

St Joseph's School Yarra Junction

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

Newsletter No 44 – Thursday 21 February 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 February, March & April

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 26 Parish Advisory Board Meeting 7pm

MARCH

Monday 4 School Photos

Tuesday 5 Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Day

Wednesday 6 Ash Wednesday Mass

FRIDAY 8

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY / PLANNING & CURRICULUM DAY

Monday 11 NO SCHOOL DAY – Labour Day

Tuesday 12 Whole School Assembly 4/5/6's presenting & Reconciliation Day 7pm

Friday 15 School House Sports 5.30pm

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

Dear Parents and Friends,

This week we have been blessed with fine weather and the children have been able to enjoy their playtime as well as sporting and fitness activities. On Tuesday, 15 children travelled to Lilydale Lake to participate in kayaking. What a great afternoon the children had and we were fortunate to have excellent instructors. As one student commented -One of the best excursions I have been on! There are many pictures, which has captured them at their best. Thank you to parents for providing the transport. I know Mr Patrick has other exciting activities planned both in house and further afield.

The senior school teachers have been making final arrangements for the Canberra trip, a letter with the itinerary will be sent home to families next week. Please ensure payment for camp is made at the office before Monday 22 April 2019.

Mrs Vanstan and myself were fortunate to meet with Leonie Shalders – Aiden 5/6, Bryce 4/5, Ethan 2/3 & Darcy F/1 and Andrea Maurici – Isabella 5/6, concerning P&F direction for 2019. Leonie and Andrea have some great ideas, which we would invite all families to be involved in. A special meet and greet meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th March at 2p.m.in the staff room, all welcome.

A sacramental meeting will be held next Wednesday 27th, February. This meeting has been organised for all families who wish their child to receive sacrament of Reconciliation or Eucharist in 2019. Mrs McQuade, Fr Michael and myself will facilitate this information session. The sacraments of Penance and Eucharist are important steps in our lifelong faith journey. Please note dates of assemblies for Term 1 are featured in the calendar.

A change to daily assemblies will commence next week. Monday will be as usual. Tuesday to Fridays, children will gather as usual for morning exercise. It will not be, preceded by an assembly. This will allow the children more time to settle to the day's activities. This will be evaluated at conclusion of term one.

Student of week awards will commence next week.

Acting Deputy Principal

On behalf of Fr Michel and myself, I wish to advise the community of the appointment of Mrs Katie Vranken as Acting Deputy Principal. Katie is well qualified to look after the school when Prue or myself are unavailable. Katie is an excellent and expert resource for children, parents and staff and we sincerely thank her for accepting this interim position.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

A day has been scheduled for Friday 8th March. This is an internal Professional Development Day. The day will involve evaluation of present educational practices and establish any modifications or additions needed.

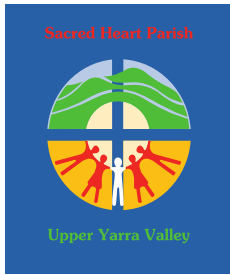
Blessings and regards
Jenny Allatt

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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

Teaching Children how to Pray.

At the moment, children in our classes are being taught about prayer and how to pray. Why?

If we want our children to know God and not just know about him, and to hear God, not just hear about him, we need to teach them to pray and pray with them.

Prayer is communicating with God, having a conversation with God. It does not need to be wordy or impressive in speech.

In the gospel it says, *"When you pray, don't babble on and on as people of other religions do. They think their prayers are answered only by repeating their words again and again."* Matthew 6:7. Through prayer we grow from knowledge of God to experiencing God, so faith comes from the *heart* instead of the *head*.

Prayer develops our relationship with God. If we never speak to our spouse or never listen to anything, our spouse might have to say to us, our marriage relationship will quickly deteriorate. It is the same way with God. Prayer helps us grow closer and more intimately connected with God. This can be illustrated with an example. "It's like us and the Prime Minister. We've seen him on TV lots of times, and read about him in the newspaper and heard people talking about him. But we have never had a conversation with Tony Abbott, so we don't really know him, do we?"

We build relationships by talking and communicating. How often then do you talk to God? Are you building up your relationship with God also? Try talking to God this week too and you may experience the power of prayer and his love.

Karen McQuade
Christian Life Leader

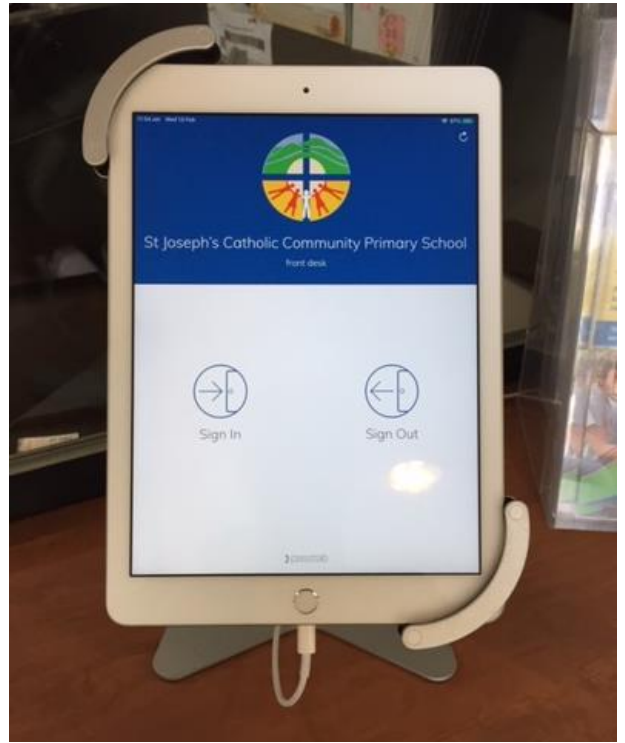




St Joseph's have introduced a new sign in system. This is to be used by all Visitors to the school and students arriving late and leaving early.

Lost Property:

Help!!! There is an avalanche of lost property. If you have lost something, please come to the office to have a look. It's super important that all your Child's/Children's property is clearly labelled. All un named items will be given to the uniform shop at the end of each month to recycle for other families.



Have you:

1. Handed your Cyber Safety agreement back to your classroom teacher?
2. Received your school photos information envelope? If you haven't please contact the office, we have some spare ones.
3. Update your Child's/Childrens year level on Flexibuzz to ensure you receive the appropriate communication?
4. Completed the 'Code of Conduct' form on caremonkey?
5. If you have a valid health care card or Pension card, please come to the office to fill in a form that will provide a small reduction in your school fees.



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.



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.

Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS



GUITAR LESSONS

JACK PATTERSON

CURRENTLY STUDYING MUSIC AT BOX HILL INSTITUTE WITH HIGH GRADES AND AM ABLE TO TEACH MULTIPLE GENRES OF MUSIC TO SUIT YOUR STYLE.

A GUITAR WILL BE PROVIDED DURING THE LESSON IF YOU DON'T HAVE ONE, LOAN GUITARS CAN BE ARRANGED


I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING YOU ALL.

HALF AN HOUR LESSONS AVAILABLE ON TUESDAYS IN THE DISCOVERY ROOM

SINGLE STUDENT LESSON: \$25
TWO STUDENT SHARED LESSON: \$20

CONTACT JACK: 0498 010 329
OR
ENQUIRE AT SCHOOL OFFICE






Mindfulness & Parenting

MONDAY 25/2/19 6:30-8:00PM

Yarra Junction Primary School
2370 Warburton Hwy Yarra Junction

Toby Mizzi
Counselling Psychologist



Tickets: \$10 Parents/Carers
\$20 Professional Development
Call 5967 1438 to pay direct
Or register online
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/myevent?eid=55258479600>



UPPER YARRA NETBALL ASSOCIATION JUNIOR NETBALL REGISTRATION DAY!!

where: THE YARRA CENTRE,
WARBURTON HWY,
YARRA JUNCTION

when: MARCH 1st 2019

time: 4.30 to 5.30pm

ages: 5 - 7yr Old
Under 9's
Under 11's
Under 13's
Under 15's
Intermediates





Come and sign up on Friday 1st March at the Yarra Centre!