

St Joseph's School Yarra Junction

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

Newsletter No 49 – Thursday 28 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 & May

MARCH

Friday 29 Interscholar Sports at Wesburn Year 3 – 6 & Raffle tickets due back to office

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 & seniors leave for Canberra Camp**

Thursday 25 **ANZAC DAY – NO SCHOOL**

Saturday 27 Seniors return from Canberra

Monday 29 No School for senior students only & 3/4's Camp to Adanac

Tuesday 30 3/4's, return from camp

MAY

Wednesday 22 NO UYSC BUS (please make alternate arrangements for drop off and pick up)

Dear Parents and Friends,

Next week will see the completion of term 1, a busy, profitable term, I know parents, students, and staff are looking forward to a well-earned break.

Last Friday the children were fortunate to participate in a most informative incursion involving "Wildlife Lectures", where the children learnt about Australian flora and Fauna.

This Friday Year 3-6 will be involved in the Inter-school Sports to be held at Upper Yarra Secondary College. It should be a most enjoyable day for all; parents are reminded that children need to be collected from the secondary college at the conclusion of the sports day.

We know children and parents look forward to this day and the school spirit achievement, fairness and good sportsmanship will be the feature of the day.

Unfortunately, we have had to suspend basketball activities during recess due to poor sportsmanship and unfair play. We are hopeful that after much discussion about the code of conduct in place whether as a player, that students are able to enjoy this activity. I would ask that you reiterate this with your child.

I have once again been fortunate to spend time with the seniors in readiness for their trip to Canberra. During these sessions we have been discussing the workings of our parliamentary system. The students have taken on the roles of the members of parliament and we have debated a number of relevant topics.

On Wednesday, we debated the place of social media and its impact on society. The children were excellent and they presented arguments for and against

The following is a summary of their discussion:

- **It is a very powerful tool and one, which can have both positive and negative effects**
- **We need to take great care how we use it especially on a personal level.**
- **There are numerous uses and it can be most beneficial and helpful and instil greater knowledge when used in the correct context.**
- **It can also cause much anxiety and pain if not used wisely and we need to use it with sensitivity and integrity.**
- **It can be addictive and needs careful monitoring**

Congratulations to the seniors on their contribution.

Class Helpers

Next Tuesday morning at 9a.m. in the library, there will be an information session for all who wish to assist in any form in the classroom. We look forward to your presence, as helpers are a vital necessity in the classroom as well as assisting to develop that wonderful community spirit we have here at our school.

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

Project Compassion

The members of the Minnie Vinnie's group are busily preparing for next Wednesday's pizza day. They are making the pizzas using English muffins as a base and having lots of fun. They will also be providing hot/cold chocolate and milo.

The order forms have been sent out and we request they be returned on Friday so numbers of pizzas can be organised.

The proceeds from the day will be sent to Caritas to assist their Lenten Project Compassion fundraising for mission work overseas. They provide teaching and hands on assistance to poor and underprivileged communities all over the world including Australia, Africa, Asia and South America.

Karen McQuade
Christian Life Leader



Sports Update:

Good Luck to Sean Voce and Riley Skey who are playing in the U13 boys Basketball Grand Final in Yarra Junction this weekend.....



Have you:

1. Collected your raffle tickets from the office (Due Back Friday 29th March 2019 sold or unsold).
2. Senior Camp 5 & 6 to Canberra payment due by Monday 22nd April 2019
3. 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.
4. FYI – No UYSC Bus on Wednesday 22nd May 2019. Please make alternate arrangements for drop off and pick up.



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.

Student of the Week

	<p>For detailed and descriptive writing.</p> <p>Paddy T Year F/1D</p>		<p>Improved reading and beautiful presentation of her work.</p> <p>Danica D Year F/1F</p>
	<p>For an excellent attitude towards improving his spelling. Ethan is working very hard in spelling and is helping to choose his next spelling goals.</p> <p>Ethan H Year 2/3T</p>		<p>For engaging in the science incursion with an inquisitive mind. Lenny was asking lots of great questions and responding with good answers.</p> <p>Lenny K Year – 2/3B</p>
	<p>For her dedication during our Inqui/RE unit this term. Audrey has worked hard to research the three levels of government independently and is putting together a very informative report! Well done Audrey you are certainly taking charge of your learning!</p> <p>Audrey M Year – 4/5O'B</p>		<p>For demonstrating bravery during the recent animal incursion. Aiden was an enthusiastic learner and demonstrated great kindness when handling the animals. Keep up the great work Aiden!</p> <p>Aiden H Year 5/6VV</p>
	<p>For his positive attitude and making sport fun.</p> <p>Will H of 2/3T P.E</p>		<p>For his use of the Japanese language outside of the Japanese classroom! Keep it up Cruz!</p> <p>Cruz 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**



Wesburn Junior Football Club are still looking for U14 and U16 players for the upcoming season. You can contact Tony – 0400584201 for more information or register online.