Prayer
May the God of love bless us with the ability to live in our words and actions the justice we proclaim.

May the God of compassion bless us with the generosity and courage to take a stand against injustice within our world.

May our almighty God bless us with joy as we go forth into our holiday to renew and revitalise ourselves for the journey together next term.

Amen

End of Term Liturgies
Students will celebrate the many blessings and opportunities we received this term at End of Term Liturgies next Friday. The F-7 students will gather at 11.30am in the Gymnasium, and 8-12 students will gather at the same time in the Church.

Year 10 Retreat
This Friday the Year 10 students will gather at the Port Lincoln Yacht Club for their Retreat Day. The focus of this Retreat will be ‘Self Identity’ and an awareness of treating each other with respect and care, regardless of differences. Thank you to Year 10 PC Coordinator Gavin Pinnington and Year 10 RE Teachers Andrew Morris, Chris Blacker and Damien Lambert for their assistance on the day.

Footy Colours Day
Each year, ‘Fight Cancer Foundation’ asks all Australians to unite and wear their favourite football team’s colours on any day you choose in your calendar of events – and help support the fight against cancer.

For the past 25 years Fight Cancer Foundation has supported cancer patients and their families and through Footy Colours Day, they have been able to help thousands of young Aussies. They cannot do this without the support of people like you in our community.

The F-7 children are invited to wear their favourite footy colours to school tomorrow. We ask them to make a gold coin donation which will go to the Fight Cancer Foundation.

First Holy Communion
Congratulations to the Year 4 students who made their First Holy Communion recently.

All the Year 4s celebrated yesterday with a beautiful chocolate cake made by Mrs Cathie Story.

Thank you to Janet Christian for this photo.

What Our Students Say ...

Re: Year 5 Music Concert
“The Year 5 Music Concert was a great experience and everyone played well in front of the huge crowd.
I really enjoyed playing the keyboard and learning a new instrument.
I can’t wait to learn a brass instrument next semester.”

Lily Nicholls
Year 5
“Life is not about how fast you run or how high you climb but how well you bounce.”

Vivian Komori

Resilience is becoming one of the most important skills a person can use to move forward positively when facing challenges. Some children are naturally resilient and find it easy to ‘bounce back’ when things get difficult. For other children, this skill can be nurtured and developed, especially when the parents are resilient and actively foster this in their children. Life is a wonderful adventure; full of interesting twists and turns! Our staff here at St Joseph’s School are keen to work with parents and students to celebrate great achievements and also to offer support in times when things are more challenging. There are many websites and other resources available to parents and children which provide information about building resilience.

Here are some ideas from the Parenting Ideas website: www.parentingideas.com.au/Parents/resilience

1. Model a ‘can do’ attitude and try to have a positive outlook.
2. Look for teachable moments (often disguised as problems) so that children can learn and grow from these experiences.
3. Work together as a family to develop self-help, problem-solving and independence skills that are necessary for resilience.
4. Build children’s coping skills by giving them strategies to cope with life’s ups and downs.

We look forward to helping all our students flourish at St Joseph's School.

Carpark Safety

I offer thanks to parents and student drivers who continue to approach all carpark areas with caution.

The spontaneity and inquisitiveness of young students and even younger siblings who might accompany parents in the school grounds means that the carpark is an area of high risk.

I know the parents of such children appreciate the patience and defensive driving approach that minimises the risks for such young children.

Tumby Bay Bus

Due to on-going traffic congestion throughout the school, during peak times, the Tumby Bay Bus will now collect students from behind the gym, immediately adjacent to the pedestrian crossing. In the near future this area will be permanently signed and changes made to the roadway to allow the bus to exit via Oxford Terrace.

Until then the area will be marked with cones and temporary signs and parents are asked not to park in this zone.

Principal’s Message

Ms Meredith Jones, a long term Education Support Officer at St Joseph’s, has announced her retirement this week. Since 1987, Meredith has assisted in classrooms and in the Library and has worked with many students throughout the school. She particularly enjoyed supporting children’s literacy development and reading. Meredith has helped students of all ages with varying needs over more than 27 years and her contributions are much appreciated. Meredith will be farewelled at our liturgy next week and we wish her all the best for the future.

Brian Brady commenced at the school nearly 20 years ago and has been an effective and resourceful asset of the Grounds and Maintenance Team. His knowledge and insight of the schools grounds will be missed. We thank him for the many years of dedicated service you have given to the school. We wish Brian and his family all the best as he enters into a new chapter of his life.

David Lucas has been the Groundsperson at the school for nearly 27 years. He has done a fine job maintaining the gardens and grounds over this time, ensuring the school always presents immaculately. He was always willing to help out any staff member where needed no matter how large or small the task. We wish Dave health, happiness and enjoyment in his retirement.

Danny Gordon will be farewelled at the end of Term 2. Danny has worked at St Joseph’s for 24 years. During his time here he has taught Accounting, Business and Enterprise, Japanese, Maths Applications and Maths. On behalf of the school community I thank Danny for his outstanding service and wish him every happiness as he commences retirement.

… A Note from Danny

Prior to becoming a teacher I obtained an Economics Degree and worked for a chartered accounting firm. I later switched to teaching, firstly at Caritas Port Augusta for nine years and St Pauls in Adelaide, for four years, before coming to St Joseph’s School in 1989. I also taught in China for a year.

Looking ahead I hope to do some charity work in Indonesia, renew my Golf Club membership and visit grandchildren in various places overseas. I will still enjoy going to all the garage sales of course, and listen to obscure ABC radio programs, which is a hobby.

Staff Farewells
Congratulations, Swimmers!
The Australian Junior Excellence Program (JX), recognises and rewards junior swimmers (up to age 13) who have achieved a high standard of swimming excellence.

Congratulations to students Harrison Adams, Liana Baldwin, Kalani Coleman-Smith, Evie Durdin, Tasmin Durdin, Kellie Dennis, Tommy Ford, Dylan Evans, Seb Henderson, Victoria Henderson, Arjay Isle, Dana Hurrell, Kylie Hurrell, Madeline McShane, Max Rogalski, Ryder Rogalski, Larissa Sporer, Sophie Traeger, who have all achieved a Junior Excellence Award.

The Australian Youth Performance Squad (YPS) rewards swimmers, aged 13-18, who have achieved excellence in the pool.

YPS recipients have achieved time standards set by Swimming Australia.

Congratulations to Henry Lambert, Brooke Traeger and Jade Calverley for receiving this award.

Sports Results
Congratulations to Year 6 students Darcy Wiseman and Brock Wise who have been selected in the State SAPSASA Boys' Hockey team to compete in Perth.

Well done also to Hannah Russell (Year 7) for her selection in the U13 Girls' Development Squad.

SAPSASA Soccer and Hockey teams representing Lower Eyre Peninsula are competing in Adelaide this week. St Joseph’s School representatives are:

Soccer: Abbey Bates, Hannah Schlink, Aspen Pedler, Gabriella McArthur


Year 5 Music Concert
Congratulations to all Year 5 students, whose semester's learning in Music culminated in a terrific concert on Wednesday night. As well as impressive performances – both solo and combined – by all students, the support and encouragement of their peers was wonderful to see. Well done to all involved and thank you to the many family members in the audience.

Reminder: Please be aware, when ordering, that LOL drinks and raspberry twists are no longer available from the Canteen.
More Achievements

Congratulations, Jarrod!
Recently we acknowledged Jarrod Stolz who received a High Distinction for the South Australian Maths Competition.

Last night Jarrod received recognition in Adelaide for being placed in the top 20 results in the State for his age group.

Jarrod was the only country student to receive a Certificate (certificates were issued for Credit, Distinction, High Distinction & the top 10 Prize Winners).

All other students were from metropolitan schools.

Approximately 2,800 students sat the test this year.

Coming Events

Work Experience
Next week our Year 11 students will be at various work places around Port Lincoln. We thank those businesses for giving our students this worthwhile experience.

Two of the Year 11 students have asked to complete their work experience with Primary classes next week. Bianca Easton will be helping the Year 1s in Room 13 and Blake Peak will work with Mrs Baldwin’s PE classes.

Ski Trip
During this coming holidays our St Joe’s Ski Trip heads to Mount Hotham.

Departs: Saturday, 11th July at approximately 7-30 pm, Central Bus Depot, Franklin Street, Adelaide.

Return: Saturday 18th July at 7.00am, Central Bus Depot, Franklin Street, Adelaide.

Accommodation: The Bembooka Lodge

We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable trip.

Mrs Easton would love copies of Ski Trip photos from cameras, not phones, when you return.

Japanese Word of the Week

モーターレーシング

= Motor racing

Uniform Shop Hours
Monday & Wednesday
3.00pm—5.00pm

A Reminder from the Office Ladies
To ensure misplaced school clothing and belongings are returned to the rightful owners, please ensure you label your child’s items clearly.

If you have lost items, please check regularly in the Lost Property Box in the Front Office.

St Mary of the Angels
Parish Mass Times
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 9.00am
Father Steve Ardill
Father Julius Chamlungu

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

*Please use and follow the Term 2 menu*

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Year 12 Stress Busters

We all know that Year 12 is a stressful year. Plus, a lot of time spent sitting at desks puts stress on the body. To prevent the stress leading to illness and fatigue, which can lead to absenteeism, Year 12 Coordinator, Mrs Karina Miller included yoga into their Year 12 Pastoral Care program. Mrs Miller said, “Our yoga sessions are run by a wonderful, qualified instructor, Emma Varney, from Port Lincoln School of Yoga”. For our Year 12 students, Emma focusses on Hatha yoga, which is particularly effective for stress management. It’s also great for beginners. She guides the cohort and teachers through poses and breathing exercises to energize the mind and help students maintain focus for their studies. Many students have reported that it helps to “quieten” their mind and that they use some of the exercises at home to help them sleep better at night. Year 12 Student, Alkira Wuttke said, “I find yoga keeps me calmer and more relaxed, it benefits my body as it makes me feel more energetic, more alive and I feel I have a longer attention span”.

Yoga is one element of the holistic approach to the Year 12 Pastoral Care program this year, which has also included a visit from a qualified nutritionist and personal trainer who focused on strength and fitness. With the increased feelings of happiness and wellbeing from these events, our students should be well equipped to be successful academically.

Year 12 Student, Morgayne Clarke said, “Yoga clears my mind. It enables me to stay focussed on my Year 12 studies, and helps keep me on track in my final year of schooling.”

Primary Wellbeing

Mrs Edmonds continues to help us all focus on our own and others’ wellbeing with interesting activities and challenges. Yesterday, Primary classes started the 500 Acts of Kindness Challenge and students are recording their thoughtful deeds to tally next week.

In Week 10, some classes are going to view the movie “Inside Out” as it relates to their learning about the brain and emotions.

Sherpa Kids

Many of you will be aware Sherpa Kids will be continuing their service at St Joseph’s School. If you require care for your children for any of the occasions listed below, please contact Megan.

- After school
- Last day of term (early finish - 1.00pm dismissal)
- Vacation Care
- Pupil Free Day (20th July 2015, day 1 Term 3 & 4th September, Week 7, Term 3)

Megan can be contacted on 0419 524 563
Augustin Mathieu arrived in Port Lincoln at the start of Term 3 in 2014, coming from Belgium, and joined the Year 11 cohort. Throughout the past 12 months, Gus (as he soon became known by his new Aussie friends), has become a valued part of our School, and a very close friend to the 2015 Year 12s. His English has improved greatly, to the point where he now uses Aussie slang and understands most of our jokes!

Although finished school back in Belgium, he approached all of his subjects with keen interest and a desire to do well. Sadly Gus is concluding his exchange and will be heading home to Belgium these holidays, where he will then commence a Law Degree in September.

We are all very sad to see Gus leave and will miss his kind and caring nature, along with his gentle sense of humour. We wish him all the very best for his return and his future and hope to see him again someday.

A message from Gus ….
Being an exchange student at St Joe’s has been an awesome experience. Coming from a Belgian public school, I was quite curious to spend a year in a Catholic school. There are lots of differences between my Belgian school and St Joe’s. First, everything is cleaner and more modern here. Secondly, we don’t have uniforms in Belgium. Finally, there is the Catholic aspect of St Joseph’s and all the rules that it creates. I found it strange when I first came, but I got used to it after a while.

The first two months here were probably the hardest ones because I was fairly shy and my English was quite limited. However, thanks to my schoolmates, I was soon able to become more confident and find my way here.

More than a School, St Joe’s was also for me a way to meet new friends. Indeed, it has been a real pleasure to go to school, talk and catch up with the Australian people I met there. There are some activities I particularly liked here. For instance, I really enjoyed all the time my friend Henry and I spent with our buddy, Jett. This little legend made me laugh many times and the "Shake and Take Ceremony" was for me an awesome event. I also still remember the university trip in Adelaide at the end of Year 11, as well as the Year 12 retreat, which were both full of fun and friendship.

The teachers and the staff also greatly helped me settle in Australia, with their good care and advice. Thanks to that, I’ve always felt accepted here, and never out of place.

I will conclude by thanking everyone for making me feel so welcome at St Joseph’s School. My exchange has been sensational and I am sure I will regard this this school year in Australia as one of the most enriching experiences of my life.

A message from Henry
“Gus has made a great contribution to our Year 12 experience. Gus brought with him the openness to learning and the determination to succeed. Even though Gus has finished his schooling in Belgium, he has come to our school and given every task set a go, which is a credit to him. Gus has a great sense of humour and manages to get a laugh out of everyone. His ability to pick up Australian slang hasn’t gone unnoticed. Gus is a legend and most of all a great mate to everyone. We are all extremely sad to see him leave. We wish him good luck with his future studies next year and cannot wait to see him again.”

Henry Lambert (Year 12 Student)

A message from Jett
"Gus was always nice to me, he was better at kicking but I was better at running. He always said hello when I saw him around the school, I’m so glad he was my big buddy."

Jett Zerk (Foundation Buddy)
Volunteer Induction Process and Procedure

St Joseph’s School has a long history of utilising the services of the many generous parents/caregivers who volunteer their time in and around our classrooms to support the learning of our students.

Volunteers take on many roles that are greatly appreciated by the St Joseph’s School Staff. Examples of volunteers are persons that assist with classroom activities; excursions, camps and sporting events; canteen duties; library resource maintenance and music tutors.

Volunteer – A definition

Anyone with a sincere interest in contributing to the education of students by serving as a non-paid employee in the school. A person may be considered a volunteer by contributing regular hours at school, or several hours to a special onetime event. Under the supervision of school personnel, a volunteer provides supportive assistance based on unique experience and skills which she/he possesses.

To ensure St Joseph’s School provides the best possible care to our students and community, all volunteers must have completed the following actions before any Volunteer work commences:

1. A Catholic Education Police Check has been completed and has been approved by the CEO. Forms are available from the Front Office.

2. When a Police Clearance has been received volunteers are then asked to coordinate a time with the WHS & Property Manager who will provide a School Induction. This should only take 10 minutes.

3. At the induction volunteers will be informed of important School Procedures and Policies and given a copy of the Volunteer’s Handbook and a Responding to Abuse & Neglect brochure which forms part of the induction checklist. Police Clearance letters should be brought along to the induction.

Although Responding to Abuse & Neglect Training is not an essential requirement when working as a Volunteer, the school does encourage persons to complete this training.

All volunteers receive notification from the CEO Police Check Unit, informing them that their Police Clearance is about to expire. A reminder is also placed regularly in the School Newsletter. Failure to renew clearances by the expiry date will mean that volunteers are no longer able to offer their services within the school.

All volunteers will need to be re-inducted at the time their Police Clearance is renewed.

Teaching staff must ensure all Volunteers:

- Are listed on the Volunteer Register which appears on the school’s Intranet
- Have Police checks that are current
- Are provided with specific instructions on their role/work area by the supervising staff member

We thank you for your anticipated cooperation in abiding by this process.