Dear families,

2016 has certainly been a jam packed year at St Joseph’s! Student learning has been at the centre of all our endeavours and our academic results continue to be very strong. Our students have taken part in so many learning opportunities, including music tuition, visiting performers, sleepovers, excursions, Science Club and many sports, including gymnastics and swimming... and that is just the tip of the iceberg!

As you know, 2016 has been my first year at St Joseph’s. I would like to thank you all for welcoming me so warmly. I appreciate your kindness more than you could ever know. I remember back to my first days here at the start of the year. Your smiles and friendly greetings told me so much about the welcoming nature of this school community. This generosity of spirit has not been limited to my first few weeks at St Joseph’s. It continues to this day and I am very humbled by your kindness.

The heart of every school is the children. And I am very proud of every one of our students. They have approached each day with a smile and eagerness to learn. We can ask no more than that.

Throughout 2016 the staff of St Joseph’s have given tirelessly of themselves, in the interests of the education of the students in their care. On behalf of every child in our school I say thank you to each and every member of the St Joseph’s team.

As a new member of the school community, something which has impressed me greatly, is the way the families at St Joseph’s support their school. The P&F has led fundraising so energetically throughout the year and the families of our school have strongly supported their efforts. To see the hundreds and hundreds of raffle tickets in the barrel at the concert last week was simply inspiring. So I extend a heartfelt thanks to Antoinette Cross and the P&F for their tireless work and I thank all families for supporting our P&F.

The St Joseph’s School Council has also made a significant contribution to the school. As a group they have been instrumental in maintaining and further developing St Joseph’s. This included coordinating the installation of twelve new reverse cycle air conditioning units throughout the school. On behalf of the school community, I thank Angelo Fiumara and the St Joseph’s School Council for sharing their wisdom.

Throughout the year Father Anthony and Father Tony have been role models of faith to us all. They have supported us with care and gentleness and we give thanks for their presence in our lives.

As 2016 draws to a close we say farewell to the following staff who will not be with us in the new year: Mrs Lehman, Mrs Gillespie, Mrs Di Salvia, Miss Tovo and Mr Greatz. I thank you all for sharing your gifts with us during your time at St Joseph’s. This week Mrs Patrizia Salafia, St Joseph’s uniform coordinator, has accepted a position at St Francis Regional College. Patrizia was very generous with her time as canteen coordinator, often coming in to school, outside of her designated hours to school to assist new families with their uniform needs. Patrizia, you will be missed.

To the families leaving St Joseph’s, we wish you all the best. Wherever life takes you, you will always be part of the history of this school. Thank you for your contribution.

As we say farewell to the 2016 school year, I wish each and every member of our school community a Christmas family, love, peace and joy.

Mrs MaryJane Simms.
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School Fee Account Reminder
We wish to remind all parents that Term 4 school fees are now overdue. Please ensure all outstanding accounts are paid, unless prior arrangements have been made.
If you would like to pay by direct deposit bank details are:
St Joseph’s School Board Operating Account
BSB: 062-564 Account No: 00901866
Please include your family number so that your deposit can be identified on the bank statement.

Dates For Your Diary
2017 School Resumes for students in Stage One, Two and Three: Tuesday 31 January 2017

P & F Raffle Results
Congratulations to the winners of our Christmas raffle:
1st Prize: $1000 Cash - Carol Salafia
2nd Prize: $300 Cash - Riley Sloan
3rd Prize: $200 - Mick Hore
The P & F would like to thank everyone for their support throughout the year.
Wishing you all a Merry Christmas & a safe and happy holiday.

St Joseph’s Uniform Shop
Holiday Opening Hours
Thursday January 19, 9am-11am and 2pm-4pm
Wednesday January 25, 9am-11am and 2pm-4pm
Mrs Patrizia Salafia.
Uniform Shop Coordinator.

Parish Liturgy Roster
17 & 18 December 2016
Saturday 6:00pm: H Ryall, P McPhee, A Stevens, J Di Lorenzo & Family, M Milne, R Steedman, M Lewis, M Moon.
Sunday 10:00am: S McCallum, P Greatz, V Pages, P Salafia & Family, Sr Michelle, B Troy, J Hopper.

Play to Learn Registration
Applications for the Play to Learn group at St Joseph’s are open now. We ask that applications be returned to St Joseph’s Office by February 8, 2017. A flyer and application form can be found in today’s newsletter.
ST JOSEPH’S PRIMARY SCHOOL, LEETON
2016 AWARD RECIPIENTS AND 2017 STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

School Captains 2017
Abby Horton and Will Maguire

School Vice Captains 2017
Katie McAliece and Cooper Purtill

House Captains 2017
MacKillop (Red): Domenic Nardi and Jack Graham
Dwyer (Gold): Michael Ciurleo And Mitchell Woods
Tenison (Green): Ella Tang and Lisa Milne
O’Mara (Blue): Myles Jackson and Walter Asmus

Whole School Award Recipients
Mrs Virginia Salafia : Jack Miller Environment Award
Katie McAliece : Kim Dutschke Consistent Effort Award
Sophie Odewahn : St Joseph The Worker Award
Vienna Burgess : Infants Award

Year 6 Awards
Sportsmanship Award: Meg Thomas
Diligence Award: Archer Asmus
Academic Award: Isabel Fiuma
Encouragement Award: Lachlan Bailey
Citizenship Award: Jack Kidd
Creative Arts Award: Emika Gooley
Principal’s Award: Cleo McLaughlin
Year Six Choice Award: Laura Knagge
ST JOSEPH’S STAFFING FOR 2017

Parish Priest: Father Anthony Dunne
Principal: Mrs Mary Jane Simms
Assistant Principal: Mrs Luisa Tavella
Religious Education Coordinator: Michelle Naimo
Coordinator: Mr Brian Conroy
Targeted Maths Leader: Ms Susan Flagg
Senior School Officer: Ms Serena Jablonskis
Clerical Assistant: TBA
Principal’s Assistant: TBA

PLAY TO LEARN Mrs Melinda McCrohon
Teacher Assistant-TBA

KINDER:
ES1G Mrs Maree Graham
ES1M Mrs Maria Maybon
ES1 Literacy/Numeracy Support Teacher Mr Brian Conroy
ES1 Teacher Assistant Mrs Virginia Salafia
ES1 Teacher Assistant Mrs Angela McDonnell (Term One)

STAGE 1:
S1B Ms Jessica Bice
S1D Mrs Jane Dever
S1P Mrs Selina Puntoriero
S1 Literacy/Numeracy Support Teacher Mrs Stephanie McCallum
S1/ Teacher Assistant Mr Andrew Kelly

STAGE 2:
S2R Ms Emma Reneker
S2K Ms Belinda Kane
S2FH Mrs Michaela Fiumara (4 days)/ Mrs Jenny Houghton (1 day)
S2 Literacy/Numeracy Support Teacher Mrs Karen Vogel

STAGE 3:
S3C Mrs Kate Cooper
S3MN Mrs Michelle Naimo (2 days)/ Mrs Fiona Morris (3 days)
S3 Literacy/Numeracy Support Teacher Mrs Luisa Tavella
S3 Teacher Assistant Mrs Judi McAliece
Library: Mrs Michelle Naimo
Italian: Mrs Lizabeth Quarisa
Reading Recovery: Mr Brian Conroy
Sport Coordinator: Mr Brian Conroy
IT Integration and Support: Mr Brian Conroy
Learning Support/EALD/Indigenous Coordinator: Mrs Luisa Tavella
Maintenance: Mr Joe Mimmo
Gardener: Mr Pete Skewes
Cleaner: Mrs Edna Cooper
Canteen: Ms Gina Galluzzo/Mrs Julianne Dowling
Uniform Shop: Mrs Patrizia Salafia

Music lessons will be occurring in 2016 but in a new format

*EALD English as an Additional Language or Dialect
CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2016

CHRISTMAS EVE - Vigil Mass
Saturday 24 December
LEETON  6.00pm
YANCO  8.00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY
Sunday 25 December
LEETON 10.00am (No normal 8.00am
Yanco)

COMMUNAL PENITENTIAL SERVICE with RECONCILIATION
LEETON - Tuesday 20 December at 6.00pm
Several priests available with communal prayers and
individual confession

CONFESSIONS
LEETON
Every Friday: 4.45pm - 5.15pm
Every Saturday 5.30pm - 5.50pm (before Mass)
Play to Learn

Commencing in Term 1 2017
10am-2:30pm
St. Joseph’s Primary School, ‘The Village’

http://web.sjleeton.catholic.edu.au

Your child is invited to join our year-long transition to school program, called Play to Learn at Joey’s.

Play to Learn is a new program offered by St Joseph’s, Leeton. It will commence on Friday 3rd March 2017. Your child or children are invited to come along to ‘The Village’ at St Joseph’s, to engage in play based learning with other children 4-5yrs.

Play to Learn is a free service. There is no obligation to enrol at St Joseph’s to attend, but your child MUST be enrolled in “Play to Learn” to attend. The program will be run by a fully qualified, experienced teacher.

Each session will run from 10:00am-2:30pm and includes a Morning Tea and a lunch break. (Students are asked to bring their own food.)

The program is based on Reggio Emilia approach to learning. This approach embraces co-operative, play based learning activities.

At Play to Learn, children will engage in activities such as:

* Story Time
* Number Play
* Music Time
* Creative and Visual Arts
* Outdoor play
* Gross Motor Skills
* Kitchen Garden Program

If you would like your child to participate, please complete an Expression of Interest form, by February 8, 2017. Forms are available at the St Joseph’s office, or can be downloaded from the St Joseph’s website.
PLAY TO LEARN
AT JOEY’S

New Transition to School Program
As a team at St Joseph’s, we are excited by the possibilities our
new transition to school program presents. Play to Learn will utilise the Reggio Emila
approach to learning. This approach allows each individual child to explore and develop
their interests in a safe, supporting, learning environment.
Play to Learn will have limited places in 2017, so that we can provide quality educational
experiences. Families who wish their child to be part of this program, are invited to
complete this form and return it to the St Joseph’s office
by Wednesday February 8, 2017.

St Joseph’s Primary School, Leeton.
(02) 69533248
Email: sjle-info@western.catholic.edu.au
Website: http://web.sjle.western.catholic.edu.au

Parent/ Guardian Name: __________________________________________
Child’s Name: __________________________________________
Child’s D.O.B: __________________________________________

(Please turn over the page and complete the other side.)
Expression of Interest

Contact Details: Phone Number:______________________________

Email:______________________________

Postal Address:______________________________

Current Preschool Attendance:

Please circle: Yes/No

Days per week:________

Current Daycare Attendance:

Please Circle: Yes/No

Days per week:________

Please list any special requirements/needs (including medical):

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I would be interested in helping with the program:

Yes/No

Signed ________________________

Date:__________________________
**Award Recipients:** Jack Kidd (Citizenship award), Isabel Fiumara (Academic Award), Meg Thomas (Sportsmanship Award), Emika Gooley (Creative Arts Award), Lachlan Bailey (Encouragement Award), Laura Knagge (Year Six Choice Award), Cleo McLaughlin (Principal's Award), Archer Asmus (Diligence Award).
Sporting Year
2016
BAND JAM DAY

What a fantastic time students had at the band Jam day in Narrandera on Monday. Students took part from Leeton, Narrandera, Jerilderie, Coleambally and Tumbarumba. Students had the opportunity to play as a whole band with all the students, and then were able to play in smaller groups with students who played the same instrument.

Thank you Miss Kane and Mrs Morris for accompanying the students.
Sporting news from St Joseph’s

2016 has seen many varied sporting opportunities for students at St Joseph’s. From school based carnivals (swimming, cross country & athletics) and subsequent Deanery, Diocesan and Mackillop carnivals; individual sporting trials (basketball, netball, cricket, soccer, AFL, tennis); team based sporting carnivals (Trent Barrett Shield, Mortimer Shield, Jackie Murphy Netball, Catholic Schools Basketball Challenge & Paul Kelly Cup); through to school based sporting opportunities such as NRL Clinics for both primary and infants students, backyard league, gymnastics program, swim and survive.

As a school we have tried extremely hard to provide sporting opportunities for all students this year. All students are commended for the great sportsmanship shown throughout the year in all of the above mentioned activities. It has been a pleasure to work with you all and I hope to continue next year.

Dates for Term 1 2017 at present:

Monday 6\(^{th}\) February- School Swimming Carnival
Friday 17\(^{th}\) February- Deanery Swimming Carnival
Friday 24\(^{th}\) February- Diocesan Soccer Trial
Friday 24\(^{th}\) February- Diocesan Netball Trial
Monday 27\(^{th}\) February- Diocesan Swimming Carnival
Tuesday 28\(^{th}\) February- Diocesan AFL Trial
Thursday 9\(^{th}\) March- Diocesan Rugby League Trial
Friday 31\(^{th}\) March- School Cross Country

NB: 2017 Year 6 students.
For all the above mentioned Diocesan trials for sports, information will be handed out during the first couple of weeks next year.

It has been a pleasure to work with you all and I look forward to continuing to do so next year.

Mr Brian Conroy
Sports Coordinator
WORKSHOPS IN JANUARY
Griffith Regional Art Gallery

FOR THE TEENS & ADULTS

Wednesday 18 January 2017

- 11am - 12pm Guided Tour with Ray Wholohan
- 12pm - 2pm Lunch & painting workshop (Please bring your own lunch)
- $20 per person (includes paint and brushes. Please bring 2 canvases of a size to suit yourself)
- Abstract Expressionism painting workshop for teenagers and adults.
- Griffith Regional Art Gallery - 167 Banna Avenue Griffith

FOR THE KIDS

Thursday 19 January 2017

- 10.30am - 12pm
- $5 (includes paint and brushes. Please bring 2 canvases of a size to suit yourself)
- Tour of exhibition, followed by an Abstract Expressionism painting workshop for primary students.
- Griffith Regional Art Gallery - 167 Banna Avenue Griffith
KIDS YOGA
with Kate
Nurturing the holistic wellbeing of young people

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLASSES

TUESDAY 10TH JANUARY
9:15 TO 10:30  5-8 YEARS
10:45 TO 12:00  9-12 YEARS

@ Leeton Multi Purpose Community Centre

$10 PER CHILD

For enquiries & bookings call
0419 438 761