**Prayer**

Lord God, You are the glory of believers, and the life of the just. 
Your son redeemed us by dying and rising to life again.

Since our departed brothers and sisters believed in the mystery of our resurrection,
let them share the joys and blessings of the life to come. 

*Amen*

**What Can I Do For You?**

I have been reflecting on Fr Steve’s homily last weekend on the story in Mark’s Gospel of Jesus, as he was leaving Jericho, coming across Bartimaeus, a blind man (Mark 10:46-52). Bartimaeus kept trying to capture Jesus’ attention, seeking pity. Jesus stopped and asked Bartimaeus ‘What do you want me to do for you?’ In response, the blind man replied ‘Master, I want to see’ and, by his faith in Jesus, he received his sight.

In his homily, Fr Steve reflected on the nature of our society today. It is one in which we can often be caught up with our own needs and wants and focus on receiving rather than giving. One of the things I love about Catholic education is its emphasis on educating students not just intellectually, but also to be spiritual, moral and ethical young people able to think of and care for others in their thoughts, words and actions. Fr Steve encouraged all of us to ask our friends, family and community, ‘what can I do for you?’ There are many ways, in themselves seemingly small and insignificant, that we can help others. Our Year 9 students are demonstrating this service to others in collecting items this week for the Christmas Child Project to be donated as part of the Rite Journey Program. Similarly, Madeline McShane has been inspired to organise a bake sale to raise funds for the UNICEF Schools for Asia Project. These students are living out the spirit of Mary MacKillop and our core values of faith, hope and love in service to others.

In the same spirit, I ask all of the St Joseph’s community, students, staff and families, ‘What may I do for you?’ I have been talking with staff and students about what our priorities should be over the next few years to build on the strengths of St Joseph’s as a learning and faith community. I welcome feedback and suggestions from parents and the wider community about what St Joseph’s and I can do for you in order to improve the service we provide in educating your children. I also invite you to consider how you might work in partnership with us to help our students, and the St Joseph’s community, be the best we can be. Whether this be volunteering in the canteen, nominating for future School Boards or assisting in a range of activities at the school, your acts of service, however small, will be warmly received. Together, we can grow in our service to others, for there is much joy in giving.

*Dr Sandra Hewson*

**PRINCIPAL**
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I am delighted by the positive reception for this curriculum development and look forward to discussing the course with students as it progresses next year.

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Year 10 Music teachers

Specialty Photographs
Friday (tomorrow), 30th October is the last day to order Specialty Photos online direct through Academy Photography.

As per notices in our previous two newsletters, parents can view photographs and order via www.academyphotography.com.au

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 - SPEJZTK3

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.

Earn and Learn Thank You
Thank you very much to all members of our School community who collected Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers for us.

With a tally of almost 28 000 points, we have been able to select a number of games and resources in the areas of Wellbeing, Literacy, Numeracy and Science. Thanks especially to Mark Penna who won a bonus $250 for St Joseph’s!

We look forward to receiving our ‘rewards' early in 2016.

Year 5 Camp
Last week our Year 5 students enjoyed a two day camp at beautiful Dutton Bay where they participated in a variety of team building and life skills activities.

The students engaged in Community Service by completing numerous jobs at the Dutton Bay Woolshed/Museum including weeding, cleaning, making rock garden borders etc, and also did a beach clean up.

The weather was beautiful, they were surrounded by nature, slept in tents and thoroughly enjoyed this outdoor experience.

Thank you to the teachers and also the parents who dropped off and collected students, and to those who helped volunteer time at the campsite - even Dr Hewson visited the campers!

Some comments from the Outdoor Adventurers ….
‘My favourite part was the damper’ - Sam
‘My favourite part was the sand castle competition’ - Charlee
‘I liked playing spotlight when it was dark’ - Nina
‘Camp was fun, challenging and awesome, everyone got to try new things’ - Sienna
‘My favourite part was setting up the tent and playing spotlight’ - Imigen
‘Camp was so much fun. We went on walks and played games. We had two long days of fun activities’ - Missi
‘The most challenging part was making sure my tent stayed up all night’ - Bradley

More photos from the Year 5 Camp at Dutton Bay will be posted on our School Facebook page in the next few days.

Will you be continuing at St Joseph’s School in 2016?

Please contact the Front Office on 86832400 if your child/ren WILL NOT be returning in 2016.

Planning is well underway and it is important that we are advised of this information as soon as possible.

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**E-Waste Day**

The issue of e-waste is one that is forever growing within the school and also the wider community. With all the technology surrounding us, it is easy to become oblivious to issues involved in the disposal of electronics. Surely, you own a piece of technology, worn out and beyond its usage. But do you understand the importance of correct disposal and dismantling of your technology?

E-waste is extremely difficult to dispose of correctly due to its harmful impact on the environment. When electronic waste isn’t properly thrown away, it goes into landfill. This puts dangerous substances into the soil, making it harmful for the environment.

Although our school produces a great load of e-waste, we understand that it should be recycled in the safest way possible. As a school, we take advantage of recycling programs for printer ink and electronic dumping points where old computers can be taken. We reuse the technology if possible and only replace it when necessary. By doing this, our school avoids contributing to landfill and also assists in helping the environment.

A small group of students assessed the number of items within the school that could potentially become e-waste. Within the school, 930 pieces were counted, excluding student’s personal mobile phones, Wi-Fi routers, kitchen appliances and more. The 361 computers within the school would take a humongous 180,000 years to completely break down!

Next **Monday, 2nd November**, Mr Francis’ Year 9 Geography class will be holding an E-Waste Day to provide insight to those wanting to dump their technology. You are encouraged to bring your unwanted technology to Room 38. It will then be taken and recycled safely.

*Chloe Hall*

**Year 9 Student**

**Waste Free Wednesday Update**

Amazing efforts again with Waste Free Wednesday yesterday! Last week we had 80% of our students bring in a nude food lunch box. I thought that was going to be hard to beat but they’ve done it!! This week **83%** of students had 0 pieces of waste in their lunch boxes which is very impressive.

Mr McKenziel’s Foundation students were the amazing Waste Free Warriors this week with a whole class full of nudie foodies! Once again we thank the parents/caregivers for supporting

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**Students Caring For Our Environment**

**Japanese Word of the Week**

かに *Kani* = *Crab*
Mirroring the Holiness of All the Saints and Praying for the Holy Souls

This Sunday the Church celebrates the Feast of All Saints. It is a festival that leads us to contemplate the home that Jesus, following His saving death and Resurrection, went to prepare for us. The saints, including some that we have known in life, already live in the eternal presence of Jesus in heaven.

During this month we are invited to contemplate the Face of Jesus and the faces we know – the ‘saints’ in our midst, the ones who inspire us to greater holiness.

On Monday, with our hearts still turned towards this ultimate reality, we commemorate all of the faithful departed, who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith and who sleep in Christ.

With the apostle Paul, we are exhorted, not grieve as others who have no hope because we believe that Jesus died and rose again and that, through Jesus God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep. (1 Thessalonians 4:13-14)

Eternal life is the immersion of oneself in the ocean of infinite love – a fullness of life and of joy.

During the month of November we renew our hope in eternal life. In the time-honoured tradition of the Church we are reminded that the prayer of a pilgrim soul in the world can help another soul that is being purified in purgatory after death. This is why the Church invites us especially in this month to pray for our beloved deceased and to pause in prayer at their tombs in our cemeteries. We ask that the power of Jesus Resurrection be fully realized in their lives.

O God, Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of our departed loved ones, the remission of all their sins, that by the means of our prayers and sacrifices, they may obtain the joys of heaven, which they have ever earnestly desired. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

One of our Year 7 students quizzed me about Halloween and why the Catholic Church is vocal in speaking against our young people engaging in Halloween celebrations. In my youth we didn’t know about Halloween but it seems to be on the radar of many of the young today. In many respects it has been hijacked by the commercialism so rampant in our society today. Halloween used to be a great pagan festival. In the old Celtic calendar it marked the last night of summer. It was predominantly a night of fear, when so many demons and spirits, good and bad roamed the earth. The Church used to have the Feast of All Saints on 31st May. But in the eighth century it moved the Feast to 1st November to counteract the pagan attitudes and the pagan celebrations. The old name for All Saints is ‘All Hallows’. The noun ‘hallow’ means saint. Halloween is the evening before the great Feast of the Saints. The Feast of All Saints is still designed by the Church to counteract the paganism that is so prevalent in our world today. It is an enormous sadness to me that so many of our young people, including some of our Catholic young people, know more about Halloween than they do about the saints of our Catholic faith. We all need to do more, to tell our young people about the efforts people have made to be saints. The saints are the heroes of our Church, the ‘glue’ that seals our faith. Being a saint should be their aim too!

Masses will be celebrated on All Souls Day (Monday 2nd November) at: 7.00am, 9.10am and 6.00pm.

Fr Steve Ardill
Parish Priest

Community News

Tobruk Centre for Children’s Development

Free Information Session

Wednesday, 11th November - 1.00pm—3.00pm
(Tobruk Centre for Children’s Development)

Do you feel like you are always rushing? Don’t have time to stop and enjoy the small things? Are you able to really hear your children when they speak to you? Would you like to know more about how to connect with your child?

Mindful Awareness Parenting (MAP) could be for you!

Term 1, 2016 course booking are now open. This info session is your chance to find out more, and secure your place.

Please call Marni on 8683 4488 to book your place.
St Joseph's School

Year 12 Visual Arts & Creative Arts Photography Exhibition

Also featuring work by Year 9-11 students

Official Opening at 6pm | Wednesday 4th November 2015 |
Exhibition open Thursday 5th - Saturday 14th November 2015

Walter Nicholls Gallery | Nautilus Arts Centre | Port Lincoln
E-WASTE Awareness DAY
NOVEMBER 2nd 2015

Monday 2\textsuperscript{nd} November Lunch Time

BRING YOUR E-WASTE

Located on the Stage outside the Library

LIVE MUSIC – Yr 10’s

E-Waste is electronic devices such as old mobile phones, computers, televisions or any electronic products, these will be recycled.
2015 Christmas Party

Where:  Port Lincoln Hotel
       Lincoln Ballroom
       1 Lincoln Hwy
       Port Lincoln SA

When:  Thursday, 26th November 2015

Time:  11.30am to 2pm

Bookings:  Register online by 12th November 2015
           https://www.variety.org.au/SA/LOV/
           Our Event Registration Page and follow the prompts.
           (This page is now located on the Variety SA website)

Contact: lov@varietysa.org.au
        Jan-Maree Wauer  0411 062 990

Lunch will be provided, however we are sorry we are unable to cater for any special dietary needs.

Merry Christmas