Monday, November 30, 2015

Dear Parents and Friends

It is hard to believe that the year has flown by so quickly. I would like to extend my thanks to our school community for the welcome I have received this year and to pass on my warmest wishes to all of our families for a safe and happy Christmas.

As we prepare for the end of this year, we also look towards 2016. I am pleased to announce our staff for 2016 are:

PARISH PRIEST Fr Stephen Hanly
PRINCIPAL Miss Bianca Hodges
APRE Mrs Anne Marshall
APC Mrs Deborah Mallet
FINANCE SECRETARY Mrs Diane Wilson
ADMIN SECRETARY Mrs Melissa Fahl
PREP R Mrs Zoe Rippingale
PREP W Mrs Alicia Wardrop
YEAR 1 Miss Caitlin Bugeja
YEAR 1 Mrs Jacqueline Koelmeyer
YEAR 2 Miss Nicole Risson
YEAR 2 Mrs Ellie Sauer
YEAR 3 Miss Monica Dixon
YEAR 3 Miss Ella Bicknell
YEAR 3 Mrs Deborah Mallet
YEAR 4 Miss Michaela Ballinger-Oches
YEAR 4 Mrs Marcelle Price
YEAR 5 Mrs Christine Davies
YEAR 5 Miss Sarah Haber
YEAR 6 Ms Nichola Byrne
YEAR 6 Mr Brian Grundy
YEAR 6 Mrs Terri Grundy
TECHNOLOGY TEACHER Mr Brian Grundy
HPE TEACHER Mrs Carla Hinschen
MUSIC TEACHER Mrs Caireen Holt
LIBRARY COORDINATOR Mrs Sheree Morrison
TEACHER ASSISTANTS Mrs Maureen Pierpoint
Mrs Kerry Carroll
Mrs Jo Cannon
Mrs Ann-Marie Reitano
Mrs Lynette Harris
Class lists for 2016 will be sent home on Thursday to our existing families.

Tomorrow night is an important night for our Year 6 students, as we have their formal farewell from St Joseph’s with our Graduation Mass at 6pm at St Joseph’s Church. I have been so impressed with our Year 6 students this year, as they have led our school with enthusiasm and pride. We will be very sad to say goodbye to them on Friday, but all at St Joseph’s wish these students all the very best for the future and can’t wait to see all that they achieve.

Friday will be a big day for our new school leaders, our Year 5 students, with the announcement of our Schools Captains and Sports House Leaders for 2016. All students will be allocated a term to serve on the Student Representative Council in 2016, giving all students the opportunity to rise to the challenge of leadership in their final year at St Joseph’s. We welcome all families to join us for this special liturgy on Friday at 9.30am, where we will farewell our Year 6 students and hand over leadership to the Year 5 students.

Following Assembly we will have a short break for morning tea before our final assembly for 2016. Parents are welcome to stay and bring along something to share for morning tea – tea and coffee will be provided. The final assembly begins at 11am and will conclude at 12pm.

Once again, thank you for a wonderful year. Our school has gone from strength to strength this year and I thank all parents, teachers, staff and students for all that you contribute to make our school the great place that is.

Merry Christmas
Bianca Hodges
Principal

DECEMBER
1 Graduation Mass, 6pm – 7pm
Graduation Supper, From 7pm
2 Year 6 Fun Day
3 Report Cards Issued
4 End of Year Liturgy 9.30am – 10.30am
Farewell Assembly 11.00am

PLEASE NOTE WE HAVE RECEIVED NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE OF DATE FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE 2016 SCHOOL YEAR.
SCHOOL WILL RESUME WEDNESDAY 27 JANUARY 2016

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Thank you to all our students who have help raise nearly $2900 for the Heart Foundation this year. What an extraordinary effort. Our Jump-off will be held on Thursday afternoon from 2pm, starting in the hall. We will be treated to a display from the higher grades who will be giving us a skipping demonstration to music. Students will then be skipping with their year levels in various locations around our school.
Prep R  
Ngatimakea Tuiravakai
For your fabulous listening and concentration during class this week. What a wonderful week you have had. Well done Ngati.

Prep W  
Jia Rui Zhang
For getting in and having a go! As a result your learning is improving out of sight.

1B  
Brooklyn Swara
For working diligently in all learning tasks. Thank you for your fabulous attitude and hard work. Well done Brooklyn.

1E  
Bailey Smith
For being a pleasure to teach every day.

2D  
Olivia Radke
For a beautifully illustrated Dreamtime Narrative about “How the Rainbow Lorikeet got is Beak”.

2S  
William Neubecker
For being such a wonderful helper in the classroom.

3R  
Jules Smith
For your fantastic history poster on St Patrick’s Day. Well done.

3RM  
Grace Buhlmann
For exceptional work on her space project. Well done Grace.

4B  
Kyrone Eulalia
For the persistence that you have shown during maths lessons. You have improved so much and I am so proud of you.

4CF  
Melody Uttana
For sharing your stories about what life was like in Bali. Your confidence is growing and it’s great to see.

5D  
For outstanding leadership and representation as future leaders of St Joseph’s.

5H  
For outstanding leadership and representation as future leaders of St Joseph’s.

6B  
Jasmine Read
For your outstanding results in your Religion test on the Rosary. Fantastic.

6GG  
Zack Bessell
For trying so hard to learn the prayers of the Rosary.
Prep R  Lauren Fetters
For always making responsible choices. Thank you for being a great role model for your classmates this year Lauren.

Prep W  Izabella Rockley
For accepting responsibility for your actions and always cheering us up with your infectious smile. Thank you Izabella.

1B  Cooper Boyce
For the mature way you have approached learning. You are extremely responsible. Thank you for being such a wonderful role model to your classmates this year.

1E  1E
For your fabulous efforts throughout Semester Two. We are proud of you all. Well done.

2D  Lincoln Heffington
For your excellent display of leadership qualities during our dance rehearsals and performance. Well done Lincoln.

2S  Abbey Jacobs
For being such a great help while Mrs Lavarack has been part of our class.

3R  Tahlia Grima
For demonstrating the values of respect, compassion, service, justice and excellence. Well done.

3RM  Lily Wardrop
For displaying a positive and responsible attitude in her learning and work.

4B  Andrew Kirkwood
For the mature way you have been approaching all learning tasks. Thank you Andrew.

4CF  Taj Rowler
For the great improvement you have made this term. Keep up the hard work. I’m very proud of you.

5D  Connor Doyle
For the fantastic attitude and enthusiasm you displayed for the Carol’s night including the practice. Well done Connor.

5H  Camilla Rengifo Giron
For being a wonderful alter server at our Final Whole School Mass. Well done Camilla.

6B  Will Lay
For the wonderful Christmas card you made using the technique of ‘iris folding’.

6GG  6GG
For being fantastic leaders this year. Thank you.
**LITURGY NEWS**

- 1/12: Advent Liturgy 8.40am
- 2/12: Graduation Mass 6pm
- 4/12: Closing Liturgy 9.30 am

**The Giving Tree Appeal**

Many of us are in a position this year to reach out to help those who are finding it difficult to give their children a “Merry Christmas”. As Jesus is the reason for the season, we are called to reach out more than ever to those less fortunate than ourselves. During the lead up to Christmas, St Joseph’s School will once again be supporting a **Giving Tree Appeal** through encouraging families to make or donate a gift to be placed under the Giving Tree during the last two weeks of school.

Next week, in the foyer of the office our **Giving Tree** will be waiting to be adorned with gifts – gifts from us to those who are in a less fortunate position than ourselves this Christmas. Gift tags are available from the office. The gifts that are donated will be distributed by the St Vincent De Paul to families in need. If your family would like to make a contribution feel free to select a gift tag from under the tree in the office area, purchase or make an appropriate gift, wrap it, attach the gift tag securely and deliver it to the office.

Help make this Christmas a time of happiness, by reaching out to those in need and by celebrating the love of your families.

**Saint Vincent De Paul Hamper Appeal**

As in past years we will be collecting donations for the Christmas Hamper Appeal. St. Joseph’s School community has been asked to bring in any of the following items:

1 x 450 tinned beetroot
1 x 2 litre cordial (any size will do)
1 x large tinned fruit (pineapple, two fruits etc.)
1 x plum pudding

*Thank you once again for your great support of this appeal.*

**SCHOOL FEES**

Term 4 school fees have been emailed. If you did not receive your copy, please contact the office ASAP. School fees for Term 3 are now **OVERDUE**.

We would like to thank those families who have paid. It would be appreciated, if you have not finalised your account, to attend to this matter as soon as possible. If you are experiencing difficulties, please contact Di on 4957 3355.

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

The tuckshop is now closed. There will be no tuckshop available this week.

**REPORT CARDS**

These reports will be available through Parent Lounge from the afternoon of **THURSDAY 3rd December 2015**. **NO PAPER COPIES WILL BE ISSUED.**

To access Parent Lounge logon to [https://301sjnm.rok.catholic.edu.au/parentlounge/](https://301sjnm.rok.catholic.edu.au/parentlounge/) or logon to our school website (through Google Chrome) sjmrkro catholc.edu.au and click on the Parent Lounge quick link under Our Parent Life.

Your login code has been changed to a numerical code, (your parent code on your fee statement). Parents are reminded to use the link to reset passwords should they have forgotten them.

Please email the office [sjnm@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sjnm@rok.catholic.edu.au) if you need assistance.
## School Fees and Levies 2016

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| **YEAR 5 AND 6 SCHOOL CAMPS** – ESTIMATED COSTS OF THESE CAMPS WILL BE ADDED TO FEES IN TERMS 1, 2 AND 3 ANY FINAL ADJUSTMENTS WILL BE APPLIED TO TERM 4 FEES.
Dear Parents

PARENT CODE: ____________________

To enable us to calculate your eligible level of Discount on your 2016 school fees, the following information is required and MUST BE RETURNED IMMEDIATELY to the school office in an envelope marked “CONFIDENTIAL”. Parents are asked to complete this form every year to provide our school with the information necessary to make the collection and payment of fees as simple a process as possible. Until the form is returned to the school correctly completed, no family discount can be applied. PLEASE notify the school office immediately of any changes to this information during the year.

Two separate forms need to be completed if split accounts are required.

PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR FEES AND STATEMENT OPTIONS:

Mr & Mrs / Mr / Mrs / Ms / Miss: ______________________________________________________________

☐ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____________________________________________________________

☐ POSTAL ADDRESS: _____________________________________________________________

STUDENTS AT DIOCESAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS (Including Student/s at this School)

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METHOD FOR PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES:

Fees are billed by the Term. Accounts are sent out at the beginning of each Term and payable in full within four (4) weeks of the issuing date. However, should you wish to pay more frequently this is welcomed and we encourage you to do so. We accept payment as follows:

- CASH, CHEQUE, BPAY OR CREDIT CARD
- DIRECT DEBIT: Please call in to our office to arrange completion of a “Direct Debit” form
- INTERNET BANKING: Your Parent Code (on your account) MUST be at the start of the Reference number to enable the correct account to be credited. Bank Details: BSB No. 034-210 Account No: 810170

Please contact our Finance Officer, Di Wilson on 4957 3355 if you are experiencing difficulties paying your fees. Please also note concessions do not carry on from year to year, if you have had a concession this year you will need to reapply for next year.

DECLARATION: (to be signed by both parents/guardian if possible when form is completed)

I/We certify that the statements made on this form are correct, and we undertake to inform the school should any of the details change during the 2016 School year.

PARENTS SIGNATURE: ______________________________________________________________ DATE: _____/____/_____
BOOKLISTS

Booklists are now available to order online. The information needed to order is found with this newsletter. All orders must be ordered by 30th November in order to be delivered before school starts.
Please note that orders are only available online and not through the school.

***PLEASE NOTE – There has been a change to the cost of the bible. The bible is now $49.95. All parents that have already paid will have a refund. The cost of the school bag is $40 and the library bag is $9.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ORDERING PACKS ON-LINE FOR 2016

Go to www.kookaburra.com.au/login

1. Select Login to view your Account pricing. Enter username: STJOS139 and password: studentpack (lower case)
2. Click on Student Packs
3. Select your student’s year level for 2016
4. Add the quantity next to products required by your child, in the “Quantity” box.
5. When you are satisfied with your selection, click on “Add to Order” at the bottom of the page.
6. Review your selection.
7. Once you are satisfied with your order, click on “Complete Order” at the bottom of the page.
8. For your convenience your order will be shipped to your nominated daytime delivery address (signature required) Please ensure someone will be available to receive the goods at time of delivery. Enter your student details to this page before proceeding.
9. Proceed to “Payment Details”.
10. Select your payment method and proceed.
11. Click on “Submit Order”.
12. Complete all details required to finalise your order.
13. A copy of your order will be emailed to you as a receipt.
14. Your order has now been placed with Kookaburra. If you have any queries, please contact Kookaburra Customer Service Team customer_service@kookaburra.com.au

PLEASE NOTE:
* The cut-off date for all orders is 30th November, 2015 for delivery by 20th January, 2016.
* Orders received after 30th November, 2015 will be given a lower priority, and may not be received at your nominated delivery address prior to Term 1 2016. Orders will only be available for home delivery. Associated charges and fees will apply.
* Please also note that only online ordering is available after 30th November, 2015.
* Student Packs are unable to be collected from the school.
* All orders are firm sale.
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