

St Joseph's School Yarra Junction

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

Newsletter No 38 - Thursday 29 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 – 3 weeks and 5 days till Christmas

November

Friday 30

FREE DRESS DAY – Gold coin donation for Drought Relief in NSW

Foundation Sleep over at school

December

Sunday 2

Advent starts

Tuesday 4

2019 Foundation Transition 9 – 11am and Assembly 2/3 & 3/4 & Uniform shop open after the assembly has finished

Wednesday 5

Children's Christmas Lunch

Monday 10

End of Giving Tree

Tuesday 11

Transition Grade 6's – MLMC Yr 7 Orientation Day

2019 Foundation Transition Day 9 – 12 and Assembly – F 1 & 2



*G'day parents
and friends,*

Dear Parents,

Unfortunately, the principal appointment process has not led to an appointment yet, but I am pleased to inform you that from the beginning of the New Year, the role will temporarily be shared by Prue Vanstan and Mrs. Jenny Allett. They will do half a week each. Prue and Jenny will meet with John and me next week to organise how to best make this happen smoothly. We welcome Jenny, and congratulate Prue on this next part of her journey. Jenny is a retired very experienced principal who has stepped into several schools in similar circumstances. Indeed, Jenny was Acting Principal here at St Joseph's when John was appointed. The committee will readvertise in term one. Over recent years, there has been a reluctance of teachers to step up into the role of principal. The experience we now have here is one that many schools have experienced. Most recently, St Mary's Mt Evelyn readvertised twice before selecting a principal. Therefore, unfortunately, we must wait to find the correct person. Meanwhile, we can have great confidence in the combination of the experienced Jenny working with Prue, who knows the community well but is only in her first year as a deputy principal.

Fr Michel Corriveau, Parish Priest

I am pleased to inform you that Katie Vranken has accepted the role of Teaching and Learning Leader. You are aware that Katie will fulfil this position with her usual energy and vision, building on the great progress we have made together here at St Joseph's School. Katie will also take over the Learning Diversity role, which includes responsibility for special needs and support. Both of these were part of Alyson Whetham's role. Prue Vanstan will pick up the Wellbeing Leader role from Katie. Prue has substantial experience in this area. Katie and Prue are exemplary experienced teachers, who will share responsibility for teaching the 5/6 class next year. We are confident this we be very successful.

On Tuesday, Ms Paula Durrant (Formally Reed) was presented to the 2019 Foundation parents as one of the 2 teachers for next year. She will work full time in the class, with responsibility for physical education going to another teacher.

With the retirement of Mrs. Broderick, Miss Lisa Bourke has accepted the position of Performing Arts for next year. Lisa has qualifications and experience in music that will build on the great tradition established in our school.

Step up sessions:

For various circumstances, all the class teachers have not been announced yet, only Yr5/6 and Paula Durrant in Foundation/Yr One. The children are having a weekly step up session into their new level, but not with their new teachers yet.

Asphalting:

Thank you for your co-operation with the changes to the beginning and end of each day. It has gone remarkably well. The court line marking has now been completed. New backboards to come soon!

Christmas Carol Service 6:30 pm 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.

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Wesburn Dog Training

Wesburn Dog Training now have a session on Wednesday evenings starting at 7pm on St Joseph's School oval. If you are interested, please contact Jan Pike on 0400046458 or michthevette@gmail.com

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*

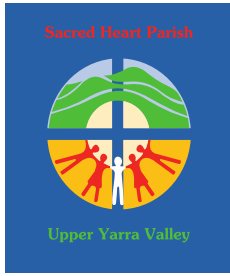


Scholastic Book Club

The final issue for this year was sent home last week. *Orders must be returned by tomorrow, Friday 30th November* to ensure books are delivered back to school before the end of the year.

Remember if you would like a discreet delivery, please make a note on your order & books can be left at the office for you to pick up.

Happy Reading over the holidays all.



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Mt Evelyn 3796

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

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

First Week of Advent

The beginning of the new liturgical year begins on Sunday with the 1st week of Advent. The word Advent derives from the Latin word-meaning coming. We prepare for four weeks, to celebrate the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

The season offers the opportunity to share in the ancient longing for the coming of the Messiah, take a good look at our lives and ask us ourselves whether we are living the kind of lives that allow others to see Christ in us.

It is part of the Catholic tradition to pray around an Advent wreath in this season. The Advent wreath is a circle, of evergreens as a reminder that God has no beginning or end. The candles represent the four weeks of Advent. Three of the candles are purple, reminding us of the penitential nature of the season and one is pink, symbolising joy.

The first candle represents our hope that comes from God, who is faithful and will keep the promises made to us.



Prayer for the First Week of Advent

Creator God, awaken our eyes and open our ears to the sights and sounds of Advent. Awaken our hearts to the love and fun we share in our family. Jesus shows us the kind of loving and compassionate people we can be. Let us light each other's way to Christmas by showing love to one another. Bless our family.

Come Lord Jesus. Wake us up.

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



Surprise Choc-mint Balls

Prep time: 15 mins Makes 30

Be delighted by the surprise minty centre of these deliciously simple and no-bake chocolate balls. This is a great recipe for class Christmas parties, neighbourhood get-togethers and more!

INGREDIENTS

- 500 g chocolate ripple biscuits
- 395 g condensed milk
- 2 x 220 g Cadbury Mint Bubbly chocolate
- 3/4 cup coconut (for rolling)

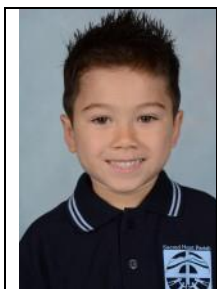






INSTRUCTIONS

- Place the chocolate biscuits into a food processor and process until they resemble fine crumbs (alternatively, you could use a rolling pin). Place the biscuit crumbs into a large bowl.
- Add the condensed milk and thoroughly mix together.
- Break the Cadbury Mint Bubbly chocolate blocks into pieces and then cut each piece in half.
- Place heaped teaspoons of the mixture around the chocolate pieces and shape into balls.
- Roll in coconut.
- Serve.



Student of the Week

	<p>Great reading skills this week. Ryan has been using good skills to work out unknown words and asking great questions about the information we have read. Top effort Ryan!</p> <p>Ryan U Foundation</p>		<p>For making, a big improvement on her learning goal of using capital letters at the start of sentences.</p> <p>Violet F Year – 2/3</p>
	<p>For showing determination and willingness to listen to feedback on her writing. Hannah is showing an increasingly mature attitude to her learning. Well done Hannah.</p> <p>Hannah S Year 3/4</p>		<p>For contributing to class discussions in a mature manner. You put forward your opinion in a respectful manner and listened to the opinion of others with an open mind! Well done Tahlia!!</p> <p>Tahlia N Year – 5/6 O'B</p>
	<p>For working with increased maturity, persistence and reliability this week. Harley has been more focused on completing his work to a high standard this week. Keep up the great work!</p> <p>Harley L Year – 5/6 V</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 has grown..... 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.....

The characters Bert and Ernie on Sesame Street were named after Bert the cop and Ernie the taxi driver in Frank Capra's "It's a Wonderful Life."



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

Warburton Pre-school



Enrol Now for 2019

3 Year

Old Kindergarten

Vacancies Still Available



Our centre offers:

- family centred practice
- a play-based curriculum based on Victorian Early Years Learning and Development framework
- a large, well equipped playroom
- a large adventure playground with many shaded areas
- caring, experienced and qualified staff
- all staff have first aid and anaphylaxis training

For more information or to enrol, please contact Laura or Jo on
03 5966 2317 or drop in and visit our wonderful centre today!!

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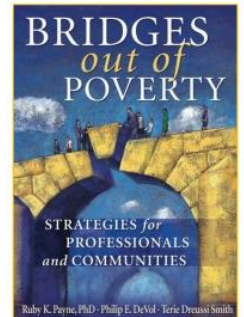
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- Do you work with people from vulnerable economic backgrounds?
- Are you looking to improve the way you and your organisation responds to people experiencing economic disadvantage?

Then this one-day course is for you.

At completion of this workshop, participants will have an understanding of:

- strategies to strengthen collaboration & cooperation with other providers in your community
- a social movement that inspires people to work together and in doing so build social capital
- an economic movement with its purpose is to bring stability, security and a higher quality of life
- a range of tools on making sustainable communities, and building resources for individuals, institutions and communities.



This training is being organised by Anchor, and will be attended by Anchor staff. Anchor have kindly offered additional places for staff from Yarra Ranges Council and service providers.

When: Thursday, 13 December, 9am to 5pm

Where: Japara Community House, 54-58 Durham Road, Kilsyth

Cost: \$150 per person including workbook, lunch and morning and afternoon teas.

RSVP: Rebecca Mulvogue, Ph 8761 9040, rebecca.mulvogue@anchor.org.au

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Your Anchor point.