional funds to boost the money they pay towards running the schools they own. As payers of the GST and other taxes, you contribute to the funding of State schools. As payers of school fees, you actually save the state government the cost of fully paying for the education of your children!

The argument that Catholic Education Melbourne (CEM) has had with the Commonwealth has been about how the amount of money it gives is decided. Currently, the 5-year census data is used to determine how rich or poor the location of a school is, giving a socio-economic (SES) level. In wealthier areas, parents are expected to pay more and receive less government money. CEM argued that the location was not an accurate reflection of the ability of our parents to pay. The Commonwealth said it was. CEM campaigned until the Commonwealth agreed to an independent review. This decided that the CEM was correct and the Commonwealth was wrong. Therefore, the Commonwealth is now going to increase money for Catholic and some other non-government schools. The generally more wealthy Independent Schools will most likely see their funding reduced. There is a letter attached from CEM.

Yarra Junction Community Opportunity Shop

We have been fortunate to receive a gift of \$1600 for microscopes from the Op Shop on the highway. This was in response to a letter to them on behalf of the school from Darcy and Jonah (Yr 5). If you are passing, you might like to drop in some preloved items for them to sell, and say thank you from us. The \$200 microscopes will enable exploration of the micro world in a way just dreamed of before. How exciting! They are ordered!

Peter Pan Film

If you would like to order a copy of our musical performance please pay \$15 to school and we will order one for you. The film recording will come on a USB with the expected delivery in a couple of weeks.

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Seville Family Picnic – Celebrating Children’s Week Friday 19 October 3:30pm – 6:30pm

Bring your picnic and join in the free family fun with children’s activities, community information and explore the play space and waterpark. Suitable for all ages. For more information go to

<https://www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Lists/Events/Seville-Family-Picnic-Celebrating-Childrens-Week>

Today is mental health day

Today is a national day of support for the mental health and wellbeing of all. We know that people are resilient, but sometimes some of us need help to achieve success. We also know it’s important for us to learn how to cope and respond to life’s challenges in a healthy and positive way. In addition to all our individual ways we support others we can also pray:

God calls us to love our neighbour as ourselves; the one who is weak and the one who is strong, the one who is happy and the one who is sad, the one who is enjoying mental wellness today and the one who is struggling with mental illness today, the one whom we understand and the one we don’t, the one who is embraced and the one who is shunned, the one who is like us and the one who is different. Come, let us trust God’s abundant love!

*God bless us all,
John*



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Dear parents and carers

I write to you with great news about a recent funding commitment for our schools.

The Premier of Victoria, Daniel Andrews, and the Deputy Premier and Minister for Education, James Merlino have announced the ALP’s commitment to provide \$400 million in funding over the next four years to upgrade and build new Catholic and other non-government schools.

Catholic education will be the big winners from the fund, with the Premier indicating that our schools will receive 70-80% of the new funding.

The Andrews Labor Government has also announced a range of planning reforms which will streamline existing processes to help us build and maintain facilities for Catholic school communities across the state.

On top of this, Mr Andrews has committed funding to support the removal of asbestos and the other hazardous materials, which will ensure that all of our schools, wherever they are, are safe.

This is a huge announcement for the Catholic sector, and is the largest capital funding commitment a Victorian Government has made to our schools.

I know the significant contribution you already make to maintaining and upgrading the facilities at your child’s school, and I also know that you keep putting your hands in your own pockets to make sure that they can have the best places to learn in. Across Victoria, parents and carers are contributing 80 cents in every dollar that our school sector spends on capital works in our schools.

Today’s announcement is an acknowledgement of that fact.

Today’s announcement is also a welcome recognition of the hard work from you and other members of your school community have put in over the last 18 months, sending a very clear message to decision-makers: Catholic education matters.

If you have the opportunity, I encourage you to write and thank the Premier and the Deputy Premier and Minister for Education for their support of your school. Their addresses are:

The Hon Daniel Andrews MP
Premier
Parliament House
Spring Street
EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002

daniel.andrews@parliament.vic.gov.au

The Hon James Merlino MP
Deputy Premier and Minister for Education
Parliament House
Spring Street
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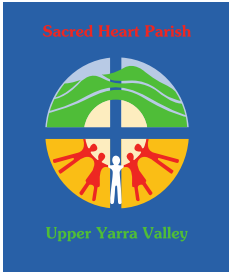
james.merlino@parliament.vic.gov.au

Your principal will pass on any further updates on the policies of the other major parties in the weeks ahead.

Thank you for your continued support for your school community.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Elder', is written over a white rectangular background.

Stephen Elder
Executive Director



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PO Box 317

Mt Evelyn 3796

Email: moutevelyn@cam.org.au

Website:

<http://www.sacredheartuyv.org.au>

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday – 4.30pm

Sacred Heart Church, Warburton

Sunday – 8.30am

St. Thomas à Becket Church, Yarra Junction

ALIVE IN OUR FAITH

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

Dear God:

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. Amen.



Karen McQuade - Christian Life Leader





Absent from School:

If your child is absent from school, please ensure you notify the office (via email, flexibuzz or phone message). The roll is marked each morning at 9.30am and our schools policy is to call parents if their child/children are absent without notification.

Lost Property:

The lost property tub is located near the office. If you are missing a top or a hat, please come to the office and have a look. Please also check that your top has a name on it.

Joke of the week:

Q: What do you call a shoe made out of a banana?

A: A slipper.



Sweet Potato and Bacon Slice

Ingredients

- 1 sweet potato shredded
- 1 zucchini shredded
- 4 bacon rashers shredded
- 1 onion diced
- 4 eggs
- 1 **cup** self-raising flour
- 1 **cup** cheese grated
- 1 **tsp** garlic
- 1 **tbs** chives
- 1 **pinch** pepper *to taste

Method

Step 1 - Add all ingredients together and mix well.

Step 2 - Place into a non-stick slice tray.

Step 3 - Bake at 220C (180C fan forced) for 40-50 minutes.



Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS



WYTAG

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Saturday 20th October 2018

9am—2pm — Harold Ockwell Reserve

Warburton Highway, Woori Yallock

(adjacent to shops)



REDUCE—REUSE—RECYCLE



Do you have unwanted items to sell, yet not enough to hold a garage sale? Why not book a \$10 stall?

Stall numbers are limited, so book now to avoid disappointment.

For further details or to make a stallholder booking, contact

Rickelle 0414 657 383 or Nicky 0400 203 389



YARRA VALLEY SOCCER CLUB



Junior Soccer Summer Program

Wednesday Evenings 5.00pm to 6.30pm

17th October to 5th December

Millgrove Recreation Reserve

Program designed for Junior Soccer Players

- A program for ages 5 Years to 14 years, which helps develop a player's football skills and promote interest in soccer.
- A skills based program for all.
- Small sided games.
- Cost- \$20 per child for whole 8 week program.
- Registration- Please complete the following link to register for program <https://yarravalley.typeform.com/to/RPzWs>
- Registration payments can be made to Yarra Valley Soccer Club BSB 633000 Account 120 551 098 (please leave surname as reference)
- For further information please contact yv_soccer@hotmail.com or Tom Mills 0432 732 997 or Andrew Woolley 0413 666 392



Yarra Valley Soccer Club is now one of the fastest growing participation sports in the Upper Yarra Valley Area.

Woori Kids Fest!
Celebrating Children's Week
Thursday Oct 25 2018 3-5 pm
Woori Yallock Presbyterian Church Carpark (Opposite the Primary School)
1363 Healesville-Koo-Wee-Rup Rd
Woori Yallock 3139
Jumping castle - Donkey rides - Animal farm - Face painting - Balloons - Kids Performance Stage - Food - Information stalls & More!
www.facebook.com/wooricommhouse (03) 5964 6857



2018 Inductees

Diana Trask
Terry Harrison
Col. Fiona Haynes
Michael Napoleone

The Mount Lilydale Mercy College Old Collegians'

Gala

Enjoy a fun packed evening with a live band, delicious meal, awards, silent auction, the Valley's best beers, wines, ciders and much, much more!

Saturday October 20, 2018

7pm till late

Tickets \$85

Centennial Hall, Mount Lilydale Mercy College
120 Anderson Street Lilydale

Tickets @ <https://www.trybooking.com/VJZZ>

Ticket sales close October 15
For enquires, please contact the Old Collegians on 9735 4022
or email: oc@mlmc.vic.edu.au

Come celebrate the excellence of our Alumni!

All funds raised go towards Mercy scholarships & local community projects



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