

St Joseph's School Yarra Junction

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

Newsletter No 46 – Thursday 7 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

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

Thursday 14 Stall Day – Raising money for the Bob Maguire Foundation

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

Friday 5 END OF TERM 1 – School finishes 2.30pm

Tuesday 23 START OF TERM 2

Dear Parents and Friends,

The school is currently buzzing with activity.

Last Tuesday all 121 students enjoyed pancakes as you can see by pictures included on Facebook.

On Wednesday, we commenced the season of lent with Ash Wednesday. Next Tuesday Huff and Puff was to commence, this will be replaced next week by practice for the very important House Sport's which will be held on Friday 15th March 5.30-7.30.

I know the children will enjoy this preparation and event immensely. Please remember to bring your picnic tea.

On Friday of this week, the staff will be industriously engaged in evaluating curriculum and putting into place curriculum design for 2019-03-07. This all makes for a very industrious learning community.

I have also been given permission by two of our very dedicated teachers to announce that they are expecting additions to their families later in the year. Mrs Bri Loves and Ms Paula Durrant are the expectant parents.

I know you wish them, as we all do, best wishes for a safe and happy pregnancy. Whilst we congratulate them, we also are getting our thinking hats on – Who will replace these irreplaceable staff members.

We are very fortunate to have many months to organize this, as Bri will commence parental leave in July and Paula in October. This enables the teachers and students to have a very smooth transition.

It is anticipated that F/1 class will have a replacement teacher for term four only and Steam replacement to commence term three.

Leadership in Action.

Three Year 6 students are organizing a fundraising activity for next Thursday to raise funds for Fr Bob Maguire Sacred Heart Mission. Students are being asked to donate items, which can be resold. Items will range in price from 5 cents to 5 dollars. Congratulations to the students on this great and worthwhile initiative.

An invitation to all parents to join us for a cuppa and chat next Wednesday at 2.30pm.

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

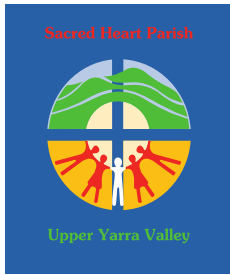
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Weekend Mass Times

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

Lent

During Lent, Christians are encouraged to focus more on talking personally to God (prayer), to give up something that they enjoy (fasting) and to help others in need (almsgiving). Lent can be seen as a journey towards Easter where we can choose to follow Jesus more closely and develop a change of heart.

The gospel this week focuses on Jesus fasting for forty days in the desert and struggling with temptation. A born leader, he was tempted to abuse his power. Many people in Israel were waiting for a *messiah* - a word we understand as *saviour* - to lead a violent revolt against Rome. However, he knew God called him to greater things.

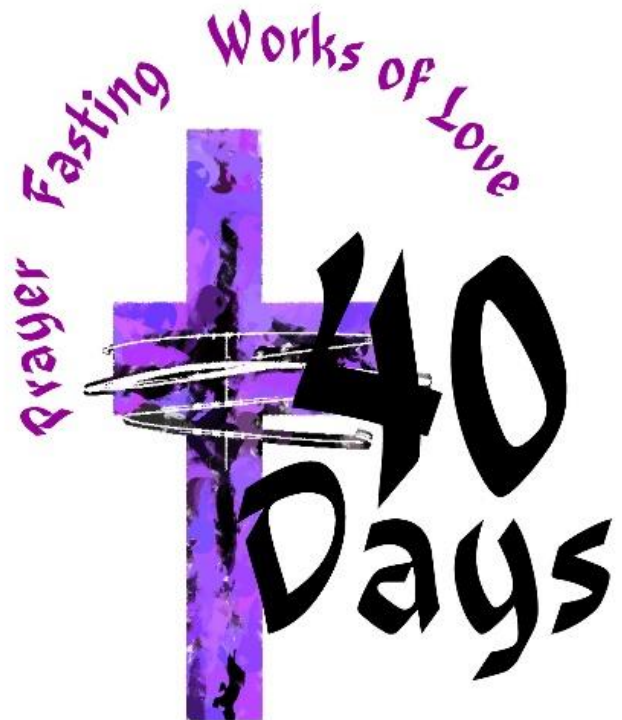
He also needed to reflect and make choices. He went to commit to what his life was going to be about. He needed time away to think and pray. In the end, he chose to stand for God's compassion and justice, even though that got his cousin, John the Baptist, arrested.

We need Lent. We need quiet time to realise that our lives can make a difference. We need time to face those *temptations*, that draw us away from God and others, to heal the world. We can ask God daily for strength because we are tempted daily to sin in ways that hurt others and hold us back from being everything we can be. Will I be a person who forgives or one who gets even? Will I spend my life seeking power and wealth or in serving others? Will I take risks in order to do the right thing?

(Based on GPBS enews)

Karen McQuade

Christian Life leader



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.

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Stall - Father Bob Maguire's Foundation

Senior Students will be holding a stall on Thursday 14th March 2019 to raise money for Father Bob Maguire's Foundation.

This foundation provides support for people in need in inner Melbourne. Could you please bring good second hand things like toys, books and trinkets. We would like other things such as baked goods to sell at second play. If you have any questions please ask Meg Rawlinson or Tess Carter.

Thanks



St Joseph's will be re-introducing the text message system. Text messages will be sent to families for the following reasons.

1. when their child is marked absent without notification
2. School Emergency – Code Red or School lockdown
3. Other important notifications

This system will be effective from Monday 4th March 2019.

Lost Property:

All un named items will be given to the uniform shop at the end of today to recycle for other families.

Have you:

1. 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. (CSEF)
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.



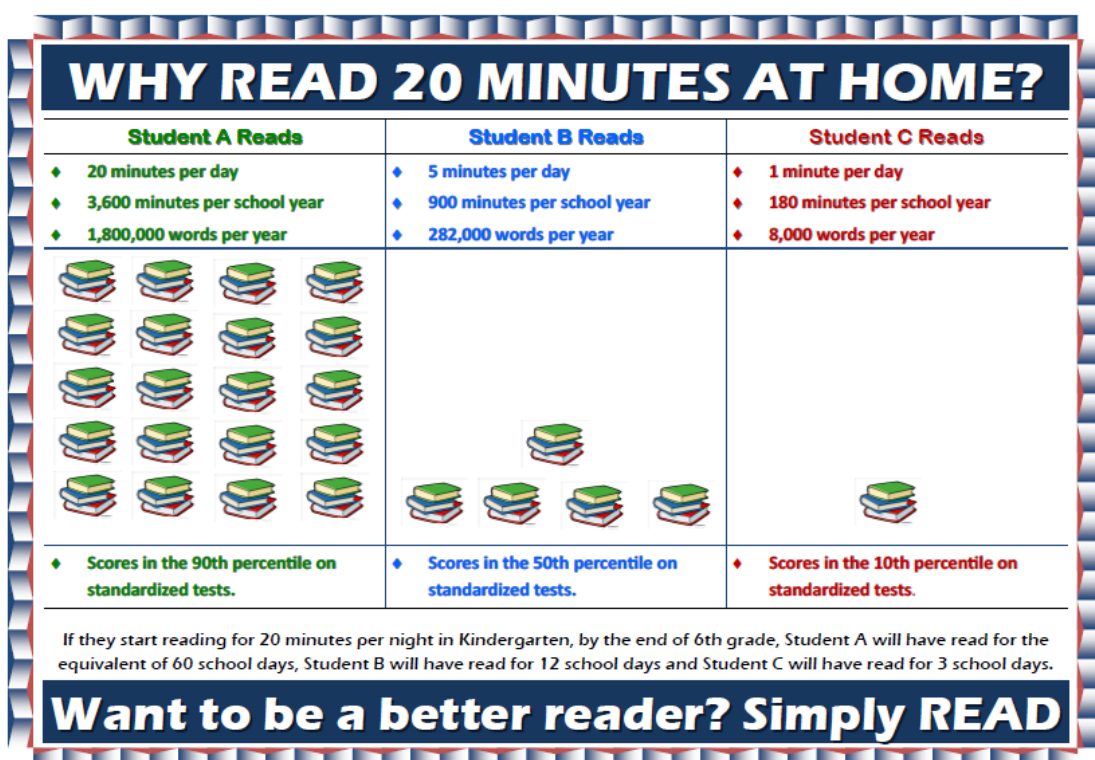
Reporting Absences

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.

Dear Parents

The school's homework policy is currently under review. The staff have spent time looking at the past document and raising questions and ideas for change. The research around homework is varied and does not give very clear results. At a primary school level there is some agreement that unless it is very specific homework, it has little effect. The research around reading on a daily basis is very clear. Those students, who read more on consistent basis perform better on standardised test, develop a broader vocabulary and have better comprehension skills than their peers who read inconsistently. Reading is simply the basis for so many skills needed in daily life. Below is a great visual about reading which we would like to include in our policy.



The current policy outlines expectations at each level

F/1/2 (JUNIORS):	READING: Daily reading with parents, older siblings or other adults. Approximately 5-10 minutes each night. Parents to sign Reading Record. MATHS: Maths Facts.
3/4 (MIDDLES):	READING: Daily reading to parents, older siblings, other family members or quietly to themselves. At least 10 – 15 minutes each night. Reading Record completed. MATHS: Maths Facts.
5/6 (SENIORS):	READING: Independent daily reading at least 20 - 30 minutes each night. MATHS: Maths Facts.

Some teachers have been allocating specific homework tasks to children such as spelling, specific maths topics such as time and using Study ladder to assist in home learning. This has catered for a child's very specific needs.

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>

Kind regards

Prue Vanstan



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.