Prayer
God of love and mercy, you call us to witness to your presence in our midst and to share your love with each other. Help us to celebrate the presence of each other and all those in our school community. We ask this through Jesus, the gift of your love.

Amen

This week we have proudly celebrated Catholic Education Week, which has been held simultaneously from 13th to 20th May in all our Catholic schools. You may have seen the wonderful Guide to Catholic Schools that appeared in The Advertiser on 7th May which detailed some of the rich history of Catholic schooling in South Australia since the 1860s, a tradition we are very much part of since the first school founded in Penola in 1866 was established by Mary MacKillop and the Sisters of St Joseph and the Sacred Heart.

Twenty percent of students in South Australia are educated in Catholic schools and there is a reason that parents are making this choice. The learning experiences are grounded in Catholic values and beliefs, ‘every child matters’ and the uniqueness of each student is celebrated and developed.

Open Night was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the diverse talents of our students and see our learning environment in action. Thank you to all students and parents who came along as there was a great buzz around the school. There was plenty to see and do, from programming the Bee-Bots in the Resource Centre, blowing bubbles in the Science Labs, listening to our talented singers and musicians from Reception to Year 12, or sampling great coffee and cake in the refurbished General Purpose room, or delicious baked potatoes in the Food and Hospitality area.

There was something for everyone and I hope that parents really enjoyed the opportunity to visit classrooms and see work on display and hear students participate in a range of presentations and activities. It was heart-warming to hear so many positive and appreciative comments from parents about their children’s experiences at St Joseph’s.

Thank you to the parents and coaches of the Sailing Team who ran a successful fundraising BBQ, and to the parents who donated cakes for the cafe which was run by members of our new Community Relations Committee.

I am also sincerely grateful to all staff who gave so generously of their time and effort to make the evening such a success. When there is so much in the news about declining standards in education across Australia, it is easy to forget that teaching is a challenging, but immensely rewarding vocation.
"Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body." [James 3:1-2]. In choosing teaching as a vocation I know that teachers at St Joseph’s strive to fulfil our mission. "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace" [1 Peter 4:10] 

If you did not get an opportunity to purchase a Lucky Square, our Door of Mercy will be in the Front Office for a few more days. All funds raised from this will go to Catholic Missions. It is important to remember that as a Catholic school we are part of a much greater mission of care, support and social justice across the world.

Coinciding with Catholic Education Week, our Year 7 students participated in a Retreat at the Sailing Club, students and staff have enjoyed some Christian meditation and there have been some great contemporary prayer activities.

I also had the pleasure this week, accompanied by our three fantastic Reception teachers, of attending an evening meeting at Bishop Kindy to talk about early childhood education at St Joseph’s, a wonderful adventure of inquiry, exploration and fun in learning.

We will have more photos from Open Night on our School Facebook Page as soon as possible. Please remember to like and share our page.

Catholic Education Week
This week Catholic Schools throughout South Australia celebrated Catholic Education Week: a time to showcase and celebrate the wonderful work and faith formation that is occurring in our schools. At St Joseph’s School we are fortunate to have fantastic facilities, committed and dedicated teachers and leaders and inspiring role models such as St Mary of the Cross Mackillop, St Joseph and of course, Jesus Christ. Catholic Education Week was an opportunity to recognise and appreciate our special School community and our School charisma and ethos, where each member is encouraged to reach their full potential, and live their lives according to Gospel and Josephite values.

Cara Camp
Next weekend, 15 of our Year 10 and 11 students will volunteer as ‘buddies’ for children with disabilities on the annual Cara Camp at Trinity Haven. Cara (Community Accommodation Respite Agency) run these camps to provide carers of these children with some respite, as well as some fun activities for the children to participate in – something which they rarely get the opportunity to do.

It is the 6th year that our students have been involved in this activity, and I sincerely thank them for their generosity of time and spirit, commitment and positive attitude which they are applying to the camp. They have undergone training from the Cara organisation to help prepare them for the various activities with the children.

I am sure they will be an invaluable assistance to the children on camp, and I hope they enjoy the camp experience as much as the children will.

We thank the following students for donating their time to such a worthy cause:

Year 10
Yasmin Ross
Hannah Pycroft
Xanthia Clark
Miriam Santic
Chloe Hall
Bree Neale
Olivia Murray
Georgia Kenny

Year 11
Kiara Baillie
Jack Woods
Cameron Forbes
Mikayla Montgomerie
Kristy Holman
Isabella Hill
Kaidy Morgan

Faith Formation
Confirmation
This Saturday evening at 6pm Mass, a group of students from Year 7 will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. This special event of their faith journey sees them sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and the challenge to live these out in their daily lives. Thank you to Year 7 Religious Education Teachers Ms Liz Munday and Mrs Julie Osborne for preparing these students for this significant Sacrament. Thank you also to Fr Steve and Fr Adrian for their assistance in celebrating this occasion with the students.

Congratulations to the following students:
Max Coote
Skye Doudle
Tasmin Durdin
Daniel Gobin
Cameron Izzo
Jade Kolpandinos
Dakota Lawrence
Ruby Linton
Gabriella McArthur
Max Murray
Sinead Schubert
Luca Semmens
Sara Vitlov
Remi Woods
Cooper Heron
Tommy McNab

St Joe’s Entertains at Nursing Home
Earlier this week Kate Laube (Year 9) performed as part of a weekly series of afternoon concerts at Matthew Flinders Nursing Home.

Music students from Year 7 - 11 are involved in these performances which currently occurring throughout Term 2 as a response to a request from nursing home staff.

This is another great example of students engaging with the local community.
Welcome

New students who have joined St Joseph’s this week are Elke Shepperd (Year 5) and Skye Rowett (Year 10). We welcome both of these girls and trust that they will feel at home in their new classes.

Cancer Council Fundraiser

On Tuesday, SJS staff enjoyed their "Biggest Morning Tea", raising $420.00 for the Cancer Council. Thank you to all who contributed and especially to Mrs Nola Samuel for organising this.

Gymkhana

Congratulations to the students who represented St Joseph’s at the Gymkhana on Monday 16th May. Mrs Tracy Baldwin accompanied the riders at Ravendale and reported that they all enjoyed a successful day. Well done to Secondary students Angie McGeever, Alice van den Broek, Catherine Southam, Emma Stefano and Dylan Porter and to Primary students Cate Rudland and Saraya Hardie.

Muroto Visit

James Lyon-Green-Rudland (Year 11) and Eric Deng (Year 10) recently went to Japan as part of the Muroto Delegation. Below is what the boys had to say about their trip.

‘I recently went on a two week trip to one of Port Lincoln’s sister cities in Japan called Muroto. During our stay in Muroto we visited places including Muroto’s schools, temples and participated in a traditional tea ceremony. I really enjoyed participation in this trip because I have never been overseas and really enjoy learning the Japanese language.’

James

‘The two weeks that I had spent in Japan were an awesome experience, visiting places by train or bullet train to Hiroshima, Nara and much more. We experienced the traditional style of Japanese living as well as visiting the very modern parts of Japan such as Akihabara in Tokyo. Our hosts and the Muroto friendship committee in Muroto were wonderful making every effort to make sure we enjoyed or experienced almost everything in Kochi, such as the Kochi castle. The 15 of us all shed a tear when we had to leave but I’m sure this trip is something we will all never forget.

Eric

Year 12 Visual Arts and Creative Arts

Last term, at the end of Week 10, our Year 12 Visual Arts and Creative Arts students went to Adelaide for an Arts excursion. The itinerary included a tour of the UniSA City West Photography and Art department, viewing the SACE Arts Exhibition at the Light Square Gallery, a tour of the Adelaide Centre of the Arts facilities, taking part in a screen printing workshop at ‘Tooth and Nail’, and a visit to Eckersley’s Art store for demonstrations of products.

The purpose of attending this excursion to Adelaide every year is to inspire our students to create work for their Year 12 Visual Arts and Creative Arts assessment tasks. Although it is a long day it is a great opportunity to build on the students’ creativity, as well as offering them the opportunity to learn more about pursuing a creative career, if that is of interest to them.

Student, Amanda Lawrie said, ‘it was very inspiring and everything we did was helpful for our tasks ahead’.

Sailing Team Fundraiser

Our School Sailing Team has successfully qualified to compete at the Australian Secondary Schools Team Racing Championships at Goolwa in July.

Just a reminder about the St Joseph’s School Sailing Team Fundraiser Movie Night screening, ‘Finding Dory’ on Thursday, 16th June at 7.00pm. A movie for all ages, please secure your tickets as soon as possible. For tickets please phone Kelly on 0429 835 036 or purchase at the School Front Office (cash purchases only). Adults $15.00 Children/Students $12.00.

Walk Safely to School Day - TOMORROW

Tomorrow, Friday, 20th May is Walk Safely to School Day. Now in its 17th year, this event encourages all Primary school children, their parents and carers to walk and commute regularly and safely to school. It is a community event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment. Students may wear PE uniform and House team shirts.

To find out more information about ‘Walk Safely to School Day’, please visit www.walk.com.au

Gymnastics Program

Beginning next week, our Year 3 and 4 students have the opportunity to participate in a Gymnastics program at the Port Lincoln Gymnastics Club. Qualified instructors will run a four-week program, with students participating in 4 x 1 hour sessions. The chance to experience this aspect of Physical Education and learn new skills is the result of a grant obtained by Mrs Tracy Baldwin. We are confident that the students will enjoy these PE lessons!
Uniform Shop Hours
Monday & Wednesday
3.00pm—5.00pm

St Mary of the Angels Parish Mass Times
Saturday Evening at 6.00pm
Sunday Morning at 9.00am
First Sunday of each Month
- Coffin Bay at 6.00pm
Second Sunday of each Month
- Youth Mass at 6.00pm

Uniform Shop News
Just a reminder that the sports polar fleece jumper is now available at the Uniform Shop during opening hours.

Uniform Shop Money Collection
The following people are welcome to collect their money (Under $20) from the Uniform Shop during opening hours.

Snaps from Around School

Playgroup
Year 5 Girls
Resource Centre
Year 12 Girls Self Defence

Canteen Roster - Week 4 Term 4

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If you are unable to attend your rostered day, please contact Val Ingerson on 8683 2400 at School or 8682 6457 at home.

Soup: Pumpkin $2.50  Roll: 80c
Week 4 Hot Meals - Cottage Pie
Small serve $3.50  Large Serve $5.50
Nachos - $3.70

Our New Frogs have been named!
At Open Night last night the Biology Lab ran a competition to name the two latest additions to their pet collection.
Congratulations to Amy Penna for choosing the successful names.

Kermit
Miss Piggy
St Joseph’s School
Sailing Team Fundraiser

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in July, 2016 at
Goolwa, South Australia
and needs your support!

7.00pm Thursday, 16th June 2016
at Youthoria Cinema - Port Lincoln

Adults - $15.00   Children/Students - $12.00

Tickets are available at
St Joseph’s School Front Office
or call Kelly on 0429 835 036

Please help us get across the line by showing your support!