COMING EVENTS
Friday 19th September
• Final day of swimming
Friday 19th September
• Yr 8-11 Art Showcase
Monday 22nd September
• Choir Performance in Adelaide
Tuesday 23rd September
• Reconciliation 7.00pm in the Church
Friday 26th September
• 7-12 Reports distributed
Friday 26th September
• Last day of term Dismissal - 1.00pm
Monday 13th October
• School resumes for all students

What Our Students Say……
Swimming has been great because I like all the strokes we have been doing. I am really excited about the up coming swimming carnival
Beau Baldwin

An Attitude of Gratitude

There is a project currently popular on social media sites called the “gratitude challenge”. Participants are challenged to find three things to be thankful for each day, and to continue doing this for five days. Whether in our work or our private lives, we can sometimes focus on the negative things, or whatever causes us stress or makes us anxious, instead of remembering the good things to be grateful for. The ‘original 365 Grateful Project’ was started in 2008 by Hailey Bartholomew, who had been battling depression. She sought help from a life coach and counsellor, who advised her that the secret to happiness was all about “reflection and gratitude”. Hailey began a year long photographic project, where she would take a photo each day of something that she was grateful for. The 365 Grateful Project has since been featured in radio, television, newspaper articles and magazines, and blogs around the world and has inspired many others to undertake a similar challenge.

The power of gratitude can transform. Saying “thank you” sometimes seems to be a lost art. There are personal health benefits of having an attitude of gratitude. According to psychology Professor, Robert Emmos of the University of California, “Many studies have shown that feelings of thankfulness have tremendous positive value in helping people cope with daily problems, especially stress”. Grateful people are more optimistic. Optimism has been correlated with improved immune function, higher numbers of blood cells, and better outcomes after surgery. Similar studies reveal that thankfulness helps people to sleep more soundly, be more positive about exercising, and cope with the challenges of life in a more hopeful manner.

“The more you recognise and express gratitude for the things you have, the more things you will have to express gratitude for” Zig Ziglar

Good Luck
On behalf of the school community I would like to wish all members of the Sailing Team the very best of luck for the up coming Interdominion in New Zealand. I’m sure it will be a wonderful experience and look forward to hearing about our successes when you return.
Ms Brenda Keenan, the Director of the Port Pirie Diocese also extends her best wishes to the team.

Good Luck again!!
Good luck to the six students representing St Joseph’s at the Catholic Combined Music Festival in Adelaide on Monday night.

Reminder: Term 3 concludes at 1.00pm next Friday 26th September.

Bernadette Lacey
Principal
Thank you to all parents who have taken the opportunity to work in partnership and meet with teachers this week to discuss the progress of their children. Open and timely communication is appreciated as it is helpful in clarifying concerns and planning for future learning.

ICAS results
The English competition results were received recently and the following students are to be congratulated for their achievements:

**Merit**
Grace Franco (Year 8)

**Credit**
Tijana Franco (Year 11)

**Distinction**
Indiah Kelsey (Year 6), Madeline Harris (Year 9), Samantha Whillas (Year 10)

Sports Report
Today the Year 7 Girls Basketball team is competing in Adelaide. Well done to: McKenna Reidy, Hope Garnaut, Gemma Horgan, Ruby Orchard, Lauren Nicholls, Lita Hamon, Mia French and Brooklyn George.

Congratulations to Brock Wise (Year 5) who placed 4th from 55 competitors at the recent SAPSASA Golf competition.

The Milo Cricket clinic was held this morning for Foundation and Year 1 students.

Eye Health
We have received a copy of “Penny the Pirate” from OPSM. This book allows you to screen your child’s vision to discover whether they would benefit from an eye test. Please borrow our copy from the Resource centre if you would like to use it, or visit [www.opsm.com.au/penny](http://www.opsm.com.au/penny)

Swimming
Year 1-5 swimming lessons conclude tomorrow, with all students showing progress and skill improvement at their level. Thanks to Mr Andrew Casanova for his management of the swimming program and to all of the Instructors at the Leisure Centre for their patience and dedication. Thank you also to parents who have encouraged their children to attend all swimming sessions, despite tiredness this week. We believe it is a really beneficial part of our PE program and worth the effort and organisation required.

Reconciliation
Congratulations to all of the Year 3 students who have learnt about the Sacrament of Forgiveness throughout the term. Next week, 16 students will receive Reconciliation from Fr Brian or Fr Benjamin for the first time.

Naplan
Results from last term’s NAPLAN tests have been re-sent to us this week, following the correction of some printing errors. Teachers have checked the reports and data for their year level to assist with future planning. The reports from these National Literacy and Numeracy tests for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be sent home to parents today. If you have any questions about your child’s results, please speak to the class teacher.

Karen Browne
Deputy Principal

As we come to the completion of another term I am acutely aware of the challenges being faced by our Year 12 students. We wish them all the best as they complete final assessments and begin their preparation for any final exams during these upcoming holidays. Whilst these students have such little time left in regard to face to face teaching time, the remaining year levels still have many weeks of school time left for the year. I encourage all our students to continue to strive for their best as the year progresses.

Mid Semester reports will be distributed next Friday to students in Years 7 -12. These reports will provide an indication of your child’s progress so far this semester. For our Year 12 students this will be their final subject report from the school.

In the report package will be a letter regarding the Interview process as well as an interview slip for Parent / Teacher Interviews. As the reports at Year 7 –10 are an interim report; greater emphasis is placed upon the Interview process and the opportunity for parents to discuss with staff the progress, attitude, work ethic and behaviour of students in the classroom. It is the responsibility of your son or daughter to take the Interview Request slip to individual teachers to make appointment times. Obviously, the time is limited and this will need to be done during the first week of next term.

Uniform Standards
As it sometimes happens toward the end of a school term, some students begin to take liberties in regard to uniform standards and make choices about which part of the uniform rules they will follow. Can I ask all parents and caregivers to support us in our endeavors to maintain our normally high standard of presentation by our students in regard to our uniform. Our uniform is a simple one and should be easily worn by all students. At the moment we seem to have a number of students who are “adapting” aspects of our uniform. All uniform requirements are clearly shown in the student’s diary. If you have any queries regarding uniform please direct them to your child’s Pastoral Care teacher initially.
Tournament of Minds

The much anticipated 2014 Tournament of Minds competition is now over for another year. Our inspirational team of seven secondary girls travelled to and from Adelaide with myself and Liz Munday.

The journey was an exciting adventure from start to finish, with noisy mini-bus travel, diverse culinary experiences, overnight stays at Westminster College and of course the competition day at Flinders University being among the many highlights.

Whilst not winning their chosen category, the girls problem-solved and performed admirably in the two challenges they faced during Sunday’s competition. Witnessing the competing schools present their long term challenges provided additional knowledge and inspiration for another attempt in a year’s time.

The seven girls represented St Joseph’s School with pride throughout the weekend. All team members have learnt much from this year’s experiences and are keen to return to Flinders University in 2015, better prepared to vanquish our more fancied rivals.

Below are the team members and teachers:

Mr Bill Kannussaar, Mikayla Montgomerie, Kelly Marshall, Kiara Baillie, Maia Trewartha, Miss Liz Munday, Meaghan Casanova, Catherine Southam and Samantha Whillas

Student Leadership

Over the past week we have conducted two Liturgies with our Year 11 students with a focus on Student Leadership. Time was spent reflecting on what it means to be a good leader, who among the group would make good leaders and what some of the expectations of our student leaders are.

Membership of the Student Representative Council implies a role of service to others, imitating the leadership that Jesus has offered to us. Congratulations to all these students, and commiserations to those who were nominated, but unfortunately missed out on a position. Newly elected leaders will be formally introduced to the School at the Year 7 – 12 End of Term Liturgy / Celebration next Friday.

I would like to again extend my congratulations and thanks to the Senior Leaders and Sports Team Captains and Vice Captains of the past 12 months and thank them for the example they have given the rest of the school in their own leadership.

Mobile Phone Policy

Some recent changes have been introduced regarding mobile phone use during school time. From now on students are to keep mobile phones in their lockers between school hours (8:45am to 3:30pm) unless specifically requested otherwise by a teacher for a particular class activity. After the class activity is completed the phones are to be returned to the lockers.

The use of mobile phones to listen to music is now unacceptable. The normal consequences for a breach of this rule still applies. If the students are seen using a mobile phone during school hours they will have the phone confiscated until the end of the day. Any further breaches will result in the student being issued with a Friday detention. If a student refuses to comply with the directive this will be considered a serious breach of school rules and an appropriate consequence will follow.

As with any of our School rules parental support is appreciated.

Paul Lands
Deputy Principal

Yr 8-11 Art Showcase

The Yr 8-11 Art Showcase opens at 6.00pm tomorrow night at the ‘Moorings Function Room’ at the Tasman Hotel. There is some great artwork to be viewed so come down and have a look at the talent of our students. The showcase will run until Friday 26th September.

Sherpa Kids - Vacation Care Program

If you require care for your children for the up coming holidays please contact Megan on 0419524563 or email stjoptli@sherpa-kids.com.au as soon as possible to reserve your spot. Lots of fun things happening.
School Signage
The school is currently in the process of improving its roadside presence with the installation of a new sign on Mortlock Terrace with the existing sign being upgraded. This has involved consultation with a local sign writing company who have developed an impressive new design.

The ‘St Mary of the Angels’ sign, belonging to the Parish and with a long history on the property was removed last week in preparation for installation of the new sign. This sign will be stored until a decision is made on the location for it’s re-installation, possibly near the cemetery.

The existing school sign on Mortlock Terrace will be refurbished with a new sign attached to the frame and installed with frontage onto the round-a-bout adjacent to the Boarding House.

The installation will be completed in the coming school holidays and will add to the overall presentation of St Joseph’s School.

Mark Aldridge
WHS & Property Manager

YEAR 10 HOME ECONOMICS CLASS
Last week the Year 10 Home Economics class participated in a catering challenge for Port Lincoln’s Women in Business event held at Leading Edge Jewellers. The students prepared five different canapes which were then voted on. Money bags proved to be the most popular dish on the night with many compliments passed onto the students about the flavours of their dishes.

I attended the Women in Business event at Leading Edge Jewellers last night and wanted to send through my congratulations to the Year 10 students who provided the canapes. They did such a wonderful job and should be commended for the consistency and flavour of the food. Well done to them all.

Melissa Hains

Lost Property
There are lots of items of clothing in our lost property basket. If you are missing anything please come in and have a look as we will be taking all unclaimed, unnamed items to St Vincent de Paul at the end of the term.
Senior Student Leadership

Over the past two weeks, we have started the important process of electing our new Senior Student Leaders for Term 4 of 2014, and Terms 1-3 2015. Our current leaders will conclude their position at the end of this term to allow them time to focus on and prepare for their final examinations and assessments. This is an exciting process for our students as they are given the chance to serve their school community in a formal leadership role, and develop their own leadership skills.

Today the students participated in a voting liturgy in the Church where the Year 11 students and Pastoral Care Teachers and the School’s Leadership Team heard a short speech from each of the 15 nominees. Voting was then conducted and the new student leaders will be announced to the school community at the Secondary End of Term Liturgy on Friday 26th September at 11.30am in the Church. The official handover from the outgoing leaders will also occur at this time.

I wish all students the very best as they go through this significant process of discerning the best leaders to serve our community.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our outgoing Student Leaders for the enthusiasm, dedication, commitment and mature approach they displayed in their roles. They were a pleasure to work with and also fantastic ambassadors and representatives of our School. I know our School and wider community have benefitted from their leadership over the past 12 months. I wish them all the very best as they conclude their studies this year, and for their futures.

School Captains: Georgina Hughes, Tom Barbala
School Vice Captains: Danielle Faulkhead, C’Nqua Otto, Tom Ambrose, Lachlan Sladdin

7-12 End of Term Liturgy

Next week Year 7-12 students will gather in the Church to celebrate an end of term liturgy. We all have much to be thankful for this term, for all the opportunities we have been given and enjoyed, and the relationships we have developed and nurtured with each other.

The liturgy will take place at 11.30am and parents are welcome to attend.

Scott Darlow Performance

On Wednesday students from Years 6-9 attended a performance by Indigenous Musician and Songwriter Scott Darlow. Scott’s entertaining presentation, through the use of songs and stories, informed students of Australian history, particularly the history and experiences of Aboriginals. Many of his stories contained the message of reconciliation and working out how the students want to be remembered and live their lives. He always shared the message of living your life by the acronym FLUTE: Forgiveness, Love, Understanding, Tolerance, Empathy – an important message we can use everyday.

Students thoroughly enjoyed his presentation, as evidenced by the comments from some of the Year 7s below.
Very inspirational (Amy)
Very educational and I learnt a lot more about Australia’s history (Kate)
It represented our school spirit of not putting others down and working for social justice (Hamish)
He was very funny and entertaining (Amelia)
He was funny but at the same time we learnt a lot (Ruby)

Reconciliation

This term, the Year 3 Religious Education programme has been focusing on teaching about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Sacrament of Reconciliation allows the children to grow in their understanding of God’s love and forgiveness in our lives.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Rite) will be held in the Church on the night of Tuesday 23rd September, at 7.00pm.

Coming together as God’s children, let us remember that God is full of gentleness and compassion for us. God knows us as we are, our good points and our weak ones.

God strengthen us to do good, forgive us when we fail, and give us the courage to start again to live as Jesus taught us. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen

Vinnies Clothes Drive

Next week, we will be having a clothes drive where students are invited to bring in any clean, unwanted items of clothing to be donated to St Vinnies. A large white collection box will be outside the Front Office for students to deposit their donations. Maybe a time to give the wardrobe a clean out and good spring clean seeing spring has arrived!

Kate Benjamin
Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission
CLOTHES DRIVE

Week 10 of Term 3

Bring in your clean, unwanted items of clothing and drop them into the collection box outside the Front Office

Help those less fortunate in our community
The Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities and Australian Parents Council Presents:
Keynote and Workshop with David Price OBE

Re-imagining an education worth having.
What kind of school, what kind of educator and what kind of me for what image of the child?

A presentation and workshop for parents/carers, students and educators

David’s talk will challenge us to re-think the way we interact, teach, and use social, formal and informal learning to engage children and young people in an education worth having. We will explore the opportunities our ‘connected’ and ‘open’ world offers to best prepare children and young people for a future where we cannot predict what jobs will exist. The much talked about 21st century skills require us to re-think the way we interact, teach, and use social, formal and informal learning.

The workshop will explore:
- Our image of the child or young person as a learner?
- What young people consider is an education worth having?
- What learning looks like in schools today and how might it look in the future?
- How do we challenge attitudes, beliefs and behaviours that inhibit effective partnerships between parents and teachers and young people in learning and schooling?
- Ways and strategies of connecting to achieve the best outcomes for children and young people.

Details:
When: Monday 3rd November 2014
Time: 5.30pm to 8.30pm (light supper included)
Where: Catholic Education Conference Centre, 116 George Street, Thebarton SA

Parents/carers & students Free Educators, school & sector leaders: $50


For more information call:
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