COMING EVENTS

Friday, 23rd September
- Ready 4 School
- Year 5 Camp Mikkira Station

Tuesday, 27th September
- Reception - Year 2 Learning Journey
- Year 6/7 Netball Carnival Cummins

Thursday, 29th September
- Year 12 Trading Table in front of Post Office (3.00-4.30pm)

Friday, 30th September
- Reception - Year 12 Liturgy (10.30am)
- Final Day Term 3 (2.20pm finish)

Monday, 17th October
- First Day of Term 4
- Year 7 - 12 Parent Teacher Interviews

Friday, 21st October
- Year 9 NET Retreat

Saturday, 22nd - Sunday, 23 October
- Relay for Life

Wednesday, 26th October
- Year 12 Final Day

Thursday, 29th October
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Prayer
May you walk gently in your life and in the lives of others.
May you recognise what is holy ground for yourself and others.
May you leave footprints of love wherever you tread.
May you recognise God’s presence in your daily life.
May you leave this term behind confident in yourself
May you continually grow in friendship with God and others.
Amen

A Message From Our Principal

Our Doors Are Open
As we approach the end of Term 3, I look back and wonder how we have managed to pack so much into a few short weeks. There is always a learning activity, excursion, sporting competition or community event to engage students and to involve parents. The teacher/parent/student learning conferences which have taken place this week in the primary years are just one example of our doors being open. We like nothing more than conversations about student learning and wellbeing.

Behind the scenes there has been a great deal of activity already in preparation for next year. With a more clearly defined structure of Primary School (R-6), Middle School (Years 7-9) and Senior School (Years 10-12) in 2017, we will need staff in place to lead changes which will build on the good work done over many years. As a result, this term has been a busy but energizing one for me as I have enjoyed many wonderful conversations in interviews with our teachers who have a real passion for leading St Joseph’s into the future with vision, energy and innovation.

Enrolment interviews have also continued throughout the term and our doors are always open for any family interested in joining the St Joseph’s community. We are still taking enrolment enquiries into Term 4 for next year so please let your friends and family know that it is not too late to make an application for enrolment or just come in for a chat about possibilities. Enquiries are welcome in all year levels and for our Boarding House, which is ahead of schedule and due to be ready in the new year. We will always do what we can to support parents’ hope and commitment to Catholic education and know that sometimes fees can seem a barrier to choice. There are many ways we can support families in managing the costs of schooling, particularly if times get a bit tough, so this should not be a deterrent to an education at St Joseph’s for your child.

Our Ready 4 School Program is being well attended by children who are enrolled to join us in Reception next year. This program is one of the ways that children are supported in their transition to school, with more formal transition activities for all new students scheduled for Term 4. We have made the decision to continue with three small classes in Reception next year, as we know this provides the optimum learning environment for children in their first year at school.

All senior students should have completed subject selection and we are currently organising elective choices for students in the Middle School. There are some great new subjects on offer next year, including Robotics in Year 9 and Nutrition, Psychology and Media Studies in the Senior School. Small classes will again provide an optimum learning environment to empower students to succeed. Term 3 is perhaps the busiest term for schools in the work that goes on behind the scenes to plan for the following year. Always the aim is to provide the most positive, engaging, safe and successful learning environment for students. If you would like to come and see this for yourself, our doors are always open.

SJS ‘Face of Mercy’
This week we congratulate Skye Doudle for the fantastic spiritual reflection artwork which she was inspired to create after a visit from Fr Paul Crotty to share his vocation story.
University Graduation
Miss Courtney Redden celebrated her graduation of a Bachelor of Middle-Secondary Education and a Bachelor of Arts at Flinders on the 20th September. Courtney studied a Double Major in Visual Arts and Health Education. She is loving her time at St Joseph’s School as the Year 9 - 12 Art and Photography Teacher. The best thing about learning is that it never stops and Courtney insists she is learning every single day which is nourishing for creativity especially.

Canteen News
Canteen Manager
Hello, my name is Sally Bawden and I am super excited to be the new Canteen Manager. I am a former scholar and boarder so I’m enjoying all the memories that being back on the school grounds brings. I currently live in Tumby Bay with my partner, Michael, we have three boys between us and two beautiful dogs. We are also farmers so life is great but very busy!

My first few days have involved getting familiar with the everyday runnings of the canteen and getting to know some of the fantastic students who have visited. I have been so grateful to Christina for her never-ending patience and guidance.

I am very much a foodie and very passionate about what we feed our children. My aim is to revise the existing menu, with minimum preservatives, fats and sugars but packed with flavour. There will be a few new things and a few of the old familiar things as we clear stock. We must instill healthy eating habits into our children as early as possible so it carries onto adulthood. I want students and staff to have healthy options every day. It is important that parents are confident that the food their children are consuming at school is both healthy and tasty.

We are desperately seeking volunteers for our canteen. It will take a lot more time and effort to prepare the new fabulous menu so if you would love to be a part of making a healthier canteen please come in and meet with me or send me an email at stjosephspluckshop@spotless.com.au. It is only a couple of hours out of your day and a great social time, plus kids love seeing mum, dad or the grandparents in the canteen. Many hands make light work!

We aim to provide a quality service to the school community. To help achieve this, we welcome your feedback. The school has set up a short online survey and we would value your time and appreciate your responses. The survey is available until Monday, 17th October at the following link – https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/StJosephsCanteenT32016

I hope to see you in the canteen soon!
Sally

Year 12 Senior Leaders
At the end of this term, our current Year 12 Senior Leaders conclude their leadership tenure. These students have been fantastic ambassadors of our school, and have led our school community with integrity, maturity and a strong desire to celebrate our school spirit and learning environment. They have been a pleasure to work with and we wish them the very best as they conclude their final assessments and prepare for their examinations.

Congratulations to
School Captains: Millie Russell, Jamie Doudle
School Vice-Captains: Chloe Orchard, Abby Ryan, Sam Dawson, Charlie Muecke.

We are currently in the process of electing our six new Senior Leaders who will represent our community for the remainder of this year and the first three terms of next year, and we look forward to announcing this group early next term.

National Evangelisation Team
This group of young Christian adults travel around Australia spreading God’s word and working with young people in schools and parishes. The Team will be coming to Port Lincoln early next term from Thursday 20th October until Monday 24th October. During this time they will lead a Retreat Day on the Friday with our Year 9 students, and work in the Parish over the weekend.

The team is hosted by families around Australia, so we are looking for some of our school families to volunteer to host some of the team - they are only able to be billeted in at least pairs. If you are able to assist with this, please contact Kate Benjamin at school on 8683 2400 or kate.benjamin@sjspl.catholic.edu.au

Reconciliation
This evening at 7pm a group of Year 3 students will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. We thank Fr Steve and Fr Adrian for guiding the students through this process, and their class teachers Mrs Jane Morris, Mrs Catherine Taylor, Mrs Kelly Webber and Mrs Libby Carr, along with Primary REC Miss Jen Deer, for preparing these students.
Hair Policy
A number of male students are currently presenting at school in breach of the Hair Policy, particularly the requirement that: “At all times all students’ hair is to be kept neat and clean.” Please ensure that your son complies with a reasonable standard of presentation.

Sausage Sizzle
Next Thursday, 29th September, the end of term will be celebrated with a lunchtime sausage sizzle fundraiser. Sausages will be $1 each, and we are hoping to raise enough money to purchase more plants for the garden beds around the school.

School Laptop Program
A parent information session will be held Thursday, 3rd November at 7pm in the staff room. We invite all parents of students who will be in Year 8 in 2017, or any other parents looking at purchasing a computer for students in Years 9-12 (2017), to attend. Please RSVP to the front office by Wednesday, 2nd November.

Reception - Year 2 Learning Journey
Next Tuesday, 27th of September between 9.00 - 9.30 am, all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Classes will be holding a learning journey in their classrooms. This is an opportunity for each child to share their work and term’s learning with those they are closest to.

Sherpa Kids
Sherpa Kids Port Lincoln Vacation Care. Enrol Now! Hurry places are limited. Please email or call to secure your child’s place.
Director: Megan Beard
Phone: 0419 524 563 | Email: ptlincoln@sherpa-kids.com.au
Community News

Carols on the Foreshore
Friday 9th December. Santa Claus, Rudolph and Bakana Bilby on stage for the kids. Community entertainment from 6 pm.
Carols begin at 7.30 pm, with a live band and singers, plus an enthusiastic community choir. Food stalls and free programs provided by the Port Lincoln Times. Come along and enjoy a great family night out to kick off the Christmas season.
Further details: Grant Wilson - Phone: 0427 393 692
Email: grant-anne@hotmail.com

Re-New Hope
Re-New Hope on South Point. Sunday, 2nd October, 12 noon - 3.00 pm. South Point Drive (lawn), Port Lincoln. Pre-loved big brands | Clothing | Shoes | Accessories and more. Bring the family for a fun filled afternoon of activity with all proceeds to make a big difference to one family in need of hope for a big cause!

Port Lincoln Library School Holiday Workshops
Under the Sea themed activities, Dog Safety for kids, story time, writing workshops with Eyre Writers and Code Club Sessions. For more information regarding school holiday sessions/workshops contact the Port Lincoln Library.

Kids in the Kitchen
Italian Classics (6-9 Years) 9.30am - 12.00pm | 4, 7, 11, 14 October 2016. Meatballs with Spaghettii, Chicken Scalopponi, Chocolate Mousse with Filigrees.
Swedish Delights (10-13 Years) 1.00pm - 3.30pm | 4, 7, 11, 14 October 2016. Poached Pear Pastry with coulis, Chicken Scalopponi, Chocolate Mousse with Filigrees.
To enrol visit: www.eventopia.co and purchase your ticket now. Limited positions available. $40 per person. For more information contact Tafe SA.

Port Lincoln Yacht Club School Holiday Sailing
To start the 2016/17 season the PLYC is hosting the 1st leg of the Youth Tri Series and Cadet State Titles including training. October 1st & 2nd - Yachting SA - Tri Series and Cadet State Titles - Youth regatta for current sailors
October 4th & 5th – Yachting SA – Optimist Coaching
• This is a 2 day coaching clinic with Yachting SA coach
• A great opportunity for junior sailors to improve their Opti skills
• Cost is $50 per child for the 2 day clinic
Please register your interest on the Yachting South Australia Website or contact Ben Kelsey on 0419 828 626

The Tumby Bay Show Boat
The Tumby Bay Show Boat will be held on the 21st, January 2017 at The Soldiers Memorial Hall Tumby Bay. Seeking nominations for “Talent on Eyre”. Open to all ages and categories, come and dazzle us with your unique talent! Cash prizes to be won for The Judge’s and The People’s Choice winners and runners up in both Adults & Juniors. Nominations close 30th November 2016. For nomination forms & more information: Phone 0428 314 334 | 0428 550 194 | 8688 2820 or email: kirchb@live.com.au | bevollivier@bigpond.com
Email: ts143@aapt.net.au
Proceeds from this event will go towards improvements to “The Tumby Bay Soldiers Memorial Hall”.

Message from Fr Steve

A new Saint for the Universal Church: St Teresa of Calcutta
Earlier this month, the Holy Father, Pope Francis canonized the Albanian-born nun and founder of the Missionaries of Charity as St. Teresa of Calcutta. She was very human ... she loved chocolate and ice cream.

In September 1928, aged eighteen and moved by a desire to become a missionary, Gonxha Agnes left her home to join the Sisters of Loreto in Ireland. There she received the name Sister Mary Teresa after St. Therese of Lisieux. She loved how Therese pointed the way to holiness through fidelity in small things.

On 17th August, 1948, Mother Teresa dressed for the first time in a white, blue-bordered sari and passed through the gates of her beloved Loreto Convent to enter the world of the poor. She started each day with many hours in prayer and in communion with Jesus in the Eucharist and then went out, rosary in hand, to find and serve Christ in the unwanted, the unloved and the uncared for. After some months, she was joined, one by one, by her former students. A new congregation, the Missionaries of Charity was born.

By the early 1960’s Mother Teresa’s Sisters were present in other parts of India, then spreading to every continent of the globe.

The whole of Mother Teresa’s life and labour bore witness to the joy of loving, the greatness and dignity of every human person, the value of little things done faithfully and with love, and the surpassing worth of friendship with God.

On 5th September, 1997 Mother Teresa’s earthly life came to an end. She left a testament of unshakeable faith, invincible hope and extraordinary charity. Her canonization, as St. Teresa of Calcutta, is the Church’s formal proclamation that she is with God and can intercede on behalf of those who pray for her assistance. She stands as a beacon of compassion and mercy to a world so often marked by violence, apathy, neglect and indifference. She knew that the mission field was vast but all of us can make a difference: If you can’t feed a hundred people, then feed just one.

Pope Francis at the Canonisation Mass said: “Mother Teresa loved to say, Perhaps I don’t speak their language, but I can smile”. Let us carry her smile in our hearts and give it to those whom we meet along our journey, especially those who suffer.
Sherpa Kids Port Lincoln
Vacation Care
OPEN NOW

HURRY - PLACES ARE LIMITED!!!!
Please email or call to book your child's place
Director - Megan Beard
Phone: 0419 524 563
Email: ptlincoln@sherpa-kids.com.au

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