COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, 10th February
- School Board Meeting @ 7pm

Friday, 13th February
- F - 12 Beginning of Year Liturgy @ 10am in the Gymnasium

Tuesday, 17th February
- Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday, 18th February
- Ash Wednesday

Friday, 27th February
- Primary Sports Day

Lord, may this new year which we dedicate to you bring us closer to you and to each other. We begin this new year knowing that you have come in order for us to have life – life in all its fullness. We ask God to bless all that we do in the future year. Amen.

“Live Life in all its Fullness” (John 10:10)

Our school theme for this year is “live life in all its fullness”. It is the call to live the best lives possible, making the most of opportunities and doing the best for ourselves and others. Using the talents and gifts we have been blessed with, how can we utilise them for others’ benefit? How can we live our lives as God intended us to?

In classes over the coming weeks, we will be examining how we can live this theme out and make our school a truly “full” place. This theme is also visually represented throughout the school and in classrooms.

New Staff for 2015

Welcome to the following staff members who have joined our team for 2015. We hope that they quickly feel at home at St Joseph’s and we look forward to sharing the many new ideas and expertise that they bring.

Ms Elle Kenny
Year 4 classroom teacher

Ms Kristin Fanto
Year 6 classroom Teacher

Kenidee McNamara
Sports Trainee

Thoughts & Prayers

Deepest sympathy’s are extended to the Morris family on the recent death of Andrew’s brother, Mark and to Damien Lambert’s family who have recently experienced the loss of relatives in a car accident.

Also prayers for the Rowe family as Paddy (Anne and Kym’s son) continues on his journey of recovery.

Bernadette Lacey
Principal
Congratulations to the Class of 2014

2014 Year 12 Results
St Joseph’s School students have achieved excellent results in their Year 12 studies for the South Australian Certificate of Education conducted during 2014 with 98.4% completion of the SACE.

Results issued by the Senior Secondary Assessment Board of South Australia indicate that the Year 12 class performed extremely well and reaped the benefits of their application to studies during the year.

Students who achieved excellent results with an ATAR above 90 were: Jess de la Perrelle, daughter of Michelle and Stuart de la Perrelle of Port Lincoln; Tom Ambrose, son of Jenny and Scott Ambrose of Port Lincoln; Eliza Wuttke, daughter of Stephen and Cate Wuttke of Port Lincoln; Bianca Melzner daughter of Teresa and Nigel Melzner of Port Lincoln; Georgina Hughes daughter of Linda and Robert Hughes of Port Lincoln; Kealy Byass daughter of Paula and Christopher Byass of Coult; Elsie Kenny daughter of Paula and Peter Kenny of Port Lincoln.

The Subject Achievement Grades recorded by students produced the following distribution:
- A grade 22.5 %
- B grade 41.7 %
- C grade 28.9 %

Congratulations to all graduating students.

2015 Secondary House Captains
Congratulations to the following Year 12s on their selection as 2015 Secondary House Captains.

Penola
Captains
Luke Orbons
Malia Gynell
Vice Captains
Luke Andrews
Nellie Cappelluti

MacKillop
Captains
Henry Lambert
Amber Speirs
Vice Captains
Alex Paynter
Bridget Siviour

Tenison
Captains
Dejene Otto
Lucy Guidera
Vice Captain
Jack Thompson
Isabella Waller

Congratulations, Marty Hood
Marty received the Junior Sports Person of the Year Award on Australia Day. Marty, along with Jack O’Donnell, was placed in the top 7 at the Cadet National Championships in Port Lincoln. Marty qualified for the Australian Cadet team that will compete in the world championships in Italy in July.

Congratulations, Alex Roberts
Alex has been selected in the Under 16 National Basketball team to compete in New Zealand at Easter. This selection is a result of Alex’s performance in the South Australian Country team at the Country Junior Basketball Cup in Albury/Wodonga recently. Meaza Otto also represented the State at this carnival.

Welcome to the 2015 school year! We are excited to be back and to have many new students joining our St Joseph’s School family. It has been a busy first week, with a really impressive transition by our new Foundation students (and parents!) and all classes being very settled so early in the first term.

In the week before students returned, staff worked with Andrea Richardson from the Catholic Education Office to further explore teacher-student interactions and the relevance of neuroscience, calming strategies and relationship building to classroom engagement. An increased emphasis on wellbeing for all in the school community is a major focus for us this year, as we work positively in our learning and “living life in all its fullness”.

Parent Information Evenings
It was great for teachers to meet so many parents at your Parent Information Evenings and to share our hopes and expectations for the children together.

Many class teachers have also sent home Parent Letters briefly introducing themselves and outlining some of their teaching beliefs and class routines. Please take time to carefully read these letters, taking note of the particular class routines and structures, which may vary across year levels. The school diary (from Year 3 up) and our website are also useful sources of information about policy and practice at St Joseph’s. Please ask questions if you require any clarification. Also, please support your child’s teacher in establishing these routines and structures by allowing them the time and space to do this effectively.

Boarders’ Retreat
On Tuesday 3 February, the 29 Boarding students spent the day at the Port Lincoln Yacht Club for the annual Boarders’ Retreat. This Retreat gave the students the opportunity to get to know each other as a group, especially the new members of the Boarding family. They also learnt more about the school, life in the Boarding House and set some goals for the year ahead and how they could contribute to building a positive atmosphere.

Thank you to Mr Paul Lands for assisting on the day, and to Boarding staff Rita Abdic and Jaime Ryan, and Fr Steve and Mrs Karen Browne for their attendance also. Special thanks to the fantastic group of Boarders, especially the older students who went out of their way to ensure everyone felt comfortable and included.
For some Christians, Lent is a time to think about life and death, as well as reflect on life’s choices and possible life directions. It is also a time of goodwill for many people. During Lent, our school will once again partake in collecting for Project Compassion through Caritas Australia. This year the theme for Project Compassion is ‘Food for Life’.

Project Compassion 2015 explores how Caritas Australia is helping the world’s poorest people establish sustainable food, walking with them as they free themselves from the burden of food insecurity and develop new, improved income streams for a better future.

### Southern Cross Link

http://www.thesoutherncross.org.au/?iid=111810#folio=1

### Money Collection

The following people have money to collect from the Uniform Shop during Uniform Shop opening hours.


### Sports Day House Shirts

With our Primary and Secondary Sports Days scheduled for the Friday, 27th February (Primary) and Friday, 13th March (Secondary), parents are encouraged to purchase their child’s House Team Sports Tops from the Uniform Shop.

Orders for sizes 6, 12 and 14 were placed recently with the supplier and are expected to arrive by Monday, 23rd February. If you would like to place an order for these sizes prior to the 23rd February, please see Bernie in the Uniform Shop. All other sizes are in stock.

### Ash Wednesday - Wednesday 18th February

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The children will be part of Mass to mark the occasion of Ash Wednesday. Year 8-12 will attend mass in the church at 9am, followed by the F-7 classes at 10am. You are more than welcome to join us.

### Shrove Tuesday - Tuesday 17th February

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Rotary Youth Exchange

**A World of Opportunity**
The Rotary Club of Port Lincoln is seeking and encouraging interested students
- who will be studying in Year 10 in 2015
- who wish to consider an overseas exchange in 2016

We are also seeking **HOST Families** for the **YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM**. If you have an interest in opening your home and family to International Exchange students and their experiences for a period of three months, student exchange hosting may be for you. Further details can be obtained by contacting Adrian Glover 0427 474086 or Craig Faulkhead 0417 848618

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**2015 Term Dates**

Term 1: Wednesday 28th January - Friday, 10th April  
Term 2: Tuesday, 28th April - Friday, 3rd July  
Term 3: Monday, 20th July - Friday, 25th September  
Term 4: Monday, 12th October - Friday, 4th December

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**Canteen Roster — Term 1 Week 3 2015**

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**Remember to check your Canteen Price List for daily specials**  
If you are unable to attend on your rostered day, please contact Val Ingerson on 86823655 at school or 86826457 at home.
Maths Tutoring on Monday Nights

On Monday evenings our Mathematics faculty will once again be offering support tutoring in the library to all secondary students (7-12). The tutoring session will run from 3.30pm - 4.15pm in the Mackillop learning area. Children who attend are strongly encouraged to stay for the entire time so that arrangements for family pick-ups become routine on these evenings and all children can be escorted out of the library together.

Those students who wish to attend will need to bring along some class work, assignment tasks or a problem that they may be struggling with. Teachers will be there to aid with their understanding and learning progress. Often hearing a second explanation from a different teacher delivered in a slightly different style can help greatly with conceptual development (or can suddenly make things click).

Other students who would like the opportunity to practise some varying problem solving techniques or perhaps some extension tasks are most welcome to come and see me and I am happy to organise some tasks for them to try and take along to the tutoring session with them.

I really do hope that those students who are willing to take this opportunity gain some truly positive learning outcomes from their efforts. I sincerely thank parents and families for their support in this programme.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child’s class teacher if you have any concerns about their Mathematics progress. Hopefully with open communication and cooperation, together we can gain the best possible outcomes for each student.

Mark Blight  
Senior Maths Coordinator

School Card and Fee Remission

School card assistance is available for eligible families, however a new form needs to be completed each year. These are available either on-line www.decd.sa.gov.au/goldbook or can be collected from the School Front Office.

Families who are not eligible for School Card may be able to receive some assistance directly from the School Board. This requires a written letter to the Principal, Mrs Bernadette Lacey, together with an Application for Reduction of School Fees. This form is also available from the Front Office.

First submission date is next Thursday 12th February

If you have any queries please speak with Sharon McEvoy in the Front Office or call 86823655.

LAP (Learning Assistance Program)

The Learning Assistance Program at St Joseph’s school is a program to cater to the needs of students that need extra assistance with their school work or to extend students academically. Traditionally, volunteers have helped the school and their time has been greatly appreciated by the students and staff, but also the families of students involved. A commitment of one lesson per week is all that is required and volunteers are matched to the LAP students according to their interests and strengths. Adult volunteers can be parents or grandparents and will be required to have a police check.

If you feel that you or a member of your family could help with this programme, please leave your details at the front office or email mistyb@sjjsp.catholic.edu.au for further details.
Parent Support is Required

Outlined below are some of the basic expectations and guidelines at St Joe’s. In order to maintain a successful learning environment for everyone in our community and to ensure that the school runs smoothly with student learning at the core of our mission, we urge all parents/caregivers to become familiar with these expectations. Please support us in maintaining high expectations and a learning focused approach to your child’s education.

Experience and research have proven conclusively that a young person’s development is positively influenced when school and family work together with the same aims for their young people. St Joseph’s tries very hard to achieve communication and mutual understanding with parents/caregivers.

- **School Diary**
  The School Diary plays a central role in communication between the School and parents/caregivers and each student has been issued with a communication book (Foundation – Year 2) and a diary (Year 3 - Year 12). Homework should be listed in the diary each day and we ask that parents/caregivers check the diary each night.

- **School Day**
  The school day begins at 8:40am and it is expected that all students will be here by then in order to prepare for the day. The morning class time allows students to reflect in prayer, build relationships with their key teachers, receive important messages and return notices.

- **Student Absence and Leaving the School for Appointments**
  If your child is going to be absent, please text or phone the school before 9.00am on that day on 0429823655. Any student leaving during the day for an appointment must have a detailed diary note which is shown to the classroom/care group teacher and signed by a Deputy. Just prior to departure the student must sign out with their diary, at the Student Reception desk. If returning to school on the same day the student must immediately sign back in at the Student Reception desk. Please endeavour to make medical, dental and other appointments outside of school hours, particularly for senior students.

- **Wearing the uniform with PRIDE**
  St Joseph’s has a uniform which distinguishes us from others, makes us unique and unites us in all things that we work together to achieve. One way of showing this is by wearing the uniform correctly and with pride. The school’s expectations in regard to the wearing of the uniform are clearly outlined in the school diary.

  In order to avoid unnecessary hindrances to student learning, if parents or students are unsure as to whether or not any change would conflict with the school’s expectation, could we please ask that you seek clarification from the appropriate Pastoral Care Coordinator, before any change is made, especially when it comes to piercings, hair colouring and style.

- **Homework**
  It is important that parents/caregivers encourage their child to become efficient in getting homework done. Provision for a quiet, comfortable study area with the necessary equipment is highly recommended. Any homework time not required for set homework should be devoted to further reading, study, revision or research.

  | The maximum recommended time spent on homework should be: |
  | Year 3 - 5 | 15-20 mins |
  | Year 6 - 7 | 30-40 mins |
  | Year 8     | 60 mins    |
  | Year 9     | 70 mins    |
  | Year 10    | 90 mins    |
  | Year 11    | 120 mins   |
  | Year 12    | 150 mins   |

- **After School Study**
  A reminder that the Resource Centre is open on Monday and Tuesday nights from 3:30 – 4:15pm. Monday night is specific to Maths assistance, while Tuesday is for general assistance. Teaching staff are rostered on each week.
Leadership Team

Principal: Bernadette Lacey
Deputy Principal: Karen Browne (F- Year 7)
Deputy Principal (Acting): Paul Lands (Year 7-12)
Business Manager: Luke Yancic
APRIM (Acting) Jen Deer (F-Year 7)
APRIM (Acting) Kate Benjamin (Year 7-12)
School Coordinator: Rosie Clark

Pastoral Care Coordinators & Teams

Foundation – Year 2
Coordinator: Casey Denton
F Gold Amy Hurrell
F Teal Joshua McKenzie
F Red Casey Denton
1 Gold Kelly Webber/Sally Izzo
1 Teal Jen Deer/Lee-Anne King
2 Gold Jackie Bailey
2 Teal Jelena Edmonds/Tara Clark

Year 3- 6
Coordinator: Mal Watt
3 Gold Jane Morris/Jemma Hunt
3 Teal Libby Carr / Catherine Taylor
4 Gold Megan Dempsey
4 Teal Kristin Fanto
5 Gold Liz Monday
5 Teal Holly Cunningham
6 Gold Elle Kenny
6 Teal Mal Watt

Year 7-8
Coordinator: Jessica Treasure
7 Gold Todd McShane
7 Teal Julie Osborne
8 Gold Danny Gordon/ Jodi Howard
8 Teal Harvey Brown / Julie Palmer
8 Red Andrew Morris / Carolyn Coulson

Year 9
Coordinator: Bill Kannussaar
9 Gold Tracy Baldwin / Neil Edwards
9 Teal Mark Blight / Fiona Pinnington
9 Red Lesley Grove Jones / Nick Frezza

Year 10
Coordinator: Gavin Pinnington
10 Gold Scott Ambrose / Damien Lambert
10 Teal Kym Rowe / Chris Blacker
10 Red Andrew Reichstein/ Reece Francis

Year 11
Coordinator: Lain Montgomerie
11 Gold Kathryn Kutny
11 Teal Jane Venning
11 Red Matt Keatley

Year 12
Coordinator: Karina Miller
12 Gold Kym Hosking
12 Teal Steve Glacken
12 Red Kate Benjamin

WE ARE HERE TO HELP
Bushfire Procedures

With the bushfire season rapidly approaching, parents and caregivers are reminded of the school procedures should a fire threaten the district in the coming months. The school has developed and implemented a thorough set of procedures that have recently been updated after feedback and analysis from past events and drills.

A ‘Lockdown’ drill will be conducted in the coming weeks to practice our emergency procedures for a bushfire.

Parents and caregivers are asked to familiarise themselves with the information from our ‘Bushfire Procedures’ listed below. Your compliance with these procedures is appreciated and will ensure we, as a school, manage events as effectively as possible, should an event arise.

Background Information:

- This Procedure has been written using information provided by the South Australian Country Fire Service (CFS) in June 2013 and has been approved by the St Joseph’s School Board.

- St Joseph’s School is located within the Bushfire Safer Precinct of Port Lincoln as determined by the CFS. **As a result, the school will remain open on all Fire Danger Days.**

- St Joseph’s School receives notification from the CFS via an automated email service, at approximately 4 pm the day before, of forecast Severe, Extreme and Catastrophic Fire Danger Days.

- If notification is received of a forecast Catastrophic Fire Danger Day, St Joseph’s School will send out a MGM wireless notification text message. This message will read: “*dd/mm/yy = Catastrophic Fire Danger. SJS will remain open but no school bus.*”

- The CFS advises that if your home is outside a Bushfire Safer Precinct and the Fire Danger Rating is Severe or Extreme you should only stay to defend your home if your property has been fully prepared and if you are emotionally and physically able to do so. They also advise that if the Fire Danger Rating is Catastrophic your home cannot be guaranteed to provide you with safety. The only option under these conditions, to ensure your safety, is to relocate to within a Bushfire Safer Precinct either the night before or early on the morning of a Catastrophic Fire Danger Day.

Responsibilities:

- All staff, students, parents, caregivers, school visitors and Parish Staff and members must follow the instructions given by the Principal and/or Leadership Team.

- On days when a Catastrophic Fire Danger Day has been forecast for the Lower Eyre Peninsula Fire Ban District, the school bus service will not operate. An alternative means of transport for students to and from school on these days is at the discretion and responsibility of parents/care givers. Parents/care givers have the options of either transporting their children to and from school or keeping them at home on Catastrophic Fire Danger Days.

- It is recommended that all parents/caregivers implement their Bushfire Survival Plans and monitor

  - CFS hot line: 1300 362 361
  - CFS free app for iPhone and Android phones
  - ABC Radio: AM 1485
  - Magic FM 89.9
  - 5CC 765
Bushfire Threat Procedures for staff and students:
- St Joseph’s School is a well prepared facility in regards to Bushfire. Under most circumstances the safest course of action is to maintain a normal classroom/student/study timetable
- Keeping children in air-conditioned classrooms, with the curtains closed, provides safety and removes distraction and any anxiety that may prevail.
- In the event that the school grounds are impacted by smoke, ash or embers, the Principal and/or Leadership may activate necessary procedures according to the ‘Bushfire Procedure’.

Bushfire Threat Procedures for parents/caregivers:
- On a day when a bushfire threatens Port Lincoln dismissal arrangements will change. Foundation to Year 12 students will NOT be dismissed as usual. Parents/caregivers must collect students on these days from the Front Office only, NOT the classroom
- All visitors and contractors are to report to the Front Office to sign out as soon as possible
- The school canteen may continue to provide lunch orders but no counter sales will be available. Lunch orders can be delivered to classrooms or the respective lockdown buildings by the grounds/maintenance or non-class ESOs
- If parents/caregivers arrive to collect students they must be directed to the Front Office. Collection of all students must be conducted through the Front Office by Staff
- Parents who regularly have their children collected by another adult must notify the school in writing, prior to the Fire Season of their consent. If pick up arrangements change for your child on the day, the school will need to be notified by phone before children are allowed to leave
- Students who drive a vehicle to school must remain at school for their safety until parent / caregiver permission is phoned through to the school. These students will not be permitted to take other students with them other than usual family members

Your efforts to follow the procedures listed is appreciated and will ensure we manage any situation that arises as effectively as we can.

Mark Aldridge
WHS & Property Manager