COMING EVENTS

Friday 5th September
- Fathers Day Liturgy, 12.15pm
Monday 8th September
- Net Ministries Retreat, Yr 9
Monday 8th - Friday 19th September
- Swimming Yrs 1-5
- Net Ministries Retreat, Yr 9
Tuesday 9th September
- School Board Meeting, 7pm
Wednesday 10th September
- Ready4School, 9am
Friday 12th September
- Yr 8 Tod River Excursion
Monday 15th-Friday 19th September
- F-6 Interviews
Thursday 18th September
- Yr 10 Whalers Way Excursion
Friday 19th September
- Cricket Clinic F/1
Friday 26th September
- Last day of term

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following Year 12 students who assisted at the Blue Light Disco on Friday August 15th. It is great to know that St Joe’s has such community minded young people. Constable Vicky Taylor commented on your outstanding effort.

Isobel Moore (volunteer coordinator) Leila Gobin, Billy Brown, Kobi Keeley, Tess Barbala, Maddie Higgins, Kevin Casanova, Elsie Kenny, Tom Barbala, Bianca Melzner

2015

Planning for 2015 is underway. If you know of any parents considering enrolment or you will not be returning to St Joseph’s please contact Mrs Cate Wuttke (Student Registrar)

Congratulations must go also to the outstanding work of Fiona Pinnington for the wonderful night at the Port Lincoln Hotel where the Year 12 Food and Hospitality students presented a delicious meal.

To Lain Montgomery and the work she put into the Port Lincoln Show – St Joseph’s School collected 36 awards.

To Carolyn Coulson and the Music Department who played at a Business Managers’ Conference, the Yr 12 Food and Hospitality night as well as the Port Lincoln Show. It is great to know our students presented an outstanding meal.

Happy Father’s Day:

Wishing all Father’s a great day for Sunday.

God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things.

Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian Fathers.

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect.

Bernadette Lacey
Principal

What Our Students Say…..

My Dad is special because he loves me 24/7. At night he tickles me in bed.
Happy Fathers Day, Dad

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Congratulations
Well done to our Musicians, who have performed at a number of functions in recent weeks, and to all of the student artists who exhibited their work at the Port Lincoln Show. It was wonderful to see St Joseph’s School so well represented! Well done to all who received prizes for their cooking, decorated biscuits, cut flowers, produce, sewing, collections and photographs too.

Brock Wise is participating in SAPSASA golf at Adelaide Shores Golf Course today and tomorrow. Congratulations, Brock.

The Year 7 Girls basketball team, which won the recent carnival at Tumby Bay, will be competing in Adelaide on Thursday 18th September.

ICAS test results
Congratulations to the following students for their impressive results.

**Writing test**

- Distinction – Hannah Russell (Year 6) – top 3% of participants in Australia
- Credit – Tijana Franco (Year 11) – top 12% of participants in Australia
- Merit – Grace Franco (Year 8)

**Spelling test**

- Merit – Indiah Kelsey (Year 6)

**Quicksmart Maths**

Well done to Aisha Gynell (Year 6) who has completed the whole year’s QuickSmart Maths program in record time and with impressive results. Well done, Aisha!

**Swimming**

Swimming lessons for Year 1-5 classes begin on Monday. To ensure the swimming lessons are successful we are asking for your support in the following ways.

- Sports uniform may be worn every day.
- Children are to bring a pair of thongs/sandals to wear to the Leisure Centre.
- Children are to bring an old tracksuit to wear over their bathers

**Please ensure that all items of clothing, footwear, goggles and towels are clearly labelled with the child’s name**

**Literacy and Numeracy Week**

Twelve parents came to school last Friday to read to F-4 children at lunch time in the GP Room. We appreciate their support in helping us to celebrate Literacy and Numeracy Week with additional activities. It was also wonderful to see so many Year 5s reading to others on Thursday at lunchtime. Thank you to all of these readers and to the Year 5 teachers for encouraging their students to give their time during lunch to read to younger children.

Many primary students entered Mr Blight’s daily Maths Quiz and congratulations go to: Sam Blacker, Blake Binns, Rupert Price (Year 4) and Brooklyn George (Year 7).

**Year 5 camp**

Miss Munday’s and Miss Cunningham’s Year 5 classes left for their Mikkira Camp this morning. Mr Watt has joined them this afternoon to camp out overnight and help with their environmental and team-building activities. I’m sure they are enjoying their learning time away from the school environment and having fun together.

**NAPLAN**

Results from last term’s NAPLAN tests have been sent out to all schools this week. The reports from these national Literacy and Numeracy tests for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be sent home to parents next Thursday. If you have any questions about your child’s results please speak to the class teacher.

**Primary Focus**

“Let your speech always be gracious.” (Colossians 4:6)

The value which classes are looking at for the last part of Term 3 is courtesy. Teachers will be speaking to students about trying to always speak and act politely towards others, both in person and online. Courtesy goes hand in hand with St Joseph’s School rules about respect and, if modelled by all adults in our school community, strengthens relationships between children, their parents and teachers.

**Happy Fathers’ Day**

to all dads and grandads! Mr Mckenzie’s Foundation students wrote some prayers for their assembly last week:

_Dear God,_
_I like cleaning the yard with my Dad,_
_I like Kung Fu-ing with Dad,_
_I like cuddles from Dad._

_Our Dads are special because they love us 24/7._

_Thank you for Dads. Amen._

(Drew, Hayley, Gabriella, Matilda, Sibeal)

Karen Browne
Deputy Principal

Sherpa Kids

Join our fun filled Sherpa Kids Vacation Care Program. To confirm your booking please phone Megan on 0419524563 or email stjoptli@sherpa-kids.com.au

**Canteen Price List**

Please use the Pink 2014 Canteen Price List. If you do not have a current price list please collect one from the front office.

**School Card Lodgement** - is Thursday 11th September. Please return forms to the front office or call Mrs Sharon McEvoy on 86823655.
Tournament of Minds 2014

For the first time in a number of years, St Joseph’s School will be entering a team in this year’s Tournament of Minds. This will also be the first time we have entered a secondary team. Tournament of Minds is a problem-solving competition entered by thousands of students throughout Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong and Thailand. Students compete in groups of 7 in both a prepared Long Term pre-prepared challenge and also a Spontaneous Challenge, where students are given a problem to solve on competition day.

The St Joseph’s Team consists of: Meg Casanova, Kelly Marshall, Catherine Southam, Maia Trewartha (Yr 8), Kiara Baillie, Mikayla Montgomery (Yr 9) and Samantha Whillas (Yr 10). They have chosen the Social Sciences category for their Long Term Challenge and have regularly been working together throughout Term 2 and Term 3 on Spontaneous Challenge sample questions and over the last month on their selected Long Term Challenge.

The Tournament of Minds venue for South Australian teams is Flinders University, and our team will travel to Adelaide in a little over a week to compete there on September 14th.

Lain Montgomerie, Kathryn Kutny and Bill Kannussaar have assisted the students throughout their problem-solving journey to date. Liz Munday and Bill Kannussaar will be accompanying the team to Adelaide for the all important day of reckoning.

Bill Kannussaar

Year 12 Trial Exams

During this week our Year 12 students have sat trial exams in subjects that have an end of year exam as part of their assessment. My thanks to staff who prepared these papers as the feedback they provide to students will be invaluable as they prepare for their final exams next term.

Year 11 and 12 Subject Selection for 2015

By now most of our Year 11 and 12 students (2015) have had the opportunity to sit with a course counsellor and determine the subject choices most appropriate for them and their future pathways. Our next step is to develop a line structure (groupings of subjects) from the choices students have made. I am sure that parents appreciate the complexities of such a process and unfortunately not every choice that students have made will “fit” the line structure. If this is the case students will be re-counseled to choose another appropriate option which satisfies the needs and future pathway of the student. We are hopeful to have this process completed by the end of this term, with letters sent home in report envelopes indicating the subjects for each Year 11 and 12 student in 2015.

Australian Business Week (ABW)

Our Year 10 students have now completed Australian Business Week and the majority have gained new insights and skills in regard to the world of small business, and certainly learnt about the importance of teamwork. As a school community we are extremely grateful to the community members who volunteered their time to work as mentors with the teams of students.

Our sincere thanks go to our mentors:
Ms Anne-Marie Hammond (Career Employment Group),
Mr Tony Baj (McDonalds), Mr Mark Carr (EP Grain),
Ms Carman Whittle (Melts) and Mr Scott Clark (Westpac).
For their wisdom and guidance throughout the week.

Also our thanks to our guest presenters:
Mr Phil Channon (Bendigo Bank), Ms Lauren Cooper (Leading Edge Jewellers), Ms Robyn Dawson (Leading Edge Jewellers) and Ms Tiffany Perin (Southern Cross TV).

Well done to Mr Gavin Pinnington and the Year 10 Pastoral Care teachers:
Mr Matt Keatley, Mr Andrew Reichstein, Mr Scott Ambrose, Mr Damien Lambert, Mr Joseph Morris and Mrs Christine Blacker for the work they did with their team.

Year 10 (2015) Education Night

Last night we held an information night for parents and students currently in Year 9. Topics discussed included:
- Year 10 highlights
- Introduction to the SACE
- Requirements of the PLP (Personal Learning Plan)
- Subject choices for 2015 for Year 10 students
- Information about the Year 10 Canberra Trip 2015

It was great to see so many parents attend this important meeting to hear information about things specifically related to their child’s education next year. Any parents who were unable to attend should consult with their child’s caregroup teacher. Further information about the Canberra Trip 2015 will be provided in due course.

Paul Lands
Deputy Principal
Port Lincoln Hotel/St Joseph’s School Function

Recently at the Port Lincoln Hotel, the Stage 2 (Year 12) Food and Hospitality course students worked all day to prepare a three course meal for over 100 invited guests. The event gave the students an invaluable opportunity to experience first-hand, all that is required to run an event at a venue such as the Port Lincoln Hotel. Students had to manage all aspects of the event including setting up and decorating tables, ticketing and seating allocation, budgeting, entertainment and menu selection. Students prepared the meals during the day and returned for the evening to plate up, serve food and wait on tables. Using the commercial kitchens at the Hotel, Executive Chef, David Pedro, guided the students through the processes of preparing the mouth watering dishes using seasonal and fresh ingredients to showcase local produce. The menu consisted of a Tasting plate for Entrée including Chicken Roulade; Marinated King Prawn, Goats Cheese Filo Tartlet and Local Squid. Main was a choice of either Snapper with baked citrus crust on lemon crusted new potatoes and lemon butter sauce or Lamb Rack on rosemary and sea salt Kipfler potatoes with Port wine and red currant jelly glaze. Dessert was an individual tasting plate of an array of petite desserts such as Mini Chocolate Mousse Tartlet, Raspberry Semi-Freddo, local Popes Honey Pannacotta Tartlet and Poached Pear with a toasted almond crumble.

Entertainment was provided by the many talented and extremely dedicated Music staff and students from St Joseph’s school. The school would like to thank David Pedro, and the team at the Port Lincoln Hotel for their patience, guidance, industry experience and time they gave to the students to ensure every aspect of the event was prepared to a high standard and the event was a success.
Year 11 Retreat
As mentioned in previous Newsletters, our Yr 11s will be attending a Retreat at Trinity Haven this week. The theme of the Retreat is ‘Web of Life’ and gives students the opportunity to reflect on and examine their relationships with themselves, each other and God. Through quiet reflection and fun teamwork activities, students will hopefully learn more about each other and establish some goals and dreams for their futures. I’m looking forward to spending these three days with this group of students.

Father’s Day Liturgy
This Friday the F-2s will celebrate a very special Father’s Day Liturgy in the Church at 12.15pm. Dads/male caregivers are invited to meet their children at their classrooms at 12.00pm and then join them for lunch after the liturgy. They can bring their own lunch or why not place a lunch order with your child’s class in the morning? I wish all Dad’s/male caregivers a very blessed Father’s Day.

Relay For Life
Our School’s team Farmer “Joe’s” is getting underway with their fundraising for this event to be held at the end of October. Some team members are selling chocolates, and we are also holding a bake sale after 9am Mass this Sunday morning for Father’s Day. So come along and buy Dad a special treat after Mass and support a very worthwhile cause!

If you are in our Front Office at all, check out the display in the front window which gives some information about this event, and the reason why our students and staff are participating. It has been extremely touching to read these comments and wonderful to see our students wanting to be involved in helping others in our community.

NET Ministries
The NET Ministries team will be in our Parish this weekend, particularly at 9am Mass on Sunday. They will also run a Retreat Day for our Year 9s at the Port Lincoln Yacht Club on Monday. I am sure our young people will enjoy the time spent with this enthusiastic group of young Christians.

Year 7-9 Parish Mass
On Thursday 11th September, our Year 7-9s will attend Parish Mass at 9.10am. Students are busy preparing music and prayers for this celebration, and parents are warmly invited to join us for Mass if they are able.

Kate Benjamin
Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission

Open Basketball
On the 21st of August St Joseph’s was the host venue of the Eyre Peninsula Open Boys and Girls Basketball Championship. St Joseph’s had both a boys and girls’ team compete throughout the day. The boys’ championship was a three team competition with Tumby Bay Area School and Port Lincoln High School joining St Joseph’s, the games consisted of two 15 minute halves.

The day began at 10:30am with the St Joseph boys’ team taking on Port Lincoln High School. The first half was a close scoring game, with St Joseph’s leading by a narrow margin of seven at half time. At the start of the second half the boys kicked into another gear and took a commanding lead in the match to eventually win comfortably 33-18.

The boys’ next match was at 12:15pm against Tumby Bay Area School. It took the boys a while to work into the match with Tumby Bay leading for the first six minutes. Once the boys hit the front there was no looking back. They powered through the match to finish with the biggest winning margin for the day, 31 points (54-23). With the boys’ team winning both games they were the winners of the carnival.

At 1:15pm it was time for the girls’ only match against Port Lincoln High School, this game consisted of two 20 minute halves. The game was a close one with the match holding even for a long duration with neither team being able to extend their lead by more than three points right up until the last 10 minutes of the match. St Joseph’s girls started to work well together and play a great team game, eventually helping them develop a winning margin of 12 points (42-30) when the game came to an end. Due to the girls competition only having two teams, this was the only girls match played. The St Joseph’s girls’ team were carnival winners. It was a successful day for St Joseph’s and all the kids enjoyed themselves. A big thankyou to Scott Ambrose who coached both teams and coordinated the event for the day.