COMING EVENTS

Thursday, 3rd November
- School Laptop Program Parent Information Night 7.00pm

Friday, 4th November
- Reception Transition Visit 9.00-11.00am

Saturday, 5th - Sunday, 6th November
- Boarders Exeat

Monday, 7th - Monday, 21st November
- Year 12 Exams

Tuesday, 8th November
- Year 8 Immunisations
- Grandparents Day
- Year 12 Art Exhibit Opening

Wednesday, 9th - Thursday, 24th November
- School Board Meeting

Thursday, 10th November
- Applied Personal Learning Expo

Friday, 11th November
- Reception Transition Visit 9.00 - 11.45am
- Remembrance Day

SJS ‘Face of Mercy’
This week we congratulate

Kristy Holman
for being such a polite and mature young lady, who is always willing to help others and has a friendly and bubbly attitude towards everyone.

Prayer
Dear Holy Saints of God, we join our prayers of praise to yours this day. With you, we sing of God's goodness, rejoice in God's mercy and celebrate God's incredible love. Teach us to live as you lived - always thinking of others, always recognising our weaknesses, always rejoicing in God's gifts, always closely following Jesus. Blessed are you, all you Holy Saints of God. Pray for us that we, too, may someday be among God's Holy Ones. Amen.

A Message From Our Principal

Last Friday was World Teachers’ Day, a time to acknowledge teachers for the important role they play, in partnership with parents and caregivers, for nurturing and educating the most precious gift we are given, our children. Occasionally I receive emails or calls from parents and members of our wider community who have taken the time to express gratitude and praise for something they have seen a teacher do, or an activity that has been organised, that has had a positive impact on students. These are heart-warming messages and very much appreciated.

I don’t know if there is also a day for Educational Support Officers (ESOs), but if there isn’t, there should be! St Joseph’s School would be a very different place without the wonderful team of staff we have, who contribute to the day-to-day operation of our busy learning community. So, as we thank and acknowledge teachers, I’d also like to express my gratitude to the many people who enable us to work effectively: the fantastic ESOs who support student learning in the classroom and run intervention programs; the dedicated administration team who work in many different roles to assist students and parents, and the maintenance team who keep our environment safe and beautiful. From the uniform shop to the canteen, the Science lab to the Boarding House, from first enrolment to farewell and the many beautiful photographs shared with families in the process, there is a great team of staff who seek to make your experience at St Joseph’s as positive as possible.

I also thank you, parents and families, for your care, support and affirmation of our vision, values and practice. Your role, as the first and foremost educators of your children is the most significant of all. Like teaching, parenting is challenging as well as rewarding, and ‘thank you’ may be heard less often than we might like. So thank you. Our students are beautiful young people and we are on this journey together.
R-12 End of Year Liturgy
We will be celebrating our R-12 End of Year Liturgy on Friday, 2nd December at 10am in the School Gymnasium. This liturgy celebrates the many blessings our school community has received during the year, and also gives us a chance to farewell the Year 12s, through the traditional and special ‘Shake and Take’ ceremony. All families are warmly invited to attend this liturgy.

All Saints’ and All Souls’ Day
This week we have celebrated two significant days - All Saints’ Day (November 1st) and All Souls’ Day (November 2nd.) All Saints’ Day is described as “a celebration of the communion of saints, those people we believe are in heaven, through good works and God’s grace.” All Souls’ Day is a commemoration of the faithfully departed and is dedicated to all who have died. This is a time to remember all those in our minds and hearts who have passed away, and to pray for them. It is also a call to live as saints, to remind us how we’re supposed to live.

Vinnies Badge Day
On Friday, Week 1 of this term, a large group of Year 8 and 10 students gave up some time to help local St Vincent de Paul volunteers to collect donations at various locations for the Annual Badge Day. Thank you to these students for representing themselves and our school so positively, and for assisting with the raising of donations for those less fortunate in our community.

Relay for Life
On the weekend of the 22nd to 23rd October, five staff and eight Year 10-12 students from St Joseph’s participated with 20 other teams in the Relay for Life. The aim of this event is to show support for those affected by cancer, and to raise funds for the Cancer Council. Team ‘StJ Sleepwalkers’ raised just over $4320, which contributed to the Port Lincoln Relay total of over $92 000. THANK YOU to all members of the school community who supported our fundraisers for this worthwhile event. Congratulations to these students and staff who truly lived out the Christian values we foster here at St Joseph’s, by giving of themselves to help others and working together with community spirit. The students especially were wonderful ambassadors of our School, so congratulations and thank you.

Jump Rope for Heart 2016
This term, all students from Year 1 - 6 will be offered the opportunity to fundraise for the Heart Foundation, this Fundraising initiative is purely voluntary. Students will all participate in the Jump Rope Activities on the Jump Off Day. Reception students will participate in modified Jump Rope Activities on this day and will be offered the opportunity to donate a gold coin. The Jump Off Day will be Wednesday, 16th November, during PE Week.

Skipping is an excellent way for children to keep fit and healthy. During Week 4 and 5, the child(ren) will be learning a range of fun skipping skills and new tricks, in their Physical Education lessons. We will emphasise the importance of regular physical activity and the importance of healthy eating for a healthy lifestyle. Jump Rope for Heart is the perfect platform to introduce these Physical Activity behaviours and it also has direct links to the Australian Curriculum.

Last Monday students from Year 1 - 6 were involved in our Jump Rope for Heart launch. Students received a sponsorship form and parent information letter. Teachers also emailed a digital copy of the letter to parents for easy reference when locating the online website for fundraising. Students may choose to use the sponsorship online option or the paper copy that was sent home.

Reuben Taylor in Year 3, is the first student to return his fundraising and has raised a total of $72 for the Heart Foundation. This is an awesome effort. Well done, Reuben.

Jump Rope for Heart

Christmas Shoeboxes
For the second year running, St Joseph’s Year 9 students supported Operation Christmas Child as a Rite Journey global community challenge. Our students packed 48 Christmas shoeboxes with a selection of special gifts that will find their way to needy children in Asia and the South Pacific region. These shoeboxes bring hope and joy to thousands of children around the world, many who have never received a present of any kind.

Our total contribution has increased to 53 shoeboxes, with Port Neill Primary delivering another five boxes to St Joseph’s for packaging prior to freighting. Special thanks go to Dennis Transport for safely delivering the shoeboxes to Adelaide free of charge.

Grandparents Day
Each year, around this time, we celebrate seniors in our community and the Reception to Year 2 students have asked some special guests to join us for a celebration. Next Tuesday, 8th November at 2:30pm, a short prayer time will be held in the Junior Primary area for grandparents and senior friends, who are then invited to visit classrooms before home time.
School Laptop Program
A parent information session will be held tonight at 7.00pm in the staffroom. 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.

Reception Transition
Tomorrow we welcome a large group of students on their first school visit in preparation for joining St Joseph’s School in Reception next year. The children will spend time together at school over four Friday morning sessions, becoming familiar with the physical environment and being assisted by Junior Primary teachers. It is an exciting time for these future SJS students, their families, and for us as we welcome them together.

Year 12 Exams
Throughout the next week, Year 12 exams will be held in the Church Hall. We ask that all in our school community make every effort to be as quiet as possible in this area and also take extra care in the car park as students move between school and the exam venue. We wish all Year 12s the very best as they undertake their final exams.

School Satisfaction Surveys
Parent, student and staff feedback is very important in order to help shape the future growth and direction of St Joseph’s School as a place of learning and wellbeing. Constructive feedback is always welcome and valuable in promoting improvement.

I invite students, parents and staff to complete School Satisfaction surveys this term. Year 12s completed the student survey last week, and students from Years 5-11 will be provided with a link to complete a survey during class time.

Please click on the link below to access the Parent Satisfaction Survey. There are only 20 short questions and the survey should take five minutes of your time. Responses are confidential and collated for review by the Leadership Team and the School Board. A summary of School Satisfaction Data will be provided in the annual School Performance Report published next year. Thank you for helping us in our work to make St Joseph’s even better.

www.surveymonkey.com/r/N6QL6H6

Medical Assistance Dog
Medical Assistance Dog, Diabetty, will be visiting the school for extended periods on 10/11/2016 and 24/11/2016. As Diabetty will be working, we would like to remind children that they are not allowed to pat her when on the school grounds. Diabetty is still in training and is only 16 months old, so if parents could talk to children about service dogs and their various roles it would be appreciated.

Diabetty will be with Ms Fanto’s Year 4 class but will also be on the grounds. During recess and lunch times. She will be with Cooper Puckridge. Jodie, Cooper’s mum, will also be close by supervising.

Read and Write Gold Parent/Student Session
This morning we held a parent/student workshop on a computer program called Read & Write Gold. Jim Sprialis, a consultant in the Inclusive Technology field ran the workshop by remote access. It was attended by more than 35 parents and students.

The program offers support for students by using different tools to assist with reading, writing and research tasks. Thank you to everyone who attended. The Staff also will be having a session on this program this afternoon.

Free Dental Care
Dental care is FREE for all babies, children not yet at school and most other children under 18 at School Dental Service clinics.

Your local clinic is located at: Port Lincoln Community Dental Clinic, 39 Oxford Terrace, Port Lincoln.

All babies, children and young people under 18 are welcome. First dental check-ups are recommended from 12-18 months.

SA Dental Service participates in the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. Please call 8682 1248 to make an appointment.


Strawberry Fete
If you are looking for good food, amazing strawberries (on pavlova) stalls and much more then visit the Anglican Strawberry Fete this weekend 10.00am - 2.00 pm on the church lawns. It is a family friendly show with activities for children.
Canteen Roster - Week 4 Term 4

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Special: Nut free Pad Thai

If you are unable to attend your rostered day, please contact canteen staff on the school number 8683 2400.

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

Lost Property

Lost property from last term will be going to Vinnies next Friday, 11th November, if you are missing any items, please come and check the basket in the front office.