Transition Visits

Over the last few weeks we have welcomed so many new families to St Josephs with their children transitioning into various year levels. At St Joseph’s we pride ourselves on being a welcoming community for all. Our long tradition of education in Port Lincoln is valued by the community and is evidenced by the number of enrolments for 2015.

Farewells

This is a sad time of the year as we farewell staff from St Joe’s. This year we are farewelling Mrs Cheryl Bayly (retirement) Mr Todd Wilkes (teaching in Queensland), Mr Joe Morris (travel) and Justin Thompson (traineeship concludes). I would like to take this opportunity to wish all staff members the very best for the future. Thank you for being part of the St Joseph’s family, and I trust you will remember the school fondly. We will also be farewelling Mr Andrew Casanova and his family from the school for 12 months as they head to Canada.

End of Year Liturgy and Awards Presentation

Tomorrow we will hold our End of Year liturgy, the Shake and Take Ceremony as well as the Awards Presentation. We hope that you are able to join us as we celebrate the year of 2014 and farewell our Year 12 students.

Carol’s Night

A great night last night! Well done to all students who performed and entertained the huge crowd. Special thanks to the Parent Community Group, Staff, Fr Brian and the Music Department for all the hard work in preparation for this wonderful event.

As this is the last newsletter of the year I would like to take this opportunity to thank staff, students and families for their continued support and to wish all, a very happy and safe Christmas break.

Bernadette Lacey
Principal

Merry Christmas

FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM TO BE WORN TOMORROW FOR THE END OF YEAR LITURGY AND AWARDS PRESENTATION
Thank you
I would like to thank everyone for all of their contributions towards making our school such a successful and productive one. I value the opportunity to meet and work with so many different people and delight in getting to know all of our students. I appreciate the support of staff and parents striving for excellence in education. It is with excitement that I look forward to next year and the new opportunities ahead.
I wish everyone a very happy and joyful Christmas, as well as a peaceful, relaxing holiday break. I look forward to seeing you for the start of the 2015 school year.

Karen Browne
Deputy Principal

Farewell Liturgy and Awards Presentation
We are looking forward to the F-12 Farewell Liturgy tomorrow. This celebration of the year’s work and our farewell to the 2014 school leavers and staff will be held in the Gymnasium commencing at 10.00am.

Students and staff are preparing the liturgy with the theme “Who is my neighbour”

The Christian Leadership Awards for Year 7 and 12, in Memory of John Loller will be presented during the Final Liturgy.

As we celebrate this final school liturgy for the year we will ask that our God continues to open doors in the lives of our Year 12s as they move to a life beyond St Joseph’s School. After a short interval the Year 6–12 students will return to the gymnasium for our Awards Presentation commencing at 11.45am.

The Year 6 - 10 Student Awards, which includes the DUX of each year level, two Effort and Achievement Awards per Pastoral Care group, (1 male and 1 female), as well as two Christian Leadership Awards (again, 1 male and 1 female) per year level will be presented. Year 11 and 12 Subject Achievement Awards and the Apex Community Boarding School Award will also be presented.

I would like to thank the many businesses who have generously made a donation towards the Year 12 Academic Awards. A complete list of these businesses and prize winners will be provided in next week’s news sheet. These awards will carry the name of the Business and each of the students will receive a gift card, a certificate and a medallion.

A number of other significant awards will also be announced.

Year 12 Graduation Ceremony
This Saturday evening, our Graduands for 2014 will celebrate with families and staff members their achievement in completing their schooling and the requirements for the South Australian Certificate of Education. As always we look forward to this celebration as one of the highlights of the year. Students graduating this year will be presented to our Principal, Mrs Bernadette Lacey and Ms Brenda Keenan, the Director of Catholic Education for the Port Pirie Diocese. Former student, Brooke Neindorf is our guest speaker on this night. We look forward to hearing from Brooke and the role that St Joseph’s School played in her development and ultimate career path.
Assessment and Reporting Term 4
Year 7, 8 and 9 students will sit for major tests in Week 8 in some subjects
Year F-6 students will be engaged in class and assignment work
Year F-6 Reports will be issued to students and taken home on Thursday 4th December (Week 8)
Year 7-11 Reports will posted to parents at the conclusion of the term.
Following the examination process many students decide that the subject choices they have made for Year 11 or 12 are not suitable and reconsider their study program. If any students feel they would like to make adjustments to their subjects they will need to make an appointment to see myself or Rosie Clark prior to the completion of the school year.

Year 11 Transition Trip
During week 8 a large group of our Year 11 students will travel to Adelaide to participate in our annual “Transition Trip”. Students will stay at Aquinas College, a residential college for country students attending University in Adelaide, and visit the three major Universities in Adelaide: Flinders University, University of South Australia and University of Adelaide. This is a tremendous opportunity to tour facilities, ask questions about courses and generally get a “feel” for university life. I thank Mr Glacken for his organization of the trip and also Mrs Venning and Mr Rowe, both of whom will be attending.

Paul Lands
Deputy Principal

Dates for 2015
To assist with the planning of families for the 2015 School year please be advised of some key dates:
Thursday 22nd January
Teaching staff commence the year
Tuesday 27th January
Boarding students return
Tuesday 27th January
Year 12 students commence the year
Wednesday 28th January
Foundation - Year 11 students return
Friday 4th December
Students conclude the year
Friday 11th December
Staff conclude the year
Term 1 holidays
13th - 26th April
Term 2 holidays
6th - 19th July
Term 3 holidays
28th September - 11th October

Uniform Changes for 2015
As of Term 1, 2015 the school is introducing new grey school shorts as part of the boys’ uniform. Also, a new pant will be available as of the beginning of Term 2. The new shorts and pants will only be available from the Uniform Shop. We have worked hard to ensure that these shorts/pants are comparable in price to the existing ones. The Uniform Shop will no longer be selling any of the old style second hand shorts or pants. Additionally, a new boys’ shirt and girls’ blouse is being finalised and will be available for purchase from the Uniform Shop from the beginning of Term 2, 2015.
Luke Yancic
Business Manager

2015 Stationery Orders
The new on-line system for ordering stationery is administered by Liverpool Street Newsagency. You will find a direct link on the School Website. A ‘hard copy’ of stationery lists can be obtained from the school office if required. This can be delivered directly to Liverpool Street Newsagency.

Students Not Returning in 2015
Families who have children who will not be returning in 2015 please contact the Principal’s PA, Di Drennan on 86823655 or email dianned@stjoptli.catholic.edu.au

Resource Centre
Please be reminded that all borrowing has now finished for the year. All Library books are now due for return, to ensure all repairs, re-shelving and checking for outstanding books can be done by the end of the year. Thanks for your co-operation. If you have any queries please contact the Resource Centre staff.

THERE ARE MANY LITTLE WAYS TO ENLARGE YOUR CHILD’S WORLD.
LOVE OF BOOKS IS THE BEST OF ALL
- JACQUELINE KENNEDY ONASSIS

Family Christmas Eve Mass
There will be a Family Christmas Eve Mass at 6.00pm at the St Mary of the Angels Church. Any children wanting to be a part of the celebration dressed as Shepherds, Wise Men or Angels please contact Anna on 0427609698

Christmas Carols Evening

PO Box 971, Port Lincoln SA 5606 | Telephone 08 8682 3655 | www.stjoptli.catholic.edu.au
Year 8 English

This term, the Year 8 class has been studying personal stories. This unit has involved analysing feature articles, biographies and auto-biographies on people of interest. After determining the requirements involved in writing about this topic, the Year 8s visited some of the residents and non-residential family, at Matthew Flinders Nursing Home and also members of the Catholic Women’s League. Unquestionably, both the students and those interviewed, gained a great deal from the experience. Students were able to converse with those who have lived through great periods of change and get a small insight into what life is like in the late stages of their lives.

From the interviews, students produced feature articles on these tremendous people within our community. We thank the Catholic Women’s League, and the residents and non-residents of the Matthew Flinders Nursing Home for assisting us in this experience.

*Todd McShane, Jane Venning & Julie Osborne*

*Year 8 English Teachers*

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**Sherpa Kids**

Enrolments are now open for Vacation Care for your children. Vacation Care will be held at Navigator College. Please phone Megan on 0419524563 or email navigator@sherpa-kids.com.au. Hurry places are limited.

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**CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 4 WEEK 8 2014**

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**Wednesday & Friday Special**

*Chicken nuggets (tomato or BBQ sauce) $3.50*

*Sprinkle Sundae $1.50*

*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.

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**Japanese Word of the Week**

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*Oosutoraria Australia*
End of Year Liturgy

This Friday at 10.00am in the School Gymnasium the whole school will gather to celebrate the year and to farewell students, staff and families who are moving on from our school community. Fr Brian will be leading this celebration, with many students also involved. It is a wonderful opportunity to join together to thank God for his many blessings throughout the year. The traditional “Shake and Take” will also occur, where our Foundation students farewell their buddies in Year 12 in a special ceremony.

Year 7 Celebration Liturgy

Next Thursday 4th December, the Year 7s will gather for a special ‘Celebration Liturgy’ in the Church at 6.00pm. This is a chance to celebrate the wonderful year the students and staff have had in their first year as part of the St Joseph’s School Year 7/8 Middle School. Thank you to Year 7/8 Coordinator Ms Jess Wandel for her assistance in organising this special event.

Advent

A significant time in the Church’s calendar starts this Sunday, Advent. The Advent season is a time of expectation and anticipation as we prepare for the great celebration of the birth of Jesus. Advent recognises the coming of Jesus, the Son of God, in a very special way. God’s Son became one of us and one with us, to share our humanity fully and completely. This Advent, we are called to focus on the many and varied ways in which our God acts in our lives, in our Church and in our world.

Each Monday morning for the past 3 weeks, students from Year F-7 have been gathering for a brief prayer service lead by different year levels each week to mark this special liturgical season.

Advent Prayer

O loving God, within us and about us, a voice cries out to prepare a way in the wilderness.

You come to restore us to new life with you and with one another.

Help us to be open to every opportunity to prepare a way for you.

Teach us to look for you in unexpected places.

We ask this in the name of Jesus who continues to be the voice in the wilderness.

Amen

I’d like to take this opportunity to wish all families a wonderful holiday, and a very Merry Christmas. I look forward to working with you all again next year.

Kate Benjamin
Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission

Super 8s Cricket 89

On the 20th November Ravendale hosted the Regional Year 8/9 Super 8’s Cricket Carnival. St Joseph’s entered 7 teams into the event. Two Year 9 boys teams, two Year 8 Boys teams and one Year 9 and Year 8 Girls team. It is great to see such a large number of students participating in sporting carnivals from St Joseph’s. The day started off with windy and rainy conditions. However, due to the unfortunate weather the students were lucky enough to meet guest speaker, Shaun Tait (international cricketer and World Cup Champion) on his World Cup Tour, who had the authentic World Cup from the upcoming World Cup Tournament with him. Students had the chance to hold the cup and get a photo with Shaun Tait, this was a special experience and all enjoyed the opportunity. By the time the guest speaker had finished the weather had cleared and play could commence. Each team played 4 games throughout the day, having the chance to play every other team in their pool. All teams played extremely well and gave their best all day. Some teams were extremely successful in the carnival. The St Joseph’s Year 9 Boys 1 team won the B division in the Year 9 Boys Tournament which was an extremely strong competition. St Joseph’s Year 9 Girls 1 team had a great day winning all 4 of their matches convincingly and as a result were outright winners of the Girls Carnival for the day. A big congratulations to both these teams and all teams who competed.

Thank you to Mr Ambrose, Mr Keatley and Mr Blight who helped the day run smoothly and for coaching throughout the day.

Justin Thompson
PE Trainee

Aboriginal Parent and Caregiver Community Forum

On Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th December there will be an opportunity for parents and caregivers to talk about their children’s schooling, education and training. The forum will be held at Adelaide Shores, Military Road, West Beach. For more information phone 82400300 or email ccairns@tauondi.org.au.
CASINE VOLUNTEER FORM

Casual Volunteer work is available in our School Canteen

**When:** Once a fortnight, once a month or once a term

**Hours:** 9:00am-11:00am, 11:00am-2:00pm or 12:00noon-2:00pm

**Experience:** Not necessary. Everything you need to know will be learnt within a short space of time.

**Salary:** “A La Carte” lunch (healthy sandwich)

**Bonus:** Your children are happy to see you at school and you get to meet new people and make good friends within the school community.

Applications Close: NEVER!

Please fill in the form below and send it back to the school office. Your canteen volunteer roster will be sent home to you.

Thanking you in anticipation
Mrs Val Ingerson
CANTEEN MANAGER

 Family Name: _______________________________ _________

 Contact Person: _______________________________ _________

 Telephone Numbers: ____________________ ____________________

 Child/Children and Year Levels 2015 (and room numbers if known):

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