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2016 – PUBLIC HOLIDAYS & OTHER NOTABLE DATES

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Reports Go Home  
Creative Music Concert – 4:00pm-5:30pm |
| Tue 15 | Year 2 Park Excursion  
Graduation Mass @ 6:00pm (All Welcome)  
Graduation Dinner after Mass (Year 6 students & their parents only) |
| Wed 16 | Creative Music Concert – 4:00pm-5:30pm |
| Thur 17 | END OF YEAR ASSEMBLY – 9:00AM – Principal’s Award ~ Positive contributions to the class atmosphere  
END OF TERM 4 – 1:00PM DISMISSAL |
Dear Families,

Thanks for the wonderful community celebration on Friday evening. The final mass was well received by all and Father Varghese has certainly left a lovely impression after his first mass. I particularly enjoyed watching Father play cricket with the boys for about ½ hour on Friday night. I believe this caught the eye of many children and parents as he hit a number of boundaries and ran swiftly between the wickets. Well done Miss Overbury for preparing our final mass for the year; our children sang beautifully and Father Varghese was so very impressed by their manner throughout. I’m pleased to acknowledge that he would like to progress with the installation of a much needed audio visual unit for the church to assist the congregation during these services.

BBQ
Many thanks to the parents who coordinated and worked on the BBQ on Friday evening. As always, this is greatly appreciated by our community. Despite a few flickers of the lights to gently usher families on, I’m pleased that all enjoyed our final gathering for the school and got home at a reasonable hour. Whilst this is a lovely opportunity to gather and celebrate a terrific year, I do ask in future that we be mindful of the adult rubbish that is spread throughout the school after these functions. This needed to be cleaned up before the children arrived on Monday. This will be reviewed before our opening BBQ in 2016.

SCHOOL CARDS
Don’t forget to purchase the terrific cards on sale each morning from the tuckshop area. Don’t miss out!

REPORTS
Thank you to those parents that have already provided positive feedback with the reports, either via the office, gate or emails. This is always greatly welcomed, acknowledging the hard work of our teachers.

TABLES FOR SALE
We have few Prep-1 classroom tables available for sale. A small donation is welcomed. These are located in the atrium and should they not be claimed, we will dispose of these over the holidays. First in, first served.

SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD AND P & F
A significant highlight for 2016 has been the outstanding contributions made by so many parents. Our parent volunteers, Parish Advisory Board and Parents & Friends Association continue to play an instrumental role in the success of St Joseph’s School. I thank Kadi Morrison and Christopher Ouizeman and their respective teams for their ongoing and unwavering support in assuring our student community are afforded the best learning environment, both physically and socially. I look forward to building upon these relations in 2016. A keen focus for next year will be building and promoting our parental involvement opportunities.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE

**Thursday 24 December – Christmas Eve**

- **St Joseph’s Church, Elsternwick**
  - 6:15pm – Carols
  - 6:30pm – Mass

- **Holy Cross Church, Caulfield South**
  - 8:30pm – Carols
  - 9:00pm – Mass

**Friday 25 December – Christmas Day**

- **St Joseph’s Church, Elsternwick**
  - 9:00am – Mass
  - 10:30am – Mass

- **Holy Cross Church, Caulfield South**
  - 10:00am – Mass

END OF YEAR ASSEMBLY ~ THURSDAY 17th DEC 9:00am

END OF SCHOOL ~ THURSDAY 17th DEC at 1pm
This year marks the end of an era as we will outsource our Uniform Shop and Tuckshop in 2016. Once again, I sincerely thank Maxine, Emily, Vicky, Amber, Penny, Kellie, Sherelle and Rachel for managing these valuable programs within our community. In the meantime, we have a substantial amount of uniform stock that we will look to sell up in the coming months. Your patience and understanding is appreciated as we transition to our outsourced providers.

STAFF FAREWELLS & THANK YOUS

I would like to again thank Ms Antenucci, Mrs Quitt, Mrs Bell and Brendan for their positive contributions to our community over their time here. We wish them every success in 2016 and trust that their new endeavours will be as rewarding as those at St Joseph’s.

This year we sadly farewelled Father Ross from our community. The support of Father Ross and now Father Varghese has and will continue to be instrumental in the school’s success. This school exists because of the Parish links and we thank Father Ross for his leadership and unwavering commitment to the school community, and again wish him well in his retirement. Father Ross remains in our daily thoughts and prayers as he continues to undergo his treatment.

Mrs Michelle Moore has had a stunning year. She directed the most successful school production, oversaw many wellbeing initiatives and programs and continues to lead the staff in curriculum development. I would like to personally thank and acknowledge these significant contributions to the St Joseph’s learning community.

As a staff, we have not only grown in number, but more impressively we have thrived collegially and professionally. I thank my positive, dedicated and welcoming staff, from the office (Moira & Kerry) to the classrooms, support staff and Leadership Team. I am immensely proud to work alongside my staff each day and draw upon their energy, expertise and creativity. A focus for next year will be to build upon this positive energy and raise the bar even further.

Our stunning children are indeed our core business. Each day as they enter the school gates and classrooms, they exude warmth, joy, passion, energy, enthusiasm, care, laughter and a thirst for learning. Our greatest joys come as we have the privilege to witness, share and influence their transformation and growth. We are most fortunate to share this in partnership with our parents and look forward to celebrating more success in the years to come. ‘Every time a child walks into our school, so does the family.’

In the coming days we will bid a fond farewell to our Year 6 students and certain families who have been instrumental in defining the culture at St Joseph’s over the years – many beyond 10 years.

We thank the following families for their valued contributions and wish you all well: Abraham, Allanby, Chen, Ellem, Ifkovich-Bolt, Lister, Maycock, Minack, Morris, Mouchacca, Nicholls, Orrell, Pennington, Semaan, Wang & Zheng

You will remain special members of our community and will always be welcome.

Wishing you a well-deserved, safe and Holy Christmas season. I look forward to sharing another prosperous and positive school year in 2016.

Thank you so very much for all the kind and thoughtful gifts.

Simon Collis
Principal

See you on the 29th January.

AFTERCARE FROM 1PM THURSDAY 17TH DECEMBER

Please SMS Georgia on 0417 231 301 or telephone the office if your child is coming to Aftercare from 1:00pm on Thursday 17th December, the last day of term, as we need to arrange staffing ratios.

Wishing everyone at St Joseph’s a Joyous Christmas and fun-filled holiday. Thank you for the privilege of caring for your children while you are attending to the business of living.

Merry Christmas from Nikki, Pam and Georgia

The singers from Wednesday lunchtime’s singing class.
**PIANO DONATION REQUIRED**

With the new Music Program commencing in 2016, we are seeking a piano in good condition.

So, if you have a piano that you no longer want, and would like to see it utilised by the very appreciative St Joseph’s students for the new music program, please contact Lizbeth Quinn via email anytime on lquinn@sjelst.catholic.edu.au even over the school holidays. Thank you in anticipation.

**FROM THE DEPUTY’S DESK**

Dear Parents,

In Term 1 of 2016 I will be running the ‘Seasons for Growth’ program for students who require support to cope with major changes, loss or grief in their life. I will be running 3 groups: Group1 for 1s and 2s; Group 2 for 3s and 4s and Group 3 for our 5s and 6s. The program will begin in Week 4 of the term and will continue in Term 2. If you think that your child/children would benefit from the program then please drop me an email. I will also provide more information at the beginning of Term 1. Below is an outline of the program content:

**‘Seasons for Growth’** is a small group, loss and grief, education program. The Young People’s Program aims to strengthen the social and emotional wellbeing of children and young people who are dealing with significant loss or change including the death of a loved one, parental divorce or separation, the experience and aftermath of natural disaster and moving house or school as well as many other life changes and losses.

Small groups of 4-7 children work with a trained adult Companion (Mrs Moore) who supports the children to have a say and learn new ways to think about and respond to the changes and losses in their lives. Children learn that they are not alone in dealing with the effects of change, loss and grief, and build their understanding and communication, decision making and problem solving skills as part of a supportive peer group.

The **Seasons for Growth®** Young People’s Program is a structured eight week program filled with peer-to-peer learning opportunities - time to talk and listen as well as take part in activities including drawing, music, art, journaling, role-plays and stories. Each weekly session will take place during afternoon class time and will last for approximately 1 ½ hours. A celebration session and two follow up ‘reconnector’ sessions complete the program, and each session explores an age appropriate concept, for example “I am Special” and “Feelings”. The story of the seasons is used to explain the cycles of life, including change and loss, and provides a valuable metaphor for children to explore and understand their own story.

We will also continue to offer the hugely successful **‘Peaceful Kids’** program and this will begin in Term 2. More information will be provided in 2016.

Wishing you all a restful and relaxing holiday,

Michelle Moore
mmoore@sjelst.catholic.edu.au

**LOST**

Louis Virlombier (grade 1G) left his Size 6 school polar fleece on a bench in the playground outside on Friday night during the school BBQ. Please check yours to make sure it has the correct name and return to the office if you inadvertently picked up the wrong polar fleece. Many thanks. Patrice Virlombier
Dear Families,

My thanks to all staff, students and families on making our End of Year Mass such a wonderful celebration on Friday evening. The students were exceptional in their participation in the mass despite the general fatigue which is inevitable at this time of year. I was incredibly proud of them all. I would also like to particularly thank all staff who attended and supported the children throughout the mass. Father Varghese certainly appreciated the warm welcome he received from the school community.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL
A huge thank-you to everyone in the school community for their unfailing generosity at this time of year. The donations made by families to the appeal will make a significant difference to the lives of people in need this Christmas. The importance of social justice can sometimes be less tangible for children, so these opportunities to live out our values through taking action are vital experiences for our children. Thank-you so much!

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS - 24th December @ 6.30pm
Our traditional Christmas Eve mass will be held at 6.30pm. Prior to the beginning of mass, carols will be sung from 6.15pm onwards. We have set two dates for carols practice prior to the Christmas Eve mass which are:

1. Monday 21st December at 7pm – St Joseph’s Church
2. Wednesday 23rd December at 7pm – St Joseph’s Church

Thank-you to Ric Quitt for yet again offering his time so generously to accompany the singing. It is greatly appreciated.

Just as many hands make light work, so too do many voices make for joy-filled singing. The choir is open to adults and children of all abilities so please come along and join in. Christmas is a time of celebration so the more the merrier! I would also love any expressions of interest from members of the school community who would be happy to complete a short reading, prayer of the faithful or participate in the offertory procession during the mass. Again, this can be fulfilled by adults or children. Please email me if you would be happy to take part.

Finally, I want to wish everyone a safe, happy and peace-filled festive season.

Best wishes,

Peta Overbury
Religious Education Leader

Email: poverbury@sjelst.catholic.edu.au
## Dates for the Diary

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ST. JOSEPH’S SPELLATHON

An incredible amount of money was raised from our Spellathon. A whopping total of $9473.30. We would like to thank everyone who contributed. We would also like to congratulate the individual students who raised the most money in their class. Also congratulations to Prep S for being the class who raised the most money $1213.

For their surprise they have chosen to have a special movie and ice cream day tomorrow.

Great Spelling Websites for over the holidays:

Junior: Reading Eggs - they have a 14 day free trial
www.readingeggs.com.au

Middle-Upper
www.spellingcity.com
www.studyladder.com.au
www.kidsspell.com

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The money raised from the Spellathon will be used to update our literacy resources, new Big Books and Literature Circle Texts. Well done everyone!

BUG CLUB and HOLIDAY READING

Just a reminder that we strongly encourage all students to continue to read for pleasure over the holidays. For all students, especially the reluctant readers, I recommend graphic novels, newspapers, kids magazines, cartoons, comic books from the newsagency. The Billy B Brown or Hey Jack series are excellent chapter books for early readers (Years 1-2). For the middle years the Roald Dahl Collection or Andrew Griffith’s “Storey Treehouse collection”. “Skulduggery” series for the more advanced upper primary. Don’t forget stories on CD for long car trips or for bedtime listening. Please continue to read to, and with, your child. All our students right up to Year 6 have all indicated that they still love being read to!

Bug Club is still available over the holidays. All you need to do is login www.pearsonplaces.com.au. All children (Prep - Year 3) know their login and password and they have books allocated to them. If this needs updating let your child’s classroom teacher know. Bug club can be used on Ipads and Android devices. This is excellent for the holidays as it is portable! The website below outlines the features Bug Club has to offer. The holidays may be a good time to familiarise yourself with its potential.


Good Luck and Happy Holiday Reading!

Geraldine Pepper (Literacy Leader)
TUCKSHOP THANK YOU
In a frenzy of free icy poles, St Joseph’s volunteer-run tuckshop finished up on Wednesday. We’d like to thank Jane and Wes Wilcox for their dedicated bread delivery service, which ran for over 10 years! We’d also like to thank Dirito’s Quality Fruits, PT Hotbread and the lovely Mr Wong from Wong’s Café for his delicious sushi.

Finally and most importantly we’d like to thank all the wonderful parents who so generously volunteered each week to provide tuckshop service to our children. In particular we’d like to thank Surinder De Young who was always available when needed (even when she wasn’t really available!).

Amber, Sherelle, Kellie, Penny & Rachel
The Tuckshop Team

UNIFORM SHOP UPDATE
As you know, from next year our uniform shop will be managed off site. We are currently researching a number of alternatives and will keep you posted.

We thank our wonderful parent volunteers, particularly Maxine, Emily and Vicky who have worked hard to provide such great service over the past two years.

In early February we will hold a SALE of our current stock.

CARDS AND KEEP CUPS
It’s not too late to buy greeting cards and Keep Cups for Christmas. They will be on sale each morning from 8.30am. The beautiful artwork, which was prepared by each class last term is being used on greetings cards. Cards are full colour in a postcard style and will be sold in packs of 10 for $10, or a mixed pack of 12 (one card for each artwork) for $12.

NEWLY NOMINATED P&F COMMITTEE FOR 2016
LOVELY IDEAS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Incandescence Candles

- Candles: starting at $10
- Reed Diffusers $20
- Car Diffusers $5
- Room Mist $10

Can make for all budgets
Harry Nakis’ Mum: 0411 052 675
Email: bettyboohn@live.com.au

Miss Angie’s 2016 Calendars
Chic, Unique, Classy Calendar
Each Page a Divine Art Piece
$20 each OR 3 for $50

See Miss Angie at school or contact Betty Nakis on 0411 052 675
HAVE A HIT IN BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Tues 22nd DEC 2015
AT CHADSTONE TENNIS CLUB
32A Chadstone Rd. Malvern East

JOIN US IN SOME FUN FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS
EXPERIENCE THE BALL MACHINE
HIT LOTS OF BALLS
HAVE FUN IN THE GAMES
CHALLENGE YOURSELF TO IMPROVE YOUR
FOREHANDS, BACKHANDS & VOLLEYS

Clinic Tuesday 22nd December
Tournament Tues 2nd

CLINIC: Beginner to Intermediate level - 10 am—12 noon
SOCIAL TOURNAMENT - 12.45 pm—4 pm

(Players must be able to serve to play in the tournament, ideal place to learn match play)
There will be a prize for all players in the tournament, trophy for winner & medal for runner up
(If you have lessons with Orange or Green balls, this is the match play for you)

$20 per session

Phone Alison on 0417 577 694
Book your sessions by Friday 18th Dec.
I would appreciate an early call.
Email: pobox682@bigpond.com
De La Salle College is excited to be offering bursaries to students in Years 7 -12 in 2017. The purpose of all bursaries offered by De La Salle College is to provide a Catholic secondary education to students of families who would otherwise not be able to afford one. For this reason, all bursaries are means tested and applicants will be asked to provide current financial documentation. Preference will be given to families with greater financial need.

Applications are now open, closing on Friday 26 February 2016.

Visit the bursaries page on our website for full details. Please contact us on (03) 9508 2100 if you would like to enquire further.

1318 HIGH ST MALVERN PH: (03) 9508 2100 EMAIL: enrolment@delasalle.vic.edu.au
Your home loan can help fund St Joseph's Basketball team.

Mention St Joseph's Basketball team when you move your home loan to Bank of Melbourne and we'll give the equivalent of 0.20% of the amount of your settled loan to the St Joseph’s Basketball team.

Drop into Bank of Melbourne Elsternwick Branch at 351 - 353 Glen Huntly Road and speak to your Lending Manager Shanna Appelman, or call us on 8535 1200.

bankofmelbourne.com.au

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Bank of Melbourne
Here to get you there
Learn music here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, here at St. Joseph’s Primary School, Elsternwick.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-to-one lessons of up to 30 minutes give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from $16.20 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 1, 2016.

Interested parents should call Sharon during office hours on 9818 2333

Creative Music
www.creativemusic.com.au
## TERM FOUR – 2015

### Final Assembly:
Principal’s Award: Positive contributions to the class atmosphere

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