Prayer

Lord, make your ways - my ways,
Make me ready to build up, to strengthen, to encourage,
to work alone and with others, for good.
I can’t do what you have done.
Nor am I asking to build lasting monuments.
Just use me so that something may be a little better
than it was before I came along.
Amen

Faith Focus

Lent: We are now well and truly in the liturgical season of Lent - a time of reflection on
how we live our lives and best serve others and God. Early this week the Boarding students
gathered for a liturgy in the Church to reflect on our Lenten journey. Through the liturgy
and reconciliation service, the students and staff pondered a vast range of questions,
such as:

- Do I spend my life caring only for myself?
- Have I been so conceited that I tried to make myself popular and to build up my own
  image while hurting others?

What use have I made of time, of health and strength, of the gifts God has given me?

It is important for us to take the time during Lent to reflect on our lives and our call to lead
a better life in keeping with Jesus’ question to us, ‘Do you love me?’

10kph Speed Limit in School Grounds

Another reminder to please adhere to the 10kph speed limit that operates within the School
boundary.

For the safety of our students, please DO NOT park on the yellow lines on Mortlock Terrace.
There has been a traffic Inspector monitoring this area the past few mornings. Please park
responsibly.

School Board AGM - Change of Date - New Date is now 16th March, 2015.

What Our Students Say …

Congratulations to MacKillop. I had the best
time being Captain for
this amazing team and it
was a great experience.
Congratulations also to
Penola for winning the
Spirit Shield. Well done to
everyone who competed
for doing your best.

Harrison Adams
Year 7 MacKillop Captain

We wish Jaime Ryan,
one of the Senior Supervisors at the
Boarding House, best wishes as
she prepares to marry her
fiancé Anthony Pieck
this weekend.
F-7 Sports Day

Another very successful Sports Day was held last Friday with students competing in their team colours in a variety of events. Junior Primary tabloid events were lots of fun and all students participated in a Health Hustle and running races.

Year 3-7 students competed in age groupings in at least six athletics events throughout the morning, as well as distance runs, sprints, relays and team games.

A number of records were broken and congratulations go to:

- Charlee Watt (9 Year old girls Shot Put),
- Rudi Perin, (9 year old boys High Jump),
- Duke Syme (8 year old boys High Jump)
- and Aisha Gynell (12 year old girls 100 and 200 metres).

Keeping it in the family, Aisha broke her sister Malia’s record in the 100 metre.

The scores were even throughout the day and the final result was one of the closest for many years, with only 20 points separating all 3 teams! Mrs Aileen Pluker presented Penola with the Aileen Pluker Team Spirit Shield and Fr Steve Ardill presented the Ron Richardson Sports Day Shield to the MacKillop captains.

Final Scores were:

**Ron Richardson Shield**

- MacKillop 1430
- Tenison 1424
- Penola 1410

**Aileen Pluker Spirit Shield**

- Penola 70
- Tenison 69
- MacKillop 63

Many thanks to all who contributed to ensuring the smooth running of Sports Day, especially to the Captains and Vice-Captains for their organisation and to Mrs Tracy Baldwin for her preparation and coordination of the trials, practices and events on the day.

Adelaide Crows Football Club visit

There was much excitement last week when the Crows mascot, "Claude" came to a Primary assembly with Community Programs Officer Nigel Osborn. On Monday, five current players visited all F-7 classes before joining in with Secondary students on the oval at recess time then addressing Senior students in the Gym. Mitchell Grigg, Luke Brown, Harrison Wigg, Rory Laird and Patrick Dangerfield told us a bit about themselves and their AFL careers to date, answered students’ questions, signed autographs and awarded prizes. It is to our students’ credit that the players complimented us on their politeness and enthusiasm throughout the morning.

On Tuesday, ex-student and new Crows recruit Keenan Ramsey paid a special visit to his old school and caught up with many teachers and students as well as addressing the Year 5s. He received a thank you card made by the children in Foundation and gave Crows team photos to students. Keenan’s willingness to return to St Joseph’s was appreciated and his maturity and confidence in speaking to students were remarkable in such a young AFL player. His many new supporters wish him continued success!

Basketball Clinics

Jamie Petty, Player and Coach Development Officer for SA Country Basketball, conducted clinics for Primary classes at St Joseph’s on Tuesday. Students were kept active throughout the lesson, practising skills and drills and learning more about basketball. All enjoyed the opportunity for specialist coaching from Jamie.

School Facebook Page

- Have you liked our School Facebook page yet?
- Have you seen the photos from the Adelaide Crows visit?
- Have you seen the photos when Keenan Ramsey came back to visit his old school?
- Have you seen the Primary Sports Day photos?
- ‘The Rite Journey’ photos will be up soon!

If not, like us on Facebook and check out all the fun and excitement of recent activities.

Type St Joseph’s School Port Lincoln into the Facebook search bar and look for our school logo or click on the link on the Facebook icon on our School Website.

Share us with your family and friends and don’t forget to like our page so you can see the fun learning experiences that happen here at St Joe’s.
Young Leaders Day
On Tuesday 3rd March our four Year 7 SRC representatives attended the Halogen Young Leaders Day. The day focuses on leadership and helps to inspire students to take chances, work hard and lead. The day was attended by approximately 1300 Primary school students across the state. The guest speakers for 2015 included Rachel Leahcar singer from The Voice, who is 90% legally blind and Matt Cowdrey Paralympian.

‘We learnt that nothing starts big.’ - Wilson McShane

‘The motto of the day was Nothing significant, enduring or amazing ever began that way.’ - Indiah Kelsey

“Apart from the speakers there were music performances, hip hop dancing, games and prizes.” Isaac Schell

“I enjoyed listening, it was inspiring, each speaker had a different message.” Dana Hurrell

Mini Vinnies Visit St Vinnies
Last week we went on an excursion to St Vincent de Paul. Mrs Reynolds showed us around the store. We learnt that there are many poor people who need help from St Vinnies. We went into the shed out the back of the shop. In the shed there was a lot of cool stuff like old vases and books. We learnt that getting tables and chairs for them was like finding diamonds.

In the shop we went in the staff room and all the stuff they were saving for winter was in there. We had a look in the room with all the toys and Christmas decorations. There were lots of blankets and bedding ready to give to people in the winter time. St Vinnies also has food that they give to people who run out of food.

We learnt that St Vinnies do a great job helping out everyone in our community. It was a great excursion.

Kayley Ralph
Year 4 Student

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.sa.gov.au 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. A Financial Assistance Application is available from the School Office. This needs to be accompanied by a letter addressed to the Principal – Mrs Bernadette Lacey.

If you have any queries please contact Sharon McEvoy in the Front Office or on 86823655.

Next lodgement date is Thursday, 12th March.

Please Save Your Stamps
Last year people around Australia collected stamps to send to the Josephite nuns who process and sell them to raise funds for their work in Peru and East Timor. They raised $32,000, the highest they have ever raised.

We would love you to drop your used stamps into the School, the Resource Centre or via the office box. That would be a wonderful gift of generosity.

Year 8 Retreat Day
This Friday 6th March, all of the Year 8 students, along with their Religious Education teachers, will attend a day Retreat at the Port Lincoln Yacht Club. The day will focus on the self identity and self-worth of each student, and how they are to use and appreciate the gifts and talents given to them by God.

SRC Easter Raffle
Families are invited to bring in one Easter Egg which will be used as prizes for a raffle. Raffle tickets will be distributed for selling later this term. All money raised goes to Project Compassion.

Thank you for your support.

Mathematics Competition
The South Australian Maths Competition is on Tuesday, 17th March (Week 8). If students who have entered this competition would like to practise some questions they can go to the MASA (Mathematics Association of South Australia) Website and access SAMC Practice Questions and Answers. They are located down the right hand side of the MASA home page.

The URL is http://www.masanet.com.au/home/

General Tutoring
General tutoring is now available on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30pm to 4:15pm in the Resource Centre. Students are encouraged to take advantage of this as a great way to complete Homework tasks with the assistance of teachers.
ICAS tests
International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) tests are made available to Year 2-12 students each year by the University of NSW. We provide our students with the opportunity to undertake the tests at school on the allocated dates. If you would like your child to participate, please contact the Office for a registration form.

ICAS Sitting Dates

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BankSA Registration Day
Tuesday, 17th March
2.30pm - 3.30pm (near the GP Room)

Throughout the first term, BankSA will donate $10 to our fundraising kitty for every new Incentive Saver Account opened for a child in our school prior to 10th April, 2015. This means the more children who open accounts, the more funds our school will receive. During this same period, they will also credit $10 into the child’s new Incentive Saver account to help them get started with their saving efforts.

**Japanese Word of the Week**

釣り つり

**TSURI = FISHING**

**Uniform Shop Hours**
Monday & Wednesday
3.00pm—5.00pm

**St Mary of the Angels**
Parish Mass Times
- Saturday 6.00pm
- Sunday 9.00am
Father Steve Ardill
Father Benjamin Mkuchu

**IMPORTANT**

Have you returned your Photo/Media consent form?
If not, please return yours ASAP to the front office (or via Office Box). Every family needs to return this form.
All students can be written on the same form.
If you require another form please ask for one at the Front Office.
This is now urgent!

**CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 1, WEEK 7, 2015**

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**A reminder that we no longer have time to microwave lunches.**
**Food sent to the Canteen must be in a foil container to go in the pie warmer.**
If you are unable to attend on your rostered day, please contact Val Ingerson on 86823655 at school or 86826457 at home.
So much has been happening in the area of Wellbeing across the School. Mrs Jelena Edmonds is coordinating new initiatives in the Primary years and working in classrooms with teachers to introduce the "Mind Up" curriculum. With Miss Deer, she has also created renewed interest in recycling, with special bins for compost and chook scraps, and in gardening, with the lunchtime Garden Gurus teams. The Garden Gurus are teams of six, in cross-age groupings, who check the board for gardening tasks to be carried out on their assigned days.

Special playtime activities are also being run by Year 6 and 7 students on Wednesday and Friday of each week. A choice of indoor and outdoor activity is offered and planned by the senior students for younger ones to join in with. This began very successfully last week, with lots of happy students involved.

Pastoral Care Coordinators are emphasising wellbeing in the Secondary year levels too, with the Year 8 Retreat tomorrow and the Rite Journey launch for Year 9s and yoga for Year 12s in recent weeks. Interactions such as the Year 10 Music students playing their saxophones at a special concert for Foundation students as their parents arrived to collect them last Wednesday also add much to our school culture.

When "Claude the Crow" came to the Foundation to Year 7 assembly, the importance of physical activity and healthy food choices was the focus. Linking these areas to the spiritual dimension of our Catholic school and to mindfulness in our daily lives will promote a positive approach, calmer classrooms and better learning outcomes as we strive to "Live Life in all its fullness".

Ready4School

A Pre-School learning initiative for children 3 - 5 years to share sessions with a parent or caregiver involving stories, songs, literacy and numeracy learning.

**Monday**
9.00am—10.30am
16th March, 2015
30th March, 2015

**Thursday**
9.00am—10.30am
12th March, 2015
26th March, 2015

**Designed to help prepare your child for school.**
Safe, friendly setting for children and parents.
Hands on learning in a school environment.
An opportunity for learning and social interaction for both children and parents.

All sessions are free - Register your interest with Cate Wuttke on 86823655 or catew@sjspl.catholic.edu.au
Over the years I’ve stood beside many an open grave. Often I know much about the person lying in that grave. As a priest you’re privileged to share the life story of those who have died. Many of them were my friends, some my immediate family. I know of the heavy, sometimes crushing crosses, some were called to carry. I was and continue to be inspired by their courage. I know of others who had generous hearts, some who were powerhouses of prayer – on fire with the love of God. I knew of the struggles, the doubts, the fears and the loneliness of others. For many their devotion to family was heroic and their sacrifices for those they loved immense and costly.

Over all those years, whenever I’ve stood beside an open grave, I’ve never seen the grave as something final, closed, finished or ended. I often wonder what it will be like when we rise from the dead. How will we recognise our family and friends? Will we take up where we left off? Will we be able to recall the memorable and the humorous times we enjoyed in our earthly lives? Even in death, God has the last word and His word is life. Mother Teresa expresses it quite powerfully: Death is going home ... It is a continuation of life ... The completion of life ... The heart and the soul live forever ... The do not die ... Death is going home to God ... There is no fear...

Some of you may have some plans for tomorrow, for next month or next year. I don’t think any of us would not have made plans for 2015. God has plans for us that stretch beyond the realms of time and space. God wants you and me to spend eternity with Him. This reality should colour our attitudes and our actions. God calls us to look beyond the grave ... to take a long range view of life ... to see our destiny, not in term of years, but from the standpoint of eternity. It’s an invitation to look beyond the immediate, the passing, the fleeting ... to work, not for the food that nourishes today but leaves us hungry tomorrow, but to work for the food that endures to eternal life.

As we continue our journey through Lent, let us thank God for our faith in Christ’s resurrection and in our own. Let us anticipate with joy that day when we will meet in God and be with Him and our family and friends for all eternity.

Fr Steve Ardill
Parish Priest

Eyre United & Football Clubs
We urgently need players for all Junior Netball and Football teams. We welcome new and current players and supporters to our family friendly club, which is accredited with the Good Sports Program. Call Tabitha Fatchen on 0475563523.

Lincoln South Football Club
Lincoln South Football Club is holding a registration day for ALL players on Sunday, March 15 from 11.30am onwards at Centenary Oval. BBQ lunch, Bouncy Castle, long kick comp. Come and meet the coaches & get hints from Senior players. Under 9s and Under 11s are needing numbers! Please phone 0428816186 for more information.

Wanderers Hockey Club
Family Registration Day, Sunday, 15th March, 12noon - 3.00pm. Ravendale Community Sports Centre. Free sausage sizzle. Bring your stick for a hit. Uniform and merchandise orders available. Rita Adams and Kye Higgins will be fundraising on the day. Pay your fees up front to receive an early bird discount (EFTPOS available). The Office of Sport and Recreation is providing a $50 voucher to all students in Year 7 and under, for sport subs. Bring your Medicare Card to Registration day if you have a child eligible for this program. New players welcome.

Marble Range Football Club
Junior training begins Thursday, 12th March at the Port Lincoln High School at 4.30pm. Grades U7 to U15. Registration Days 19th & 26th March. Contact Secretary 0409 677 108 for info.

Just For Jack Family Fun Day and Market
On the Foreshore, Sunday, 15th March, 10.00am - 3.00pm. Bouncy Castle, Music 1.00pm - 3.00pm, Sausage Sizzle, Cakes, Craft and Book stalls, face painting and much more. For further information look up Just for Jack on Facebook

Youthoria
Calling all young designers aged from 12 to 25. Youthoria is getting a makeover and we want you to design our new logo. New logo needs to read “Youthoria Cinema”. Winner will receive FREE movies for a whole year. For further information please contact Andy on 86830449 or andy@wcys.com.au Competition closes at the end of April, 2015.
School Board Report – Monica Woods, Chairperson.

Hello to all the members of our School Community & with a special warm
Welcome to our new Families, Students & Staff.
A report from the Board in the Newsletter, I hear you say - that will be boring!,
why a report now?, Oh I am not interested – What else is there to read in this
dition?
Stop & pause awhile with me I ask.
Firstly my apologies for not putting any reports into the Newsletter in the last
year, but I wish to now & ask you please to take a few minutes & read this report.
Firstly I wish to thank the 2014/15 Board members for their time, interest &
presence at meetings & their contributions to the discussions.

Who were or are the Board members? Let me introduce them to you now –
Parent representatives - Myriam Hyde (Vice Chairperson), Therese Pedler,
Hayley Anderson, Brett Wiseman (Finance), Kelly Grant, Peter Hurrell, Gabby
Rusden & Ben Ranford (Boarding House); School Leadership & Staff – Bernadette
Lacey, Karen Browne, Paul Lands, Luke Yancic & Jess Wandell; Religious –
Fr. Brian Mathews (Parish Priest to Jan 2015) & Sr. Catherine Clark RSJ.

Being a Board member I believe is not an onerous task, but I see it as a privilege
& an interesting & informative way to participate in the school community.
Not everyone would agree, but I do believe that as parents we have selected or
chosen St. Joseph’s Catholic school for our children’s education, because on the
whole we believe it is a good school & has the potential to nurture & support our
children with their faith, their learning, some of their life experiences & most
importantly help us to guide them into their future journeys & pathways.

What does it mean to be on the Board? What do they talk about? Do they make a
difference? Could I be a member?
Being on the Board means you are willing to fulfil a commitment as a Leader in
the school community & you are performing a valuable service, to help the
school meet the obligations & accountabilities that are applied through the
funding & organisation bodies that oversee Education.
Attending 1 meeting a month in school terms (so about 8 meetings a year –
apologies are accepted); attending the pre meeting reading, (so as to be prepared
for discussion as it arises or as you wish to discuss reports); respecting
confidentiality; being prepared to listen & share; being prepared to assist with
any tasks outside of the meeting (we may reintroduce some short term small
groups in the future, to meet & research & bring information back to Board &
Leadership); being an advocate for the school in the Pt. Lincoln community &
behind; & bringing your skills & interests to the table to help strengthen our
school & support the teachings & traditions of St. Mary MacKillop.

I hope I haven’t lost you yet. Are you possibly curious or interested in being on
the Board? Believe you have gifts & talents to share? Stay a moment more.
We gather in friendship & with a prayer & participate in discussion.
In the last year the Board has had information & presentations on a variety of
topics – at least 20, on top of the regular reports & business matters.
To share a few - the new building developments, the finances, the canteen, some policies, the boys school uniform review, the Rite Journey program for Yr 9 & the Yr 10 Japanese Immersion Tour.
So if you are interested in finding out more or are willing to nominate yourself or another parent - ask them first & tell them why you feel they would be a good candidate, then contact Di Drennan (Principal’s PA) for a nomination form, have a chat with a Board member or Principal or Deputy or you are welcome to contact me - 0428 823 137.

Terms of membership are for 2 years & members can renominate. If more nominations are received than vacancies, we turn to the school community to vote & if it comes to that - Please do vote, as it is your School Board.
Retiring this year are Myriam Hyde & Brett Wiseman, with Hayley Anderson & Kelly Grant’s terms completing, but they may wish to renominate for a second term. Thanks to all four again for their contributions big & small.

Nominations are best to be in before the AGM on Monday 16th March 2015. So take a moment, say a prayer, have a chat, make a call & think about how you can help serve your School community. All quiet achievers & busy people welcome to apply this year or plan for it in 2016.
Also I wish to extend an invitation to everyone to consider attending the AGM, as the meeting is where annual reports are presented & the new membership confirmed, but it will also give you some insight & a taste of participating.

2015 is shaping up to be another exciting year for the school with the school Musical, the building programs, plus so much more.
Come & be a part of it – Live Life in all its fullness.
Thanks for your time. Blessings & Best Wishes Monica Woods.
$10 gift deposit for students and $10 donation to school fundraising kitty.

Throughout the first term, for every new Incentive Saver Account opened by a student from your school, BankSA will donate $10 to the school’s fundraising kitty and credit $10 into the child’s new account, to help them get started with their savings efforts.

Children will also receive a Digger the Wombat Money Box, LittleSavers Calculator, LittleSavers Library Bag and a School Bank Wallet, while stocks last. The offer is open to new customers only, aged 12 years and under. Limit of one $10 credit per child and one $10 school donation per child. This offer is available for new Incentive Saver Account opened before 10 April, 2015. For more details or to collect a BankSA Application Pack, please call into the school office.