As this will be the last newsletter for the term I write to inform you of the changes that will occur next term.

At the end of the term we will farewell four members of staff:

**Mr Richard Horgan** is in his twelfth year as Deputy Principal (Secondary). Richard has worked hard for the school over this time and is a great ambassador for St Joseph’s. His input for the Kelly Centre, Resource Centre and the Trade Skills Centre (yet to be built) has been outstanding. Richard has been responsible for many things that have happened at St Joseph’s over the years and I thank him for all his efforts and wish him all the best as he takes on his new role at TAFE.

**Mrs Jaimie Halliday** commenced work in 2010 at St Joseph’s and has been responsible for Junior Primary classes as well as the co-ordination of Science in the Primary area. We wish Jaimie well for the birth of her first child.

**Mrs Tara Pugsley** commenced work in 2012 and has taught in Primary classes as well as teaching Drama and PE. We wish Tara all the best for the birth of her first child.

We bid farewell to **Ms Kathleen Ulyett** who has recently retired from her position as Head of Boarding at the School. We thank her for her service to the School over many years and wish her all the best for the future.

It is my pleasure to announce that **Mr Paul Lands** has accepted the Position of Acting Deputy Principal for the remainder of the school year. Other new appointments include **Mrs Jacki Bailey** to Year 4, **Ms Libby Carr**, Year 2 (sharing with Mrs Jelena Edmonds), **Miss Holly Cunningham**, Year 5 and **Mr Joseph Morris**, Secondary.

Wishing all students and teachers (Year 7-12) a wonderful week next week as they undertake specific Camps and Retreats as part of Activities Week.

A special mention to the six St Joe’s girls travelling to Muroto, Japan during the holidays. I look forward to hearing about their experiences when they return.

Finally I would like to thank all families for your continued support of our wonderful school and wish you a wonderful Easter and holiday break. Looking forward to seeing you all in Term 2 (Tuesday, April 29th).

Reminder: turn back clocks on Sunday morning - Daylight Saving ends!

**Anzac Day** falls in the holidays this year. It is important that our school is represented at the Dawn service to pay our respects to those who have fought for our country. All students are invited to attend in their school uniform. Please meet Ms Kate Benjamin at KFC at 6:10am if you wish to participate.

**Parent Teacher Interviews for Year 7-12 students will be held on Wednesday May 7th (Week 2 next term).**

**Bernadette Lacey**

**Principal**

**What Our Students Say …**

"Being a part of the St Joe’s Interschool Athletics Team was a great experience. It was great to see everyone participating and competing in good spirits and trying their best on the day. Congratulations to all the members of our St Joe’s team for winning overall."

**Holly Schell**

Interschool Athletics Captain

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There will be no Newsletter next week!
Reminders

Just a couple of reminders about school policies:

Uniforms, please assist us by ensuring your child is wearing the correct uniform to school. This includes paying attention to ribbons in school uniform colours, ankle length socks and small, plain stud earrings only. We change to winter uniform from the beginning of next term.

With Crunch & Sip time in classes, water is the only drink allowed. Please do not send juices instead of fruit for this purpose.

Camp Quality Puppets

Tomorrow F-6 classes will attend puppet shows run by the Camp Quality organisation to promote understanding of and communication about cancer. The Junior Primary classes will see “Inside Out” at 9:00 am, followed by “The Way You Look at It” for Years 3-6 at 10:00 am.

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Next week for F-1 classes on Wed/ Thurs. Please make sure they’re wearing PE uniform.

Primary Focus

“...the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves” (Luke 22: 24-27)

The value for the second half of this term has been “service”, with the aim to make others happy with our thoughtfulness and care. Mrs Halliday’s class discussion has certainly had an impact, with Joseph Perin and Beau Baldwin going out of their way recently to offer assistance in different situations to help teachers and other students. Well done boys.

Next Tuesday, F-6 classes will hold their Project Compassion fundraiser, linked with the 2014 school theme “Who is my neighbour?” We hope to raise a significant amount of money for Project Compassion, which will help others live life to the full. As we have not held the usual SRC Easter raffle this year, please be generous in donating your coins for the children to add to our symbol next Tuesday.

SAPSASA

Four of our students have been playing SAPSASA Softball in Adelaide this week as part of the LEP team. They are: Amelia Rusden, Brooklyn George, Chloe Howe and Mia French.

Congratulations to the following athletes who gained selection in the Lower Eyre Peninsula Athletics team from their performances at the recent regional carnival:

Year 7 - Brooklyn George, Amelia Rusden, Ruby Orchard, Gemma Horgan (Reserve), Isaac Grima
Year 6 - Marni Clark, Abbey Bates, Aisha Gynell, Gil Casanova
Year 5 - Tasmin Durdin (Reserve), Toby Casanova (Reserve)
Year 4 - Sachi Syme, Beau Baldwin

These students will train over the next two terms in readiness for the SAPSASA competition in Adelaide at the end of Term 3.

Activities Week

Year 7s are on camp at Errappa this week and other Secondary classes are participating in various year level activities. A number of Year 11 students are completing their Work Experience in Primary classes.

SRC

Year 6 SRC reps are beginning a paper recycling initiative and will be collecting used paper from F-Year 7 classrooms each fortnight. Thank you to the Primary SRC for taking steps to help our school to be more environmentally friendly!

Congratulations, Kyle!

Congratulations to former student Kyle Chalmers on an amazing swim last night placing second in the Men’s 50m Butterfly final at the Energy Australia Swimming Championships in Brisbane. Kyle was up against Adult Olympic swimmers and 2014 Commonwealth Games aspirants. St Joe’s is very proud of your achievements.

Karen Browne
Deputy Principal
This will be my last newsletter at St Joseph’s School. I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you to all our parents (past and present) for the support you have provided to me during my time here. I have enjoyed working with you for the betterment of your children’s education and hope that when required I have been able to provide some guidance and assistance. All the best to you all.

Reports
Staff from Years 7 – 12 have been finalising reporting on our student’s term 1 progress over the past week. These reports for Years 7 – 10 are very much an interim report and will highlight areas of success as well as areas of concern for students based on the work completed so far. Reports for Year 7 – 10 students will be distributed tomorrow Friday, 4th April, and Reports for Year 11 and 12 students will be distributed next term on Friday 2nd May.

I would strongly encourage all parents to take the opportunity presented by a parent / teacher interview with individual subject teachers early next term, to discuss the progress of your son / daughter in particular subjects. A letter outlining the reporting and interview process will be sent home to each parent with the report.

Boarding house reports will be prepared and sent to families during the first week of the school holidays.

Year 7 – 12 Activities Week
Final preparations for the upcoming activities week are underway and I thank staff for the considerable efforts they take to ensure that these activities are a great experience for your children.

I would make the point that these activities only occur due to the generosity of staff and that students have an obligation to ensure that they are fully cooperative with staff in the preparation phase as well as during the actual time away. It is our expectation that all students would attend the camp experience organised for their year level.

Year 7 students are travelling to Errappa on Monday morning and returning for Community Service opportunities on Thursday and Friday. Our Year 8 students will be involved in a variety of activities at both Nyroca Scout Camp and Dutton Bay. Students from Year 8 will depart for camp on Tuesday morning from school. Our Year 9 students will engage in the, now traditional, bushwalking camp in the Lincoln National Park. These students also depart on Tuesday morning. Our Year 10 students will travel to Canberra on Monday morning for a week long experience in our National Capital. Year 11 students are participating in work experience from Monday to Friday next week. We thank the many local businesses who are hosting our students in their businesses. Year 12 students will participate in a Retreat program at Thuruna from Wednesday next week and Outreach activities on Monday and Tuesday.

We wish all students and staff well for these experiences next week.

Winter Uniform
Another reminder that all students are required to wear the full winter uniform as of the first day of Term 2, Tuesday 29th April. It might be an idea to have students try on the winter uniform this week so new uniforms can be purchased next week if needed. Please check the student diary for all the details regarding winter uniform requirements.

Holidays / Study Break
Whilst holidays are an important time for everyone to have a break from routine and to re-charge the batteries, it would be wrong, particularly for our senior students, to believe that it is a time to do nothing. Any student with ambition and a goal will know that the holidays are an ideal time to “catch up” and / or revise work and a time to get ahead in their studies.

I acknowledge the need to spend some time relaxing, but also feel that a small self-sacrifice, at this time, will be worth it in the long run.

Mr Richard Horgan
Deputy Principal

Farewell, Mr Horgan

Thoughts from some students:

- ‘Mr Horgan really cares about us, and the Boarders will really miss him’
- ‘Mr Horgan is a part of our Boarding House family’
- ‘We all really appreciate the things Mr Horgan has done for us’
- ‘Mr Horgan has always encouraged us to do our best’
- ‘Mr Horgan has always been very fair and under standing of our individuals needs’
- ‘Mr Horgan has helped me and the school significantly’
- ‘Mr Horgan is very respected by the students here at school’
- ‘Mr Horgan has always been there to support and encourage us with our schooling’
- ‘Mr Horgan has always been very fair and understanding of our individuals needs’
- ‘Thank you Mr Horgan for getting in and getting things done’
- ‘Mr Horgan has helped me and the school significantly’
- ‘Mr Horgan is very respected by the students here at school’
- ‘Mr Horgan has always been there to support and encourage us with our schooling’
- ‘Mr Horgan has always been very fair and understanding of our individuals needs’
- ‘Thank you Mr Horgan for all the work you have done in the Boarding House, we all appreciate your efforts’
- ‘Mr Horgan has been a fantastic Business and Enterprise teacher and the class will miss him’
- ‘Mr Horgan has been a great role model for the students including the Boarders. Thank you for the effort you make for the students. You are very respected by the students’

Good luck with your new job!
A big congratulations to the members of the School’s Tennis Team who won the ‘Lower Eyre Open Boys and Girls Tennis Competition’, against Navigator College, today.

Team Member’s were: Billy Byass, Tom Charlton, Toby Maughan, Billy Brown, Mikaela Eatts, Indiah van Doorn, Bonni Wheadon, Kealy Byass, Cody Innes and Kenidee McNamara

Thank you to Mr Ambrose and Mr Thompson for their assistance with this successful team.

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St Joe’s Tennis Success

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**Japanese Word of the Week**

うさぎ Usagii = Rabbit

We wish all the Years 7 - 12 Staff and Students an enjoyable Activities Week!
Congratulations, St Joseph’s School!

38th Spencer Gulf Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival - 2014

Team Members

Sean Ambrose
James Andrews
Luke Andrews
Jenna Arnell
Nick Baddams
Daniel Briggs
Billy Brown
Levi Brown
Billy Campbell
Jeb Casanova
Hannah Cash
Lochlan Charlton
Thomas Charlton
Cian Ciura
Keely Clark
Yemaya Coleman-Smith
Thomas de la Perrelle
Montanna Doukle
Brock Dutschke
Bianca Easton
Chloe Faalco
Joshua Faulkhead
Emma Gaskill
Marcus Gobin
Montana Grant-Cook
Joseph Gynell
Georgia Hyde
Harriet Hyde
Ben Jarvis
Lauren Kassebaum
Kelsie Kearley
Hayley Kennedy
Elise Kenny
Charlie King
Erin Laas
Henry Lambert
Max Lambert
Kelly Marshall
Toby Maughan
Madeline McShane

On Friday the 28th of March, 66 students and four staff members travelled to Port Augusta to attend the 38th Spencer Gulf Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival. Both buses left St Joseph’s at 5:30am to complete the long journey in time to make the 10:00am Opening Ceremony. Competing on Friday were St Marks Port Pirie, Samaritan Whyalla, Caritas Port Augusta, St Barbara’s Roxby Downs and St Joseph’s Port Lincoln. St Barbara’s, from Roxby Downs was competing in the carnival for the first time.

The team of 66 was well lead by captains Billy Brown and Holly Schell and were quietly confident going into the carnival. In each event two capable athletes from St Josephs competed as we wanted to ensure maximum points.

It was a successful day for the St Joseph’s team with many great performances seen. Furthermore, both individual and whole team awards were achieved. Skye Ranford and Chloe Orchard both broke the under 16 girl’s Triple Jump record of 9.85 metres. James Andrews (Under 15 Boys) and Adam Waters (Under 14 Boys) were awarded Age Group Champions of their respective age groups. Adam managed to achieve five wins in his five events which is an exceptional effort.

As a whole St Joseph’s won the Under 14 Division Shield, the Handicap Shield and the Highest Aggregate Shield. Clenching the Highest Aggregate Shield by a tight margin St Josephs were the overall outright winners of the carnival, followed by St Marks 2nd, Samaritan 3rd, Caritas 4th and St Barbara’s 5th.

A big thanks to staff members, Mr Blight, Mr Pinnington, Mr Keatley and Mrs Lacey who also organised, coached and supervised students during the day. We look forward to the 2015 Spencer Gulf Athletics Carnival held in Port Pirie and hope to go back to back!

Justin Thompson
Trainee – P.E. Department

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Eliza Nelligan
Meg Nelligan
Daniel Olds
Kale Olds
Luke Orbons
Chloe Olds
Dejene Otto
Skye Ranford
Stella Reidy
Charlotte Rushby
Holly Schell
Ciara Schubert
Jon Secker
George Shepperd
Jordan Sladdin
Kye Sorensen
Catherine Southam
Asia Tansell
Cooper Tansell
Brooke Traeger
Charlie van den Broek
Kathryn Venning
Indiah van Doorn
Adam Waters
Ysabelle Went
Christie Zerk
Last Wednesday the Year 7 SRC’s travelled to Adelaide for the National Young Leader’s Day. We caught a flight at 6.30 am and then hired a car. Mr Aldridge drove us to have a look at the Central Markets which was amazing with all the different types of food.

On arrival at the Entertainment Centre we were surprised by the amount of children that were there from around South Australia. We sat in school groups in the function area.

We were all amazed with the five speakers that had given up their time to travel to Adelaide to speak to us. The five speakers had to speak individually about their life success and lessons they have learnt. Every one of the five speakers had had difficult times and felt like giving up but they kept going.

The Halogen logo symbolizes a light bulb. What you can’t see is the Halogen which powers the light bulb and this is the most powerful part. The speakers included:

**Mike Martin**

Mike’s life lead to work designing and directing outdoor education programs for companies and people with some type of special needs. Mike became an army officer from Royal Military College Duntroon and worked as an Electorate Officer for a Federal MP. Mike then took over the leadership of the Halogen Foundation in 2004. As a supporter of the founding group of helpers that launched ‘The National Young Leaders Days’ in 1997. Mike explained that this was his hardest yet most rewarding role so far. Mike talked about being a good leader and what a place with good leadership should feel like.

Mike said in exact words, “Nothing great, cool or long lasting ever started out that way.”

Mike believes everything needs good choices and time. Well lead spaces require safe, fair, awesome and empathetic people.

**Anneka Deaton**

Squadron Leader Anneka Deaton joined the Royal Australian Air Force as an Officer Cadet at the Australian Defence Force Academy in 1996. She began her pilot training in Tamworth in 2000 and graduated from No 2 Flying Training School in Perth in 2001. She was posted to RAAF Base Edinburgh in Adelaide to fly the P-3C Orion Maritime Surveillance aircraft. From 2002 to 2009, Squadron Leader Deaton flew 3000 hours on the P-3C Orion on missions and exercises around the world, and worked her way up from a Co-Pilot to become a Captain in 2006. Anneka captained the crew at drills in both San Diego, USA, Vancouver, and Canada in 2008.

Anneka states that, “I want every little girl who is told she is bossy to be told she has leadership.”

**Andy Griffiths**

Andy Griffiths entertained the whole crowd using his humor and his passion for writing. Andy told us when writing he thinks of the worst case scenario and tries to be daring and bold. Andy believes the key to being a good author is to be different and do what others least expect.
Prayer

May the risen Jesus who gave up his life for us live forever in our hearts.
May we also live our lives renewed with the love of God, and work hard towards reaching our goals.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Year 7-12 End of Term Liturgy

This Friday the Year 7-12 students will gather in the Gymnasium at 12.15 for an end of term liturgy. It is a chance to reflect on and thank God for the countless blessings we have received this term, and also pray for guidance during activities week, holidays, and the season of Easter.

Easter

I hope all families will enjoy a relaxing Easter break. As we head towards the death of Christ and then the glory of His resurrection, we experience feelings of hope and joy that comes with renewal and new life. We are all encouraged to think about our commitments to a brighter future in the spirit of the Resurrection.

Activities – Year 12 Christian Service and Retreat

Next week all Year 7-12 students will be involved in Activities Week. Our Year 12 students and six staff will be heading to Thuruna for two nights for their much anticipated Year 12 Retreat. This Retreat is an opportunity for the group to spend some time away establishing bonds with each other, examining the various relationships they have in their life, and also their relationship with God. Sessions include small group reflections, value activities, reconciliation service and reflections on their life so far. I am looking forward to spending time with these students at this Retreat and I’m sure it will be a rewarding and worthwhile experience for them.

Prior to attending the Retreat, all Year 12s will spend next Monday and Tuesday undertaking Christian Service in the community as part of their Stage 2 Religious Education course. This term the students have been learning about social justice issues and our call and responsibility as Christians to help those less fortunate than ourselves. The students will perform their Christian Service at a variety of organisations such as Matthew Flinders Home, St Vinnies, Salvos Store, Pioneer Village, Community House, Meals on Wheels, Port Lincoln Special School, Cranston Street Kindergarten, Kirton Point Children’s Centre, Port Lincoln Junior Primary School, Port Lincoln Children’s Centre and St Joseph’s School Library. I am very grateful to these organisations for hosting our students, and I am sure they will appreciate the assistance our students will give them and their organisations.

Kate Benjamin
Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission

Fine Motor Skills

The Fine Motor Skills Group runs each week on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings with Ms Varney.

We do a variety of fun and engaging activities to help build our fine motor skills. Some of these include warm up exercises for our hands and fingers, cutting, tracing, using materials such as tongs, pegs and threading for games and much more.

We have a strong focus on handwriting and correct formation of letters and numbers.

Our group loves to use Ipads, a great and free app we have been using is Dexteria which is fine motor focused and reinforces the skills we are building.

Annie Varney
Julia Gillard
Julia Gillard was our surprise speaker. Julia encouraged us to think about what drives us and what keeps us motivated.

“Find your passion and what you truly love. You have got to love what you do, or you’re going to give up.”
Julia told us her story and how there is ALWAYS people who will push you back down. She told us to find our passion and chase our goals.

Daniel Flynn
Daniel Flynn as a nineteen year old wanted to make a difference to the world by starting up a company called ‘Thankyou Water’, a company Daniel and four friends created to raise money for those who are in desperate need for clean drinking water. In 2010 Daniel and the Thankyou Water team assembled young people from across Australia to use their social media voices. Hundreds of young people swamped social media with a campaign cry for convenience stores to stock a brand of water that donates 100 per cent of its incomes to fund water projects in developing countries.

Daniel says, “It’s been incredible to see how social media can empower everyday Australians to make a difference in the world.” Dream big and don’t let your age define you”.

It was a fantastic day where we heard from a range of inspiration speakers who all shared some of their personal lessons in life. Most clear in their message was that to succeed you need to persist and overcome obstacles that get in the way of your goals.

Emma Stefano, Isaac Grima, Brooklyn Binns, Tom Tape
Year 7 SRC

Farewell, Muroto Delegation

Six of our students will be visiting Muroto, Japan for two weeks over the Autumn holidays. They will have the opportunity to participate in homestays, experience cultural events and to enjoy traditional Japanese cuisine.

We wish our students a very safe journey and we look forward to hearing many wonderful stories of their experiences upon their return to school in Term 2.

Students representing St Joseph’s School in Muroto, Japan are:

Jessica Casanova, Hannah Burke, Samantha Whillas, Brooke Traeger, Bonnie Parsons and Eylish Hill

‘I am excited to visit Japan and experience the culture, while being able to practice all the Japanese I have learnt over the past few years.’

(Hannah Burke)
In today’s newsletter is a fact sheet for parents/carers provided by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR).

This year our school has been asked to implement the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability. This is being introduced to all schools in Australia over the next three years. The Data Collection will provide all Australian schools, education authorities and the community with nationally consistent information about the number of school students with disability and the level of adjustment being made to enable the students to access and participate on the same basis as their peers.

Students’ personal details will be de-identified in the Data Collection and aggregated information will be provided to Catholic Education SA who will further de-identify the data before providing the data to DEEWR. Data collected from schools in 2013 and 2014 will not be made publically available.

Parents/carers can decide if they do not want their child’s information to be included in the Data Collection. Please notify Mrs Bernadette Lacey if this is your decision. There are no consequences for not participating in the Data Collection. Please contact Mrs Tara Clark or Mr Bill Kannussaar if you have questions or require more information.


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**Dyslexia Support Group**

April’s Dyslexia Support Group meeting will be on Monday 14th at Youthoria. Please note change of date and venue for our next meeting. Please see flyer attached and feel free to share. Focus on teenagers. All welcome.

**Panthers Hockey**

Panthers Hockey training starts Tuesday, 1st April at Ravendale. U11’s & U13’s from 4.00 pm – 5.00 pm and U15 & U18 from 5.00 pm - 6.00 pm. New players welcome. For further details call Kelly 0429 835 036.

**Mauraders Hockey**

Come and play for the Green and Blue! Junior players needed. Monday 5.00 pm - 6.00 pm. Contact Danny Sherry on 0427834021.

**Flinders Hockey Registration Night**

Thursday, 10th April. 5.00 pm - 7.00 pm. Sausage Sizzle on the night. Enquiries to Geoff on 0409711961.

**Port Lincoln Soccer Association**

Come and try dates are 13th April and 27th April, 2014. Under 6 at 10.00 am, Under 10 and Under 14 at 11.00 am. Seniors at 12.00 pm. Kirton Point Oval. Corner of Dennis Street and Ansley Place. Season commences 4th May, 2014. portlincolnsoccerassociation@hotmail.com or Facebook: Port Lincoln Soccer Association

**Port Lincoln Junior Table Tennis Coaching Program**

Venue: Table Tennis Stadium Coronation Place. Date: Tuesday, 29th April. Time: 5.00 pm - 6.30 pm. Age: Students 8 years and over. Cost: $30 for 10 week program.

Students will not be allowed to leave the stadium during coaching program. Drinking water is provided. There will be a short canteen break at 5.45 pm. The session will be run by Barry Hancock, Level 1 and State Junior Coach. Contact Barry for more details or to register on 0459330444.

**Boat Licence Night - Group Session**

Monday, 14th April, 2014 at 6.30 pm. Port Lincoln Yacht Club. Are you 16 and over and want to get your Boat Licence? Now is your chance. Cost is $40.00. To book, contact Rese on 0417087223 after 5.00 pm or Kylie on 0437202710 after 5.00 pm. Numbers are limited ... Hurry so you don’t miss out.
All Australian governments have agreed to work together to implement a new annual national data collection on school students with disability. This data collection process is being phased in over a three year period in 2013-2015.

The first two years will be a transition period. This means that all schools will begin preparing for participating in the collection from 2013.

In 2015, the first full national collection of data on school students with disability will take place in all Australian schools. From then on, this data collection will occur in every school every year, along with other school data collections.

WHY INTRODUCE A NATIONAL COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY?

All Australian governments agree that every child in an Australian school, regardless of his or her circumstances, has the right to a high quality and inclusive education that meets his or her needs.

Better information about school students with disability will assist teachers, principals and education authorities to support their participation in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

HOW WILL IT BENEFIT MY CHILD?

There are students with disability in every school in Australia at some point. This means that every school needs to be ready and able to support students with disability to ensure that any obstacles to participation and achievement in their school education are identified and minimised.

This new national data collection will reinforce the actions required of schools under the national Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005. These laws mean that schools and education systems are required to make, where needed, reasonable adjustments for students with disability.

An adjustment is a measure or action taken to assist a student with disability to participate in education on the same basis as other students. Adjustments can be made across the whole school setting, in the classroom and at the individual level.

Determining the level and type of support needed for an individual student is not a new activity for Australian schools.

Currently there is only limited and inconsistent information available at a national level about school students with disability, their educational needs and the support provided to them.

The information provided by this new national data collection will enable all Australian governments to better target support and resources. That will assist students with disability in government and non-government schools across Australia to complete school and go on to further education or find employment.
WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE COLLECTED?
The following information will be collected annually at the school level:

- the level of adjustment provided;
- the number of students receiving each level of adjustment to enable them to participate in education on the same basis as other students; and
- where known, the student's type of disability.

WHO WILL COLLECT MY CHILD’S INFORMATION AND HOW WILL THEY DO IT?
School teams will collect evidence based on:

- consultation with parents/carers;
- their observations and professional judgements; and
- any medical diagnosis.

The evidence will be collected over at least a 10 week period. This evidence will help the school teams to determine:

- which students to include in the data collection;
- the levels of adjustment that are provided, both within and outside the classroom; and
- the broad category of disability.

In line with good teaching practice and the requirements of the Disability Standards for Education 2005, you will continue to be provided with opportunities to discuss ways to assist your child overcome barriers and the adjustments that could be made to support your child.

Principal and school teams will be supported with training to assist them to make accurate judgements.

School principals will assure the accuracy of information collected about each student.

WHICH SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS WILL BE INCLUDED?
Your child’s school principal will be advised about their school’s involvement and when the school will be participating in recording information for the data collection.

A student will only be included in the data collection if he/she meets the definition of disability under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the school has evidence of this.

CAN I WITHDRAW MY CHILD’S INFORMATION FROM BEING INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REPORTING ACTIVITY?
You decide whether you want your child’s information to be included or not in the national reporting activity. Your school principal will forward information to you once they are participating so you can make an informed choice.

HOW WILL MY CHILD’S PRIVACY BE PROTECTED?
Protecting the privacy and confidentiality of all children and their families is a key priority.

Authorised staff in each school will manage the information to ensure that personal or confidential information is not disclosed.

Transmission of data by the school will be done in such a way that the privacy and confidentiality of all students is protected.

When data are reported it will be at the school level only and no individual student will be able to be identified in the data collection.

WHAT WILL THE INFORMATION BE USED FOR?
It is intended that the data collected about students with disability will be published on the My School website and in other national reports on schooling from 2016 onwards.

Public reporting of these data will mean more is known about how all Australian schools and education authorities support students with disability.

Australian schools and education authorities will use these data as evidence to improve their support for students with disability.

FURTHER INFORMATION
For further information about the national collection of data on Australian school students with disability and how you can support it, please visit www.deewr.gov.au/students-disability.

National Parents/Carers Fact Sheet No.1
COME SUPPORT & SHARE WITH OTHERS FACING SIMILAR CHALLENGES:

FAMILY GROUPS WELCOME WITH A FOCUS ON TEENAGERS

DYSLEXIA SUPPORT GROUP

PORT LINCOLN
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

YOUTHORIA
MON 14th April
6:45- 8:15 PM
PIZZA $5pp

GUEST SPEAKERS:
Psychologist Tim Dansie | Teenager with Dyslexia

A time to socialise and share in a family friendly setting. All Welcome.
For more information contact Nola: 0439 822 498 nola@thaiheart.net