**St Joseph’s School**
**Port Lincoln**

**Newsletter**

**Thursday, 24th November, 2016 - Term 4 Volume 6**

**Coming Events**

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**Principal’s Message**

I love this time of year. It is a time for looking back in thanksgiving for everything which has taken place during the year and a time for looking ahead to ensure the foundations are in place for a wonderful start to 2017, with new beginnings and new directions.

It is a time for welcome and also for farewells. Transition visits are underway to ensure our new students from Reception through to Year 11 feel welcome and familiar with our school before next year.

Several staff will be leaving St Joseph’s at the end of the year including Mrs Rosie Clark after over 30 years of service as a highly accomplished Senior teacher. We will also be saying farewell in the Senior years to Mr Harvey Brown (Japanese teacher) and Miss Courtney Redden (Art teacher). From the Primary Years we will be saying farewell to Mrs Kelly Webber, Miss Kristin Fanto, Miss Kim Seemann and Mrs Kara Wodson. We also farewell Mrs Lee Rogers, our Choir Trainer, and Mr Robert Kroemer, who has been a guitar teacher here for many years. Some ESO classroom support contracts also conclude at the end of this year and we thank Mrs Maya Bache, Miss Tess Ford and Mr Swov Kutny for their support this year.

Some staff are also taking leave entitlements for some or all of 2017: Mrs Jane Venning, Mrs Chris Blacker, Mr Paul Lands, Mrs Lee-Anne King and Mrs Karina Miller. We also thank and farewell our wonderful trainees, Mr Jesse Milton and Miss Denby Wiseman. Several new appointments have been made for 2017 and remaining ones will hopefully be concluded before the end of the year. Further details will be made available as soon as possible.

Year 12 examinations concluded this week, and Year 11 examinations begin in Week 7. Transition lessons for students undertaking Year 12 next year will occur before the end of the year so that students are well informed of expectations and can plan ahead to give themselves the best possible start to 2017.

Without a doubt a highlight of this week was the lunch for parents prepared by Year 3 students in the Parish Hall. Not only did the students prepare delicious food, using the knowledge they have gained about healthy eating this year, but their presentation and service was an absolute credit to all involved. It was wonderful to see the pride and joy shared by students and parents. Awesome work! Photos of this event are on our school Facebook page.

On a final note, I would like to remind parents of the Parent Satisfaction Survey. Your voice is very important in helping to shape our future growth and development so please spend some time offering constructive feedback on what we do well and what we could improve. Click on the following link: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/N6QL6H6](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/N6QL6H6). The survey will close next week.

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Parent Information - 2017 School Year

Last Wednesday we emailed all families with information for the 2017 School Year. Please read and refer to this email for important parent information regarding next year.

This includes information regarding fees, payment options, stationery ordering, medication authority and volunteering.

If you did not receive this email, please email info@sjspl.catholic.edu.au or contact us as soon as possible.

Stationery orders are required to be completed online by Friday 2nd December 2016 to enable Liverpool Street Newsagency sufficient time to process orders. Please note that each year you will be required to set up a new password, your password from last year will no longer work. If you have any concerns or problems, please contact Liverpool Street Newsagency on 8682 1658.

Uniform

Unfortunately, some students’ presentation at school has been less than satisfactory this term. Correct uniform is required for the remainder of the year for all school events.

Girls and boys with hair which is collar length or longer must have their hair tied back for school.

Transition visits

Tomorrow sees the last, but longest, of the visits for next year’s Reception students. Over the last four weeks, this group has had fun exploring the Sr Joan Barry Outdoor Learning Space and Reception classrooms, become familiar with range of teachers and made new friends with those from other kindergartens.

Today we have welcomed Primary students who will begin at St Joseph’s in Years 1-6 next year. They have spent the day in classrooms becoming familiar with their new school mates and environment.

Tomorrow, Year 7-11 students beginning with us in 2017 will spend some time meeting teachers and Coordinators as well as joining relevant year levels for a number of lessons.

Boarding House News

Progress on the new Boarding House continues with current Boarders having an opportunity to tour the site along with local MP, Peter Treloar, today. Thanks to Kym Clarke Builders’ exceptional work, it is anticipated that the Boarding House will be completed by the end of this year. This revised timeline allows ample time to prepare for the 34 Boarders expected for 2017.

Electronic Payments into School Account

Do you pay School Fees direct into the school’s bank account? Recently we have had a number of EFT deposits without an identifiable reference. For example, both Bendigo Bank and the NAB do not have their customer’s name appear on our Bank Statement, therefore when making electronic payments to the school please use your Family ID as a Reference. If there is room, you can add a more specific explanation – eg Bus or Yr11 Trans. Some banks offer the option of sending a Remittance Email. If you wish to do this, the address to use is accounts@sjspl.catholic.edu.au

Can you help?

The Graduation Committee would like to ask if anyone has any green or green/white ‘floaty foliage’ suitable to use as part of their ‘garden vintage’ theme for table runners at the Graduation next Saturday night. If so, please contact Maree Easton at the school on 86832400 or 0402845289.

Reception - Year 6 Wheels Day

Bring either your bike, skateboard, roller skates/blades or scooters to school on Thursday, 1st December, to be used at lunchtime only in the designated areas. All Reception to Year 6 students may wear their sport uniform for Wheels Day. Safety equipment must be worn, helmets, knee pads etc.

LAP Party

We are having a small party on the main oval at 2pm on Thursday 1st December to celebrate the end of the year. The children will be playing games and having a small snack. This will be our last chance to say goodbye and thank you to the adult volunteers who have helped with the program this year. You are most welcome to join us for an ice-cream. Thank you for your support of the Learning Assistance Program this year.

Performance

The St Joseph’s School Stage Band entertained invited guests as they arrived for last Saturday night’s Cadet World Championships fundraising dinner, performing a 45 minute set during pre-dinner drinks.

The repertoire of funk, rock, swing and Latin music was particularly well received, with many wonderfully positive comments relating to the high standard, appropriateness and general professionalism of the musical offerings.

Once again, our Senior Music students have excelled at a prestigious public event, placing St Joseph’s School in the Port Lincoln musical limelight. Later in the evening it was the sailors turn to shine, as they spoke of their past achievements and shared future aspirations in the international arena of Sailing World championships.