As we come to the end of the year, we can reflect on a year in which we have lived life in all its fullness. We give thanks to God for all the joys and blessings we have received throughout 2015.

Thank you to our students – your hopes and dreams, your challenges and successes, and your appreciation for each other and for your teachers, give us purpose, hope and inspiration.

Thank you to our staff – your energy, commitment, generosity and patience are witness to our Josephite tradition and our values of faith, hope and in all things love.

Thank you to our parents and caregivers – your support is appreciated and your commitment to Catholic education affirms our mission to provide a learning community where, in our pursuit of excellence, Gospel values are learned and practised.

As a community we farewell staff who are leaving us at the end of term:

Mr Damien Lambert,
Mrs Christine Roberts, Ms Amy Hurrell, Miss Kenidee McNamara and Miss Misty Bassham.

We thank each of these staff for their service to St Joseph’s and wish them all the very best for the future. We also thank Mrs Lee Rogers for her time with us this year in an ESO role. Students will continue to see Lee next year in her capacity as a tutor and in her work with the choir. Farewell also to students and families who are leaving at the end of this week.

The Christmas Concert on Wednesday evening was a wonderful way to celebrate the end of term. Whilst Father Christmas did make an appearance, it is important to remember that Jesus is the true gift of Christmas, a light that radiates in our homes, our school and throughout the world. Thank you to everyone in the community for making my first term at St Joseph’s so positive and inspiring.

I wish you all a happy and holy Christmas and every blessing for 2016.

Dr Sandra Hewson
PRINCIPAL

Around the School

In the final week of the school year, students have been continuing to “Live life in all its fullness” with plays, concerts and excursions to consolidate and celebrate their term’s learning. Primary Music classes have made visits to Matthew Flinders Home and Pioneer Village to sing to the residents there and have also made cards (along with the Year 9 Art students) for them.

F-6 students have received their final reports today as well as notification of next year’s class placement. Tomorrow, they will meet their new class mates and teacher/s for 2016.

Primary students have also held shared prayer times in the Church for each week of the Advent season and will conclude tomorrow with a Christmas prayer. This will be followed by a short assembly to award certificates to this year’s SRC representatives and other students who have completed programs this term. Congratulations and thank you to all of the class representatives on the Primary SRC.

Junior Choir students will be performing at Carols on the Foreshore tomorrow at 6.00pm.

We also farewell a number of students who are relocating and moving to new schools in 2016. We wish them well.
### Dux & Christian Leadership Awards

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### Major Award Winners

**Peter Treloar Community Spirit**
Amber Speirs

**Persistence, Dedication and Development**
Sponsor: Aussie Aluminium
Alkira Wuttke

**Freemasons Award - Year 12 Dux**
Malia Gynell

**Zonta Club Award**
Amber Speirs

**Eyre Trading Award**
Joshua Faulkhead

**Mayors Leadership Award**
Lucy Guidera

**Rowan Ramsey Community Award**
Michelle de la Perrelle

**Apex Boarding House Award**
Jesse Custance & Lucy Guidera

**Australian Defence Force Leadership Award**
Cameron Forbes (Year 10)
Jesse Milton (Year 12)

**Caltex All-Rounder**
Henry Lambert

**SRC Team Spirit Award**
MacKillop

**SRC Individual Spirit Award**
Danika Davis
Year 11 Subject Award 2014

- Biology: Millicent Russell
- Business and Enterprise: Kimberley Roberts
- Chemistry: Millicent Russell
- Child Studies: Kimberley Roberts
- Design and Technology Studies: Brandon Rosalia
- English: Millicent Russell
- Food and Hospitality: Kate Cappelluti
- Geography: Abby Ryan
- Information Processing & Publishing: Asia Tansell
- Modern History: Kimberley Roberts
- Mathematical Applications: Bonni Wheaton
- Mathematical Studies: Millicent Russell
- Numeracy for Work & Community Life: Kye Sorensen
- Physics: Millicent Russell
- Physical Education: Charlie Muecke
- Visual Art Studies: Jemma Pycroft
- Work Place Practices: Brandon Rosalia

Year 12 Subject Awards 2015

- Biology: Malia Gynell  Sponsor: Park Terrace Dental
- Business and Enterprise: Luke Orbons  Sponsor: Mellor Olsson Lawyers
- Chemistry: Malia Gynell  Sponsor: Sampson & Ringvall Pharmacies
- Child Studies: Lucy Kolega  Sponsor: Tobruk Centre for Children’s Development
- Creative Arts - Photography: Alkira Wuttke  Sponsor: Lincoln Camera Centre
- English Communications: Amy Rehn  Sponsor: Leading Edge Jewellers
- English Studies: Malia Gynell  Sponsor: Mrs Josie Casanova
- Food and Hospitality: Jade Ranford  Sponsor: Café Del Giorno’s
- Geography: Alkira Wuttke  Sponsor: CPH Accounting
- Mathematical Applications: Bridget Sivour  Sponsor: Kemp Real Estate
- Mathematical Studies: Malia Gynell  Sponsor: interAcct Business Consulting
- Modern History: Nellie Cappelluti  Sponsor: K & K Cooling Solutions
- Music: Toby Maughan  Sponsor: Port Lincoln Carpet & Flooring Direct
- Physical Education: Samuel Clements  Sponsor: Hazeal Newman & Associates
- Physics: Hannah Burke  Sponsor: Eyre Sports Physiotherapy
- Specialist Mathematics: Hannah Burke  Sponsor: Gill Penfold Kelly Pty Ltd
- Visual Art Studies: Jenna Arnell  Sponsor: Mark Forbes Homemakers & Sleepzone
- Research Project: Millicent Russell  Sponsor: St Joseph’s School

Effort & Achievement

**Effort and Achievement Awards**

**Gold**
- Year 6: Elke Lindschau, Arley Byass
- Year 7: Annalise Carey, Ethan Richardson
- Year 8: Kate Laube, Isaac Grima
- Year 9: Ashlee Lang, Maxwell Lambert
- Year 10: Madeline Harris, James Rudland

**Teal**
- Year 6: Meaza Otto, Darcy Wiseman
- Year 7: Lila Whittle, Dylan Porter
- Year 8: Chloe Filsell, Andy Deng
- Year 9: Madeline McShane, Nicholas Bates
- Year 10: Keely Clark, Lochlan Charlton

**Red**
- Year 6: Poppy Chung
- Year 7: Bligh Tressider
- Year 8: Miriam Santic
- Year 9: Isaac Scott
- Year 10: Kaidy Morgan, Sean Ambrose
West Coast Schools Surfing Competition 2015

This competition was held at Walkers Rock, Elliston on Monday in small choppy waves. With less than favourable conditions it was decided to have a “Fun Day” where points would be awarded for novel manoeuvres like headstands and tandem surfing as well as good rides. Despite the cold wind, students did have a fun day competing against students from Elliston Area School. Thanks go to students for their good behaviour and spirit and to parents for transporting students to the event and assisting with judging. Also special thanks to Sam Jervois of Lincoln Surf for donating the generous prizes.

Scott Ambrose

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Music News

This term students from St Joseph's School learning instrumental music with Leah Stuart-Douglas, took part in Music exams through the Australian and NZ Cultural Arts.

All students took part in Theory or Practical Examinations. All students participating recorded results of 89 % or above (Honours and First Class Honours). Well done to the following students:

Jayde Whittaker
Sage Lawerance
Jade Kolpondinos
Maia Trewartha
Ashleigh Fielder

Congratulations, it is fantastic to see students approaching their musical studies with such dedication.

Community News

Port Lincoln Basketball Holiday Camp with Darnell Mee, Kevin ‘KB’ Brooks and Ricky Simpson - ex NBA and Adelaide 36ers players. Tuesday, 15th and Wednesday 16th December at Basketball Stadium, Jubilee Drive. Focusing on shooting skills.

Please book in at PLBA Canteen or by email or text to Charmaine Otto on 0429 842058 Charmaine@searange.com.au

Spots are limited and not confirmed until paid in full. Book for 1 or 2 sessions. Morning session (Novice) 8.30am - 12.30pm.

Evening session (Sharks) 2.00pm - 6.00pm. $45 per player per session.

Carols on the Foreshore - Friday, December 4th. 6.00pm, carols starting at 7.30pm. Food and drinks available.

Calculator for Sale - CASIO fx-9860G AU plus. Current model Senior students are using. $150. Please contact Anna on 0400 408 808.

Music Concert

Listen to my pictures - A lighthearted musical adventure tour improvised by Dieter Hauptmann, ‘Through my Homelands’ on Balalaika, Domra, Lira, Lute, Mandolin, Tamburitsa and Zhaleika. St Joseph’s School Performing Arts Centre, Sunday, 13th December, 2.00pm - 4.00pm.
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Memorandum to the Diocese

A Holy Door: What Does It Mean?

Dear Brothers & Sisters

The following information may be of help to people in the diocese concerning the Holy Door and the beginning of the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

We Catholics are not reluctant to use the word “Holy”. We say it every day in Mass when we speak the words of adoration of the angels before the throne of God as they chant “Holy, Holy, Holy”. (Rev. 4:8) We also talk of Holy Water, the Holy Fire in the Easter Vigil, Holy Communion, Holy Thursday, Holy Saturday, Holy Pictures, the Holy Souls, a Holy Year — and now a Holy Door! In some ways this reflects our belief in the Incarnation, that all things have been restored in Christ. “All creation rightly gives You praise...” as we say in the Mass. Natural symbols can speak to us of the presence of God. The deeply spiritual priest-scientist, Fr Teilhard de Chardin, wrote a famous work, “The Hymn of the Universe”. All creation is singing God’s praise.

Hence Catholics are not loathe to see ordinary natural objects as reflecting the presence of God, and therefore Holy.

The practice of the opening of a “Holy Door” in Rome to mark a special year, apparently began late, when Pope Martin V ordered such a ceremony in 1423. The practice grew in later Jubilees, so that when the special Holy Door was opened in the Pope’s cathedral in Rome, other Holy Doors were opened in the various Roman basilicas. That will happen this year also, on the Third Sunday of Advent.

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We are asking all our schools to do the same at the beginning of the school year next February. The children can go through their own “Holy Door” to usher in a New Year, a Holy Year, and become “ambassadors of mercy”.

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The diocese will be distributing a suggested Prayer Service for this occasion. After the prayers are said and the blessing given and the Holy Water sprinkled, the door is opened and the priest leads his brothers and sisters into the church.

As Pope Francis says, “On that day, the Holy Door will become a door of mercy through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God, who consoles, pardons, and instils hope. His hope is that the church of every diocese “will be directly involved in living out this Holy Year as an extraordinary moment of grace and spiritual renewal”. Thus the Jubilee will be celebrated both in Rome and in the Particular Churches of the world as a visible sign of the Churches universal communion”. The Jubilee Year concludes on the Feast of Christ the King, the 20th November 2016. On that day the Holy Door is sealed as we thank God for His mercy and entrust the life of the Church and the entire cosmos to the Kingship of Christ. The Pope’s desires for this Holy Year are expressed so strongly. “How much I desire that the Year to come will be steeped in mercy, so that we can go out to every man and woman, bringing the goodness and tenderness of God! May the balm of mercy which everyone, both believers and those far away, as a sign that the Kingdom of God is always present in our midst”. Pope John Paul II had this reflection on the Holy Door. “To pass through that Door means to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord….it is a decision which resumes freedom to choose and also the courage to leave something behind, in the knowledge that what is gained is divine life”.

In the Gospel of Saint John Jesus says “I am the gate. Those who enter through me will be safe: they will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture….I am the gate of the sheepfold”. (John 10:8)

Various of our rituals begin at the church door. In some places that is where the priests or deacon welcomes the parents of a child to be baptised. The priest will often greet the bride and groom at the door of the church. Catechumens are greeted at the door in the Rite of Acceptance. And it is better practice followed in most churches that the priest will greet the coffin of the deceased at the door of a church to commence the funeral liturgy.

We have all had disgraceful moments in our lives, so let us leave them behind as we walk through the Holy Door in our church at this Jubilee Year, and move into the hope that we might minister God’s mercy and acceptance to all our brothers and sisters.

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