Dear Families,

Congratulations to our St Joseph’s basketballers!

Over the weekend five St Joseph’s teams took part in the 2016 Catholic Schools Basketball challenge. The trip to Canberra and Queanbeyan was the culmination of many weeks of training outside school hours. I am so proud of the students for their willingness to put in the time and effort to prepare for the basketball challenge. However, an undisputed key to our students’ success was their skilled and dedicated coaches. On behalf of the school community I would like to acknowledge the teams’ coaches:

**Junior Boys:** Ty and Tracey Fletcher

**Junior Girls:** Gavin Haldon

**Senior Girls:** Abbey Favell, Giordan Pastro and Antoinette Cross

**Year Five Boys Saints:** Simon Jackson

**Year Six Boys Stars:** George Pavese and Jack Favell

On behalf of the school community I would also like to acknowledge our St Joseph’s families for their support of the Canberra trip. Families, without your support, the students’ involvement would not have been possible. The weekend of basketball would also not have been possible without the School Manager, Mrs Jane Dever. Jane offered to manage our school squad, giving up her weekend, even though she did not have a child in the competition. Thank you Mrs Dever.

**Grandparents Day**

On Friday November 4 we will celebrate how much we appreciate and value the grandparents of our community. All grandparents are invited to join us for Mass at 9.15am followed by Open Classes. Grandparents are then invited to stay for Devonshire tea.

**World Teachers’ Day**

At St Joseph’s we have a singularly dedicated staff. Today at St Joseph’s we celebrated World Teachers’ day and we acknowledged this dedication. Children from each class presented their teacher with an award acknowledging everything they do for the students of our school.

*Mrs MaryJane Simms.*
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| 4 November | 31 Stage 1 Swimming Program  
Junior Joey's Playgroup @ 9:30am | 1 Stage 1 Swimming Program  
PD-Reading Recovery Training-Mr Conroy | 2 Stage 1 Swimming Program  
PD-Professional learning Network  
Mrs Tavella  
Mrs Cooper  
Mrs Vogel  
Miss Renerker | 3 Stage 1 Swimming Program  
Gymnastics  
Stage 2 & 3  
School Leadership Meeting PD  
Mrs Tavella, Mrs Gillespie  
Mr Conroy, Mrs Simms | 4 PD Music at SLE  
Mrs Vogel, Miss Kane, Miss Renerker  
Grandparents Day  
open classes, activity, cuppa 10am-11am  
Spellathon Test  
5C FRIDAY plus PASS THE SCUCK AROUND FRIDAY  
First Friday Mass  
Stage 3  
Stage 1 Swimming Program  
Principal's meeting  
Mrs Simms | 5/6 |
| 5 | 7 Stage 1 Swimming Program | 8 Stage 1 Swimming Program | 9 Stage 1 Swimming Program | 10 Stage 1 Swimming Program  
Gymnastics  
Stage 2 & 3  
PD: Behaviour workshop: Mrs Tavella | 11 Year Six 'In Their Shoes Day'  
5C FRIDAY plus HAPPY FEET MOVIE DAY  
Stage 1 Swimming Program  
RE Network Meeting - Mrs Gillespie | 12/13 |
| 6 | 14 Junior Joey’s Playgroup @ 9:30am  
P & F Meeting @ 7pm | 15 Responsible Pet Visit  
2pm-3:30pm  
2017 Kinder 1/2 Day Transition 9:15 - 11:30 am  
PD-Reading Recovery Training-Mr Conroy | 16 | 17 Gymnastics  
Stage 2 & 3 | 18 MIA Cricket Trials  
Leeton | 19/20  
Sunday Parish Mass- Staff of SLE @ 10am |
| 7 | 21 | 22 2017 Kinder 1/2 Day Transition 12.30 - 3.10 pm  
Diocesan Tennis Trials  
School Council Meeting @ 7:30pm | 23 Diocesan Basketball Trial  
PD: Connections Mrs Tavella | 24 Gymnastics  
Stage 2 & 3  
2017 Kinder BBQ 6pm - 8pm  
Diocesan Basketball Trial  
PD: Connections Mrs Tavella | 25 SFC Orientation for Year Six  
PD: Bounce Back | 26/27 |
| 8 December | 28 Junior Joey’s Playgroup @ 9:30am | 29 PD-Reading Recovery Training-Mr Conroy | 30 | 1 Gymnastics  
Stage 2 & 3  
Diocesan Softball | 2 Early Stage 1 Giving Mass | 3/4 |
| 9 | 5 | 6 Stage 2 & 3- Reconciliation prior to Christmas  
School Concert  
6:30pm-8:30pm | 7 | 8 Gymnastics  
Stage 2 & 3 | 9 Whole School Transition  
11:30-1pm  
Reports home to Parents | 10/11 |
| 10 | 12 Junior Joey’s Playgroup @ 9:30am | 13 Year 6 Graduation Mass @ 6pm | 14 Proposed Year 6 Fun Day Lake Talbot  
10am-2:30pm | 15 | 16 End of Year Thanksgiving Mass  
@ 9:15am  
Last Day Of Term 4 | 17/18 |

PD = Professional Development
The PD identified on the calendar is not limited to these dates and staff.
~All My Deeds For God~

**Kids Matter**

**Australian Primary Schools Mental Health Initiative**

St Joseph's school community is focusing on 'greetings' this term as a way to see that simple things make a big difference. When we greet someone, we use their name if we know it, smile and use eye contact with the person we are greeting.

Keep a look out on Facebook and in the newsletter for information sheets about 'Kidsmatter' and how we are promoting this in our school.

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**Week 4 Music Lesson - Supervisors**

Tuesday 1st November:

- 9-10:10am = Onley Family
- 10:10-11:20am = Kelly Family

Friday 4th November:

- 11:45-12:45pm = Halden Family
- 12:45-1:55pm = Burgess Family
- 1:55-2:30pm = Currie Family

All students need to bring their instruments on Tuesday for band.

There are no percussion lessons on Friday Week 4 as this lesson was provided in Week 2.

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**Junior Joey’s**

What a fun place to be at 9:30am on a Monday morning.

Our next playgroup is on 31 October 2016.

Please come along and join us and have some fun!

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**2016 ICAS Results**

**English**

- Distinction: Oliver Bruno, Chelsea Van Ree, Isabel Fiumara

**Credit**

- Tashreeh Sidhu

**Merit**

- William Lucas, Bianca Tang

**Participation**

- Cooper Purtill, Tynisha Walsh, Annabelle Cross
- Cleo McLaughlin, Ruby O'Grady, Chelsea Purtill
- Rufus Rowe

**Maths**

**Distinction**

- Isabel Fiumara, Emma Fiumara

**Credit**

- Bianca Tang, Oliver Bruno

**Merit**

- Maria Piccolo

**Participation**

- Cooper Purtill, Tynisha Walsh, Annabelle Cross
- Cleo McLaughlin, Ruby O'Grady, Chelsea Purtill
- Rufus Rowe, Tashreeh Sichu, Jayden Mooney, Jye Halden, William Lucas, Ethan DePaoli, Will Handsaker

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**2017 Student Leadership Elections**

The nomination and election process for the St Joseph's Student Leadership team begins in Week 4. We begin with School Captains followed by Sports Captains. This is a lengthy process during which the current Year 5 students are nominated by their peers; the top eight present one minute speeches to the school community; students from Year 3 to Year 6, and all staff, vote in Week 7 for School Captains. Sport Captains are nominated and voted for during Sporting House Meetings. The students elected, and their roles, are announced at the whole school award ceremony following our Thanksgiving Mass on December 16. SRC elections take place in the first few weeks in the new year.

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**Parish Liturgy Roster**

**29 & 30 October 2016**

**Saturday 6:00pm:** M O’Laughlin, P & E Errey, St Joseph’s Parish Ladies Group, M Moon, T Turner, J Milne, B Troy.

**Sunday 10:00am:** T Fiumara, B Washington, L Macauley, J & D Hopper & Family, B Troy, K Sullivan, B Aird.
Happy Grandparents Day

With lots of Love

SAVE THE DATE
4TH NOVEMBER 9:15 MASS FOLLOWED BY CLASSROOM ACTIVITY WITH GRANDCHILDREN
CUPPA AND SCONES FOR GRANDPARENTS

The Outback Band Spectacular Presents:
The Golden Kangaroos
and the Baby Proms

Have fun with your child - participate and interact in a live musical performance

Sunday 6 November
10:30
Mountford Park

Krazy Kids Klapping

Free Children's Activities
March and Move to the Music
Build your Own Instrument
Draw and Paint
Dance and Sing
Saint Joseph’s

Looking forward to lots of fun and improved spelling skills! Look for your child’s Spelling list sent home today!

The Spellathon Fundraiser will be held on **Friday of Week 4, Term 4.**

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR CHILD’S SPONSORSHIP FORM ON FRIDAY OF WEEK 4 SO THE TEACHER CAN WRITE THE NUMBER OF WORDS CORRECT IN THE CHALLENGE.**

Sponsorship money needs to be collected and sent to the classroom teacher by: **Friday 18th November, 2016, Week 6, Term 4.**

**ST JOSEPH’S P & F RAFFLE 2016**

Tickets $2 each or 3 for $5

1st Prize: $1000 CASH
2nd Prize: $300 CASH
3rd Prize: $200 CASH

Drawn: at School Christmas Concert
## 2016 MERIT AWARDS — TERM: 4 WEEK: 2

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STAGE 3 Christina Nardi, Chris Nardi, Jasmine Pamma, Myles Jackson, Ethan De Paoli, Laura Knagge, Claire Diebert, Sophia Fiumara, Abbey Seymour, Sophie Odewahn, Patricia Curran, Cooper Purtil, Hailey Simpson.

**VALUE OF THE WEEK AWARDS:** Benny Tang, Laura Knagge

**CHAMPION CLASS:**

**S3C**

**GOLDEN APPLE DOCKET SUPER CLASS:** S3C

**GOLDEN PLATYPUS BANKING CLASS:** S1B

**ITALIAN LANGUAGE AWARDS:** Laura Bailey, Rusty Morris, Zaide Harmer, Tully Fletcher.

**BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:** Sarah Puntoriero and Jagjot Cheema.
We are forming a committee to plan for our centenary.

100 years of St Joseph’s School, Leeton is DEFINITELY worth celebrating!

If you can help us please write your name in the square below and return the slip to St Joseph’s office.

NAME

I am happy to be part of the planning committee for the St Joseph’s Centenary celebrations.

ST JOSEPH’S CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

OCTOBER 2017

WE NEED YOU!
Catholic Schools Basketball Weekend

Last weekend 34 students travelled to Canberra to play in the Catholic Schools Basketball Challenge for Primary Aged children. The games were played at a variety of venues in Queanbeyan and Canberra. The event was hosted by Queanbeyan this year. It is held every year with Catholic schools across NSW in attendance. This year saw 132 teams from 27 schools represented in four age divisions

St Joseph's were able to send 5 teams( 2 senior boys teams, 1 senior girls team, 1 junior boys team and 1 junior girls team).

On the Saturday all teams played 3 games each within their respective pools. All teams were then ranked and placed in divisions.

**Saturday results**

Senior Girls – (coached by Abbey Favell & Antoinette Cross) 3rd out of 29 teams

Senior Boys-Stars (Year 6 team- coached by Jack Favell & George Pavese) 16th out of 40 teams

Senior Boys- Saints (Year 5 team- coached by Simon Jackson) 25th out of 40 teams

Junior Girls-(coached by Gavin Halden) 15th out of 28 teams

Junior Boys-(coached by Ty & Tracey Fletcher) 18th out of 33 teams

All teams played with great sportsmanship and enthusiasm and never gave up. Parents and teachers watched with pride as the children worked hard to give their best effort to the team. The behavior and friendliness of all St Joseph’s children is to be commended. On Saturday night teams got together to share a meal and celebrate the great basketball games of the day.

On Sunday it was ‘sudden death’ which meant teams only progressed if they won. Teams competed in quarter finals, semi-finals and grand finals.

In the Junior Girls division St Joseph’s won 2 out of 3 games on Saturday but were defeated in their first game on Sunday. The team consisted of year 3 and year 4 students. The girls showed a great deal of determination and enthusiasm and it was evident over the course of the weekend how much they developed as a team. They played with pride which was evident in the smiles on their faces.

The Junior Boys had a very successful weekend winning all three games on the Saturday. On the Sunday they won their quarter final and semi-final which meant that they progressed through to the grand final. In this game they played Holy Spirit Lavington and in a close game won 11-10 and became the Junior Boy Division 3 champions for 2016. The cheers from the crowd almost lifted the roof off the stadium. This was a fantastic achievement for the boys team which had a combination of year 3 and year 4 boys.
For the Senior Boys St Joseph’s had 2 teams participating in this age division over the weekend. The St Joseph’s Stars team worked hard as a team and it was great to see the way they supported and encouraged each other. They won 2 of their 3 games on the Saturday. On the Sunday they were unlucky to go down in the quarter finals. The St Joseph’s Saints team won 2 of their 3 games on the Saturday and played exceptionally well on the Sunday in their quarter and semi-final games. They made it through to their grand final where they went down to Goulburn. The boys showed great teamwork and this was a fantastic achievement for a young team of all year 5 boys.

In the Senior Girls division St Joseph’s worked hard and won all 3 games on the Saturday which was a huge achievement. They showed great team spirit and tremendous energy. On Sunday they were unlucky in the quarter-final and went down to West Wyalong in a tough game (West Wyalong ended up runners up in division 1).
For a school the size of Leeton to have 2 of their 5 teams progress through to the grand final was a tremendous effort. All students performed very well and should be commended for their efforts.

A huge thank you to all the parents and St Francis students who assisted in coaching the students. They not only did this for the weekend but gave up their time to train the teams in the lead up to the competition. Thank you also to team managers who assisted teams by coordinating the general communication and organization within the team and with myself. Thanks to the parents who transported their children to Canberra and helped to make the weekend an enjoyable and positive one.

Finally I would personally like to thank all the parents and students for their friendliness and helpfulness over the weekend and for always making sure no one was left out (including me) as it made my job as the school teacher representative a very enjoyable and positive one.

Awesome weekend everyone! Bring on Goulburn next year!

(Jane Dever)

Other Sporting news from St Joseph’s

I would like to start with thanking Mrs Jane Dever who last weekend attended the Catholic Schools Basketball Challenge as St Joseph’s representative. The school, parents and students in attendance really value the time and effort you put in during the weekend. It has not gone unnoticed.

Stage 1 will commence their Swim and Survive Program during Weeks Four and Five. During Week 4 from Monday through to Friday between 11:30 and 1pm Year 2 students will catch a bus to the pool and spend 40-45 minutes each day going through a water confidence program with staff and trained instructors. In Week 5 following the same routine Year 1 students will have their water confidence program. Parents are reminded to send in $5 per student to cover the cost of using a bus throughout the week.

Those students in Year 5 wishing to trial for particular summer sports at a diocesan level are asked to let Mr Conroy know by Wednesday 2nd November. From these Diocesan Trials teams / squads participate in MacKillop Trials for possible selection to attend NSW PSSA State Championships. The sports that will have diocesan trials this term will be cricket (18/11), tennis (23/11), basketball (24/11) and softball (1/12). Once students have nominated for these sports more information will be sent home.

Mr Brian Conroy
Sports Coordinator