What a busy fortnight we have had!!!

There were several magnificent events organised as part of farewelling the Year 12 students including a lovely Mass for parents and students and a delicious last day breakfast and morning tea. The Year 12 students now begin an intensive period of study as critical final assessments are due and examination preparation begins. As they get closer to finishing their schooling there is some sadness as the stable and predictable environment of St Joseph’s School in their lives draws to an end.

I wish to thank the dedicated group of teachers that have had the privilege of teaching these young people this year. Many have gone over and above as they live out their commitment to supporting students to get the best results they can. The extra time, duties, holiday sessions and individual support is a wonderful way in which they demonstrate their love and commitment to these students and their vocation as educators.

Congratulations to the newly elected 2015 School Captains Tessa Rusden and Jesse Milton. Tessa and Jesse will be supported by the Vice Captains Lucy Guidera, Malia Gynell, Henry Lambert and Sam Clements.

Old Scholar’s Night
Last Saturday night the School held its inaugural Old Scholar’s Night. It was a great success and a wonderful time was had by all. Special thanks to Cate Wuttke, Maree Easton, Misty Bassham and Tracy Mortimer for their organisation of the event. To see more photos visit our Facebook page.

Community Studies Class
Special thanks to the Year 12 Community Studies class who completed the Cubby House. We held a short opening ceremony last week. Please have a look at the article and photo in our insert today.

School Counsellors
Special thanks to Rachelle Dawkins for all her work and care over the time she has been with us, we wish her well. A warm welcome is extended to Jodie Sawley as she begins her role with us as School Counsellor.

World Teacher’s Day
World Teacher’s Day is celebrated on Friday, 31st October. To all our teachers, ‘Have a Great Day’
Back to Nature in Our Community

Three staff members attended professional learning in nature play and developing outdoor learning areas and are keen to share ideas to put into practice. One piece of information they learned, which has reinforced our aim to hold “Nude Food November” at St Joseph’s, is:

According to research, by 2050, 95% of marine sea birds will have a piece of plastic lodged in their stomach and the current figure already sits at 37%.

All of us need to be aware of the problems of excess packaging and of ways we can reduce litter. We ask for your support in encouraging your children to choose foods with minimal packaging by using lunch boxes and containers which can be cleaned and re-used each day. A further effort to reduce litter in the school yard will involve students being asked to return non-recyclables to their school bag and take them home to dispose of them.

Following the Bin Materials Audit conducted earlier in the year, we will attempt to keep classroom waste to one tiny wheelie bin! A focus on National Recycling Week (10th – 16th November) will be another opportunity to reinforce this message. See http://recyclingweek.planetark.org/ for ideas to try at home too.

Primary Focus

Our current focus is Excellence, as we encourage students to use what they have learned and continue to give their absolute best to any task they are asked to do and to be prepared to persist in all areas throughout Term 4.

“According to God’s glory, may he grant that you are strengthened in your inner being with power... so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.” (Ephesians 3: 16, 19)

Responsible Pet Education Program

Judy and her dog “Jazzy” presented information about living safely with pets to Foundation to Year 3 classes. The students enjoyed meeting “Jazzy” and took home leaflets to reinforce the safety message.

Transition

Miss Denton and I have completed our visits to the kindergartens to meet all of our Foundation students for 2015. We welcome them as they attend school for their first transition visit tomorrow.

Swimming Carnival

Good luck to the 55 Year 3-7 students in the St Joseph’s School Swimming Team who will compete against other schools in the region at the Carnival at the Leisure Centre tomorrow.

Grandparents’ Day

Grandparents were recognised nationally on Sunday and Grandparents Day tomorrow afternoon. We look forward to seeing many senior friends in the Junior Primary area at 2.30pm.

21st World Teacher’s Day

Since 1994 World Teachers’ Day has been celebrated internationally on 5th October. This year we will be celebrating the important work of our teachers tomorrow, on Friday 31st October. World Teachers’ Day is a great opportunity for all Australians to celebrate teachers past and present and, by association, all those who work in our schools educating the upcoming generations.

Karen Browne

Deputy Principal

Bernadette Lacey

Principal

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Permission to Drive to School

All students who wish to drive to school must complete a form available from the front office and have parental permission.

Permission must also be gained for any sibling who will be travelling in the car with the designated driver.

Access to vehicles is only available before school and at the end of the day, no access is allowed during the school day.

The driver must take due care and consideration at all times and obey the speed limit of 8km/h within the school grounds.

Students are asked to park their cars in the area behind the Gymnasium.

Any approval made by the Principal can be revoked at any time.

Paul Lands
Deputy Principal

School Counsellors

The time has come for me to say “Goodbye” as the current School Counsellor and hand my role over to Jodie Sawley whom I am sure will provide outstanding support to the school, parents and students. I will be going back to Centacare Port Lincoln as a Counsellor and will continue to provide counselling support to families, children and individuals. I will also be involved in the new Stronger Families Relationship Trial which is an initiative by the government to provide relationship counselling and pre-marriage counselling.

I wish to thank the students who have allowed me into their lives and shared their feelings with me. I feel truly blessed to have met you all. I thank the teachers, leadership, administration, IT and student support staff for all of your assistance and your amazing commitment and dedication to the students in supporting them with their learnings and well-being.

I would like to thank all the parent/s for trusting me to engage with your child or children in the counselling process. I feel truly honoured. I thank you all, as many of you have taken on board parenting strategies and attempted to implement these within your family.

Life at times has its ups and downs, may you all continue to find the strength within as you journey through life and remember to seek out joy and happiness in the present moment.

Thank you for having me at your School.

Kind Regards

Rachelle Dawkins
School Counsellor

A warm hello to all students and families. I am pleased to share that I will be commencing in the role of school counsellor from Monday November 3rd. Having been employed by Centacare Catholic Family Services for more than 8 years, I bring extensive experience of working with families and children within our local community. Many St Joseph’s families may already know me from community, sporting, or school interactions and I look forward to reconnecting in my new role, and over the next few months, to becoming acquainted with the families I am yet to meet. To all of you, I provide assurance of my commitment to an unquestionable level of professionalism and confidentiality in the school counselling position. I look forward to working with the children and young people in the classroom environment and to providing an individual service to students referred for personal appointments. Finally, I extend my best wishes to students currently undertaking exams and may you reap the rewards of your hard work and commitment over the last year. I may be contacted through the school, or Centacare Catholic on 8683 0733.

Warm regards,

Jodie Sawley
**Focus on 6GOLD**

6GOLD focussed on writing their own opinion articles in response to the Behind The News topics in Term 3. Through the use of persuasive devices, students presented their opinion on each week’s topic and persuaded readers to agree with them or take a particular action. The following article by Isabella Baldwin was written in response to the BTN topic of alcohol: ‘Damage to Children’. Issie chose a target audience of parents.

**The Dying Brain**

How does alcohol benefit you? If you had an answer to that you mustn’t have heard the question correctly because alcohol is a disgustingly horrible beverage which people can become addicted to. Alcohol is like a slow horrific torture, killing you and damaging your future forever.

Alcohol is terrible for fully grown adults so you can’t start to imagine what alcohol would do to growing children or teens! Alcohol is a disastrous habit to get into which leaves you scarred with permanent damage and many frightening consequences. Alcohol is a drug! Alcohol never leaves you alone, it quickly finds your blood stream and attacks your brain. Too much alcohol can kill you. Alcohol can leave you with liver damage, stomach problems, heart disease and many types of cancer including mouth, throat, breast and much more.

A scientist named Nutt said “It is intriguing to note that the two legal drugs assessed - alcohol and tobacco - score in the upper segment of the ranking scale, indicating that legal drugs cause at least as much as do illegal substances.”

Experts say alcohol affects two very vital areas of your brain. The two areas are the hippocampus and the prefrontal cortex. Damage to the hippocampus makes it difficult to learn new information and damage to the prefrontal cortex affects your decision making abilities which can cause fights or something super serious.

Alcohol is terrible especially to developing kids who need to learn and grow properly now before they get older. Alcohol sets children back, further back from where they started.

“The evidence says very clearly now, you need to prevent your child from drinking alcohol for as long as you possibly can” Mr Dillon said. Alcohol is a daunting beverage which leads you to a path of doom, your new life forever. Let’s stop children from drinking this horrible beverage and help them to lead a long and healthy life.

Issie Baldwin.

**Australian National Chemistry Quiz Results**

Earlier this year a number of students from Yrs 11 and 12 participated in the National Chemistry Quiz. This is a quiz that is attempted by not only students in Australia but also from a number of other countries. All students found the questions challenging but enjoyed testing their Chemistry knowledge. A number of students achieved pleasing results for the quiz. The top student in Yr 12 was Jessica de la Perrelle. Jessica was awarded a High Distinction and scored her place in the top 4% of students from Australia. Bianca Melzner achieved a High Distinction, Tom Ambrose and Tom Barbala, a Distinction. Zoey Fordham and Georgina Hughes, a Participation award. Well done to all the Yr 12s. The top achieving Yr 11 student was Rhianna Cherini and was awarded a Distinction. Malachi Jolley received a Credit and Hannah Burke, Jade Forbes, Henry Lambert, Dejene Otto and Nathan Wedding received Participation awards.  Well done to all the Yr 11s.

Kathryn Kutny

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### Canteen Roster Term 4 Week 4 2014

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**Wednesday & Friday Special**

Schnitzel burger with cheese - $5.00
With cheese & coleslaw $5.50

Chicken burgers available every day but **must be ordered**. With cheese $4.50, with cheese & coleslaw $5

If you are unable to attend on your rostered day, please contact Val Ingerson on 86823655 at school or 86826457 at home.
Last weekend, 22 students from Years 10-12 and four staff participated in the Relay For Life. Joining 16 other teams from all over the Eyre Peninsula, we came together to show support and solidarity for those affected by cancer, and to remember those we have lost.

Our team raised over $1,500 for the Cancer Council of Australia to assist with their research and support programs. During the Relay, we also had the opportunity to participate in the Candlelight Ceremony where messages of hope were written on bags containing candles and placed around the walking track. We also heard from some inspirational speakers who spoke of their cancer journey.

I would like to thank our students for their enthusiasm and the spirit in which they participated in the Relay, as well as the way they embraced the true meaning and purpose of the event. Thank you also to staff members for their support and attendance, Jane Venning, Karen Browne, Jess Wandel and Gavin Pinnington, as well as all who assisted with fundraising.

Vinnies Badge Day
This Friday 31st October, students from Years 8 and 9 will be giving up their time to assist St Vinnies volunteers to collect donations for the Annual Vinnies Badge Day. Our students will be collecting donations at Coles, Woolworths, Porter St Plaza, Drakes, Kmart and the Post Office – please pass on any loose change to them if you’re down the street at any of these locations!

Kate Benjamin
Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission

This term for Year 12 Community Studies, Mitchell Hamlyn restored a park bench, dedicated to an old scholar of St Joseph’s School, Carmen Story, who tragically died in 2002. The bench was looking weathered and worn and needed a new plaque. Mitchell worked on the bench in the groundsman’s shed, removing rusty nails, pulling the bench apart, sanding the wood and re-coating the bench with a stain. Mitchell also went to the effort of replacing the plaque which is now easy to read.

The restored bench now sits in the junior primary quadrangle and is a dedication to a former student of our School.

Julie Osborne
Community Studies Teacher

Year 12 Community Studies Presentation
During Week 2 of Term 4, the Year 12 Community Studies students presented the Junior Primary cohort and their teachers and Leadership Team, the completed cubby house. The Year 12 students started working on the cubby house in Term 1 as their Major Group Project, and finally completed it early Term 4.

Paul McGeever, a qualified carpenter and Groundsman at St Joseph’s School, worked with the boys as their mentor and used his expertise to help the boys construct the cubby house. As a gift to show their appreciation, Paul was presented with a $50 gift voucher to spend at Port Lincoln Boat Supplies.

Each of the Year 12 boys made a speech, talking about the skills they had learnt, the experience of using new power tools, accessing materials from Bunnings and Mitre 10, the demolition of the old cubby house and the transportation of the new cubby using a crane, to replace the old cubby.

It was a pleasure to watch the excited junior primary students play in the new cubby house during recess and lunch.

Julie Osborne
Year 12 Community Studies Teacher
School Photos will be distributed today and tomorrow – any issues with school photos must be dealt with direct through Academy Photography on 1800 816 224 or office@academyphoto.com.au

Specialty Photos - $15.00 per photo
The following Specialty Photos were taken this year – Year 12 Originals (those who started in Reception at St Joe`s and finished their schooling here continuously), SRC Foundation – Year 7, SRC Year 8 – 12, Senior Leaders, Boarding House Leaders, Mary MacKillop Award Winners, Intermediate Stage Band, Senior Primary Choir, Senior Stage Band, Senior Vocal Ensemble, Year 12 Music, Interdominions Sailing Team, Sailing Team, National Sailing Team, Primary Sports Day Captains, Senior Sports Day Captains, Year 12 Boarders, Boarders Photo.

This year Academy Photography has given parents the option of “online ordering”, where you can view, order and pay online. You will need to go to www.academyphoto.com.au and click on “online ordering”. Enter the following 8 digit shoot key CVACZLBM. Photos will be available online for ordering until Friday 14 November 2014. All photos ordered will be delivered to the school and distributed to children. When making payment online, at the check out be sure to add the student’s name so we know who has placed the order.

Parents who don’t wish to order online or who would prefer to pay by cheque or cash can still do so via the front office at the school, but the cut off date for this is Friday, 7th November, to allow time for orders to be sent away.

Sherpa Kids
Register now for vacation care for your children for the week of 8th - 12th December. Contact Megan on 0419524563 or complete the form attached with this newsletter
Sherpa Kids Port Lincoln Vacation Care

Dear Parents,

What an exciting and busy time we had over the October school holidays. Firstly, we would like to thank Navigator College for allowing families from other schools to access Vacation Care at their site.

Secondly, a big thank you must go to all the families from Navigator College, St Joseph’s School, KPPS, PLPS, and PLJPS that have come together and supported us in this service and lastly, a HUGE thank you goes to all of the amazing children that attend Vacation Care and made it the success that it was!

There was never a dull moment, and we are so very grateful to our amazing staff who survived all the excitement!!

We are looking forward to the Christmas Vacation Care and can’t wait to see you again!

Cheers

Clint and Megan Beard

Child Care Benefit (CCB) and Child Care Rebate (CCR)

The Australian Government offers two types of financial assistance for child care: the Child Care Benefit and the Child Care Rebate. The Child Care Rebate is not income tested. It pays up to 50% of your out-of-pocket expenses. Up to $7500.00 per child per year. The Rebate helps to cover the costs of approved child care, including out of school hours care. If you use approved child care for work or training, you may be eligible. We encourage all parents to register for CCB and CCR. For more information, please call 13 24 68 or visit http://www.mychild.gov.au/childcarerebate/

Bookings & Enrolments

Enrolment for the Christmas Service will be open as of week 6 for Navigator College families and week 8 for families from St Joseph’s School, PLPS, PLJPS, KKPS, and Poonindie. We will not be taking any early bookings.

A 10% deposit must be paid before the start of the holidays to confirm your child/ren’s place. Payment can be made to:

- Bank Name: ANZ Port Lincoln
- Bank Account: Clint and Megan Beard
- BSB: 015420
- Account No: 387 734 171

Please contact us immediately once payment has been made.

Sherpa Kids Port Lincoln Staff

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the amazing staff that Sherpa Kids Port Lincoln have!

- Sharon Haines is the Assistant Manager at Sherpa Kids Navigator College and is our own pocket rocket!
- Tony Perks is our relaxed program assistant who doesn’t let too much faze him!
- Sandy Siviour is a much loved member of staff and we are lucky to have her on our team!
- Garry Weetra is a Vacation Care favourite and all the kids love to see him!
- Tarshi Weetra is another Vacation Care favourite who has a beautiful smile and a wealth of knowledge.
- Jordy Smith is our newest member of staff and has already cemented himself firmly in running for Garry’s “favourite” title!

Operating Hours & Fees

Vacation Care operating hours are as follows:

- Monday to Friday: 8:30am-6pm
- Permanent Booking Fees: $55/session
- Casual Booking Fees: $60/session

October Vacation Care Gallery:

Sherpa Kids Port Lincoln
PO Box 3592
Port Lincoln 5606

T 0419 524 563
ptlincoln@sherpa-kids.com.au
www.sherpa-kids.com.au
EXPRESION OF INTEREST
VACATION CARE

Dear Parents,

You will be aware, St Joseph’s School will begin school holidays on the 5th of December. Sherpa Kids St Joseph’s School is looking at expanding our service to include this in our Vacation Care Services. To do this, we will need to have a minimum of 10 children enrolled per day for this to occur. We are asking that parents complete and return the form by Monday the 27th October to the front office or directly to the Sherpa Kids Team.

Please indicate the number of children who would attend and tick the appropriate day below to indicate which service you would use:

**Vacation Care**

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*Please note that prices are subject to change due to excursions and incursions.*

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**REACH ENGAGE CHALLENGE**

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