Prayer

“Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth.”

Amen

Sacrament of Confirmation

On Sunday 20th September at 9.00am Mass, 24 students from our School and Parish will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with Fr Steve. These students have been preparing for this special celebration for most of this term in Religious Education classes with Year 7 Religious Education Teachers Kate Benjamin and Andrew Morris. All Year 7s attended a Retreat Day last Friday at the Lions Youth Hostel, North Shields, for some extra preparation and team building activities, to help prepare themselves for the Sacrament.

Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving this Sacrament:

- Gemma Adams
- Harrison Adams
- Marni Clark
- Samuel Clark
- Ruby Ford
- Ethan Foster
- Billy Haebich
- Victoria Henderson
- Scott Howard
- Dana Hurrell
- Harrison Izzo
- Indiab Kelsey
- Wilson McShane
- Jack O’Donnell
- Nigella Osman
- Cassie Paynter
- Aspen Pedler
- Cooper Perham
- Henry Price
- Isabel Strycharski
- Ella Tansell
- Dominic Tidswell
- Kali Walker
- Oscar Woods (Year 8)

Thank you to Fr Steve for also working with the students in preparing for this significant Sacrament.

F-12 End of Term Liturgy

Next Thursday, 24th September the whole school will gather in the Church at 9.00am for an End of Term Liturgy. It will be a chance to thank God for the countless blessings we have received. It will also be an opportunity to farewell our Principal, Mrs Bernadette Lacey.
It is with great sadness that I write my last St Joe’s newsletter. I would like to thank all staff, students and families for their support over the nearly three years that I have been here. It has been a pleasure and a delight to have worked with such dedicated staff, such wonderful students and such a supportive parent base. I will treasure many memories from my time here and hope that our paths will cross again sometime in the future. I would like to take this opportunity to wish Dr Sandra Hewson all the very best as she begins her tenure next term. I know she will be as delighted with the school as I have been.

St Joseph the Worker Trades Skills Centre

Tomorrow the Trades Skills Centre will be officially opened by Mr Rowan Ramsey and blessed by Fr Steve. We look forward to welcoming dignitaries to the school to mark this special event. Advanced thanks to all involved including Mr Stewart Caldwell (Russell and Yelland Architects), Mr Mike Angley (Catholic Education SA - Assistant Director, Information & Development) and Mr Alex Bennett (Catholic Education SA - Development Adviser), Kym Clarke and Wally Baldock (Kym Clarke Constructions), Mr Mark Aldridge (WHS Co-ordinator), Mr Luke Yancic (Business Manager), Mr Steve Glacken (VET co-ordinator), Mr Nick Frezza (Tech teacher), Mr Richard Horgan (former Deputy Principal) and Mr Paul Lands (Deputy Principal), SJS Grounds and Maintenance Team, Marketing team, and Music and Home Ec faculties.

We would like to thank Beaumont Tiles for the generous donation towards the tiles used in the outdoor feature wall.

Deepest Sympathy
The St Joseph’s School community is saddened on the recent death of a friend and dedicated LAP volunteer of St Joe’s, Jenny Thorpe. Jenny volunteered over many years and worked with a number of children to enhance their learning.

Farewell
We farewell Mrs Barb Morgan as Science Support Officer and thank her for her contribution to the School community and wish her well.

Welcome
We welcome to our School community, Mrs Nadine Hackett who will be the new Science Support Officer. Please make her feel welcome.

Senior Student Leadership
Over the past few weeks, we conducted the important process of electing our new Senior Student Leaders for Term 4 of 2015, and Terms 1-3 2016. Our current leaders will conclude their position at the end of this term to allow them time to focus on and prepare for their final examinations and assessments. This is an exciting process for our students as they are given the chance to serve their school community in a formal leadership role, and develop their own leadership skills.

The new student leaders will be announced to the school community at the F-12 End of Term Liturgy next Thursday in the Church.

The official handover from the outgoing leaders will also occur at this time.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our outgoing Student Leaders for the enthusiasm, dedication, commitment and mature approach they displayed in their roles. They were a pleasure to work with and also fantastic ambassadors and representatives of our School. I know our School and wider community have benefitted from their leadership over the past 12 months.

I wish them all the very best as they conclude their studies this year, and for their futures.
Poetry Success
Congratulations to Gemma Horgan. Gemma’s Poetry has been selected to appear in the 2015 Spring Poetry Anthology and she has been invited to attend the launch of the poetry festival in October.

Congratulations Toby and Jesse
Congratulations to Year 12 students Toby Maughan and Jesse Puckridge, who performed their ensemble and solo pieces for assessment on Monday night. Both played their guitars beautifully, showcasing their musical talents with an impressive range of songs. We wish them well with their final results.
Well done also to Kate Laube (Year 8), whose amazing voice accompanied Jesse’s playing.

Japanese Language and Cultural Trip
We wish our students and staff travelling to Japan as part of the Inaugural Japanese Language and Cultural Trip all the best. The group leave this Sunday, and fly out to Japan on Monday. They will be experiencing the sites and cultural differences of Japan for 14 days, spending their time in Kyoto and Osaka. We wish them safe travels and we are sure they will have an amazing time. We look forward to hearing all about it on their safe return.

Mrs Bernadette Lacey was appointed Principal of St Joseph’s School in late 2012 and travelled from Roxby Downs to commence in this role at the start of the 2013 school year. In her almost three years here, Mrs Lacey has come to know many students and their families. She has greeted them as they arrived at school, in all kinds of weather! Mrs Lacey has also forged strong relationships with Senior Leaders and Year 12 students as well as the Boarding House families.
There has been much development in Mrs Lacey’s time as Principal here – most notably the Sr Joan Barry Outdoor Learning Space, The St Joseph the Worker Trades Skills Centre and planning for the new Boarding facilities. She has also mentored staff in their professional learning, encouraging trauma sensitive approaches and leadership development. Mrs Lacey introduced a whole school literacy program for the Primary levels and the Wellbeing role for the benefit of all in the school community.

Mrs Lacey’s presence at sporting events (which she loves to win!), her bright and friendly greetings and her passion for the Crows will long be remembered. We thank Mrs Lacey for all that she has given to our School in her time as Principal and will miss her interest and encouragement in so many aspects of school life. We wish her all the best as she returns to the warmer climate of St Barbara’s, Roxby Downs, to resume her Principalship there.

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Mrs Lacey has been a positive influence throughout the school
‘Colourful clothes just like her personality. A great public speaker who easily keeps the attention of her audience’

Jenna

‘She uses her imagination in storytelling and keeps us entertained.’

Emma

‘Mrs Lacey is funny and confident speaking in front of so many people.’

Nash

‘She always has a smile on her face.’

Izzy

‘Thank you for being a fantastic Principal. You always remember my name. You are always happy and cheerful in the morning. I hope you make a big impact on your new students.’

Marcus

‘Mrs Lacey is a great role model and friendly to everyone’

Natalie

‘She is a good speaker at Assemblies.’

Isaac
**Welcome**
Welcome to Bree-Anne Neale (Year 9) who joined our School community last week.

**Bus Applications 2016**
Application forms for 2016 were sent home last week with children who are currently accessing the DECD and Tumby Bay Bus services. Please endeavour to have these forms returned to the front office no later than 6th November 2015. If there are any unregistered families considering utilising either one of these services next year, please make contact with the school to determine if there are any seats available for your child/ren.

**Year 7 Girls Basketball Team in Adelaide**
Today our team of Year 7 girls has travelled to Adelaide to compete in the Primary Schools' Basketball Championships. We look forward to hearing all about their experience competing at this level.

**Update:** Mrs Baldwin informed the school that the girls won their first game this morning against 21-10, lost the next two by small margins and drew their fourth.

**After School**
We advise that students should go straight to their pick up location after school to await parents, rather than playing unsupervised on the ovals or playgrounds. There have been some recent incidents due to after school games and all students will be directed to wait where the teacher is on yard duty.

**Parent Teacher Interviews**
Thank you to the many parents of F-Year 6 students who have taken the opportunity to meet with their children’s teachers this week. Please contact teachers as soon as possible if you wish to see them.

**Swimming**
Well done to all Year 1 -5 classes who are almost at the end of their 2 week swimming program. Great progress has been made in all area

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

*Please use and follow the Term 3 menu and pricelist*

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**New Additions to Room 14**
The Year 1s in Room 14 have chicken eggs which have been in an incubator for 21 days. On Tuesday three black chickens hatched and on Wednesday two more hatched. We still have some eggs that are cracking so hopefully there may be more. Please come and visit before or after school next week to see these cute bundles of fluff.

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**Planning for 2016**
Planning has already started for 2016. If you have another family member due to start school please ensure you have placed an enrolment.

For those who will not be continuing at St Joseph’s School next year, please contact the Front Office staff as soon as possible.

If you are aware of any new families who are looking at schooling options for their children, please ask them to contact Mrs Cate Wuttke at the School on 86832400.

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**A reminder that St Joseph's School has a new phone number**
8683 2400

Please adjust your records accordingly.
Farewell, Mrs Lacey

Best of Luck on Your New Adventure
Primary teachers want to say a HUGE thank you for encouraging students to pack nude food lunchboxes. Mr Mckenzie’s clever Foundation class had the lowest number of waste this week with only two pieces.

Our waste numbers were on the rise with 245 last week and this week we have an amazing 170 pieces of waste! Finally under 200!! Next goal..... under 100!!

Next week Mrs Edmonds has planned a number of different lunchtime activities to help celebrate Enviroweek.

A Note From Father Steve

As our St Joseph’s School Community nears the end of Term 3 there are a number of significant celebrations and events that have enhanced the vitality of our learning community.

Sacramentally, our School and Parish Community celebrated the Sacrament of First Reconciliation with our Year 3 students. It is significant that these young parishioners received the gift of God’s forgiveness for the first time in the year in which the Holy Father, Pope Francis, has declared a Year of Mercy.

On Sunday, 25 of our young parishioners will receive the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Greg wishes to convey his congratulations to our Confirmation candidates and to assure them of his prayers. He apologises that he cannot be present as he continues his recovery and rehabilitation after a recent quadruple bypass. He looks forward to meeting up with them at a later date.

Sunday is a most important day for our Confirmation candidates. It is a big step to confirm your Baptism, and a great day for your family, your sponsors and for the Church. May the gifts and fruits of the Spirit abound in your lives. And may the Saints, whose names you have chosen, keep looking after you.

Sunday also marks the beginning of Family Week in the Diocese of Port Pirie. As part of our celebration of Family Week the Parish is providing a Prayer and Resource Kit for the families of our Parish. A kit will be given to every family with a child in the Primary years at St Joseph’s. Could I encourage you to use these kits to enrich the prayer life of your family. Might I acknowledge the generosity of the St Joseph’s Community and the great work of Di Drennan in printing some of the resources contained in the Prayer and Resource Kit.

In addition, Bishop Greg O’Kelly SJ has composed a Pastoral Letter for Family Week which is included with this newsletter.

Finally, next week is Bernadette Lacey’s last week as Principal of our St Joseph’s School. On behalf of the St Mary of the Angels Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Family I want to express my gratitude to Bernadette for her dedicated and energetic service and leadership of St Joseph’s School.

She has certainly made me very welcome in my first six months back in Port Lincoln and has shown great commitment to building a strong partnership between School and Parish.

It is fitting that her final responsibilities as Principal embrace the Blessing and Opening of the St Joseph the Worker Trades Skills Centre and the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation – a reminder to us of the graced role of a Catholic School to nurture the spiritual, intellectual, social and emotional needs of the young.

Bernadette leaves with our gratitude and the assurances of our prayers. She is returning to St Barbara’s School and Parish in Roxby Downs – a community she knows well and has already served faithfully. The presence of a Catholic School and Parish at the heart of sucha community is a sign of hope and light during this period of change and uncertainty.

May our Patrons, St Joseph, St Mary of the Cross and St Mary of the Angels journey with her in this next chapter of her life and may our good Lord richly bless her and her family.

Community Notices

Roadrunners Softball Club
Would you like to play softball? Come and join Roadrunners Softball Club! Roadrunners would welcome any new U16 players.
Training each Wed at 4.00pm at the Pt Lincoln Primary School oval. Phone Hayley Wiseman 0475 993 058 for more information.

Little Athletics SA Holiday Clinic
To register go to www.salaa.org.au/holidayclinics or call 08 83528133 for more information on dates, times and venue.

Kitchen Kids
Do you have children aged from 7 to 12 years who enjoy cooking? The new Kitchen Kids course at TAFE SA Port Lincoln Campus helps kids learn to make yummy food and have fun at the same time. For more information please contact Donna Moore at Port Lincoln TAFE or via the following website - tafesa.edu.au
Dear Brothers & Sisters

Our Catholic Christian understanding of a family is very rich. What possibly greater endorsement could there be than that the Son of God chose to enter this world in the context of the human family. Christ could have come in to this world in any form, but He chose the way of human nurture, growing up as a child in the context of a human family, with a father and a mother. We see the family as the basic unit of society, where through a commitment of love to each other, there is an openness between a man and a woman to the production of new human life.

We know the continuing importance of family to so many of our cultural groups, and there are many who envy the very deep sense of family that exists amongst Italian or Greek or Aboriginal peoples. No matter our background, most try to get “home” for Christmas. The family is the place of celebration of our beginnings, our identity, our values, our sense of belonging to other people.

There is no doubt that many practices in our society today make it difficult for families to strengthen themselves. Take meal time, for example, which in some cases might consist of three or four people reading text messages or following different TV programmes. We lose such a lot when the family meal together is not honoured. The day should be shared, telling its high points or otherwise, passing on news and humour, all starting with a prayer of thanks, the Grace, to remind us that we do not take our blessings for granted.

There are other practices that could be followed to strengthen the family. The blessing of the home and family car, for example, both symbols of our growing together. It has been said often that there will be no rebirth of the Church until it is born again in the family, and yet many of our family homes have no crucifix, or image of Mary, or even a copy of the Scriptures. For a family to strengthen itself, there must be prayer together, and images of unity. On the back of this page is given a number of prayers that can be used by families at occasions such as the family meal, the saying goodnight to the children, the setting off on a journey.

Our Christian understanding of the family is so strong because that is the way that God chose to enter the world, so we must never lose faith in our ability to draw strength from, and in turn reinforce, this wonderful complex of our parents and siblings giving us life and nurture, faith, hope, and so much joy and love. Through this Family Week let us really attempt to introduce strengthening practices to keep that wonderful love alive.

Yours in Christ

+ Gregory O’Kelly SJ
Bishop of the Diocese of Port Pirie

3rd September 2015
PRAYERS FOR A FAMILY

Before the Family Meal

Lord God, we are gathered in your presence.
You have given each of us to the other as this family,
called into life by You.
Bless all of us, and strengthen our love.
Bless this meal we are about to receive through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Blessing of Children at Night Time
(This prayer is made either when the parents visit the children in bed, or when an older child comes to bid goodnight to the mother and father.)

Lord God, through your special grace you have gifted us with the vocation of being parents to these our wonderful children.
We ask Your blessing on these sons and daughters of ours.
They are made in Your image, and are the fruit of our love.
May they deepen every day in their love for You, and for Christ Your Son,
whose Gospel we pray will be their guide for life.
May they know no harm, but build up a better world.
Bless our children now as they retire, so they might rise to please you and live their gifts with joy in the day ahead.
This prayer we make through Christ our Lord.
Amen.
We bless you in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

Blessing for a Journey

Dear Lord, we set out together as a family,
and we pray that we may safely reach our destination.
This is a prayer for this particular journey, but also for our whole journey of life.
May we travel as Christian people for whom Christ is our way, our truth and our life.

Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.
Holy Mary Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

Our Lady of the Way,
Pray for us.