COMING EVENTS

Friday, 23rd October
- Last day for Year 12 students
- Year 12 Breakfast

Friday, 30th October
- Transition visit for Foundation students in 2016
- F - 2 Grandparents Afternoon - 2.30pm
- Years 3 - 7 School Swimming Carnival

Monday, 2nd November
- Year 12 Exams commence
- Ready4School at 9.00am

Wednesday, 4th November
- Official Opening of Year 12 Visual Arts/Creative Arts Exhibition at 6.00pm

Friday, 6th November
- Transition Visit for Foundation students in 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What an amazing start!

My first two weeks have been a whirlwind of meetings with staff, talking with students and parents and dropping in to classes. I've had the pleasure of meeting the School Board members, having dinner at the Boarding House and seeing our new Foundation students for 2016 enjoying the Transition Programme as I too gently (I hope) immerse myself in this wonderful community.

Of course, as I see and experience everything for the first time, our Year 12s have been finalising assignments and getting ready to put their formal schooling behind them. Mass for Year 12 students and families tonight will be a lovely way to give thanks for the gift we are given of educating our young people. It gives time to reflect on the positive partnerships with parents and families and the dedication and commitment of teachers and school staff to providing the best teaching, care and support for the students who leave our school as confident young men and women and life-long learners.

Food and Hospitality classes have been cooking up a feast for the Farewell Breakfast for Year 12 students and I'm sure that will be a great way to start the final day for Year 12s before they focus on final deadlines and revision for examinations. Our Year 12 students will no doubt have mixed feelings, excitement, relief, nervousness about the future, but also hopefully a sense of gratitude for the great blessing of education and an understanding of everything that has been learned throughout their time at St Joseph's. On behalf of the whole community, I wish our Year 12s all the very best for the future.

Go well and in peace. Here are some comments from the ‘Class of 2015’

‘St Joe’s is a place I can call another home where I feel confident to be myself in a learning environment. St Joe’s has helped me strive for success’ - Henry

The Boarding House and School here at St Joe’s have been my second home and family for the last five years. It has allowed me to make so many great friendships and I have learnt so much’ - Jade

‘The teachers I have had over my time have been very supportive and encouraging - always helping me to achieve my best’ - Malia

‘St Joe’s has not only provided me with a high school education, it has also provided life long friendships - it was definitely a worthwhile experience’ - Toby

‘St Joe’s has given me an amazing 13 years of education. I have enjoyed each year and appreciated the teachers and students who have made my time here such a great experience’ - Amber

‘Over my ten years here, I have enjoyed how St Joe’s has such a strong sense of community and people genuinely care for each other’ - Alkira

‘Being a Boarder, the School is more than just that, it is a home. It was welcoming, made me feel comfortable and that anything was possible if you put your mind to it’ - Jesse C

‘I have been at St Joe’s since the start of my schooling life. This school is like my second home and I will be sad to leave. It has provided me with a fun, enthusiastic and unforgettable education. I will hold the many memories I have made forever’ - Lili
HELP NEEDED
Are you able to help with putting up a Remembrance Day display on Monday 9th November? We are looking for volunteers to help out from 9.00am on this day. No skills required other than being able to twitch a piece of wire. Please contact Jen Deer at the school on 8683 2400. Any time you could give would be appreciated.

SPECIALITY PHOTOS
Just a reminder that Specialty Photos can be ordered online through Academy Photographers until Friday, 30th October. Please visit www.academyphotography.com.au to view and purchase photos. Please click online ordering, click on photo (once it has blue box around it, please click order product and then add to cart), continue with payment process. Please use this shoot key to access photos - 5PEJZTK3

Photos ordered prior to close of business on Friday, 30th of October will be printed and sent via the school to avoid postage charges. Any orders placed with Academy Photography after this date will incur a postage charge and photos will be sent directly to your home address.

DYSLEXIA EMPOWERMENT WEEK
This week has been Dyslexia Empowerment Week. Teachers and students have been having class discussions about different learning styles, using YouTube videos, stories, documentaries and guest speakers. We have shared different teaching strategies and adjustments that can enhance students’ learning. The aim of this week is to increase the understanding and awareness of dyslexia so that all people with dyslexia receive the support they deserve.

WASTE FREE WEDNESDAY
Congratulations to F - Year 3 students! This Wednesday we had an amazing 80% of Foundation - Year 3 students bring in nude food lunchboxes on Waste Free Wednesday. What an awesome achievement. Well done Mums and Dads for supporting this initiative.

FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT COMMUNITIES
The latest edition of Federation e-News is available at www.parentfederation.catholic.edu.au. This is a jam-packed edition focussing on family engagement in children’s learning. Be connected, be informed, be heard.

COMMUNITY NEWS

COME AND TRY SAILING
Enjoy a free day of sailing at the Port Lincoln Yacht Club (end of the lawn area on Tasman Tce, closest to Yacht Club) on Sunday, 25th October between 9.30am - 12.00 noon. Please contact Andy Dyer on 0428837275 or www.plyc.com.au Come along and see how much fun sailing can be!

FUN DAY FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH DIABETES
A fun and informal day for people with Type 1 Diabetes and their families to get together and network. This day is fully funded by Medtronic Diabetes and local businesses. Families of people living with Type 1 Diabetes and their siblings are welcome to attend. Diabetes Educators will also be in attendance. Come along to the Port Lincoln Leisure Centre on 8th November, 2015 between 1.00pm - 4.00pm. Please RSVP to Jodie on 0427 310 333 by 4th November with numbers attending to enable the Leisure Centre to have an adequate number of life guards on duty.

FREE DENTAL CARE
Dental care is FREE for most school-aged children and ALL preschool children at the School Dental Service. All babies, children and young people 0-17 years are welcome to attend. School Dental Service clinics are open during the Christmas school holiday break. Phone your local School Dental Service clinic now for an appointment. For clinic details visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au

SALESIAN SUMMER CAMP
Application forms are available from 6th November for the Girls’ Salesian Summer Camp on Monday, 11th - Saturday, 16th January, 2016. This is a holiday camp for girls ages 10 - 14 years. Please visit their webpage www.sacamps.salesians.org.au or for enquiries please email: sacamps@salesians.org.au or call Salesian Youth Network on 83537368.

BLUE LIGHT DISCO
You are invited to come and join the fun and dancing on Friday, 30th October, 2015 between 6.30pm - 8.30pm at the Port Lincoln Primary School Gym. Ages strictly 6 - 12 years. Strictly no pass outs. Parents must collect children at from the door. Tickets $5.00.

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Please ensure you are using Term 4 Price List
If you are unable to attend on your rostered day, please contact Val Ingerson on 8682 2400 at school or 86826457 at home.
As we farewell the Senior Class of 2015, we wish them well with their upcoming exams. May their futures be bright and rewarding!