

St Joseph's School Yarra Junction

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

Newsletter No 37 - Thursday 22 November 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 – 4 weeks and 5 days till Christmas

November

Friday 23 Junior Sleep over at School
Monday 26 Giving Tree starts
Tuesday 27 2019 Foundation Transition 9-11am
Assembly 2/3 & 3/4
Friday 30 FREE DRESS DAY – Gold coin donation for Drought Relief in NSW
Foundation Sleep over at school

December

Sunday 2 Advent starts
Wednesday 5 Children's Christmas Lunch



*G'day parents
and friends,*

Asphalting:

Thank you for your co-operation with the changes to the beginning and end of each day. It has gone remarkably well, although the pick-up is a bit slower. With the forecast rain, the resealing has been postponed to the beginning of next week so our changed arrangements will continue until after that work.

Classes and classrooms

Taking into consideration how to best meet the learning needs and numbers of students, we have decided to have the following class groupings next year:

2 x Foundation/Year One 2 x Two/Three 1 x Four/Five 1 x Five/Six.

We are confident that these will work well for all your children.

Next year the Yr 2 / 3 classes will be upstairs, Yr 5 / 6 classes will be in the left side South Building rooms, and the Foundation Yr1s will be in the right side South Building.

In the next few weeks, I will announce the level teachers. My usual practice is, at that time, to invite you to write to me with any issues that could have an impact on your child's education for us to consider when placing children in classes.

Much of the floor in the South Building will be replaced after Christmas with moisture impervious materials. Many of you would be aware that the ongoing dampness under the building has caused a smell for some time, and now the failure of some flooring. In the subfloor space, quiet extraction fans will be installed to draw out the damp air to stop the condensation that is the cause of the problem. A consequence of this is that the F1 classrooms won't be ready for the end of year transitions, which will instead occur in the current Foundation room. Next year that room will be used as a multi-purpose room, its original purpose.

Working Bee

Using a bobcat, we installed support posts in the cubby area around which stick structures can be built. We still need to add horizontal posts. We moved two telephone poles for seating beside the oval, and two as seating in the bush behind the school. Thank you to Andrew Jones (Jesse F) for a fantastic effort. Melissa and Jesse Jones planted at the roundabout. Anthony Willemsen (Violet Yr 6, Hayden Yr 3 and Daphne F) who often does a bit of mulching while waiting to pick up his children spread more softfall (mulch) around the play equipment.

Christmas Carol Service 6:30pm 13 December in the SPA

Please put this in your calendars! Each class will add to the presentation and singing of a carol service as we lead up to Christmas. We need all children to attend. After the carols, we will farewell Mrs. Broderick, Mrs. Whetham and other leaving staff.

Please note:

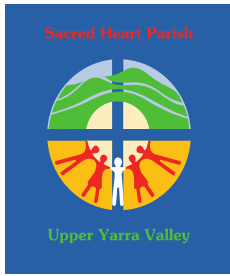
1. If your child has, any reactions to sunscreens contact the office.
2. Pick up your ordered USB copy of Peter Pan.
3. Add to your calendar 13 December, Christmas Carols Service and Farewells to staff.

*God bless us all,
John*

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Weekend Mass Times

Saturday – 7.00pm (Daylight Savings)
Sacred Heart Church, Warburton

Sunday – 8.30am
St. Thomas à Becket Church, Yarra Junction

Christmas Mass dates and times below

ALIVE IN OUR FAITH

Christ the King

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of Christ the King, the final week of the Church's liturgical year. We know that Jesus wasn't, and isn't, a king like other kings. Instead of being concerned about his own power, he dedicated himself to the powerless.

He had no armies, only followers on the way. He had no weapons, but he had the most powerful force in the universe – the love of God. That is why he was born in a stable, amongst the poor. He became human to teach us and show us the power of God's love.

Jesus tells Pilate in this week's Gospel that he has no earthly kingdom. Jesus wasn't a politician, but he hoped to reshape society – government and religion – to reflect God's Kingdom. That's the work we carry on as his followers.

To follow Jesus we must testify to the truth within us, in the gospels, and in our tradition, that recognises the sacredness of every person. This requires making a habit of actively discerning and judging how we can contribute to the common good.

As Christians, we can't help but see Jesus in the least and can't dodge the work of including the least in our care – in our families, our social circles, and global neighbourhood.

We must turn to one another to help rather than take advantage.

Gospel response: Next week at school, we are making a special effort as a school community to show that we care for others in need. The children have been asked to contribute to the St Vinnie's Giving Tree, which provides Christmas gifts for the children from poor families in our local community.

On Wednesday 12th December, we will be holding a Christmas stall during the day so the children can buy cheap presents for their family and friends.

Please support this initiative of the student social justice team, if possible.

Karen McQuade
Christian Life Leader

Upper Yarra

Christmas Eve – Vigil Mass 7:00pm Yarra Junction

Christmas Day – 8:30am Warburton

N.B. No Mass on Boxing Day (Wednesday)

Mount Evelyn

Christmas Eve – Vigil Mass 5:00pm

Midnight Mass – 12:00am

Christmas Day- 10:30am

N.B. No evening Mass Christmas Day





Christmas Shortbread Cookies

Prep time: 10 mins Cook time: 10 mins Total time: 20 mins

Christmas Shortbread Cookies - adorable, delicious, tasty and with only three ingredients! You need to add this lovely Christmas Shortbread Cookies to your Christmas!

INGREDIENTS






- 1 cup salted butter, cold and cut into pieces
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract or almond extract
- 2 ¼ cups all-purpose flour
- Optional: red and green sprinkles

INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a medium bowl of an electric stand mixer cream together butter, granulated sugar and vanilla extract until well combined
2. Add all-purpose flour and mix until combined
3. Knead dough by hand for 5 minutes
4. The dough should end up soft and pliable, similar to play-dough, not sticky
5. Form a ball, wrap tightly, and chill for about 30 minutes
6. While the dough is resting, preheat oven to 350F. Line baking sheets with parchment paper and set aside
7. Roll dough out to about ½ inch thickness, use a cookie cutter for shapes
8. Place each cookie 2 inches apart on baking sheet, sprinkle sprinkles over the top if desired and gently press into dough
9. Bake 8-10 minutes, or until edges are golden brown
10. Immediately transfer to a wire rack to cool.



Student of the Week

	<p>Displaying some fantastic counting skills using 2's and 5's patterns. Amelia persisted with some takes even when they became a little tricky. Great effort Amelia!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Amelia K Foundation</p>		<p>For showing persistence and determination over a tricky few weeks. Audrey has used technology to help her write and has not let her broken wrist stop her from always trying her hardest. Well done – Keep up your great attitude to learning Audrey.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Audrey M Year – 3/4</p>
	<p>Working well with a variety of different partners. Makenzie always shares her ideas and listens to her working partners.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Makenzie S Year 2/3</p>		<p>For demonstrating respect, resilience and responsibility this week. He has been a valued class member and has encouraged others to work responsibly. Well done.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Luke T Year – 5/6 V</p>
	<p>For being such a great friend and supporting your friends when they need it. Your kindness and compassion has outstated us all and you should be very proud!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Daisy W Year – 5/6 O'B</p>		



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.

Bet you didn't know this interesting fact.....

It is impossible for most people to lick their own elbow. (try it!)



Enrolling Your Child at St Joseph's School, Yarra Junction Term 4 update

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School has been established to serve the needs of children and their families in the Upper Yarra Valley. We strive to be open and welcoming to all students, regardless of their background and needs, and do everything possible to accommodate a student's individual needs. We welcome children of other Christian traditions and other faiths who seek what Catholic education has to offer.

Enrolment

All children enrolling at St Joseph's need to be 5 years of age by the 30th of April of the year they start school. Parents will need to complete an enrolment application for each child and submit it to the office along with the following documents:

- Original Birth Certificate
- Certificate of Immunisation (request a copy online from the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR))
- Baptism Certificate (if applicable)

Enrolment Application

Download a St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Enrolment Application Form from our website or collect from school reception.

Orientation

Each year orientation sessions are offered to the incoming Foundation students. These sessions familiarise the children and their parents with different aspects of school life. There are 6 Drop In sessions for those considering St Joseph's, and 3 Transition sessions for the 2018 class. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to attend.

Enrolment Timeline

18 th October 2018	Transition morning 9 - 9.45 am
1 st November 2018	Transition morning 9 - 9.45 am
27 th November 2018	Transition morning 9 – 11 am
4 th December 2018	Transition morning 9 –11:15 am
11 th December 2018	Transition morning 9 – 12 pm

Term Dates 2019

Term 1	29 January (teachers) 30 January to 5 April 2019
Term 2	23 April to 28 June 2018
Term 3	15 July to 20 September 2018
Term 4	07 October to 18 December 2018

Please note:

Term 1:

Wednesday 30 and Thursday 31 January are 8:45 – 12:30

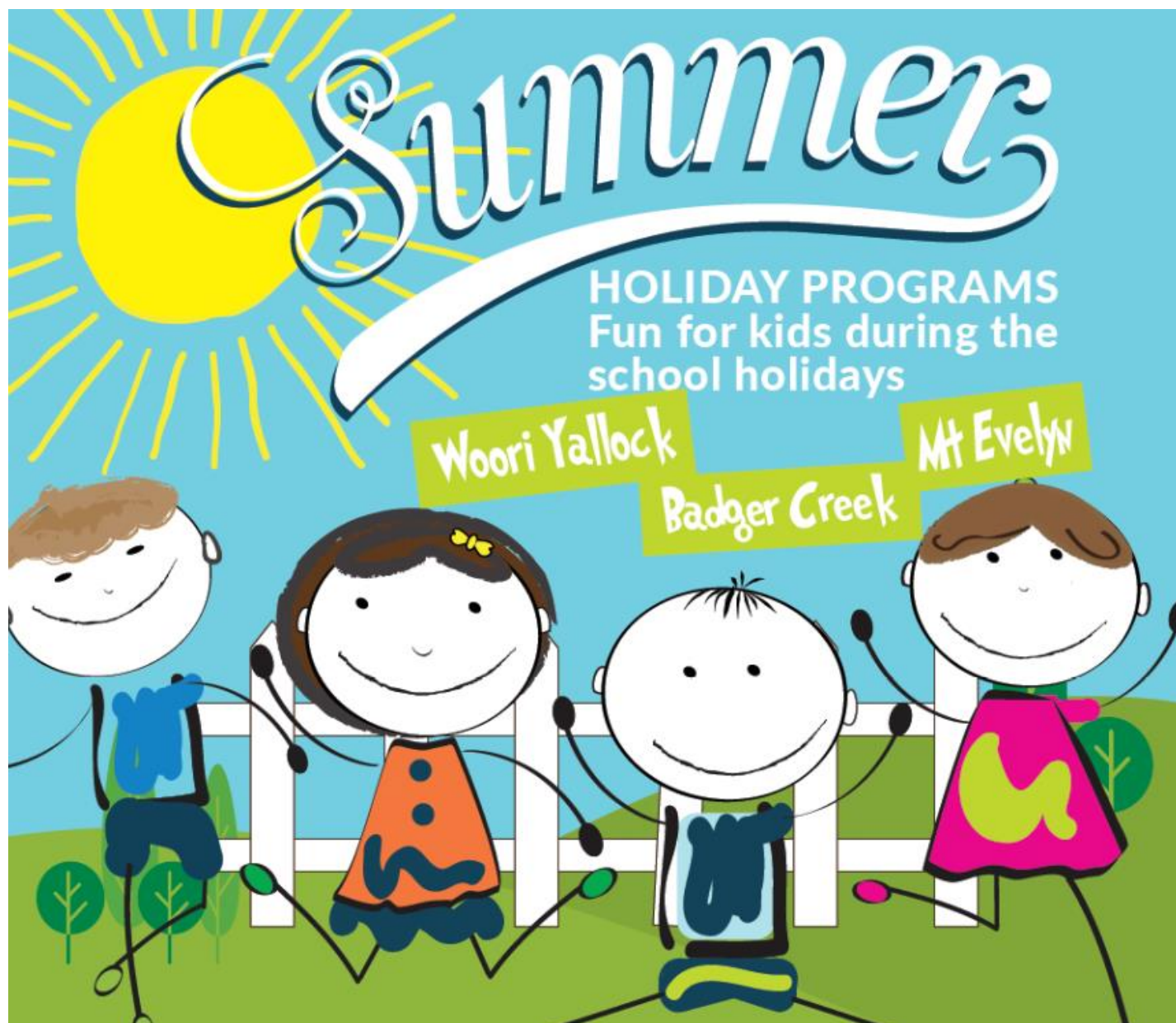
Friday 1 February is a full day from 8:45 – 3pm.

There is no school for Foundation on Wednesdays February 6, 13, 20, 27 and March 6

We will endeavour to visit all the children at their kinder during the term.

If you think that we need to discuss any special concerns you may have for your child, please make an appointment.

Upcoming
**COMMUNITY
EVENTS**



**Looking for quality vacation care
during the school holidays?**

Here at Cire we offer a fantastic program full of fun and adventure to keep your kids entertained throughout the school holidays.

Three convenient locations
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**For further information visit www.cire.org.au
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