2016 TERM DATES

Term 1
Fri 29 January – Thur 24 March

Term 2
Mon 11 April – Fri 24 June

Term 3
Mon 11 July – Fri 16 September

Term 4
Mon 3 October – Fri 16 December

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TERM 1

FEBRUARY

Tue 16  School Board Meeting @ 7:30pm
Wed 17  UNIFORM SHOP SALE @ 8:15am
Fri 19  Principal’s Award – Being organised  
        Assembly – Year 4O  
        Tri Skills – Prep to Year 2  
        P&F Welcome Drinks

FOR SALE
The school has purchased a limited number of St Joseph’s swimming caps. These will be for sale later this week from the office, for $5.00 each. The school has subsidised the caps to the value of $5.00.
Dear Families,

**NEW SCHOOL APP – Updated.**

Please ensure that you download from either your android store or the Apple store - *Updated*. All parents must also subscribe to the newsletter on our website for the new app to be activated. Little reminders and important updates will be sent through this forum in the coming days.

The below Mission Statement was prepared by Year 4O. Each year level, are required to prepare a Mission Statement that best represents their class and mission for 2016. This stunning example was prepared and written by Year 4O. All statements will be displayed in the atrium and classrooms in the coming days.

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**Our Class Mission Statement**

As friends, we never exclude anyone from our games or group work. Everyone is welcome all of the time. As a community, we need to show that we are kind, to demonstrate care for others. It is our job to use our initiative to help others who are in need or who are hurt, no matter what. We must always share, so that everybody gets a turn at everything because sharing is caring. There are many ways to respect others; we need to make sure we always show respect for ourselves, respect for the environment and respect for others. When you love people, you can show this through words or actions, just like Jesus asks us to do. Finally, we pray for peace; peace in our hearts, peace in our school and peace in our world.

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It’s hard to believe that we are already in Week 4 of our school year. After visiting all classrooms on Monday, I couldn’t have been happier with the settled start to the week. There is a tremendous sense of calm throughout all pockets of school and we remain confident this momentum will carry through until the Easter break.

This was also a timely opportunity to remind all students about our uniform expectations. It was surprising to note that we only had two rooms across our 13 classrooms with 100% correct attire. All children need to be wearing the correct school shoes, socks and summer uniform combinations. Despite morning and after school activities, sneakers are not to be worn during class time. Children must change back into their correct shoes after these activities. Some children cited that they had either lost their shoes or mum and dad said it was now OK to wear sneakers to school. I also reminded the children about temporary tattoos, appropriate hair ties in school colours, bracelets and nail polish. I’m pleased to see a marked improvement across all classes in regards to these matters. I look forward to 100% success rate across the school by Friday. Sports uniform can be worn provided the classroom teacher has given permission.

Congratulations to our exceptional buddies. This has always been a highlight for our senior and junior students, and no more so than in 2016. The daily interactions and exchanges have been priceless and this serves as a wonderful reminder to the importance of this program for both our youngest and oldest students. An important aspect to our student wellbeing, it is often sought after by our prospective families.

On a disappointing note, and for the second week running, we have had unwanted visitors in our junior playground over the weekend drinking and smashing their bottles over our equipment. Should you notice people on the grounds late in the evening, please don’t hesitate to contact the local authorities. This is trespassing and becoming quite a nuisance on Mondays. I will look to explore our options with our School Board this evening.

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Thank you parents and students for the wonderful feedback regarding the canteen. This has been a terrific start for the ladies from Fun Fresh Foods. Be sure to drop by on Wednesdays and say hello to the new staff.

**UNIFORM SHOP SALE**

What a sale last Friday! We sincerely thank the ladies who assisted with the monster uniform sale. We have one more sale this Wednesday before school commences, so don’t miss out. This is a great opportunity to pick up a bargain before we move all sales to our new provider.

**COLOURFUL SEMANTICS**

This week, all staff will undergo professional development in Colourful Semantics. This is an approach aimed at helping children to develop their grammar. It uses colour coded cards to assist children to learn the important elements of a sentence, and how to join them together in the correct order. The students reassemble sentences by cutting them up into their thematic roles and using colour codes.

**WHO?** – Orange  
**WHAT DOING?** – Yellow  
**WHAT?** – Green  
**WHERE?** – Blue

It can be used to help a range of children; from those who are starting to develop language and have limited vocabulary, to confident talkers who struggle to organise the grammatical content of their sentences.
DATA ANALYSIS
This week, the Grade 1 and 2 teachers will be released for a day in order to analyse the data collected from both February and November 2015 testing. The analysis of data is a crucial step in assisting teachers with their planning and targeting the specific needs of their children i.e. targeting the point of need. The senior teacher’s day release will occur in Week 5.

TRI SKILLS
Tri skills will run this Friday for the following classes: Prep D, Prep S, 2M, 2R, 1D and 1G. PE uniform required.

Looking forward to another terrific week at St Joseph’s,

Simon Collis
Principal

Important afterthoughts...
Never a dull moment at St Joseph’s. Tuesday morning was spent trying to coax a magpie out of the atrium. From a wind blower to a broom extension and numerous tennis balls, the magpie proudly took the points and remained perched on the rafters watching the Year 4s play sport for the morning session.
HOLT TENNIS ROUND ROBIN
Good luck to Giordano Russo and Thomas Childs, as they trial at the Holt tennis round robin on Thursday.

DISTRICT SWIMMING
Good luck to our children who are representing St Joseph’s at the District swimming sports next Tuesday at GESAC. We have a team of over 20 children this year from Years 3-6.

Louise Howell
PE Teacher

FUN FRESH FOODS
Introducing our new tuckshop providers, Fun Fresh Foods. If you have any problems or enquiries, please feel free to contact them on the following contact details:

enquiries@funfreshfoods.com.au
liz@funfreshfoods.com.au
Liz: 0418 577 120
Siobhan: 0438 501 060

LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT WORKS
STANILAND GROVE – RAISED PAVEMENT ROAD HUMPS

A Council appointed contractor is scheduled to commence Raised Pavement Road Humps construction works in Staniland Grove from Monday 22 February 2016 for approximately 2-3 weeks, weather permitting and will involve the construction of 2 Flat Top Raised Pavement Road Humps outside the following locations.

No 1 Staniland Grove and
No 16 Staniland Grove

Road conditions will be altered with road closures at the raised pavement road humps during construction. Traffic management and diversions will be installed and local traffic will be directed around the road closures. Access to the shopping centre car parks will be maintained for traders and residents at all times.
Over the holidays many wonderful literacy resources have been purchased and we can’t wait to get them into the classrooms. We would love some parent help to assist with processing the books e.g. stamping and reinforcing the books. If you are able to help we would really appreciate an hour of your time after assembly this Friday 19th Feb (in the library). If you cannot make this Friday but would like to help then please email Geraldine Pepper to arrange another time gpepper@sjelst.catholic.edu.au. Below are some of the wonderful NEW resources purchased with the money raised from the Spellathon last year!

PREP PARENT READING INFORMATION NIGHT - Tuesday 1st March - 7p.m.
Just a reminder to all our prep parents to come along to our Reading information Night. It is an extremely worthwhile night that will provide you with knowledge and tips on reading with your child at home. Reply via CareMonkey.

LITERACY CLASSROOM HELPERS
At St Joseph’s primary school we have a wonderful junior literacy program. In order for us to successfully run our Junior Literacy program we need volunteers to assist in our classrooms on a regular basis. Our Literacy program operates Monday to Friday for 2 hours per day. Generally the literacy block operates in the morning session between 9am and 11am. Parent involvement in the classroom is extremely important. Effective parent involvement can greatly assist the teacher in meeting all the student needs in the classroom. For the student, their sense of well-being and importance escalates as they see how much their parent values their education. For the parent, being in their child’s class can provide a better appreciation of the complexities of the educating task and a better understanding of what is expected of students in the class. Overall, teachers, parents and students benefit from the improved communication that develops because of closer, more frequent, contact between teacher and parent.

At St Joseph’s we provide an opportunity for you to partake in the Parent ‘classroom helper workshops’. These are run over 2 sessions and both sessions must be attended. If you would like to attend the ‘Classroom Helper Workshop,’ please look out for a CareMonkey note coming out soon.

Just a reminder:
• Parents who have already completed the ‘Classroom Helper Workshops’ and have a ‘Working with Children Check’ are greatly appreciated and encouraged to assist in the classrooms. Please sign up, even if you can only do once a term!
• Parents/helpers who have not completed the ‘Classroom Helper Workshops’ are encouraged to do so prior to assisting in the classrooms.
• As well as completing the ‘Classroom Helper Workshop,’ it is imperative that parents have a ‘Working with Children Check.’ Applications are available from Australia Post outlets. Once you have your ‘Working with Children Check’, then the certificate must be taken to the school office and entered into our database so we have an up to date register.

I thank you for your continued support.
Warm regards,
Geraldine Pepper
Literacy leader
Dear Parents,

With commencement of Term One, I wanted to take the opportunity to introduce the Scholastic Book Club to our new students and families and thank those who have supported the Scholastic Book Club by purchasing books during 2015. I also wanted to provide some information regarding the way in which St Joseph’s school benefits from the purchases made.

**Book Club Benefits**

With every book order placed, the school earns bonus points which can be redeemed by teaching staff for free books and resource materials. During 2015, purchases made by St Joseph’s families earned the school a total of $1100 in rewards and resources. Whilst there is no obligation on families’ part to purchase items, it is a popular and easy way to reinforce the importance of reading at home as well as providing an opportunity for teaching staff to access resource materials for the classroom.

**Ordering Procedures**

Book Club brochures are issued twice per term. There are 2 options for placing a Book Club Order:

1. Orders can be placed and paid for directly online via LOOP [Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents] via the Scholastic Australia Website. No order forms need to be returned to the school as all payments are made directly to Scholastic.
2. Order forms can be placed in the “Book Club Box” located in the alcove between the main school office foyer and the atrium. Payment can be made via either cash or cheque and enclosed with the completed order form.

Please ensure that the student’s name and class are always written on the order form. Where possible, please return order forms by the due date (indicated on the book club brochure). Books are usually delivered to the students directly, however there is the option for parents to purchase books and request a separate collection of orders from the school office. This will allow for some “surprise” purchases for special occasions (birthday/Christmas/Easter presents). Parents wishing to order “surprise” purchases can either fill in a separate order form or include a note with a student order detailing the Book Club, book title and book number along with a contact phone number. I will text or telephone to advise of order arrival. Unless otherwise noted however, book orders will continue to be directly distributed to the students via their classroom.

I am able to combine the manual orders with the online orders to generate a single delivery. I am still very happy to receive the paper orders as I appreciate that the students often fill these in themselves and save up their pocket money to purchase their books which is great!!!

**Returns/Refunds/Credits**

Scholastic Australia will gladly refund the cost of an item where a student or parent is not satisfied with their purchase. The item does, however, need to be returned to Scholastic within 30 days of purchase. Please contact me on 0408 671 707 should you require assistance to return any Book Club item. On occasion, some book club titles may be temporarily unavailable and placed on back order. In instances where the title is unable to be supplied, Scholastic will issue a credit voucher. Credit vouchers can be used to order books from future Book Club brochures or can be returned to Scholastic to obtain a full refund of the costs paid.

**First Book Club Issue 2015**

Issue 1 brochures will be distributed in the next 2 days with order return date being 22/02/16.

**Book Club Co-ordinator Contact Details**

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 0408 671 707 should you have any queries or concerns regarding the Book Club. Again, thank you to all families who have continued to support the Book Club. Happy reading!!

Lisa Mahon (Mum of Ben Year 5G & Joe Year 5H).
**P&F Committee ~ 2016**

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**INTRODUCTION**

For those of you who don’t know us, the P&F committee will be led by Kate Flavell, Kate Grindal & Kate Stanistreet. Please see below for our contact details:

Kate Flavell (Daisy - Year 2 & Max - Prep)
Email: katie_arkell@hotmail.com
Phone: 0428 598 883

Kate Grindal (Harry - Year 4, Fred - Year 2 & Ivy - Prep)
Email: kgrindal@gmail.com
Phone: 0434 832 662

Kate Stanistreet (Lenny – Year 2 & Frankie - Prep)
Email: kate.stanistreet@gmail.com
Phone: 0414 830 433

**CLASS REPS**

Thanks to all the parents who have kindly offered to be class reps for 2016. Please see the completed list below:

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**P&F MEETING**

Thanks to everyone who attended our first meeting last Wednesday. It was great to see so many “old & new” faces – we couldn’t be happier!
We will be holding a Working Bee on Saturday 5th March. The working bee will aim to clean up our school and local environment. The gutters and waterways around school flow directly into Elster Creek, which leads to the bay.

We ask that you RSVP to Kate Stanistreet or Claire Ryle for this event as numbers will determine the activities that are planned. kate.stanistreet@gmail.com cryle@sjelst.catholic.edu.au

Here is some information regarding the Well Water Project

Well Waters

This latest Port Phillip Eco Centre project provides the community and environment supporters of the Elster Creek catchment area with a chance to get rebates on the installation of rain tanks and water wise gardens for their homes, businesses and local schools. The Well Waters project aims to mitigate the effects of Elster Creek floods, while improving habitat for over 200 local wildlife species, and bringing the community closer together. The Well Waters project has provided $150,000 in rain tank and rain garden rebates, and hosts community worker bees to improve Elster Creek for water, plants, animals and people.

We here at St Joseph’s will be participating in the Well Waters project. In the school holidays we installed two new 3000L slim line tanks to service the boy’s toilets as well as two 5000L tanks to service the female toilets and garden. The tanks totalled $21,661.

Well Waters will offer us a rebate of $25 for every volunteer hour that we put into cleaning up the Elster Creek catchment or promoting water wise education.

You can also assist us with incursions at school that are organised;

• Attend the whole school Well Waters Day on Friday 4th March
• Attend the senior school Emu Bob - Cleaning up our catchment on Thursday 17th March

WELCOME DRINKS

Parents are invited to join other parents from their children’s year level for the annual welcome drinks. Thanks to those who have offered up their homes for hosting! Please see the confirmed dates for the year level welcome drinks below:

Saturday, 20 February - Grade 3
Friday, 26 February – Grade 4
Saturday, 27 February – Grade 1
Friday, 4 March – Grade 2
Saturday, 5 March – Grade 5
Friday, 18 March – Grade 6
Saturday, 19 March – Prep
CAKE STALL
The first cake stall will be held next **Friday, 26 February at 3.15pm**. A range of cakes, slices, cupcakes & biscuits for sale.

**DON’T MISS OUT!!**
Thanks to the Grade 4 parents for kicking things off for 2016.

TUCKSHOP
Just a reminder that St Joseph's has engaged Fun Fresh Foods to provide the tuckshop service for 2016.

Fun Fresh Food will continue our tradition of offering fresh food for your children to enjoy at both recess and lunch. Food will be made fresh on Wednesday with a variety of fun and healthy choices. Home baked goods are also available to purchase over the counter.

**To get started:**
- Click on the St Joseph's link
- Click ‘Online Ordering’
- Complete the registration form
- Receive a confirmation email with activation link
- Activate your account and log into the website
- Add your children and credit to your account
- Order at your own convenience up to two weeks in advance
- Orders need to be placed online before 10pm Tuesday

If you require any assistance with getting started please do not hesitate to call 1300 116 637. If you would like to place an entire term’s order, then a Pre-Order Form needs to be completed and returned to the Tuckshop basket in the school office. Payment for this service is by cash or credit card. All forms can be found online at [www.funfreshfoods.com.au](http://www.funfreshfoods.com.au). Please join us in welcoming Siobhan, Liz and their team to our school.

UNIFORM SHOP
We have engaged the services of Nicholls Furnishings in Martin Street Brighton, to manage our new off-site Uniform Shop. They have many years of experience in this area. Currently they supply uniforms for St James, St Joan of Arc, Star of the Sea and Brighton Secondary College. They are conveniently located close to our school, open 6 days a week and offer a lay-by service. They are currently ordering supplies for the winter uniform for the start of Term 2.

UNIFORM SALE
Thanks to all those who helped last Friday with the uniform sale. We will be holding a second SALE of our remaining current stock on Wednesday, 17 February at 8.15am.
Finding yourself pushed for time after school pick up?

Want fresh, healthy, affordable meals?

DELICIOUS TAKE HOME FAMILY DINNERS PREPARED by AMBER

AVAILABLE AT PICK UP ON A MONDAY OR TUESDAY
FROM THE SCHOOL KITCHEN

My aim is to take the stress out of preparing dinner
All meals are kid friendly & dietary requirements can be catered for

If you would like to know what’s cooking each week & how to order
join my email list by contacting me at amber.sanderson@optusnet.com.au

Alternative pick up times and delivery available on request
**Party in the Park**

**Sunday 21 February, 10am–4pm**

**PRINCES PARK**
Hawthorn Road, Caulfield South

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**Bike Decorating Competition**

**Entry form**

Name: ____________________________

Age group (please circle): 0–4 years  5–9 years  10–13 years

School:

Children are encouraged to bring along their bike to the event. Bikes can be decorated at home or on the day at the Sustainable Transport marquee. The bike decorating competition will be judged at the main stage area at approximately 2:40pm. Entry forms should be submitted at the Sustainable Transport marquee by 2:15pm.
## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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