

St Joseph's School Yarra Junction

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

Newsletter No 48 – Thursday 21 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,

What a wonderful community event was had last Friday with our sporting activities in the form of House Sports. We thank all families who were able to come and support their children. The picnic tea was a great success. We were also thrilled to see so many participants in the parent and sibling races.

On Tuesday, we celebrated the feast of our patron saint St. Joseph who as spouse of Mary and foster father of Jesus is a great role model for us all. His faithfulness to and care of his family is an example of how we act towards each other each day.

On Friday 29th March the Year 3 - 6 children will participate in the inter-school Sports with other district schools at Wesburn Park.

As we enter into the final weeks of term 2, it is heartening to see the children so diligent in their studies.

I was fortunate to spend time with Year 5/6VV on Wednesday where we looked at our parliamentary system and the art of debating. They were inspiring in their putting forward their ideas and sharing of knowledge of our parliamentary system. I look forward to next Wednesday when will continue our debating.

School Advisory Board.

The Board met on Tuesday and worked collaboratively at finalising the constitution, which will be published next term.

In addition, they had many ideas and there was a lot of discussion concerning the very important topic of homework. Mrs Vanstan presented results of the homework survey. If you haven't completed it, there is still time to do so and we welcome as many responses as possible.

I would like to congratulate our board members on their openness and support they show to all members of the community. The members currently are Desrae Thompson, Kate Weston, Bec Lord, Paul Voce, Amy Ireland, Melissa Cooper, Fr Michel, Prue Vanstan, Jenny Allatt and Katie Vranken.

They have established that the Annual General Meeting will be held in August. All members of the school community are welcome to attend. Currently we have a full school Board. If a vacancy does occurs, nominations will be sought for the vacancy. If you are a current member and are unable to attend could you please make sure you forward an apology.

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

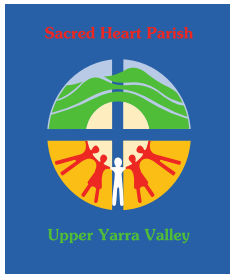
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Weekend Mass Times

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

Patience

Sunday's gospel is about the parable of the fig tree where a patient gardener advises the landowner against cutting down the tree. The analogy that Jesus makes in this story is that God is the patient gardener, God promises to fertilise it. Give it time – it just needs a little help.

We very likely would dig it out and replace it with a plant that will produce. Whether figs or roses, the point of today's gospel is that God does not give up on us. We get chance after chance to "produce".

This parable also gives us much food for thought though we perhaps don't think of it as a lesson about patience. Yet the gardener who begs for one more year is clearly calling for this difficult-to-practice virtue. We need patience with our spouse, our children, our co-workers, our friends; we need to let them grow at the pace God has set for them. Think about this today and be patient in small ways that you might pave the way for patience in greater things.

This Lent we can imitate the patience and love of God by not expecting those around us to always produce, achieve, or succeed according to our expectations. God trusts that each will bear fruit in his or her own time, and if that's good enough for God, why are we so impatient!



You, O God, are like a great gardener who allows me to grow at my own pace. May I imitate your patience and love with those around me. Give me the grace this Lent to bloom and grow, and give me the patience to let others do the same. I give you praise, great gardener. Amen.

Adapted from GPBS enews

*Karen McQuade
Christian Life Leader*

In school Incursion

Date: Friday 22nd March

Where: Discovery Centre

Who: Andrew Wegener – Australian Wildlife Lectures

About:

In science classes this term students have been looking at Biological Sciences. The Foundations and Level 1 students have been investigating healthy habitats and minibeasts, our 2/3 grades have been looking at body coverings and classification in the animal kingdom and the 4/5/and 6 students have been investigating how the environment can affect the health, growth and survival of plants and animals. This has lead us down the path of finding out the basic structure and function of plant and animal cells.

On Friday the 22nd March the school will be hosting an incursion run by Andrew Wegener. Andrews's incursions stimulate interest, provide information and encourage respect for animals and the need for sustainability at a local and global level.

Students will be participating in a 90 minute session which will support the term goals and completing follow up activities in class.

Thank you,
Mrs Loves

<http://www.australianwildlifelectures.com.au/>

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.....broom 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!!!

1st PRIZE

KIA Rio

(Valued at \$22,609 Drive Away)

2nd & 3rd PRIZES

KIA Picanto

(Valued @ \$19,240 Drive Away)



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

6th to 14th Prize – Coles / Myer Gift Cards valued @ \$500 ea.

BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY!!

RAFFLE DRAWN 4th May 2019

Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation Permit No – 10699/18

Ticket sales close Friday, 12th April 2019

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Have you:

1. Completed the Homework survey
2. Collected your raffle tickets from the office (Due Back Friday 29th March 2019 sold or unsold).
3. Senior Camp 5 & 6 to Canberra payment due by Monday 22nd April 2019
4. Permission forms for sports Year 3 – 6 Only at Wesburn Park on Friday 29th March 2019. No payment is required as this is covered in the excursion levy.



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.



Reporting Absences

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 improved ideas and sentence structure when writing.</p> <p>Ryan U Year F/1D</p>		<p>For imaginative writing ideas and improved presentation of his handwriting.</p> <p>Mason L Year F/1F</p>
	<p>Being a great team member or partner Makayla is always welcoming to her partners and works hard to help the team succeed</p> <p>Makayla P Year 2/3T</p>		<p>His effort and focus when generating character profiles in writing lessons. I can't wait to read the story you are creating!</p> <p>Oliver I Year – 2/3B</p>
	<p>For demonstrating how to Be A Learner. Flynn has remained on task, and furthered his own learning. He is seeing improvements and implementing suggestions to make his work better! Well Done Flynn!</p> <p>Flynn V Year – 4/5O'B</p>	 	<p>For organizing and planning, an excellent stall in order to raise money for others. Meg has shown how to Be Like Jesus</p> <p>Meg R & Tess C Year 5/6VV</p>
 	<p>For all their hard work in helping set up the House Sports.</p> <p>Riley S and Charli V P.E</p>		<p>For being an incredible helper showing others how to use the SpeakUp! Program.</p> <p>Ayda P Japanese</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.

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