2016 TERM DATES

2016 – PUBLIC HOLIDAYS & OTHER NOTABLE DATES

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TERM 1 BREAK – Monday 28 March – Friday 8 April

PLEASE RETURN ALL PROJECT COMPASSION COLLECTION BOXES BY THURSDAY 24 MARCH

PLEASE NOTE – NO TUCKSHOP THIS WEEK DUE TO THE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that we will close out Term 1 this Thursday. Despite the uncharacteristic short nature (8 weeks), we really have achieved so, so much in this tight timeframe.

A highlight of our positive start to 2016 has been the number of prospective families engaged in school tours, largely led by our most impressive Year 6 leaders. It has been most affirming to hear and see how well the students have led these tours and the wonderful feedback from families both verbally and via email. I will often say to families that these students truly encapsulate the essence of our school community. They reflect the journey from Prep to Year 6. One family emailed that their pre-school daughter now aspired to be like our Year 6s after the tour. What a wonderful endorsement for our students and school.

Whilst many parents are suitably impressed by the building; new families hear about our thriving students, unwavering emphasis on wellbeing, valued relationships, social justice initiatives (Harmony Day), Year 6 leaders, SRC, flourishing Preps in their first weeks of school, a sense of calm and focus in all classrooms, student and staff welcome, dedicated, hard-working and social parents who collectively help to create our strong sense of community at St Joseph's.

Although brief, these tours also provide an opportunity to witness the professionalism, welcome, passion and energy of our staff. A key attribute to our success and growing reputation has been the breadth and depth of experience and knowledge within our staff – the unseen. Our balance/blend of aspirational, youthful and experienced staff is our greatest resource and asset.

Upon reflection, below is a snapshot of some of our staff achievements and current studies. Mrs Skehan - Masters in Special Education, Miss Brennan - Grad. Dip in RE, Mr Barnhoorn - Masters in Education, Miss Ryle - Presenter at the Sustainability Conference 2016, Mrs Moore - Masters in Leadership & Mindfulness Facilitator, Mrs Quinn - Masters in Music, Miss Angie - Music Production Degree, Mrs Martin - NT Teacher of the Year 2015, Mr Hartney – Grad. Dip in RE, Miss O'Dowd - Masters in Leadership & Masters in Student Wellbeing, Mr Eddy - Masters in Student Wellbeing, Miss Overbury - Grad. Dip Psychology, Mrs Pepper - Masters in Student Wellbeing & Literacy Mentor, Miss Glumac - Qualified Laughter Therapist, Mrs Dugosija - Reading Recovery, Mrs Nugent - Numeracy Intervention, Mrs McKinnis - Diploma of Office Management and Miss Guy - Google Certified Educator.

In addition to these accomplishments, three staff are representatives at a regional level on various professional executive committees. Miss O'Dowd - RE, Mrs Moore - Teaching & Learning and Miss Overbury - Student Services. I count my blessings every day to be working alongside such an impressive and dedicated staff.

A CALM and ORDERLY SCHOOL

Thank you for the terrific response to the Behaviour Management survey in support of our cyclical review of the school's behaviour management practices. We had an overwhelmingly positive response, and the written feedback in time will be unpacked by the staff. Research states that a key indicator for a most effective school is creating ‘a calm and orderly environment.’ I'm thrilled to acknowledge that 99.1% of parent responses stated that St Joseph’s provides a calm and orderly environment for the children. Our students need to be congratulated for their exceptional manner in creating this culture.

HARMONY DAY

What a spectacular day for our children on Monday! The energy and excitement from all was palpable. Well done to the many stall holders and SRC reps for organising these fun activities for our student community. From face painting, to disco fever, the children had such a range of activities to choose from. All proceeds this year will support Klibur Domin in East Timor. I know that Father Burns was thrilled with these efforts.

WHAT A TERM! WHERE HAS IT GONE?

Not surprisingly we've managed to fit 11 weeks into 8 weeks.

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SPORTS DAY – WEDNESDAY

We look forward to celebrating our annual Athletics Carnival this Wednesday. Congratulations in advance to Mrs Howell for organising this fun day. We also acknowledge the support from our senior sports captains for setting up and packing up the carnival. Let’s hope we get wonderful weather for this whole school event.
IMPORTANT UNIFORM NEWS
The successful transition to our new uniform provider remains on track thanks to the behind scenes hard work of Patrice V and Di H. Nicholls will have all sizes of white polos available mid Term 2 as we have sought to run down the current stock remaining at school.

In consultation with Nicholls, we will look to phase in a more practical sports option for our students. The current white polo has not responded well to the rigors of a school setting, specialist program or occasional two day program. In 2018, all Preps and Year 1s will be required to purchase a 'new navy blue' polo, whilst Years 2-5 can wear either a sibling hand-me-down or the new navy blue polo. Year 6, in 2018 can wear a white polo in their last year of school. This will be a two year process to allow current and new families to exhaust current supplies. The new polo not only looks smart, but does not fade, crease or smell and importantly is a far more practical colour for our active students i.e. it’s more forgiving and less likely to stain. In time, this option will be on display.

PARENT HELPERS WORKSHOP
Tonight Mrs Pepper will be running a Parent Helpers workshop. At this stage we have a remarkable 29 registered for this valuable program. Thanks for your commitment parents and Mrs Pepper.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
This week, as we continue with our most sacred story, Holy Week, retold by our children, I would like to thank our students and staff for the strong emphasis placed on these reverent gatherings. They’ve been wonderful!

Noted by many, parental involvement has truly shone this year, and we sincerely look forward to building upon these efforts as the year progresses. The fete committee will gather tonight at the Elsternwick Club to start preparation for our biggest fundraiser for the year. Your support with this key event is most appreciated.

I would also like to acknowledge Father Varghese for his support and involvement in the school this Term. It’s been wonderful to see Father visit the classrooms daily and attend our weekly assemblies.

Finally, may all families, children and staff enjoy a happy and holy Easter break in readiness for what is already shaping up as a most positive and productive Term ahead - 11 weeks.

Easter blessings,

Simon Collis
Principal

OSHC would like to confirm we are available from 1pm to 6pm Thursday 24 March (last day of term). Please text if you haven’t already and need us - 0417 231 301) and to wish all children, parents, staff, and ancillary members of St Joseph’s community a happy and sunny Easter.

Thank you from our core team, Pam and Georgia and from all our staff at YLV.
Congratulations to the SRC Leaders and all St. Joseph’s students!

What an amazing Harmony Day celebration we had yesterday! The students did an amazing job organising the stalls and providing all resources to be sold on the day. A HUGE thank you to our amazing parent community for your support in providing all the things for sale on the day - we really appreciate all your help. One of the stand outs of the day was the way in which our older students accompanied younger children around the stalls, and generally ensured everyone was included in activities; well done!! (A photo gallery of the day is on our website)

The students raised an incredible $2080 for the community of Klibur Domin in East Timor and our School Captains will be presenting a cheque to Father Burns during Thursday’s assembly. This money will go directly to the community to enable them to purchase medication and medical equipment. Thank you once again and wishing you all a restful and relaxing Easter break.

Michelle Moore
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SEASONS
A PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE EXPERIENCING LOSS AND GRIEF

Seasons is a peer support program for children and people experiencing loss and grief in their lives. This loss may be the result of a significant event such as divorce, separation or death of a loved one.

When something significant happens in a family, the entire family is affected. Even though death or divorce appears to be only a “grown-up” problem, it does have a profound effect on the children that it touches. If a separation, divorce or a family member dies, not only do the parents grieve, the children do also. Because of their age and limited life experiences, children can often find it extremely difficult to verbalise those feelings.

If your child is struggling through a painful experience, this will be an opportunity for him/her to be supported and have the chance to explore his/her thoughts and feelings and to ask questions. Please note that this is not a clinical program and as such, no observation notes are taken or records are kept. Due to the nature of the program, it relies heavily on the confidentiality of all participants.

The 10 week program will begin in Term 2 and will carry over into Term 3. Sessions will take place within school hours – at a suitable time which is to be negotiated with class teachers, and most likely in the afternoon after English and Maths sessions. We will meet once per week for approximately one hour and all resources needed for the program are provided by school.

If you feel that your child would benefit from this program, please have a chat with them and fill out the form below as an expression of interest in the Seasons program; alternatively you can email me with the same information contained in the note below. The form is to be returned to the school/email sent to me by Friday 15th April: mmoore@sjelst.catholic.edu.au

We will hold an information session early in Term 2 for parents who have expressed interest in the Seasons Program. If you have any queries please feel to speak to me.

Yours Sincerely
Michelle Moore

Seasons™ Loss and Grief Peer Support Group EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Child/ children’s name/s ________________________________________________

Age/s ___________________________ Grade/s ___________________________

Our interest in the program is due to

☐ Death

☐ Divorce

☐ Separation

Other significant loss/ event___________________________________________

Parent’s Signature__________________________________________________

Return to the school Office by Friday 15th April
Below is a snapshot of the term as seen through the eyes of those at the forefront. Enjoy.

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**Year 3 - Miss Brennan**

- **Lucy Gorr**
  - I like the challenges that she gives me with my maths.
  - I like how you can put in as much effort as you like with your homework to challenge yourself.
  - I've got more confident with my spelling by using all the different ways to practice.

- **Nick Jones**
  - I like that she is not strict which makes me feel happy in class.
  - I'm really enjoying the homework we have been doing.
  - I've got more confident using number lines in maths and with fractions.

**Year 3 - Mr Barnhoorn**

- **Felix Sanderson**
  - Mr B. promised that he would never get mad or yell and he's kept his promise.
  - I really like practising number bonds in all different ways. I love Friday sport.
  - I have got a lot better at using bigger words in my writing.

- **Cleo Phillips**
  - He always says “I don't care if you make mistakes as long as you have a try”. I really like how he is kind to others.
  - I really love maths and practising my number bonds. I love learning handwriting skills.
  - I am feeling a lot more confident with my understanding of fractions.

**Year 4 - Mrs Sargent**

- **Amelie Boileau**
  - She is always really kind and encouraging.
  - I have really loved preparing for the Last Supper Holy Week play.
  - I've learnt to expand my vocabulary through using a personal glossary.

- **Henry Noble**
  - Mrs Sargent is very positive and we never get in trouble for making a mistake. If we miss out on something she will always make sure to help us catch up.
  - I like that we earn points when we do something good to earn different prizes.
  - We have done heaps of fun activities to help me engage with my reading and to practice for our Literature Circle roles.
**Year 4 - Miss O’Dowd & Miss Murphy**

| Emilio Piscioneri | Miss O’Dowd is kind and caring. Miss Murphy never yells and is very gentle with her words. | I’ve really loved having music as part of our specialists program. | I’ve improved my writing by adding more detail to my sentences and paragraphs. |
| Sophie Sim | Miss O’Dowd is very fair with her expectations. Miss Murphy gives great instructions so I know exactly what to do. | I’ve loved reading the BFG because it makes me laugh. | I’ve improved my joined handwriting. |

**HAPARA IS COMING TO ST JOSEPH’S!**

Hapara is an Instructional Management System that was designed to help teachers streamline and scale best educational practices. It is fully integrated with Google Apps for Education and integrates well with Google Classroom and other online programs we use in the classroom.

With so many devices in our school, we thought about how best to engage our learners and ensure the highest level of safety for them whilst working online. Hapara gives us real-time online visibility, allows us to share resources quickly and allows us to provide personalised help, whilst also promoting digital citizenship and safe online behaviours.

We are excited to bring this innovative resource to St Joseph’s Primary School. If you have any further questions please feel free to drop me an email or pop in for a chat!

Kat Guy  
eLearning Leader  
kguy@sjelst.catholic.edu.au

**P&F NEWS**

**LAST CHANCE TO BUY YOUR EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS**  
Don’t miss out! Please make sure you return your tickets together with the correct money in an envelope to the locked box in the front entrance (next to the office) by **Thursday 24th March**. There are 12 great prizes to be won. All money raised goes directly back to the school. The Easter Raffle will be drawn at assembly on Thursday.

**NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY 13TH APRIL**  
The next P&F meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th April at 7:30pm in the staff room. Please come along. All welcome.

**UNIFORM ORDERS**

- White sports polos can be ordered (on demand) from Nicholls Fashions & Furnishings at 159 Martin Street, Brighton (9596 2335). They will place an order (once they reach their quota) and advise parents by phone when they are ready to collect. They are conveniently located close to our school, open 6 days a week and offer a lay-by service.

- Winter uniforms are now available at Nicholls – except for tunics, which are due any day.
Easter Raffle

12 Prizes to be won

Tickets $2 each or 10 for $15

Instructions:
1. Fill in your child’s details on the number of tickets you wish to buy
2. Cut out the tickets
3. Place the tickets in an envelope with money ($2 per ticket or 10 for $15)
4. Put envelope in locked box outside the office labelled Easter Raffle

Tickets to be returned by Thursday 24th March
Prizes will be announced at school assembly on last day of term.
Nathan Jones, one of the parents here at St Joseph’s; father of Elan (Prep S), Joshua (2R) and Nicholas (3Br), will be taking part in IAG’s Brave Leader’s Challenge walking the Kokoda Track over ANZAC Day, to raise funds for Lifeline.

Lifeline provides a crucial service providing trained counsellors 24/7, to support anyone who is in crisis. This is a service that is used 2000 times per day in Australia alone and quite literally, saves lives.

Nathan’s company, IAG, is funding all his costs and will match any pledges he receives. Therefore, Lifeline would receive double any amount that is donated. In short, this is a great ‘bang for buck’ donation to an organisation that is genuinely there for people in their time of greatest need. Any contribution you can make would be greatly appreciated by Lifeline.

To contribute, please press the DONATE button on this [link] and follow the prompts.

Thanks in anticipation for your support and wishes.

As part of his training, after delivering the children to morning sport here at St Joseph’s, Nathan has been walking into his office in the CBD with a weighted backpack. I’m sure Nathan will have some great stories to share upon his return from the Challenge.

The Kokoda Trail or Track is a gruelling, single-file, foot thoroughfare that runs 96 kilometres overland (60 kilometres in a straight line), through the Owen Stanley Range in Papua New Guinea.

COMMUNITY NEWS

3 BABY GUINEA PIGS

The Lew family have just welcomed the addition of 3 ‘Sheltie’ bred, baby guinea pigs to the family (relatives pictured). At the moment they are too young to leave their mum, but after the holidays they should be ready to go to a new home.

If you would like to adopt one of these gorgeous babies, please contact Lydia on 0402 039 101. Lydia has requested that instead of payment to the family, a donation to the school would be greatly appreciated.
25% OFF
ALL FULL PRICE FOOTWEAR + FREE SHIPPING

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EXPIRES 30/6/16
NOT TO BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH ANY OTHER OFFER
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
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- 9:30am - 11:45am
- 1:45pm

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- Stations of the Cross @ 9:15am
- End of Term Mass @ 12:00
- End of Term 1 – 1:00PM Dismissal

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## TERM TWO– 2016

### Assembly:
- Year Principal’s Award:

### Week 1
- **APR**
  - TERM 2 COMMENCES
  - 11 Mon
  - 12 Tue
  - 13 Wed
  - 14 Thur
  - 15 Fri

### Assembly:
- Year Principal’s Award:

### Week 2
- **APR**
  - 18 Mon
  - 19 Tue
  - 20 Wed
  - 21 Thur
  - 22 Fri

### Assembly:
- Year Principal’s Award:

### Dates for Your Diary
- **TERM 1 BREAK** – Monday 28 March – Friday 8 April