**COMING EVENTS**

**Sunday, 14th June**
- First Holy Communion

**Tuesday, 16th June**
- Ready4School

**Friday, 3rd July**
- School Holidays commence
  - 1000PM DISMISSAL

**Monday, 20th July**
- Pupil Free Day

**Tuesday, 21st July**
- School commences Term 3

**Prayer: National Refugee Week** (14th June to 20th June)

We pray that refugees will experience fraternal solidarity and the warmth of friendship.

We pray for justice and an increasing commitment to peace.

God of Hope, we pray that refugees never lose hope of finding a more secure future.

We pray for those devoting their lives to helping refugees, that they will find strength in your love.

We pray that refugees will encounter an outstretched hand of welcome.

We pray for ourselves, that we will recognise Jesus Christ in those who seek refuge.

Amen.

**National Refugee Week**

Sunday 14th June marks the start of National Refugee Week.

The Refugee Council of Australia has chosen “With courage let us all combine” as the theme for Refugee Week in Australia for 2015 to 2017. Taken from the second verse of the National Anthem, the theme celebrates the courage of refugees and of people who speak out against persecution and injustice.

It serves as a call for unity and for positive action, encouraging Australians to improve our nation’s welcome for refugees and to acknowledge the skills and energy refugees bring to their new home.

Classes will be learning about the plight of refugees over this week and how we are called to extend the hand of friendship to those who need it.

**First Holy Communion**

This Sunday the school community will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion with 16 Year 4 students completing their preparation.

The sacrament of Eucharist, the sacred meal whereby we break bread and share the one cup, is the paramount sign of our unity with and in Christ. It has been described as the source and summit of the Church’s life. When we receive the Eucharist we believe that we receive Jesus in an extraordinary way: we take him into ourselves in the form of food and drink. In so doing, we remember the way he died for us and rose again to lead us into eternal life. The Eucharist not only commemorates past events, it draws us into the mystery of Christ in the here and now and ultimately towards our eternal life with God.

Please keep the following students in your prayers as they make their final preparations.

- Mitchell Bailey
- Cleo Graske
- Luke Penna
- Tyson Carey
- Saraya Hardie
- Bea Hyde
- Evie Durdin
- Sebastian Henderson
- Macey Osman
- Ciarn Glass
- Yindi Hughes
- Natasha Partridge
- Tijana Perin
- Nash Reidy
- Porscha Shepperd
- Rhys Staunton-Carlile

**National Evangelisation Team**

This weekend the National Evangelisation Team (NET) will be in Port Lincoln. This is a group of nine young people who travel around Australia spreading the Good News of the Gospel to the young people in our communities. On Sunday they will be leading a Youth Mass at the Church at 6pm, followed by a sausage sizzle and bonfire behind the Church. All welcome!
The power of reading for enjoyment

It doesn’t matter what age you are, there’s nothing quite like losing yourself in a good book. But, did you know that reading for enjoyment is also associated with higher academic achievement? A recent large scale study concluded reading for pleasure has ‘a powerful influence on children’s learning’, particularly in developing vocabulary, but also on spelling and maths skills.

Analysis of international reading assessment results has shown a ‘crucial difference’ between youngsters who perform well and those who perform poorly and is not how much time they spend reading, but whether they read daily for enjoyment.

‘On average, students who read daily for enjoyment score the equivalent of one-and-a-half years of schooling better than those who do not,’ (OECD, 2011).

Yet, in most countries, enjoyment of reading among youngsters is on a downward trend.

How can you encourage your child to read for fun?

A recent survey provides some interesting insights. When it comes to reading for fun, 91 per cent of children surveyed said their favourite books were the ones that they’d picked out for themselves, and 90 per cent said they were more likely to finish reading a book they’d chosen independently.

Reading aloud (just for the fun of it).

As an adult, when was the last time someone read aloud to you? Did you enjoy it? Was it because you didn’t have the necessary skills to read the book yourself?

The Scholastic study found 54 per cent of children aged 0-5 are read aloud to at home, five to seven days a week. This declines to 17 per cent for children aged 9-11. And yet, 83 per cent of children across the age groups in the survey said they loved or liked being read aloud to at home a lot.

The survey also found 91 per cent of parents started reading books aloud at home before their child turned six, but 23 per cent had stopped before the age of nine, the reasons being:

‘My child was old enough to read on his/her own’ (75 per cent);
‘My child wanted to read independently’ (58 per cent); and
‘I wanted to promote independent reading’ (49 per cent).

Forty per cent of children aged 6–11 didn’t want their parents to stop reading to them.

The main reasons cited were:

- it’s special time with their parent (78 per cent);
- reading together is fun (65 per cent);
- they got to listen to books that might have been too hard for them (48 per cent);
- they didn’t have to do the reading by themselves (36 per cent);
- they liked to hear the different voices and talk about the book with the reader (35 per cent).

So, if you want to foster a love of reading in your child, then setting aside some time to read aloud (just for the fun of it) could be a good place to start – no matter the age.

Staff Changes

As we draw closer to the end of Term 2, I write to inform you that there will be some changes to teaching staff for Term 3. Mr Danny Gordon will be retiring at the end of term. Mrs Julie Palmer and Mr Paul Lands will be taking long service leave for the term and Mr Joe Morris will be concluding his contract to travel overseas. Currently we are working on the Semester 2 timetable and hope to be able to announce replacement staff in the next newsletter.

Achievements

Jarrod Receives a High Distinction for the South Australian Maths Competition

Last term a number of our dedicated Mathematics students sat the South Australian Maths Competition along with a couple of thousand of SA’s keenest Mathematicians.

I congratulate all St Joseph’s entrants for their willingness to have a go at what can be an enjoyable yet extremely challenging task.

Questions are difficult and require students to vastly extend their knowledge and apply principles and concepts in varying ways. It is an extremely hard task to finish all problems with success in the time frame given.

It gives me great pleasure to announce to our School Community that Jarrod Stolz from Year 7 was able to achieve a score which placed him in the top 20 results in the State for his age group.

Jarrod has been invited to attend an awards ceremony in Adelaide where he will receive a certificate of High Distinction in Mathematics and a prize. Well done Jarrod.

All other participants will also receive a certificate of participation which is a great inclusion in personal folios. I hope all participants aim to give this competition a go next year and try and improve their skills at difficult problem solving techniques.
Congratulations Jessica and Zoey
I have received notification that two former St Joseph’s School students (Year 12 - 2014), have been awarded the following prestigious Scholarships:

Jessica de la Perrelle: Jacqueline Adele Jamieson Scholarship
Zoey Fordham: EDJ Symon Bursary

On behalf of the SJS community I wish to congratulate the girls and wish them every success for future studies.

Around The School

Welcome
We welcome three new students to our School community: Mia Hammond (Year 2), Summer Hammond (Year 1) and Noah Maynard (Year 3).

‘Seussical’ the Musical
Thank you to all the students who have volunteered to be part of this year’s School Musical. Congratulations to those students who have successfully auditioned for major roles in the Musical. Rehearsals are well underway, and more information regarding the Musical will be advertised shortly.

Little Saints Playgroup
Room 22 is a hive of activity each Wednesday morning with Little Saints Playgroup providing a variety of fun themes and learning for littlies. Mrs Amanda Coote always presents a range of activities to interest the children and they have more space to play outside on sunny mornings. Ready4School sessions have been held in the GP Room on Tuesdays and Thursdays this term, with a small but growing group attending. Mrs Jelena Edmonds and Mrs Lee-Anne King present fun numeracy and literacy activities for 3 and 4 year olds. All of the children and their Mums are also enjoying the new Junior Primary Outdoor Learning Space.

Healthy Eating
Following visits from local dentist, Dr Mark Hopkins, and Year 6-12 students’ viewing of ‘That Sugar Film’, there has been much discussion about every day and sometimes foods for recess and lunch. Changes are beginning to be made in the Canteen to reduce the number of foods with high sugar content and to introduce some exciting new healthy specials.

Working with Alliance Catering, Canteen and Boarding House staff are responding to our school’s needs and reviewing menus. See today’s Canteen Roster and future Newsletters for more information.

Uniform Shop News
Now in stock at the Uniform Shop:
• Our new white boys shirts with SJS logo
• Our new white girls blouse with SJS logo
• Our new unisex long-sleeve Shirts with SJS logo
• Sports shorts with new improved fabric

Please note the Uniform Shop will not be stocking the 2nd hand old style grey shorts or white polo tops.

Oakbank
The four runners who travelled to Oakbank enjoyed the experience of competing with so many other athletes. They were great representatives of St Joseph’s School and performed well for the Lower Eyre Peninsula Team.

St Joseph’s cross-country runners who went to Oakbank in Week 6 were Mitchell Bailey (Year 4), John Bascomb (Year 5), Max Rogalski (Year 6) and Abbey Bates (Year 7).

9-a-Side Football Carnival
Yesterday around 80 Year 8 and 9 students attended the Greg Phillips 9-a-Side Football Carnival at Ravendale. St Joseph’s entered four Year 8 and 9 girls teams, two Year 8 boys and two Year 9 boys teams, who competed against Tumby Bay Area School, Cummins Area School, Navigator College and Port Lincoln High School. The day was very successful with all teams winning at least one game and with one of the Year 8 girls teams winning the carnival undefeated.

St Joseph’s School won the most games in both the boys and girls competitions and Max Lambert and Darcy Clark were presented with the Greg Phillips Shield on behalf of the rest of the School.

The winning Year 8 team members were:
Mckenna Reidy, Kate Laube, Ruby Orchard, Gemma Horgan, Lauren Nicholls, Zoe Pratt, Ella Kassebaum, Marni Kenny, Nikki Olds and Chloe Filsell.

A huge thank you to Mr Keatley, Mr Blight, Mrs Pinnington and Miss McNamara for their coaching and organisation of the carnival.

Miriam Santic & Eliza Nelligan
**Year 11 Work Experience**

In Week 10, our Year 11 students will be embarking on one week of Work Experience, either here in Port Lincoln, on Eyre Peninsula, or further afield. All 60 students are expected to find a work placement of their choice from June 29th to July 3rd.

Most students have already made contact and have arranged for the necessary Work Placement Agreement forms to be filled in and returned. In the past, this experience has proven to be a rewarding and vital time for our Year 11 students making important decisions for their future pathways. We thank the local Port Lincoln community and those places outside of our district who support us in this program.

*Steve Glacken*

*Careers Counsellor*

**Year 11 Exams.**

In Week 9 of this term our Year 11 students will sit examinations in subjects which also have an exam in the Year 12 equivalent. These exams occur during the last three days of the week. Students are only required to attend school for their exams. The first two days of this week will see the Year 11 students continuing with their normal lessons and a focus on the Research Project subject.

Further information on the exam timetable will be given to students early next week. For more information please contact Lain Montgomerie at school.

The start of next term sees the beginning of all our Semester 2 subjects at Stage 1 level. Some students may be considering making changes to their courses for Semester 2. All changes need to be ratified by Paul Lands or Rosie Clark and students must collect and complete a subject change form which can be collected at the front office.

**Subject Selection Process For 2016**

It seems very early in the year to be mentioning this but, the process for students, particularly our Year 11 and 12 (2016) students will be making choices about subjects early next term. We conduct a series of Information and Education Nights for the various year levels beginning in Week 2 of next term to assist and support students and parents through this entire process.

Further information about exact timing and dates for these nights will be provided with the school report on the final day of the term.

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Soup: Chicken Vegetable $2.50 per cup  Soup Roll: 80c

**Coming to the Canteen - Cold Rolls $5.00 per pack  Sushi $5.00 per pack**

Cold Rolls available every second week commencing, Wednesday, 17th June
Sushi (tuna, chicken or vegetarian) available every second week commencing
Wednesday, 24th June.

Cold Rolls & Sushi MUST be ordered on the Tuesday before to avoid disappointment.
Also coming soon - Homemade Pie of the Week
Parish News - Father Steve Ardill

This coming weekend brings together a rich tapestry of celebrations to nurture and strengthen our faith. These include:

**First Holy Communion**

On Sunday at the 9.00 a.m. Mass sixteen of our young parishioners will celebrate their First Holy Communion. This is a day of great rejoicing for them, their families and our Parish and School Community. We congratulate them and remember them in our prayers.

The Eucharist is the greatest gift we have on this earth. It comes from the very hands of Christ. If we keep close to the Mass, to the Eucharist, wherever we are, we will always be close to Christ.

**2015 Father Wallis Memorial Lecture**

Sr Carol Zinn SSJ, an American Josephite Sister and internationally acclaimed speaker, who has worked for eight years with the United Nations is coming to Port Lincoln to deliver the 2015 Fr. John Wallis Memorial Lecture.

Sr Carol’s address is entitled: *Keeping Hope Alive … in an increasingly divided, violent and unequal world.* It is a most poignant topic given the prevalence of trauma and violence in our troubled world. How can we keep hope alive in the hearts of the young in our families and community in these challenging times?

The Memorial Lecture will be held in the St Joseph’s School Arts Centre NEXT SUNDAY (14th June 2015) commencing at 3.30pm. All welcome.

Thank you to the School for the use of their Performing Arts Centre and to Andrew Morris who will respond to Sr Carol’s Address.

**Youth Mass: This Sunday at 6.00pm**

A BBQ Tea and Bonfire will follow the Mass at the rear of the Church. All welcome.

We are grateful to the NET Team for facilitating our Youth Mass and to Anna and Peter Hurrell, Kate Benjamin and Spencer Adamson for their valuable assistance. All welcome!

**Philippine Independence Day**

We rejoice with our Filipino brothers and sisters as they celebrate the 117th Independence Day this Saturday. We are grateful for their prayerful and joyful presence in our Parish and for reminding us of the sacred gift of family.

Following the Vigil Mass on Saturday evening all are invited to join the Filipino Community for Supper in the Parish Hall

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**Sr Joan Barry rsj Outdoor Learning Space**

St Joseph’s School’s newly completed Outdoor Learning Space has been named in honour of Sr Joan Barry rsj, and was officially opened on Thursday 28th May by Sr Joan herself. Members of the Barry family gathered with invited guests, staff and students for the Opening and Blessing.

The area is named in honour of Sr Joan Barry, who returned to St Joseph’s in 1993 for 19 years to provide wise guidance and genuine Mary MacKillop spirit as a vital part of the School and Parish communities. Sr Joan is still known by many students and warmly welcomed back each time she visits. With her friendliness, her passion for learning, her enduring interest in Catholic education and her sense of fun endearing her to all she demonstrates what is important about being a part of a Josephite school.

Sr Joan thanked the Principal, Bernadette Lacey, and the School community for inviting her to the Opening and Blessing of the Outdoor Learning Space, saying she felt honoured and privileged. She congratulated the many people involved in providing the area and said, “The Junior Primary students and those who come after you are fortunate to have this facility to complement your education. I am sure that Saint Mary MacKillop, who opened this school in 1876, is smiling on you as you use this area and on the whole school.”

A beautiful mosaic cross had been donated by the Pejic family and, following the blessing by Fr Steve Ardill and Fr Julius Chamlingugu, Sr Joan cut the ribbon and planted a tree in the garden. Year 4 students provided the music and morning tea was catered for by Year 9 and 10 Home Economics classes to conclude the ceremonies.
Yesterday, Mrs Baldwin and Mr McShane accompanied 28 students to the 39th Annual Tcharkulda Cross Country Run, held at the picturesque Tcharkulda Rock, situated 4km towards the Gawler Rangers from Minnipa. Travelling by bus, the students had an early start and were eagerly awaiting our arrival at the Rock. What a stunning view it was! The students had some time to explore the magnificent granite formations before their races.

The Girls and Boys Primary event was first with runners from Year 4 – 6 competing together over a 3km course. Indiana Edwards was the first girl over the line after an exceptional run, followed by Missi White in 4th place, Yindi Hughes 5th and Bea Hyde in 6th place. These results earned us the shield for the first school with 3 runners over the line.

The Boys did equally well with Thomas Bradford coming in 3rd place, followed by Max Rogalski in 4th, John Bascomb 8th and Beau Baldwin 9th. The boys also won the shield for the school with the first 3 boys over the line, from a field of over 80 competitors.

The Second event for the day was the Years 7 – 9 girls and boys, completing a 5km track. Wilson McShane did us proud finishing strongly in 7th place. Madeline McShane also ran a pleasing race finishing in 4th place for the girls.

The Open boys and girls was the final event for the day, they also covered a 5km track. We had 5 open girls and 5 boys. Pleasing results were Elsie Figl finishing in 4th place and Hayley Kennedy in 5th place for the girls.

The students competed against many other schools including Ceduna, Streaky Bay, Miltaburra, Karkultaby, Wudinna, Elliston, Port Lincoln High School and Port Lincoln Primary School. This was a very successful day. The students were very thankful for the opportunity to compete and we look forward to competing again next year in the 40th Tcharkulda Cross Country run.

Congratulations to all of the students who represented our school.

Year 4 – 6: Indiana Edwards, Missi White, Yindi Hughes, Bea Hyde, Tui Huntley, Cooper Heron, Max Rogalski, Thomas Bradford, Beau Baldwin, John Bascomb, Arjay Isle, Mitchell Bailey, Bailey Frazer.

Year 7 – 9: Wilson McShane, Angus Wheadon, Hope Garnaut, Danika Davis, Madeline McShane.

The first sunny lunch time for Catholic Education Week saw two teams of remarkable talent take to the diamond on St Joseph’s oval. Staff batted first with Baseballer Bart managing a safe hit before Mr Ambrose played to the pitcher, Mrs Hunt hit a fly ball and Miss Denton had 3 strikes for the team to be all out.

Students got off to a shaky start with Cooper van Doorn safe at First Base only thanks to a fielding error by Mrs Baldwin. Luke Orbons was lucky to make First as Mr Ambrose chose to send his ball to Mr Pinnington and have Cooper out at Second. Jacob Collins hit safely before Eddie scored an amazing home run, also getting Luke and Jacob home. Isaac Scott hit a foul fly safely caught by the Catcher, Mr Rowe, for the Students to be 2 down. Cameron Forbes scored the Students’ final run of the dig before Nathan Blewit was the third out with Kaidy Morgan and Hayley still on base.

Staff returned to the batter’s box and Mrs Baldwin hit hard but not hard enough to escape the safe hands of Henry Lambert in the outfield. An error by Bella Heron saw Mr Lands safely at First, followed by Mr Pinnington before Mrs Samuel fell to the efficient fielding of Kaidy Morgan and Bella Heron. Bart returned to face the pitcher and his skill may have intimidated the Umpire as he was called safe on what seemed to be a clear put out at First, then went on to score the run to equal the Students’ tally.

The Students returned with a vengeance and a number of substitutions from their bench to face Mr Lands’ pitching. Daniel, Henry Lambert and Dejene Otto all had Mrs Browne scoring with her green pencil and struggling to keep up, with Henry hitting a 3-bagger and Dejene a home run. Cooper, Luke and Jacob were out in quick succession to the fielding of Mrs Hunt, Mr Ambrose and Mr Rowe respectively.

With Staff struggling to stay in the game, Mrs Baldwin was first up again and fell to the combination of Luke Orbons’ fielding and Bella Heron’s safe hands at First. Mr Lands hit safely to Cameron Forbes and stole Second, Mr Pinnington was lucky to stay alive due to a wild throw from Luke Orbons resulting in overthrows and Mrs Samuel hit an impressive 3-bagger. The Students’ team appeared rattled and Mr Rowe forced an error from Cooper to make it to Third. With the game in the balance, Bart’s hustling again saw him safe on a dodgy call. Eddie caught the next fly ball from Mr Ambrose and Mrs Hunt’s strike out saw side-away. Needing 2 runs to reclaim the lead, the Students were “3 up 3 down” despite Kaidy’s 3 bag hit to start the final dig.

Final score Staff defeated Students 8-7.
Mayor Bruce Green invites you to join him for song, music and dance from 1915 - 2015 performed by local artists

**A Tribute to Our Diggers**
*Lest We Forget*

7.30pm

Nautilus Arts Centre

Friday 24 July 2015

**2015 MAYOR'S CHARITY CONCERT**

TICKETS ON SALE AT
NAUTILUS ARTS CENTRE
ADULTS: $25 (pre--sold $20)
FAMILY: $60 (pre-sold $50)
- 2 adults 2 children
CONCESSION: $15 (pre-sold $10)
UNDER 17: $15 (pre-sold $10)