COMING EVENTS
Friday, 15th April
Final Day of term 1 (normal dismissal for Primary—various times for Secondary)
Monday, 2nd May
Pupil Free Day (Professional Learning for Staff)
Tuesday, 3rd May
Term 2 resumes for all students
Thursday, 5th May
Year 12 Parent/Teacher interviews
Friday, 6th May
R-2 Mother’s Day Liturgy

Principal’s Message - Faith Working Through Love

I have been reading Pope Francis’ Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Evangelii Gaudium, a wonderful book written very much with today’s world in mind. Pope Francis invites everyone to rejoice, just as the disciples ‘rejoiced’ at the sight of the risen Christ (Jn 20:20). We are invited to be happy, and be joyful in the knowledge that we are all loved, in spite of the temptation to ‘find excuses and complain, acting as if we could only be happy if a thousand conditions were met’. Pope Francis suggests that joy, like ‘goodness always tends to spread’ and seeks to grow within us, enabling us in turn to reach out to others. God inspires, provokes, guides and accompanies us in a thousand ways’. Life can be challenging, but we can maintain a spirit of joy and gratitude even amidst the many demands on us.

As the Risen Christ, Jesus set his disciples off on a missionary journey to become involved in people’s everyday lives and to spread goodness. Pope Francis writes of his dream of a modern day ‘missionary impulse’, one that will transform the world through dialogue, celebration and charitable outreach. St Joseph’s School, as a Catholic school, has an important role to play in this, in partnership with families and the Parish. Pope Francis reflects that what counts above all else is ‘faith working through love’ (Gal 5:6), which is central to our motto ‘In all things love’.

An important message for all of us in ‘The Joy of the Gospel’ is that the road to goodness can be travelled in small steps. How often do we feel that we take three steps forward and two back? I know that I do! I stumble and I make mistakes. I am sometimes fearful and lose courage. It’s human nature and all part of the learning process. I remain inspired, however, by faith and by these words from Pope Francis that God ‘invites us to take a step forward, but does not demand a full response if we are not yet ready. He simply asks that we sincerely look at our life and present ourselves honestly before him, and that we be willing to continue to grow’ (p.37).

It has been an amazing term, full of love and learning, but now it is time to rest and recharge the batteries. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday with friends and family.

Around School

The hectic pace of Term 1 continues this week with Activities Week from Year 7 to 12 and swimming lessons for Year 1-5.

We have been in touch with Year 10s in Canberra, receiving photos of their excursions, and with Year 9 groups on the bush walk in Lincoln National Park. Dr Hewson and Mrs Browne visited the Year 8 girls at Dutton Bay and the boys at Nyroca, all of whom were enjoying their time together and challenging themselves with some experiences they had not encountered previously. Today Dr Hewson and Father Steve called in at the Year 11 and Year 12 Retreats and saw our senior students engaged in activities allowing for reflection and gratitude. Year 7s returned from Errappa yesterday afternoon, having performed some high rope actions and learnt more about team-building

Swimming classes have been fun and highly successful, as always, with students making noticeable progress in their short but intensive program.

Many thanks to parents for their support of the various activities and also to teachers for their planning, organisation and commitment.

It’s A Girl!

We were thrilled to hear that Mrs Jess Treasure had her baby last week - Gracie Ellen. Congratulations to Jess and her husband, Dusty, on the arrival of their first daughter and best wishes to all the family.
**Bishop Greg O'Kelly**

Whilst Bishop Greg has been making encouraging progress after his major heart surgery in 2015, recent medical tests have resulted in a diagnosis of bowel cancer. Bishop Greg is presently in hospital and will undergo surgery in the coming days. He would be most appreciative of your prayers for healing and strength at this challenging time. Let us ask St Mary of the Cross and St Gregory for their intercession also.

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**ANZAC Day Display**

With a valuable part of Australia's history being commemorated during the middle of the school holidays, why not get your family involved in helping us set up our ANZAC Day display. We are looking for helpers to assist us in decorating our front school fence with poppies.

This will be happening on **Friday, 22nd April** from **9:00am**. Your help would be appreciated.

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**Student Safety**

Students and families are reminded to be wary of approaches from strangers, especially when they are unaccompanied or travelling to and from school. If they are approached students should not respond and should not accept offers of rides or gifts.

Students should seek the assistance of other nearby adults if they feel unsafe and should report the event to a trusted adult (parent or school staff member) as soon as possible.

SAPOL advises that taking out a mobile phone and calling Police can deter the offender and they recommend the student make a formal report to their closest police station.

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**Traffic Safety**

Please observe the 10km per hour speed limit when driving in and around school and Parish grounds at all times. The safety of our community is very important. Several concerns have been raised recently and unsafe driving will be reported.

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**Chinese Visitors Arriving**

Next term, on July 1st, we have 16 students visiting our school from Huantai Experimental School in China. They are from the school we have a partnership with and this will be the 4th year a delegation has visited our school. I am hoping some families would be happy to host one or two students in their homes for 5 nights and allow them to join in your after school activities and family life. It would be a great opportunity for students to get to know a Chinese student and show them our lifestyle which is so different from theirs. Please email me at sallyi@sjspl.catholic.edu.au if you are interested or would like more information.

**Sally Izzo**

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**DECD Buses**

Just a reminder that DECD buses will run at 2.30pm TOMORROW (Last day of term). As we have normal dismissal time, this may have implications for your children. Please arrange for alternative collection of your child/ren tomorrow.

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**Canteen News**

Next term, the Canteen will offer Winter Specials – a choice of two hot dishes each day. These specials will change weekly and will be available in standard or smaller servings (for our younger students). With food handling concerns and time considerations involved in Canteen staff reheating food sent from home, we encourage parents to allow their children to try these new lunches as an option. Alternatively, purchasing a food thermos for hot foods from home seems to successfully keep food warm until lunch time.

Once again, we are mindful of the importance of healthy eating and being kind to the environment by trying to offer these choices.

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**Survey**

If you have a spare minute please take the time to quickly answer some multiple choice questions to give us some future direction in regards to Waste Free Wednesday and our focus on environmental sustainability and healthy eating. Your opinions are valued and you will remain anonymous.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/N35X3YN
A Message from Father Steve

- It is Beautiful to Be Old -

Last Sunday’s Gospel concludes with the risen Lord speaking some powerful words to the apostle, Peter: I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go.

These words equally speak powerfully about the condition of old age. Old age is often accompanied by physical and mental decline and by a loss of independence and an increasing dependence on others.

In November 2012 Pope Benedict visited a home for the elderly in Rome. During his visit he gave a speech. It is a beautiful meditation on old age. The Holy Father began: I come to you as Bishop of Rome, but also as an old man visiting his peers...... although I am aware of the difficulties that our age entails I would like to tell you with deep conviction, it is beautiful to be old. We must never let ourselves be imprisoned by sorrow! We have received the gift of longevity. Living is beautiful even at our age, despite some ‘aches and pains’ and a few limitations. In our faces there must always be the joy of feeling loved by God and not sadness.

The quality of a society, (indeed) a civilization, is judged by how it treats elderly people and by the place it gives them in community life. Those who make room for the elderly make room for life! Those who welcome the elderly welcome life! When life becomes frail, in the years of old age, it never loses its value and its dignity: each one of us, at any stage of life, is wanted and loved by God, each one is important and necessary.

In so many of our families there is an unbreakable communion of love between grandparents and great-grandparents and their grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Pope Benedict spoke of this when he commented. I would like to reaffirm that the elderly are a value for society, especially for the young. There can be no human growth and education without fruitful contact with the elderly, because their life itself is like an open book in which the young generations may find precious indications for their journey through life.

We are graced to have in our Community Matthew Flinders Home and Pioneer Village – caring for the elderly, the sick and the frail. Let us celebrate and thank God for the presence of the old who are a rich part of the fabric of our families and communities. And let us care for them with joy and great love. Their contribution to our lives is both unique and irreplaceable.

Please keep Bishop Greg O’Kelly SJ in your daily prayers as he recovers from his latest health scare.

SJS Media Watch

Have you liked our Facebook Page yet?

We have uploaded a little clip from Swimming Lessons. Check it out. We will post Activity Week photos as soon as they are all in. If your son/daughter has photos taken from Activity Week which might be suitable for school use, they can email Mrs Easton on mareee@sjspl.catholic.edu.au. Please do not reduce the quality of the photo by resizing them.

We would love to know what you think about our Facebook page. You are most welcome to email Mrs Easton on the above email address and let us know what you like, what you would like to see on our page and if you would like to see more mini movies of events which happen around our school or do you prefer still shots.

Community News

Tackle World, Port Lincoln is running a school holiday fishing competition. Must register at Tackle World on Hallet Place prior to 6.00pm Friday, 15th April. Week 1 begins Saturday, 16th April - Friday, 22nd April, 2016 and Week 2 begins Saturday, 23rd April - Friday, 29th April, 2016. Gold coin donation - all proceeds go to ‘Love for Lani’ fundraiser. For more information, contact Alicia at Tackle World on 8682 4550 or 0403 007 465. You can also like them on Facebook. It’s all about fishing and having fun!

Junior Table Tennis Coaching Program

Date: Tuesday, 3rd May at Table Tennis Stadium, Coronation Place. 5.00pm - 6.00pm. Students 8 Years and over. $30.00 for 10 week program. Contact Barry on 0459330444.

Lincoln South Football Club

Lincoln South Football Club are looking for players for our under 9 and under 11 teams (both boys and girls can play at this level). If you would like guaranteed game time each week and to learn new skills come and try out on Wednesday nights at Centenary Oval, U9 4-5pm and U11 4.30-5.30pm. For more info contact Kyron Cocks on 0455 174 606.
## St Joseph's School
### Canteen Menu Term 2, 2016

#### Everyday Hot Selection
- Chicken Caesar Wrap* 5.00
- Sw. Chilli Chicken Tender Roll 5.50
- Flat Things 4.20
  - ham & cheese
  - ham, cheese, tomato
  - chicken & cheese
  - chicken, cheese, tomato
- Hot Potato * 5.50
  (Please choose from: ham, cheese, pineapple, coleslaw, beetroot, sour cream)
- Hot Dog 3.30
  - with cheese 3.70
  - with ham & cheese 4.20
- Half Hot Dog 2.30
- Meat Pie or Pasty 3.90
- Vegetarian Pasty 3.90
- Sausage Roll 3.30
- Cheese & Bacon Sausage Roll 3.30
- Fried Rice* 4.20
- Mini Pizza Single 2.60
- Nuggets & Wedges with Tomato or BBQ Sauce 4.50

#### Salads *
- Piece of Fresh Fruit 1.20
- Fruit Salad 3.60
- Pasta Salad 3.60
- Chicken Caesar Salad 5.50
- Quiche 4.00
  - with salad 5.50

#### Sometimes Snacks

### HOMEMADE DAILY

#### WINTER SPECIALS
- Changing each week
- Check Canteen for hot specials available

### Sandwiches * (white or grain)

- Vegemite 2.00
- Cheese or Tomato 2.50
- Chicken, Ham or Tuna 3.70
  - with salad 6.20
- Salad Sandwich 5.20
- Roll or Wrap add 1.00
  (Half wraps also available)

**Salad** = lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot and cheese

#### Extras

- Lettuce 0.40
- Tomato 0.40
- Cheese 0.40
- Cucumber 0.40
- Carrot 0.40
- Beetroot 0.40
- Gherkin 0.40
- Egg 0.50
- Avocado 1.00

#### Drinks

- Mt Franklin Water 600ml* 2.70
- Pop Top Juice 2.20
- Daily Orange Juice 500ml 3.60
- Big M Milk 2.70
- Flavoured Milk (small) 3.30
- Flavoured Milk (large) 3.90
- Iced Tea 3.60
- Deep Spring 500ml 3.60
- Organic Fruit Juice 2.30
- Fruit Box 2.20

* Healthy choices eat everyday
Other choices eat occasionally
SOUPS – TERM 2, 2016
AVAILABLE EVERY DAY
$2.50 PER CUP
SOUP IS FULLY HOMEMADE AND MADE FRESH BY CANTEEN STAFF EACH WEEK.

WEEK 1 - CHICKEN NOODLE
WEEK 2 - PEA & HAM
WEEK 3 - CHICKEN VEGETABLE
WEEK 4 - PUMPKIN
WEEK 5 - CHICKEN VEGETABLE
WEEK 6 - CHICKEN NOODLE
WEEK 7 - PEA & HAM
WEEK 8 - CHICKEN VEGETABLE
WEEK 9 - PUMPKIN
WEEK 10 - CHICKEN NOODLE

**SOUP ROLL  80c**
Sherpa Kids St Joseph’s School
Pupil Free Day
Monday 2nd May 2016

Contact your friendly Sherpa Kids team:
Come along for a fun day of camping
(bring a tent to pitch)!

Cost $60 (minus CCB/CCR entitlements)
Contact: Megan
Ph. 0419 524 563

*Bookings close Tuesday 26/4/2016, minimum 10 children*

LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED