

# St Joseph's School Yarra Junction

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

Newsletter No 47 – Thursday 14 March 2019



School Office Hours  
8.45am – 3.30pm

PRINCIPAL

ACTING PRINCIPALS

Mrs. Prue Vanstan & Mrs. Jenny Allatt

ADMINISTRATION OFFICERS

Mrs. Alison Waldron & Mrs. Di Hendriks

## Important dates to remember for March & April – TERM 1

### MARCH

Thursday 14 Stall Day – Raising money for the Bob Maguire Foundation  
Friday 15 School House Sports 5.30pm  
Sunday 17 **ST PATRICKS DAY**  
Tuesday 19 School Advisory Board Meeting 7pm  
Friday 29 Interschool Sports at Wesburn Year 3 – 6

### APRIL

Tuesday 2 Whole School Assembly F/1 presenting & Reconciliation Day 7pm  
Friday 5 **END OF TERM 1 – School finishes 2.30pm**

Tuesday 23 **START OF TERM 2**

Dear Parents and Friends,

We hope all families were able to take advantage of the long weekend to have some rest and relaxation.

Staff were very appreciative of the time they were able to spend together, planning, evaluating and forward planning for remainder of 2019.

Teachers are required to spend many hours in documenting where pupils are at, with regards to their progress, and then forward plan accordingly so to have this time, allowed them to be totally student directed in the classroom.

The children are very excited about the House Sport's to be held this coming Friday; this is a family event for all to get involved.....Parents & siblings too! (extra points will be awarded to extra helpers who join in the novelty races).

The children have been practising during Huff and Puff this week. We look forward to sharing this important event with our families. ***Please don't forget to bring your picnic tea.***

Yesterday the P&F met for a cuppa and chat. It is always heart-warming to meet with a group of people who come together to work so energetically for our children.

It was great to see so many parents in attendance, who were willing to share friendship and ideas. A project has been developed and the P&F will be seeking input and ideas in the coming weeks

### Parking

Please make sure for the safety of all, that cars are parked in designated areas and when using the car line up the driveway that you proceed to yellow line before collecting children

### Late Arrivals

Next week we are aiming for 100% arrival on time.  
Remember to arrive at 8.30a.m.for an 8.45 start

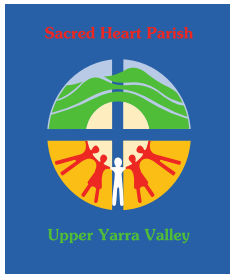
*Blessings and regards*  
*Jenny Allatt*

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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**

## Forgiveness and Healing

This term students will be exploring the importance of forgiveness in healing relationships. This is particularly relevant during Lent as we reflect on ourselves and how we can be better people.

The word '*repent*' is often used in the bible and it literally means to say sorry and be forgiven. In this context, people turn back to God after admitting their wrongdoings and are forgiven unconditionally by a merciful God who seeks to have a relationship with them.



In relationships sometimes, people do not forgive leading to grudges. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, (Penance, Confession) God always forgives and gives us the grace to make better choices.

The children will be reflecting on their friendships and how they can hurt others but make up by saying sorry and being forgiven. This makes others and themselves feel happy.

On Tuesday evening, a family workshop was held for Reconciliation. This was designed to increase our understanding of the importance of the Reconciliation within our everyday experiences and with God through the sacrament.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held this term in Week 10, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm in the church.

*Karen McQuade*  
*Christian Life Leader*



What a great start we have had to the year already. Foundation and Grade 1's and their Grade 5/6 Buddies are beginning to make positive connections. This has been noticeable on the playground with lots of hello's, high fives and chats.

I came across this small article about asking questions after school. I thought it was very helpful in actually hearing something about the day your child had, rather than the "Yep", "Nup" or "Dunno". Kidspot is a great Australian site for parents with lots of ideas and tips.

### **10 things to ask your child about their day**

"How was school today?" you ask brightly.

"Good!" your daughter answers.

"I can't remember," your son mutters.



In homes across Australia and, let's face it, the entire world, this is the scenario being played out. When our kids get home, from school we are like eager puppies bouncing around them and they are like fellow puppies, let off the leash and racing away.

A vague question like "how was school today?" just becomes part of the getting-home-from-school ritual. A glass of milk, a quick "dunno" and they're out the door. If we really want to reconnect with them and get to know them through their day, we've got to be clever with our questioning.

The trick is to not sound too detective-like. You don't want to appear over-eager or raise their suspicions – too many questions makes them think you're fishing for something to get them in trouble over (or is that just my lot?). We need questions that are specific but open-ended enough to result in an answer that the kids themselves are interested in. "Did" questions can often result in a "yes" or "no" answer (Did you enjoy your lunch? Did you play with anyone new?). "What" questions are always good (What did you most enjoy at lunchtime?). Ask questions that ask for a description of their world and hopefully open up a genuine conversation.

When they get home from school today, here are 10 conversation starters that will hopefully spark their interest.

1. What was the funniest thing you heard all day?
2. What was your favourite thing that happened today?
3. Did your teacher say something funny today? What happened?
4. What subject was the most interesting today?
5. Was anyone away today? Did that make the day different?
6. What was something new you read today?
7. What happened today that you wish hadn't happened?
8. What did you enjoy most for lunch today?
9. What are you learning about in science?
10. Did anyone do something nice for you today? Did you do something nice back?

And a bonus question that is always absolutely lovely to ask:

What are you looking forward to tomorrow?

Remember that a conversation is a two-way street. You can open up your questions with an anecdote from your own day. "I laughed so much today when I dropped my shopping all over the kitchen floor... what made you laugh a lot today?" kind of thing. Actually, I didn't laugh at all when I dropped the shopping, all over the kitchen floor today (eggs!), but maybe I should have...

Keep the conversation going and maybe, just maybe, you'll actually get to know the answer to "how was school today?"

As the Wellbeing Leader, I am here to help and assist with any social or emotional issues your child may face throughout the year. We have access to a psychologist here at school who visits once a week. The school has a number of books on and around parenting and childhood if you wish to borrow at any time. Please feel free to come and chat on a Thursday or Friday if you have any concerns or queries around Wellbeing.  
Cheers

Prue Vanstan

# BEST OF LUCK

**Good luck to the following St Joseph's students who are playing in Yarra Valley sport Finals this weekend.**

## **Basketball Finals:**

U13 Girls - Red Devils: Charli Vandersluis, Tess Carter

U13 Girls - St Joes Rebels: Ayda Paterson, Cleo Billings, Darcie Ball, Bella Young, Jess Sharp, Lily Lucas, Maya Kerr, Tess Carter

U13 Boys - St Joes Saints: Lincoln Dunne, Matty Passick, Rashaan Reihana, Riley O'Connor, Will Van De Pavard.

## **Cricket Grand Final:**

Launching Place U12: Lincoln Dunne, Riley O'Connor, Ash Bradley

## **Raffle Tickets**

Thankyou to all the families who are supporting the school by selling raffle tickets for the Combined Catholic Parish Raffle 2019.....you could be driving away in a brand new car or spending up big with Coles/Myer Gift cards.....

Good Luck to you all and thanks again for your support.....brooom broooooom

\$2.00 per ticket.

You can choose to sell a book of 5 tickets = \$10.00

or a book of 10 tickets = \$20.00

## **THE COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2019**

**3 x CARS TO BE WON!!!**

**1<sup>st</sup> PRIZE**

**KIA Rio**

(Valued at \$22,609 Drive Away)

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> PRIZES**

**KIA Picanto**

(Valued @ \$19,240 Drive Away)



4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Prizes - Coles / Myer Gift Cards valued @ \$1,000 ea.

6<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> Prize - Coles / Myer Gift Cards valued @ \$500 ea.

**BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY!!**

**RAFFLE DRAWN 4<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation Permit No - 10699/18

Ticket sales close Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019

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## Have you:

1. Completed the Homework survey
2. Collected your raffle tickets from the office.



## School starts at 8.45am Monday to Friday. It is important to be on time.

It is very important for children to develop habits of arriving on time at an early age, beginning from the time they start school. Arriving on time for School and Class: Makes sure that your child doesn't miss out on the important learning activities that happen early in the day when they are most alert. Being frequently late for school or leaving early adds up to lost learning. Medical appointments should be made out of school hours if at all possible.

## Mobile Phones at School

Should a student bring their mobile phone to school, they do so at their own risk and must adhere to the school rules about its use. St Joseph's will not be responsible for lost, stolen or damaged phones.



1. All mobile phones must be given to the classroom teacher at the beginning of the day.
2. All mobile phones will be handed back to the students at the end of the school day.



## 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 or text parents if their child/children are absent **without** notification.






## Homework Survey

What is your opinion?

We would greatly appreciate some feedback to a simple survey around homework. This allows you as parents to give your thoughts and opinions before the policy is re written. Please follow the links

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/68L98YD>

# Student of the Week

	<p>For being such an enthusiastic learner at home and in the classroom. Clara congratulations on being able to read all of your M100 words up to Green Level.</p> <p>Clara T Year F/1D</p>		<p>For her dedicated effort to detail in her drawing and colouring. Well done!</p> <p>Olivia M Year F/1F</p>
	<p>Generously bringing toys to share for our chill out zone.</p> <p>William H Year 2/3T</p>		<p>Her determination to use joined writing in all written tasks. Practising this every single day is allowing Makenzie to master this skill very quickly. Keep it up!</p> <p>Makenzie S Year – 2/3B</p>
	<p>For demonstrating such enthusiasm during writing sessions, you have shown great dedication and we look forward to reading your finished piece. Well Done Hayden!!</p> <p>Hayden W Year – 4/5O'B</p>		<p>Contributing very well to reading group discussions, asking pertinent questions and seeking clarification. A great effort!</p> <p>Lily L Year 5/6VV</p>
	<p>For showing kindness during pack up time. Everyone pitched in and the room was clean and reset in no time! Nice teamwork guys, you should be proud of how well you are all working together.</p> <p>Year 4/5O'B STEAM</p>		<p>His persistence when practising and performing on the glockenspiel in Performing Arts. Well Done!</p> <p>Jack W Performing Arts</p>




**Do you have any colourful cushions or beanbags at home you no longer use?**

If so, we would love to have them for our children to sit on to read and make our school library space more comfortable.

Please bring any donations in to the school office anytime or to the library on a Thursday.

Thank you.

## DON'T FORGET!



**SCHOLASTIC**  
**Book Club**  
 orders are due:  
**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

# Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Yarra Junction Library school holiday program

Mon 8 April - Friday 12th April

**All day craft table**

FREE

Bookings not required

Wed 10 April, 2.30

**Tiny Tots Storytime**

Up to 12 months

FREE

Bookings not required

Thurs 11 April, 11am-12pm

**Star Wars Origami: make and take**

Use the "Force" to fold some Star Wars favourites and check out the Origami Yoda Books.

Ages 7 - 12

FREE

Bookings essential

Monday 15 April- Thurs 18

**All day Easter craft table**

FREE

Bookings not required

Monday 15 April, 10am

**Family Easter Storytime**

Join us for stories, craft and an egg hunt

All ages

FREE

Bookings not required

Monday 15 April, 4pm

**STEAM CLUB**

Ages 7-12

A charge may apply

Wed 17th April, starting at 11am

**Giant Easter Bunny Collage**

All ages

FREE

Bookings essential

Wed 17 April, 2.30

**Tiny Tots Storytime**

Join us for a special Easter storytime

Up to 12 months

Bookings not required