Prayer for Sports Day

We believe in Jesus who said to use our talents well. To promote fairness, to be a good sport, not just to be good at sport.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who has shown us many great sportsmen and women, and by their example encourage us to support others, and to be unselfish in our games. Our hope is in God as we participate in the athletic carnivals that we will be safe from injury, and participate to the best of our ability.

We trust in God to reward those who have made these days possible, our organizers, officials, caterers, parents and teachers. Our hope is that all athletes will feel satisfied with their participation and that joy and happiness will be the result of this day. May the spirit of St Joseph be with us as we strive for our best. We make this prayer in Jesus’ name.

Amen

Sportsmanship

Apart from the obvious gender bias in the word sportsmanship, we can take a lot from the concept as a guide to good practice. Sportsmanship might be defined as fairness, empathy and respect for an opponent. It means following the rules and respecting the umpires. It also means being gracious whether you win or lose. Jim Courier, tennis player, said “Sportsmanship for me is when a guy walks off the court and you really can’t tell whether he won or lost, he carries himself with pride either way.”

I think the key word in all of this is respect. It is no accident that respect is one of the core values of St Joseph’s School. We need first to respect ourselves and know that we are valuable, loveable and capable. Then we should respect others and believe the same of them. Not everyone has the same skills or qualities. As teachers, we respect effort above all else. We believe in the power of ‘yet’. When someone says they cannot do something, a good response would be ‘you can’t do it yet!’ In that, there is infinite hope, belief and support.

Jackie Joyner-Kersee, American athlete, said “The glory of sport comes from dedication, determination and desire. Achieving success and personal glory in athletics has less to do with wins and losses than it does with learning to prepare yourself so that at the end of the day, whether on the track or in the office you know there was nothing more you could have done to achieve your ultimate goal”. The same certainly applies to school and learning, whether that is in the classroom or outside it in the many opportunities we have to do our best.

So, in the week of Sports Days:

Rally your friends and have fun
Encourage others to have a go
Say something positive to those who win and those who lose
Participate with confidence and courage
Express appreciation for your opponents
Celebrate effort as well as success
Thank God for the St Joseph’s community
Sports Day Uniform Rules
- Dress as an athlete prepared to do your best
- Hairspray/coloured zinc/face paint/nail polish in your team colour is ok, just put it on at home before coming to school
- Only the blue PE school shorts (not football shorts), school hat, collared team shirt (no singlets), and sunscreen must be worn
- No body paint on arms or legs
- Shoes must be worn at all times, in all events, including races, jumps and throws.

Photos taken at Sports Day
To protect the wishes of our school families, we request that NO PHOTOS taken by students/parents/guardians/spectators, which include photos of other students, be uploaded to ANY social media platform without the consent of that parent/guardian.

Our School Photographers will be out and about capturing photos for school purposes and a selection will be uploaded to our School Facebook Page.

Conversation Hour
As Principal, I really enjoy meeting with parents. It's great to get to know you and hear about your experiences of St Joseph's. So let's do it more often! Coffee and conversation is surely an irresistible blend!

The first Conversation Hour will be held in the Staffroom on Tuesday 22 March from 9am - 10am and regular opportunities will be advertised thereafter. Come along and have a chat, meet other parents and even bring a friend if you know of families thinking about enrolling at St Joseph's.

Hospitality is at the heart of community.
See you there!

Dr Sandra Hewson
Principal

Uniform Blitz
Thank you to the many students who arrive for school wearing correct uniform each day. It has been great to see everyone wearing hats during sports practices over past weeks.

As it is now mid-term, in fairness to all students and parents who do abide by the Uniform Policy, we will begin a uniform “blitz” next week. If your child comes to school in incorrect uniform, they will be sent to the Office to phone you for correct uniform items and unable to attend classes until these are supplied. The Uniform Policy is clearly outlined in the School Diary and will be clearly communicated to students again in PC times. By next Tuesday, all students should be able to source correct school socks and also refamiliarise themselves with jewellery, make-up and hair policies.

We anticipate your support with this matter, in upholding your own and your child’s responsibilities to maintain a sense of unity and meet our School community’s expectations.

St Joseph’s Day
Saturday, 19th March is the Feast Day of St Joseph - husband of Mary, foster father of Jesus and Patron Saint of our School. Joseph was a man who valued family and loyalty, and showed commitment to the Holy Family. St Joseph inspired St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods to establish the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, whose main role was to provide education for those children in poor and remote communities. He is an inspiration to all members of our St Joseph’s School family.

Next Friday, 18th March at 9.00am, the whole school will gather in the Church to celebrate Mass to recognise the wonderful qualities and values of St Joseph. Families are warmly invited to this special occasion.

Diocesan Youth Assembly (Year 10-12 students)
Each year, the Port Pirie Diocese holds a Youth Assembly for young people aged from Year 10 to 25 years of age. This is an opportunity for young people to gather together to participate in workshops, outreach activities and prayer. This year the Assembly will have the theme of 'Show and Live Mercy' and will include workshops and a concert by Singer/Songwriter Steph Unger. Steph worked with students from each of the Secondary schools in the Diocese last year to write a song for the Assembly 'Show and Live Mercy' and many of our students contributed to this.

The Assembly will be held from 9th-10th April at Samaritan College, Whyalla. If students are interested in attending, please see Miss Benjamin at school as soon as possible. See the flyer in today’s Newsletter for more information!

Faith Focus

Have you liked our Facebook Page yet?
Recently uploaded: Year 9 Raft Regatta
Uploading Soon: Year 5 visit to the ‘Endeavour’
Teacher Profile

Hi my name is Julie Kay and I am the new Year 10 Pastoral Care Coordinator. I am relatively new to Port Lincoln having lived here for a little over four years. I started at the school at the beginning of Semester 2 last year having taken a break from teaching to spend time with my two young children. As a family we have lived and worked in Port Augusta, Whyalla, and Murray Bridge and, finally having found a place where you can buy a decent cup of coffee, our intention is to stay.

As a parent and a teacher I have found St Joseph’s to be a warm and welcoming learning community that I have enjoyed becoming a member of. I am looking forward to working with the Year 10s this year as they begin their SACE journey and in particular going to Canberra this term and visiting many of Australia’s important sites - something I am embarrassed to admit I have never done.

Julie Kay
Year 10 Coordinator

Achievements

Congratulations to the following students who were selected in the Far West Swimming Team to represent the region in the Secondary School Sports of South Australia (SSSSA) Division A Championships.

These were held today at the Marion Swimming Centre. Well done to Madeline McShane, Kellie Dennis, Brooke Traeger, Harrison Adams, Dana Hurrell, Jamie Ford, Jarrod Stolz and Patrick Newman.

Progressive Achievement Tests

All students from Year 3 – Year 10 will be participating in two Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT) over the next two weeks. The students will be completing the PAT – R (comprehension) and PAT – M (mathematics) which have been developed over many years by ACER’s expert team of test developers and psychometricians to meet a need for high-quality tools that support the investigation and diagnosis of student learning. The PAT tests are focused on supporting teachers to gather evidence to establish where students are in their long-term learning, identify the best next steps for action, decide on appropriate evidence-based interventions, monitor what progress their students are making over time, and evaluate the effectiveness of their own teaching decisions and approaches. The students will repeat this test in Term 4 to measure any improvement. The tests are set to the ability of each student and results are available immediately on completion of the tests. All tests will be completed online and will take approximately 40 minutes. Test results will be sent home at the end of term. If you have any concerns or queries, please email me gavin.pinnington@sjspl.catholic.edu.au

Gavin Pinnington
Director of Teaching and Learning

Farewell

We wish Dominic (Year 8) and Imigen Tidswell (Year 6) and their family all the very best as they relocate to Gawler. Dom and Imi have been at St Joseph’s for almost two years and will be missed!

A Visit to the ‘Endeavour’

What our Students say ...

‘My favourite thing about the Endeavour was when we went down under the sheet in the cabins. We learnt about what they ate. I liked going up and down the ladders.’

Ashleigh Fielder

‘On the Endeavour I liked looking around at all the different things. I liked learning about how they cooked in the big oven and also how the cook would have done all that cooking with only one arm.’

Duke Syme

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Canteen Menu for both Primary & Secondary Sports Days

Pie $3.90
Pasty $3.90
Sausage Roll $3.30
Hot Dog $3.30
½ Hot Dog $2.30
Chicken or Sweet Chilli Chicken Tender Rolls $5.50
(with lettuce, tomato & mayo)
Assorted rolls, wraps and sandwiches
(Prices as marked)
Plate of Cake $1.50
Tea/Coffee $1.50

Just a reminder that there will be NO LUNCH ORDERS on Thursday or Friday,
There will be plenty of food available over the counter.

Canteen Roster - Week 7 Term 1

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If you are able to help at any stage, please contact Val Ingerson on 8683 2400 at school or 86826457 at home.

Community News

Panthers Hockey Club
Come ‘n’ try Hockey with Panthers Hockey Club at Ravendale. Tuesday, 15th March. U’13s - 4.00pm till 5.00pm. U’15 & U’18 5.00pm - 6.00pm. Contact Kelly on 0429 835 036 for more details.

Marble Range Football Club
Training/Registration Day - Thursday afternoon, March 10th and March 17th. Port Lincoln High School Oval from 4.30pm - 6.00pm. Registrations will be done on the same day. Free sausage sizzle for all players attending straight after training. Contact Jim on 0427 856 004 or Kerri-Anne on 0428 228 177 for more information.

Marauders Registration Night
Monday, 14th March at 4.00pm. Committee members will be available on the night to run a training session for the Juniors, assist with online registrations, sell uniform items and answer any questions. New Members are welcome.

St Mary of the Angels Parish Mass Times
Saturday Night - 6.00pm
Sunday - 9.00am
(followed by breakfast)
Every 1st Sunday of the Month
- Coffin Bay Mass at 6.00pm
Every 2nd Sunday of the Month
- Youth Mass at 6.00pm
All Welcome!

PRINCIPAL’S TOUR

Wednesday, 23rd March, 2016 @ 9.30am

Please extend an invitation to family/friends/community members etc, interested in becoming part of our School family.

To register, please phone Cate Wuttke at School on 8683 2400
Port Pirie Catholic Diocese 2016 Youth Assembly

Show and Live Mercy

Dates: 9-10 April
Venue: Samaritan College, Whyalla
Age: Grade 10 – 25 years

Special guest: Steph Unger
pop and liturgical singer-songwriter from Brisbane

Saturday 9th April
10am  Registration Samaritan College
11am  Steph Unger talk and workshop
1pm   Lunch
2pm   Service activities around town
5pm   The Amazing Race
6:15pm Tea
7:15pm Evening Fun
9pm   Evening prayer

Sunday 10th April
7:30am Optional morning walk
8:15am Breakfast
9am   Morning prayer
10am  Preparation for Mass
11am  Mass with Bishop
12:30pm Lunch
1:30pm Concert with Steph Unger
3pm   End

Details for registration are at http://www.pp.catholic.org.au by 23 March
Donation towards costs: $20

For more info: Sr Liz 0448 809 134 youthministry@pp.catholic.org.au