The First Sunday of Advent: HOPE
As we begin the season of Advent this Sunday,
Help us O Lord to be your hope filled people.
Help us to hope for a world where goodness and peace
Overflows from the hearts of every person in our school community.
We ask you this, through Christ, Our Lord,
Amen.

Dear families,
On Tuesday this week, the sixteen Year Five nominees for the position of St Joseph's School Captain, presented individual speeches to the school community. It takes a lot of courage to stand and present an address to everyone in the school. I was most impressed with the thought that had gone into these speeches and I congratulate the nominated students. Following the speeches, students in Years 3-6 and staff voted individually for School Captains. My thanks to Luisa Tavella for coordinating this process.

Staff Resignations
After 23 years as part of staff of St Joseph’s Leeton, Mrs Maxine Lehman has resigned, effective from the end of the 2016 school year, as Maxine and her family are moving away from the Leeton area. As you can imagine, over the last 23 years, Mrs Lehman has seen many changes at St Joseph’s. She has also seen countless students begin as shy Kinders and leave as confident young people. On behalf of the school community, I wish Maxine all the best in her adventures beyond St Joseph’s.

As you may know, Mr Brendon Greatz has been on leave from his position at St Joseph’s this year. Mr Greatz has been working at St Francis College. Brendon has informed St Joseph’s that he has accepted a permanent position at the College commencing in 2017. On behalf of the St Joseph’s school community, I congratulate Mr Greatz and wish him all the best in his new position at St Francis College.

Welcome Miss Ridge
This week Miss Machaela Ridge has joined Stage Three as part of her Bachelor of Education studies at Australian Catholic University, Canberra. Miss Ridge will be with us until December 13.

Thank you St Joseph’s!
I was astounded by the St Joseph’s school community raised to support the children of Cambodia throughout Mission Month. Through the activities on Mission Day and Five Cent Fridays $2508.55 was raised! It is so important for our students to develop a sense of Social Justice and for them to know that they CAN make a positive difference in the world. School projects such as Mission Month help to develop this understanding in our students. I thank you, the families of St Joseph’s for your support of Mission Month, for you have been a pivotal element of its success. Thanks also to Mrs Gillespie, St Joseph’s Religious Education Coordinator for her leadership of Mission Month.

2016 Raffle
Thank you to those who have returned their raffle tickets for this year’s major raffle. The response has been very positive and it is much appreciated. The raffle will be drawn on December 6 at the school concert. If your raffle tickets are still at home, please return them by December 1.

Mrs MaryJane Simms,
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**P & F News**

On Monday 14th November the P&F Committee met for our final meeting for 2016.

What a year we have had!

Hot Dogs at the balloons, Finding Dory afternoon, Discos, cards and pie drives, Mother’s Day and Father’s Day Stalls, Father’s Day sausage sizzle, crazy calendars, street stall, and our major cash prize raffle.

All these events and more have been so well supported by YOU, our school families.

The P&F Committee greatly appreciate your support to all our events over the school year. All money raised has gone back into projects to improve our school and give our children the best in their education.

Mrs Simms and Mrs Tavella - thank you! Attending all our meetings, helping at our fundraisers offering support and advice.

Rosanna, Kylie, Christina, Emily, Renee, Sheree, Ginetta and Virginia - what a team!!

Not to mention all the amazing parents who have helped us at our fundraisers. Where would we be without you?

Patrizia, Julianne and Gina our uniform shop and canteen ladies, working tirelessly. Your work does not go unnoticed.

Thomas Camm, Anabelle Cross, Sophie Cross, Abby Horton and Caitlin Scalora giving up your Saturday mornings to sell raffle tickets… job well done kids.

Thank you to June Dilorenzo who has given up many of her Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays to be out and about selling raffle tickets. Another tireless helper to our P&F team.

**To Renee and Craig Shirdon** a massive 17 (yes 17) books sold in our major raffle. Definitely a record and it is families like yours that help make the P&F the success that it is.

So this marks the end of my role as President of the 2016 P&F Committee. I cannot thank you all enough. We have worked hard, but had lots of laughs along the way and formed some wonderful friendships.

We hope to see new and old faces in 2017 continuing the great work the P&F have done over the years.

Antoinette Cross.
P & F Fundraising Raffle
Thank you to the families who have returned their raffle tickets and thank you to the families who have sold extra raffle ticket books.
If you need extra raffle tickets please call in to the school office. All raffle books are to be returned by Thursday 1 December 2016 sold or unsold. Your help with this fundraiser will be gratefully appreciated.
P & F Committee.

Early Stage 1 Giving Mass
Our annual Giving Mass, hosted by Early Stage 1, will be held on Friday 2nd December, St Joseph's Church at 9.15am.
We traditionally support the Vinnies Christmas Appeal at this Mass.
Each student will be given an envelope to decorate and take home. We ask that a monetary donation is placed in the envelope for the Vinnies Christmas Appeal and sent back to school for the Mass. Students will then place their envelopes in baskets in the church at the beginning of Mass. The baskets will be presented to a St Vincent De Paul representative at the conclusion of Mass.

Stage 2 Giving Raffle
A reminder that Stage 2 are selling raffle tickets to help raise money for the Community Christmas Lunch and Christmas gifts for the residents at Caramar, Assumption Villa and the Narrandera Nursing Home. The children have been working hard to raise as much money as possible and we would like to thank those that have supported us so far.
There's only one week to go so please get your tickets from a child in Stage 2!
You could be a lucky winner and enjoy accommodation at Coogee Bay Hotel Sydney plus tickets for 4 to the Sydney Sea Life Aquarium, or a Hi Fi or a lovely Ladies Pack of wine, massage, waxing and manicure.
Tickets are $2 each or 3 for $5.
Thank you,
Stage 2

School Banking Families
The CBA has unfortunately run out of many School Banking Awards.
Please be aware that the only awards I can now provide are
Outback Pat Bag Tag
Wriggly Glow Worm
Outer Space Savers Money Box
ET DVD
Frisbees
The last banking day for ordering awards will be December 2 and the final day for School Banking will be December 9.

School Captain Process
The Year 5 candidates for 2017 St Joseph's Captains presented their 1-2 minute speeches at the school morning assembly on Tuesday, 22 November 2016. Stage 2 and 3 then voted for one male and one female candidate each straight after these presentations. Staff voted at the Staff meeting that afternoon. Successful applicants will be announced after the Thanksgiving Mass on Friday 16 December 2016.

Parish Liturgy Roster
19 & 20 October 2016
Saturday 6:00pm: M McPhee, R & J Houghton, St Vincent De Paul Society, M Milne, R Steedman, P McPhee, M Lewis.
Sunday 10:00am: St Joseph's Primary Staff Mass, P Salafia, M Graham, M Naimo.

Dates For Your Diary
2016 School Concludes for students: Friday 16 December 2016.
2017 School Resumes for students in Stage One, Two and Three: Tuesday 31 January 2017
St Joseph’s Christmas Colours Day!

For a gold coin donation you can wear casual clothes with a splash of red or green.

All donations go to Laurence!

When? Week 8
Wednesday-28.11.16
Saint Joseph’s

Spellathon

The students recently participated in our whole school Spellathon to raise money for our school.

Thank you to everyone for the positive attitude displayed towards this fundraising activity. Thank you to all of our families for supporting this fundraising endeavour.

Your effort was amazing as our final grand total was $3,340.05!!!

The following students received a certificate and book prize for being the top fundraiser for each class.

S3MD - Brooke Newman
S3C - Isaac Currie
S3T - Walter Asmus

S2R - Kiara Pham
S2VH - Oliver Bruno
S2K - William Marles

S1G - Sam Pirrottina
S1D - Natalia Nardi
S1B - Corin

Hayward
ES1M - Lachlan Bell
ES1G - Ben Salafia

We also had an overall top fundraiser for the whole of our school who also received a certificate and book prize.

Brooke Newman from S3MD with $315

Thank you again,
Staff of St Joseph’s.

YEAR SIX GRADUATION MASS AND AWARDS CEREMONY

Tuesday, 13th December, 2016, at 6.00pm
St Joseph’s Church
followed by an Awards Ceremony at Mountford Park.
BYO picnic dinner and seating
We hope you can join us!

in the footsteps of Jesus
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**VALUE OF THE WEEK AWARDS:**
- Oliver Nardi
- Lila Day
- Alexa Burgess

**ITALIAN LANGUAGE AWARDS:**
- Gursahib Singh
- Jack Conroy
- Naite Hutchison
- Angus Smith
- Isabella Prestia

**BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:** Abbey Seymour, Rusty Morris, Alfred Simeti, Benny Tang, Lincoln Pearse.
WEEK 8 INSTRUMENT LESSONS –  
SUPERVISING FAMILY  
Friday 2nd December 2016  
2:05-3:05pm Iannelli Family

Week 8 Lessons will be conducted face to face, as students have the chance to practise with the other students playing a similar instrument. All lessons will take place on Tuesday 29th November, and will be conducted by Miranda, who is also the students’ band conductor.

Percussion students will also be having a VC lesson this week, as they have missed out on a few. These lessons will be done on Friday 2nd December at their normal timeslot.

Please return the permission note and money for the Band Jam day in Narrandera ASAP if you haven’t already done so. Also, a reminder that notes about continuing music lessons next year have been handed out. This needs to be returned by the end of week 8 regardless of whether your child is or isn’t continuing next year.

Supervising parents will receive a reminder text message the day before their rostered day. The roster is also put on facebook twice a week to remind parents.
Sporting news from St Joseph's

On Tuesday there was an article in the local newspaper about the successes of the teams who represented St Joseph's at the Catholic Schools Basketball Challenge. If you did not get a chance to see it I recommend viewing it on the Irrigator website.

On Thursday four boys from Stage 3 travelled to Albury to try out for the Diocesan Basketball side. These students were Myles Jackson, Cooper Purcell, Will Lucas and Will Maguire. All the boys showed great sportsmanship and were exceptional role models for our school. Well done boys! A diocesan team will be announced in the coming weeks.

As we draw to the conclusion of our school gymnastics program I would like to take this opportunity to thank our qualified instructors. Mel and Laura have been working with Stage 2 and Stage 3 students for the past six weeks. All of the students who have participated in this program have thoroughly enjoyed themselves and have learnt some new skills as well. We have been very fortunate to have the expertise of Laura and Mel with us.

Mr Brian Conroy
Sports Coordinator
Stepping Stones Triple P Parenting Seminars Series

Is this you?

Most of the time, you know you are doing a good job with parenting. But there are times when things get a little tricky. Like when your toddler won’t eat her dinner. Or your six year old won’t share his toys. If only someone could give you some ideas to make those times easier! If this sounds like you, then a Stepping Stones Triple P seminar may be right for you.

What is a Stepping Stones Seminar?

Stepping Stones Triple P seminars tackle the most common issues for parents of children with a disability. Seminars are for large groups of parents – possibly 20 or more. It’s an informal presentation, a little like a public forum. There are three seminars that each last 90 minutes and cover a different topic. We encourage parents to try to attend all three.

When: Seminar 1 – Positive Parenting for Children with a Disability
Wednesday 30th November 9.30a.m – 11.15am
Seminar 2 – Helping Your Child Reach Their Potential
Wednesday 30th November 11.30a.m – 12.45p.m
Seminar 3 – Changing Problem Behaviour into Positive Behaviour
Wednesday 30th November 1.15p.m – 2.30p.m

Where: Kalinda School Merrigal Street, Griffith NSW 2680

Light Lunch provided

Cost: FREE as part of a research project

Who: Any parent/caregiver of a child with a disability age 2-12 years

How: RSVP by contacting the NSW Stepping Stones Triple P Project Team
Call (02) 9114 4106 or email fhs.steppingstones@sydney.edu.au

For more information contact:
Stepping Stones Triple P Project Team NSW - (02) 9114 4106 or fhs.steppingstones@sydney.edu.au
# St Joseph's Primary - Term 4 Menu

## Lunch Orders

**Sandwiches, Rolls, Wraps and Toasties**
All made on wholemeal or whole grain. White sandwiches on request.
Add 50c for a wrap & 20c for a toastie

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## Daily Specials

**Monday**

- Frankie’s Pizza $4.50
- Aussie pizza $4.50
- Meat lovers $4.50
- Hawaiian $4.50

**Tuesday**

- Pasta Bolognese $4.00
- Mac & Cheese $3.50

**Wednesday**

- Chicken Sushi $2.50
- Tuna Sushi $2.50

**Thursday**

- Beef Nachos $4.00
- Beef Burrito $4.00

**Friday**

- Cheese Burger with cheese & tomato sauce $4.50
- Chicken Burger with tomato, cheese & lettuce $4.50

## Over the Counter

- Popcorn - 50c
- Muffins - $1.50
- Mini Muffins - 50c
- Yoghurt - $1.00
- Jelly Cup - 50c
- Fruit and custard cup - $1.00
- Frozen Pineapple - 50c
- Watermelon - 50c
- Quarter Orange - 10c
- Fruit Sorbet - 50c
- Lunch Only

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## Volunteers Needed!

Please if you can spare 3 hours any day of the week we would love you to come and help in the canteen to provide our children with fresh healthy food! Your children would love to see you helping!!!

Please contact Julianne on 0427 536 544 or Gina on 0419 732 802

Check for specials on Facebook and SkoolBag