Thursday, 3rd May, 2018 - Term 2 Volume 1

Prayer
Father, you give us glimpses of heaven in ways we can understand:
An act of kindness, a child’s innocent laughter, the scent of rain.
Thank you for the many ways in which you communicate
Your love and care for us. As we awaken at the break of your day, we know you are there.
Invisible to the eye, untraceable to the finger, in the silent dawn.
Thank you for your surrounding presence.
Amen

Welcome back to Term 2. It is hard to believe that it is May already; summer seems to have been endless. Much as we enjoy sunny days and the wonderful opportunities good weather provides, it is great to have some rain. Nature generally needs a balance to thrive and survive, and so do we. I hope that the holiday break provided some much needed relaxation and time with family and friends. Now we are into Term 2 with a renewed focus on enjoying and progressing in our learning.

Staff greatly appreciated the opportunity on Monday of this week to engage in conversations about curriculum and to update their Responding to Abuse and Neglect training, an essential part of our emphasis on student wellbeing and duty of care. Child protection, safety and care is everyone’s business. Our philosophy of wellbeing for learning is well founded in educational research and just plain common sense. When children feel safe, loved, and cared for, they are more able to cope with issues that arise. We know ourselves that worries become noisy distractions in our minds affecting concentration and ability to learn and as adults, we may have developed the skills to compartmentalise that children have yet to learn. Living and thriving is complex business, but please know that we are here to help and children’s safety and wellbeing is an absolute priority.

I extend a very warm welcome to staff joining our School community this term:
We also welcome two old scholars as Student Teachers. St Joseph’s has a long and proud tradition of supporting and developing the next generation of teachers.

Congratulations to our sailors who, as part of a composite team with students from the Port Lincoln High School and Port Lincoln Primary School, represented St Joseph’s in Goolwa over the holiday. I had the pleasure of visiting the team during the Team Sailing Competition and there was a great sense of team spirit and commitment to the values that we hold dear. It is not about winning; it is about how we take part. Many thanks to Stuart and Michelle de la Perrelle who have given so much of their time to Team Sailing over the years.

This term will be very busy with enrolment interviews for next year. If you have children due to enrol but have not yet submitted your application, I invite you to do so as soon as possible.
All the best for Term 2. Please do not hesitate to come and have a chat with me if there is anything we can do to support your children and your families.

Dr Sandra Hewson -Principal
Welcome and Farewell

A warm welcome to the new students who have joined our community this term: Alexis Carman (Year 5), Leo Carman (Reception), Caitlin Ambler (Year 8), Chloe Cooper, Rosey Claughton, Akshat Dhiman (Year 1) and Dre Lambadgee (Year 9).

We would also like to welcome to the St Joseph’s School community two new enrolments, Bill and Bob Deer. They will be joining us each day at school (except Wednesdays) for the first few weeks of this term. They will be kept in a special enclosure, with the feeding responsibility undertaken by the Reception students in Room 10 under the watchful eye of Miss Deer.

Bill and Bob have been very popular on Facebook. Have you checked out our recent post? Find us on Facebook: St Joseph’s School Port Lincoln.

We have farewelled Ethan Pinnington who has relocated to Mount Barker, as well as Noah and Patrick Luscombe who are travelling with their family for 12 months, we wish them well.

Uniform

We draw your attention to the policy in the school diary, which states Girls Winter Uniform is to be: Navy and teal checked skirt minimum length on the knee.

Teachers have noticed a number of female students wearing the uniform which is too short, so we ask that you attend to this, please. If it is time to buy your daughter a new pinafore or skirt, please ensure it is the correct length. Crew socks (without logos) are also required to be worn with both PE and academic uniform.

Uniform Shop Money

The following people have money to collect from the uniform shop during opening hours (under $20.00).


Lost Property

As Term 2 begins we see that there is a large amount of lost property in the Front Office. This includes items such as clothing, water bottles and containers. Any items with names are returned to the owner, however, nameless items are kept in the Front Office. Please come and collect items you may be missing.

Parent Community Group

‘Coffee and Chat’, Wednesday, 9th May 8:45am @ Boarding House Multipurpose Room. All Welcome

Kiribati Outreach Trip 2018

During the April holidays, I joined a group of nine staff members from the Port Pirie Diocese on a trip to Kiribati. Our Diocese has made a commitment with Good Samaritan Sisters on Tarawa, supporting the Good Samaritan community to make their final commitment to becoming a sister.

We were immersed in the everyday lives of these women, helping with daily chores and visiting the schools that they teach in. This trip opened my heart and mind to many new experiences of which I would like to advocate for in our schools and broader community.

I have a new found urge to make people aware of the importance to love the land we have been given, for as John Paul II wrote ‘The poor, living in the worst conditions, often show a remarkable ability to find contentment and happiness. They build support systems, community, and mutual care in the midst of great diversity.’

Encouraging my students and school community to minimise their ecological footprint by making small changes to their current lifestyle is the message I hope to convey for a better future.

Caitlin Sederstrom
Volunteer Induction

As part of the screening process for volunteers an Induction must be undertaken. Our first sessions for the year will be held next Thursday 10th May in the Boarding House Multi Purpose Room at 4.30 and 5.30pm, and will be facilitated by Nadine Hackett our WHS Coordinator. This is a prerequisite for existing volunteers and any parent who is considering assisting in a volunteer capacity within the school. If you have any queries, please make contact with Nadine either by phoning the school or emailing nadine.hackett@sjspl.catholic.edu.au. We look forward to seeing you next week.

Thank You

Harvey Norman

This week the school received a cheque from Harvey Norman for $680. Thank you to all our families who purchased laptops and nominated St Joe’s to receive $20 cashback. This money will go into a Support Fund we have opened at Bendigo Bank. As all previous donations to support students have been expended, any donations are most welcome.

Mother’s Day Celebration

R-2 classes at St Joseph’s School extend a special invitation to Mums, Caregivers, Grandmas, Godmothers, Aunties, Big Sisters and all those who take on the very special role of being a ‘Mum’ to us. On Friday 11th, May 2018 at 12:40pm a Mother’s Day Liturgy will be held in the Primary Quadrangle. We then invite you to stay for lunch in the classroom by either bringing your lunch or pre-ordering it on Thursday from the Canteen. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sailing

This year our St Joseph’s sailing team was made up of students from St Joe’s, Port Lincoln Primary School and Port Lincoln High School. Our students were Jack O’Donnell (Team Captain), Daisy Barry (Team Captain), Brooklyn Binns and Henry Cordell.
Experience Underwater Rugby

5th - 6th May 10:00am - 3:00pm at the Port Lincoln Leisure Centre. Bring: Mask, fins and snorkel (if you own) and swimwear. Cost: $10 per person, per day (includes pool entry) all ages welcome. Limited, one-time opportunity. RSVP– Facebook Page: Port Lincoln Underwater Rugby Club or email uwr.regionalsa@gmail.com.

Canteen Food

Check out some of the awesome food on offer at the canteen. Don’t forget to use your Term 2 canteen roster. All food made on site.

Canteen News

Vegie of the month is ‘Sweet Potato’.

The canteen will be featuring a few dishes with sweet potato throughout the month of May.

Canteen Roster - Week 2 Term 2

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Soup: Coconut Pumpkin Soup - $3.20 Roll - $0.80cents

Special: Red Thai Chicken Curry & Rice
Small: $4.00 Large: $6.00

Uniform Shop Opening Hours

Monday - Wednesday
3.00pm - 5.00pm

Saint 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
YOUTH GROUP
Every 2nd Friday of the Month
FAITH, FUN, FOOD 7-12years
6.30-8.30pm Church Hall
All Welcome!