

St Joseph's School Yarra Junction

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

Newsletter No 39 - Thursday 6 December 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 – 2 weeks and 5 days till Christmas

DECEMBER

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| 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 |
| Thursday 13 | Christmas Carols at 6.30pm and farewells to staff |
| Tuesday 18 | Grade 6 Graduation Mass and Dinner 6pm |
| Wednesday 19 | Mass and Farewells 9-10am END OF TERM 4 – School Finishes 1pm |



*G'day parents
and friends,*

Dear Parents and Friends,

Luncheon

We were very lucky to have our Parents and Friends put on the Christmas lunch feast yesterday. The roast chicken, potatoes, vegetables, and rolls followed by icy poles was very well received by the children and staff. The atmosphere was calm and orderly, with polite behaviour the order of the day. Well done to Andrea and Leone and their helpers for organising all this.

2019 Plans

We have not quite finished organising the staff for next year but we are working on the class groupings. If you have a preference for an educational reason, it must be received in writing to me by 3 pm Monday 10 December. For various circumstances, all the class teachers have not been announced yet, only Yr 5/6 and Paula Durrant in Foundation/Yr One. The children are having a weekly step up session into their new level, but possibly this is not with their new teachers yet.

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

This is next Thursday so 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. If for any reason you are not able to attend, please let your class teacher know for planning the music and presentation.

It has also been suggested that families might like to bring a picnic meal to eat on the oval before the 6:30 carol start.

Graduation Mass and Dinner Tuesday 18 December

On the last Tuesday at 6 pm we farewell our 2018 crop of Year 6 students. The Mass is always moving, and a bit sad. The graduating children and their families have dinner in the SPA afterwards! All members of the community are welcome to it, and to the 9 am End of Year Mass on Wednesday morning.

Please note:

1. If your child has any reactions to sunscreens, please contact the office.
2. Add to your calendar 13 December, Christmas Carols Service and Farewells to staff.
3. Log onto CareMonkey to give permission for the whole school bike ride Monday 17th December.

*God bless us all,
John*

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It is that time of the year again when the whole school comes together for a day of physical and social learning. You are invited to come along and ride with your child on this day. The bike ride challenges us in many ways. Some of these challenges require us to use persistence, a growth-mindset and a positive attitude with ourselves and also with others. More on Caremonkey.....please log on and select which option you are joining in on.

ST JOSEPH'S WHOLE SCHOOL

BIKE RIDE



Date: Monday 17th of December

Time: **9:00am** Drop off for an **9:20am start**



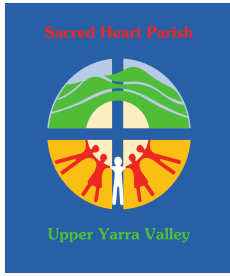
Location: Drop off and pick up at Yarra Junction oval

Option 1: Ride to and From Warburton (Junior and Foundation students **MUST** be accompanied by an adult. Maximum 3 students per adult. Adults are responsible for these younger students and must stay with them at all times.)

Option 2: Ride to and from Millgrove 10.4 km

Option 3: Walk to and from Wesburn |





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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

Second Week of Advent

In the gospel reading for the second Sunday of Advent, John the Baptist points the way to Jesus, who points the way to God the Father. "Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight his paths". John baptised people who repented and were forgiven. They were expected to be more than sorry for their poor choices. They needed to change their way of living.

We are invited to open our hearts and our minds to be willing to embrace whatever changes we need to make in ourselves. John calls us to ask whether our path is taking us closer to God as well as opening up for others the way to God. Smooth paths are those that increase our love for God and others, prompting us to bring others along the same straight path on which we are journeying toward final fulfilment with God.

This week we also light the second candle on the Advent wreath. It represents peace that comes from God, through the Holy Spirit.

"May this light help us to remember Jesus who is the light, love and peace of our world."

Prayer for the Second Week of Advent

Dear Lord, we want our hearts to be open to you. But sometimes in these days, it seems that so many things come between us. Help us to be awake and aware of the radiance you bring to our lives. Let us be peacemakers in our own lives and in the world. Let us pray especially for this difficult world and for those who are so much in need of an end to violence. Our hearts ask for this - our Advent prayer today.

The Mini Vinnies team is working towards running a Christmas stall next Wednesday. Cheap gifts for family and friends can be bought from 11:30 am price range is from 20c to \$5. Money will be donated to the St Vincent de Paul society to help needy people over the Christmas period.

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



Student of the Week

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| | <p>For participating with enthusiasm in all aspects of the Foundation Sleepover! A great team member.</p> <p>Chloe W Foundation</p> | | <p>For applying herself to her narrative piece. Harlow is producing a great book of her story and is taking time to ensure all aspects are just right. Well Done Harlow!</p> <p>Harlow N Foundation</p> |
| | <p>For sharing well thought out ideas when discussing Australia's bee biosecurity. Excellent critical thinking.</p> <p>Tom B Year 2/3</p> | | <p>For making outstanding progress in reading this semester. Archie has gone up 7 levels in fiction on RAZ, and 5 levels in non-fiction. What an achievement! Well done Archie.</p> <p>Archie K Year – 3/4</p> |
| | <p>For making outstanding progress in both reading and spelling this semester. Jasmine has worked so hard and this has been reflected in her results. Well done Jas. What a fantastic term you've had!</p> <p>Jasmine H Year – 3/4</p> | | <p>Excellent focus and determination in Literacy. Xander has made continual improvements in all areas of his work, in particular spelling this term. Well done!</p> <p>Xander D Year 5/6 V</p> |
| | <p>Excellent focus when listening to Bach's Little Fugue. Sean participates well in all Performing Arts activities</p> <p>Sean V Performing Arts</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.....

Kangaroos cannot walk backwards!



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

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| 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

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| 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.