2016 TERM DATES

2016 – PUBLIC HOLIDAYS & OTHER NOTABLE DATES

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Please Note: Both the 1G and 2R assemblies will be rescheduled to Term 2, due to the school closure days and Well Waters Day.
Dear Families,

**WORKING BEE**
Wow! What a simply spectacular turn out for our first working bee for 2016. Coupled by the many new faces and children, I was simply thrilled with the amount of work undertaken on the day. The contributions of ‘many hands’ goes a long way in reducing the maintenance costs and hours required of our school. More significantly, I believe the greatest benefit comes from participating and strengthening our community. My sincere thanks to Kate Stanistreet for orchestrating the volunteers on the day.

It’s also been most pleasing to hear that the parent welcome drinks have been a success. Let’s hope in future these don’t clash with our working bees.

The overall level of parental support in 2016 has been such a highlight, and continues to exceed expectations. This has been evidenced on the cooking days, Well Waters, excursions, in classrooms, swimming, basketball, cake stall, book covering and the attendance at assemblies. We have such a remarkable and dedicated team of parents (and children) whose contributions genuinely make a difference! The message is loud and clear, you value your child’s educational journey and school.

**JOBS COMPLETED ON SATURDAY:** All gardens tended, painting handrails, shade cloth installation, door hinge maintenance, cleaning of walls, book covering, leaf blowing, vacuuming, oiling deck, car park and stormwater pit maintenance and a BBQ. I’m pleased to acknowledge that many of these tasks and hours went towards our Well Waters credits. Approximately $4,500.00 credit in hours was raised on the day. What a delight to see Mrs Sargent and her husband working away in the gardens with our families.

**WELL WATERS DAY**
Congratulations Miss Ryle for your wonderful efforts in coordinating the Friday activities. Your team did a great job. Thanks also to the staff and students for your support in making this day such a success. It was most impressive to see so many parent helpers work alongside our children.

Well done to Miss Ryle and the Year 6 Environmental Leaders who presented on Monday at a Sustainability conference in the city. It’s great to see your efforts being recognised outside of our immediate community. Globally you’re making a difference.

**OPEN DAY #1**
The annual Open Day was Monday morning, and once again I was most impressed by the positive response to the day. Our Year 6s ran the school tours for the morning and they remain the greatest ambassadors for our school. The feedback from all prospective families was superb in relation to their manner. Unscripted and speaking fondly of their school, I’m immensely proud of our Year 6 leaders.

**2017 ENROLMENTS & INTENTIONS**
Sadly it is only March and we have already commenced planning for 2017. This year we will close enrolment applications for Prep on the 1st of April. So please ensure we have sibling intentions on our file and you remind prospective families and friends of this closing date.

We also ask that families outside of Prep notify the office as soon as possible regarding your intentions for 2017. Should you be considering relocating or moving schools, please contact the office as soon as possible. We currently have waiting lists and late unexpected movement impacts considerably on our funding for the following year. Thanks for your understanding.

**SCHOOL CLOSURE**
Collegially and professionally this is an invaluable opportunity for our staff to share and participate in two uninterrupted days of professional development. This year, the staff will work with a leading expert on the impact of positive psychology in a school, home and workplace.

The focus for the two days will be to reinforce the influence we have on our students, colleagues and others within our community. By presenting a positive and affirming manner and mindset we can have a profound impact on influencing the behaviours and culture of a school (workplace or home) and others. The research also suggests there are tremendous benefits with mental health, productivity, motivation and engagement. A deficit approach when working with others, will often lead to a negative and deficit outcome or attitude.

Mrs Moore will also lead the staff in promoting the benefits of Mindfulness, a practice we currently undertake at St Joseph’s. Our staff are really looking forward to these two days of learning and sharing in best practice.

**REVIEW OF BEHAVIOUER MANAGEMENT #1**
Thank you to the parents who have already responded to the quick survey sent on Monday. This has already provided a valuable insight as we undergo a review of our current practices.

**HARMONY DAY AND SRC**
Fr Burns came and met with the SRC last Tuesday and he shared with them some photographs from Klibur Domin, in East Timor, which is the community we support through the Harmony Day Fair. Fr Burns is extremely grateful for all the work that goes into Harmony Day to support his work in East Timor.
ST JOSEPH’S DAY
On Friday 18th March we will be attending mass as a whole school to celebrate the Feast Day of St Joseph. The Year 5 students will present a reflection after communion about St Joseph instead of sharing part of the Holy Week story. The feast day of St Joseph is an important one in our school calendar. A mass has also been scheduled on Friday evening. Families are welcome to attend.

SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD REPORT
Following several years of significant growth and major building projects, 2016 brings a new period for St Joseph’s, of consolidation and enhancement of all that is great in the school. This also provides a fresh focus for the School Advisory Board. As a Board, we have a role in assisting the Principal and his team in the function of the school, providing a sounding board, strategic advice, governance input and being a conduit to the parents and families. This is focused on the broader school community as we leave the education aspect in the capable hands of Simon and his team. So, for this year we see two key areas to focus on:

1. Helping contribute to the prioritisation of school objectives, such as what items require funds, prioritising and setting targets. This includes a range of things such as chromebooks, playground works, educational resources and curriculum activities such as the music program. These targets are then largely delivered by the P&F and the various functions and activities within the school.

2. Secondly, and probably the most important Board objective, is really about how we can help enhance the school community, culture and feel. This provides a twofold benefit of supporting the school community and helping achieve our first objective. St Joseph’s has a great culture of strong community, and many families come here with that in mind. When we join the school we also come to realise that this is a big chunk of our lives (some up to 12-13 years) and how significant the friendships, support and culture is to both our children and their families. We realise that by being involved, it not only enhances our children’s education and social skills but as parents, also enhances our own experience at St Joseph’s. That journey starts from the tears and trepidation of the first day of Prep and continues right through to that day of graduation. The benefits go beyond this however. Many of us will take lifelong friendships with us (both children and parents), and in St Joseph’s case, there are parents whose children have finished at the school and they are still involved!

So, over 2016 (and beyond) we will be looking at more ways to enhance and progress this culture, to encourage community involvement and to provide the parents of the school, support and the comfort of being involved in their children’s education.

One of the best ways to draw out some of your thoughts is to have a chat, whether at school pick up, sports drop off, on the BBQ or any one of the great events. The Board are keen to hear any of your thoughts, ideas or issues that we can contribute to achieving these objectives. We look forward to seeing you in 2016.

Board Members 2016:

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Thank you for your understanding and support in regards to the important school closure days. Let’s hope the students enjoy the well-deserved rest as our term rapidly comes to a close.

Simon Collis
Principal

Important afterthoughts...
- I often talk to families about my children’s capacity to have great ‘away games’ i.e. they are terrific at school and on playdates, but when they get home they appear to let it all go (attitude and outbursts). As parents, we continue to gently support, guide and navigate this developmental journey, reminded that this is quite typical of children who invest so much energy in trying to be good when with others; namely teachers, other families and friends, teams or at structured activities outside of the comforts of home. Let’s not forget, home is a safe place to fail and let it all go. Mrs Moore will provide some helpful literature in the coming weeks around these typical behaviours.

- Over the holiday period we will hopefully have the operable wall to the library and atrium modified. Half glass panels will be installed to create a more open and friendly environment for this valuable area.

- The front admin door has been fitted with an automated hinge. The glass door will always be locked daily and will require all visitors to buzz before the door lock can be released from the office staff. This door is not to be wedged open in future.
Belated congratulations to our newly elected SRC leaders for Semester 1:

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The students are well under way with their planning for our forthcoming 'Harmony Day', which will take place on Monday 21st March. Expect more details from individual grades over the next couple of weeks.

It is important to note, and celebrate, that the Harmony Day Fair at St Joseph’s is organised and run exclusively by the children and is a wonderful example of student voice in action!

Last week the SRC reps met with Fr. Burns, from our sister parish of Holy Cross, and he gave a very insightful and informative presentation on the Health Care facilities of Klibur Domin, situated in the village of Tobar, East Timor. We have been supporting this community through Fr. Burns' work since our first Harmony Day in 2014, and the students were amazed at the difference our fundraising makes to the lives of people in KD. For more information on the community we are supporting please have a look at their website: [http://www.kliburdomin.org/](http://www.kliburdomin.org/)

I am thoroughly enjoying working with the motivated and committed students of the SRC, and I'm sure that all their hard work will make Harmony Day a huge success.

Have a great week!

Michelle Moore
Deputy Principal
mmoore@sjelst.catholic.edu.au

LITERACY CLASSROOM HELPER WORKSHOP – Tuesday 22nd March - 6.30-8.30 p.m.
This year the Classroom Helper Workshop will be a condensed course that covers how to support learners in the classroom in the area of reading, writing, spelling, speaking and listening. If you would like to attend the 'Classroom Helper Workshop,' please can you respond to the CareMonkey note, or email gpepper@sjelst.catholic.edu.au with any queries.

Geraldine Pepper (Literacy leader)
BEACHSIDE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Congratulations to the following Year 3-6 children, who will now proceed onto the Beachside swimming carnival on Friday 11 March:


Louise Howell
PE Teacher

WORKING BEE PICS
Well Waters &
Clean Up Schools Day

On Friday 4th March the students of St Joseph’s participated in Well Waters Day. The purpose of the day was to educate students about caring for our waterways and using our precious resource of water sustainably. The junior school worked through three rotations. They met our friendly pirate Captain Trash. Although his humour was a little lost on the children when he told them he wasn’t a real pirate but an un-real pirate they learnt a lot about caring for Port Phillip Bay and assisted in filming a clip for his song ‘Just add water’. The junior school also participated in a biodiversity discovery around our playground with Geo who is a National Youth Environment Ambassador. In the afternoon the senior school viewed a documentary titled ‘Bay Keepers’ the Sustainability Victoria film highlighted the importance of keeping Port Phillip Bay healthy and what we can do to make a difference.

All students in the junior, middle and senior school participated in Clean up Schools Day. This year was the 25th anniversary of the event and coincided with our Well Waters initiative. The two causes linked beautifully and we were able to educate students about the importance of keeping our school and streets clean to ensure the trash doesn’t end up in our local waterways and bay. We had a special visitor, Alan Fletcher who plays Dr Karl Kennedy on Neighbours, to participate in the clean-up. He walked the local streets with our Year One students and was fantastic talking and discussing the environment with them.

WE HAVE REACHED OUR WELL WATERS GOAL!

In order to claim back the cost of our newly installed water tanks, as a community, we were required to volunteer 880 hours to the Well Waters Workbee’s. Between the Well Waters Day and our recent Working Bee we managed to log an amazing 1061.45 hours. This was a total rebate of $26,536.25. As we only require just over $23,000, we are able to pay it forward with some of our rebates. Bronnie from the Port Phillip Ecocentre is offering our rebates to a local kindergarten who have recently installed a rain garden. We are very proud and thrilled to not only meet our targets, but to be able to support other community organisations in improving their sustainability programs.
Steps to Sustainability Conference

On Monday 7th March I had the privilege of being invited to speak at a Sustainability Conference at the Catholic Leadership Centre. The conference involved speakers from around Australia and international speakers who delivered information on climate change and current teaching practice. The conference was designed to bring together teachers and educators to explore the social and environmental impacts of our society and how we lead change into the future. I was invited to speak about our Energy Module of the ResourceSmart program and the initiatives that we used to make positive behaviour changes in our community.

Our Energy Dollars Program has gained state-wide recognition for being a student led, and student driven, program that promotes positive behavioural change and impacts not only our energy consumption but our bottom line with energy bills. Together with our Year Six Environment Leaders I prepared a presentation that showcased this program and the impact that it has had at our school. After the presentation our leaders answered questions about the program and other environment procedures within our school. I could not have been prouder of the way that our leaders represented St Joseph’s. They spoke with confidence and respect to the teachers and principals in attendance and were asked by Sustainability Victoria to be a part of the video made on the event.

It is so pleasing to see that the work we are doing with environmental initiatives is not only having an impact on our sustainable practice here at school, but is gaining recognition in the education industry. St Joseph’s is rapidly gaining a name as being a school that ‘makes things happen’. This would not be the case without the support and input of our parent community. Each time we hold an event or call for support we are overwhelmed by the amount of parents that want to be involved.

Claire Ryle
Sustainability Leader
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What our leaders had to say about the Steps to Sustainability conference

I had a great time with Miss Ryle and all the Environment Team. This was a great experience and I loved every minute of it. My favourite part of this day was being able to share all the great ideas that this school has and have the other environmental teachers being interested in what we had to say. I loved having the teachers ask us questions about how they can then use those ideas back at their school.
- Olivia Bond (Year Six Environment Leader)

It was very fun going to the Steps to Sustainability Conference with Miss Ryle. I really enjoyed being the ones to teach the Environment Leaders from different schools about all of the fun and exciting things that we did at school to do with our sustainability initiatives. The teachers were very kind and seemed to really like our initiative and took many pictures of our posters and Energy Dollars. Our Prezi went very well and the conference went very smoothly. In addition, we also got to be part of a Bollywood style video where they talk about all the environment and sustainability events happening and we got to pop up from behind a wall while doing Jazz Hands. Altogether, it was a very fun, interesting day and a very important learning experience.
- Ina Carillo (Year Six Environment Leader)

I had an awesome time with Miss Ryle and the Environment Team, this was an AMAZING experience and I hope that I can have another experience like that. My favourite part of the sustainability conference was showing the prezi and answering questions from the other environment teachers. I had a great day.
- Indy Phillips (Year Six Environment Leader)

I had such an amazing day with Miss Ryle and the other Environment Leaders at the Steps to Sustainability Conference in East Melbourne. I was such a great experience and I had so much fun. I really liked how when we finished our presentation all of the other Environment Educators wanted to take pictures of the Energy Dollars and the posters we took with us so they could take our idea back to their school. When we finished we were asked by an educator from Sustainability Victoria to be in a film that showed highlights from the day.
- Olga Vlahos (Year Six Environment Leader)

I enjoyed spending the day with Miss Ryle and the 5 members of the Environment Team. I liked getting the chance to present our Prezi to the teachers and answering the questions that they had to ask at the end. I liked showing what the Energy Dollars looked liked and having the teachers come up to us and want to take a photo of the posters and Energy Dollars. I also enjoyed being filmed for a film that was being made about what the good parts of the day were. Doing all of this was a lot of fun because I really liked how excited all of the environmental teachers were about this project on the Energy Dollars.
- Sofia Micari (Year Six Environment Leader)
The Year 3 and 4 Students went off to the MCG for a school excursion. We had a brilliant time being up close and behind the scenes of the MCG. We had a tour from the lovely Peter and Barry. It was an extraordinary experience pretending to be a sportsman or sportswoman running down the runway. We felt like real athletes!

According to Peter, the MCG has the best cricket nets in the world. We were also fortunate enough to not only have a tour of the MCG, but we went to the museum as well as the Game On Center.

Here are a few pictures from our once in a lifetime unbelievable experience....
BOOK CLUB NEWS

Issue 1 Orders:
Thank you to the students and families that placed book club orders for Issue 1. A number of sizable boxes full of books from Scholastic Australia were received yesterday afternoon but there are some orders still outstanding. I will deliver the orders received to the students’ classrooms for distribution on Wednesday (prior to the long weekend) and will follow up the orders still awaiting delivery.

Issue 2 Brochures:
Issue 2 Brochures will be distributed prior to the long weekend and I would ask, where possible, to place your online orders or return your order forms to the Book Club Box on Tuesday 15/03/16 to ensure delivery prior to the end of Term 1.

Thank you for your support and please keep your orders coming as St Josephs does receive great reward points to redeem for resources to assist our Teachers and Students.

Happy reading,
Lisa Mahon
Book Club Coordinator
COMMUNITY NEWS

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS
Tuesday 29th MAR &
Wednesday 30th MAR 2016
AT ST. JOSEPH’S PRIMARY SCHOOL
(enter Orrong Rd through the black
double gates next to the rectory

JOIN US IN SOME FUN FOR AN HOUR and a HALF
EXPERIENCE THE BALL MACHINE
HIT LOTS OF BALLS
HAVE FUN IN THE GAMES
CHALLENGE YOURSELF TO IMPROVE YOUR SERVES
FOREHANDS, BACKHANDS & VOLLEYS

Tuesday 29th March & Wednesday 30th March

Session 1: CLINIC- Beginner & Beginner plus level— 9.30 am—11 am
Session 2: CLINIC- Beginner & Beginner plus level 11.15 am—12.45 pm
$20 per session per student
Numbers are limited in each clinic to 6-8 students per coach so book early
Once you have booked in you are obliged to pay for the session booked

Phone Alison on 0417 577 694
Email: pobox682@bigpond.com
Book your sessions by Friday 18th March.
I would appreciate an early call so that I can get extra coaches
## TERM ONE - 2016

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**TERM 1 BREAK – Monday 28 March – Friday 8 April**