Welcome to our new Students for 2015

KANGA GROUP

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DIARY DATES

Tuesday 3 February
7:00pm First Eucharist Parent Meeting

Wednesday 4th February
7:30pm P&F Meeting. All welcome!

Thursday 5th February
2:20pm SRC Meeting

Parent Information Night
7:00pm (P-2)
7:45pm (Year 3-7)

Friday 6th February
Whole school Canteen Sausage Sizzle

Wednesday 11th February
7:30pm School Board & P&F AGM Meeting (For ‘old’ and ‘new’ Board Members)

Thursday 12th February
2:20pm Assembly. All welcome!

Saturday 14th February
St Valentine’s Day

Monday 16th February
Swimming lessons commence

Tuesday 17 February
Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday 18th February
9:00am Ash Wednesday School Mass

Sunday 22nd February
11:00am Presentation of Candidates for the Sacraments, plus the Commissioning Mass for School Board, P&F and PPC members

Monday 16th March
Sports Day (SANTOS Stadium)

Thursday 19th March
9:00am St Joseph’s Day School Mass

Friday 20th March
St Joseph’s Day School Picnic

Friday 3rd April
Good Friday

Monday 6th April
Easter Monday

Friday 10th April
3:00PM END OF TERM 1

2015 SCHOOL TERM DATES
Term 1 27/01/15 - 10/04/15
Term 2 27/04/15 - 02/07/15 (Thu)
Term 3 20/07/15 - 25/09/15
Term 4 12/10/15 - 10/12/15 (Thu)
(Good Friday 3rd April)

RECEPTION - YEAR 7
Alessia, Luca, Jan Etienne, Daniela, Zai Tee-Sin, Georgia, Liam, Nicolas, Sierra, Christian, Aymee, Sebastian (In no particular order)

We acknowledge that this school is built on the traditional lands of the Kaurna People.
Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to 2015 and a new School year. After speaking to many of the children and parents, I think most people managed to have a really good holiday break which was great to hear. Whether you went away or just stayed home, I’m sure it was good to have some family time together. We certainly thank God for keeping us safe, especially those affected by the Sampson Flat Bushfires. I was away during the bushfires, but was kept well-informed, especially due to members of my own family and some of our staff, living close to the affected areas.

The beginning of our new school term has been a smooth transition into the 2015 school year. I thank you for your help and support of the children, by helping them to have a positive start to school by your attendance at last Friday’s 3 Way Conference. The Staff certainly appreciated the input received from parents and students. It has helped us set the scene for a positive, learning environment at school.

Over the next two weeks, the children and staff will participate in our ‘New Beginnings’ Program. The children will participate in a number of different activities in order to help the children and staff interact together to begin the new school year. The theme for this year is the ‘Year of Being Persistent.’ We will be helping the children to understand what this means and how they can use persistence as a helpful life skill.

In today’s Newsletter, we welcome our new families, new Preschoolers and Receptions, new staff members and share lots of important reminders about the new term. Please read carefully.

We look forward to a great year ahead!

Staffing
Welcome Mr Martin Neagle, our new Maintenance/Groundsman. Martin will work on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 12noon – 5:00pm.

Welcome back Mrs Rosanna Parrella (Reception Teacher) who has been on Maternity Leave and Mrs Kirsty Cox (Replacement Music Teacher).

Dr Mark Smith (Instrumental Music Coordinator) will not be returning to St Joseph’s due to other commitments. I am happy to announce that Mrs Kirsty Cox will take over this position. She also has experience with instrumental bands.

We hope that their time with us at St Joseph’s School is both happy and rewarding. I’d like to wish our new families and new staff members all the very best for their time at Payneham.

Parent Information Night Thursday, 5th February
You will have the opportunity to meet your child’s Class Teacher over an ‘informal chat’ about classroom routines and expectations for the year. Please note the following times: -
Preschool – Year 2 : 7.00pm
Year 3 – Year 7 : 7.45pm

LAP (Learning Assistance Program)
If you have a spare half hour to spend helping students at our school, your time would be greatly appreciated. Forms were sent home end of Term 4 2014. Please read and complete the information and return to the Front Office.

2015 Diary Dates
Diary dates were distributed at the end of last year. Please see Lanette or Helen in the Front Office if you still require a copy.

REMINDERS
- The first school bell will ring at 8.40am. Children are asked to go straight to class. (No need to line up anymore in the morning). The second bell will ring at 8.45am. All children are expected in their classrooms ready to commence the first lesson of the day.
- Parent Communication: If you have a query or concern regarding your child, please see your child’s Class Teacher first. The Principal is available for assistance, but should not be your first port of call. (See Separate Flyer).
- School gates: Please keep all gates closed, especially those leading onto Portrush Road.
Thank You
• Father Allan for his help and support looking after the school during the vacation period.
• Helen Crosato and Dora Cavouto for picking up the mail each day.
• Anna Ruggiero, Michelle Cavaiuolo & Daniela Bruno for her help organising the Welcome Back Morning Tea for parents.
• Carmine Calabrese for his help erecting the new Cubby House for the JP Playground.

Congratulations
• We congratulate Mrs Natalie Dimitriou (Year 6/7 Teacher) who got married during the holidays. It was a very lovely wedding!
• Congratulations to Alessio (3/4MM) who won an under-18 Tenpin blowing championship. Well done Alessio!
• Georgia Farese, past student, was DUX of Mary Mackillop College in 2014. Great to also hear that many of our past students did so well in their Year 12 studies.

Baby News
Congratulations to Teresa and David Desteno who welcomed little Joel into the world just before Christmas. Little brother for Ava (3/4SF) and Elise (RNP).

With Sympathy
• Our thoughts and prayers are with Jessica Hicks and her family on the sad passing of her Mother.
• Our thoughts and prayers are with the Dellja family. Mirella’s father sadly passed away. Grandfather to Luca.
• Our thoughts and prayers are with Domenic Ceravolo’s whose mother sadly passed away. Grandmother to Alessia, Raphael and Carla.
• Our thoughts and prayers are with Marisa and Dominic Salandra and Claude Cicchiello’s whose mother passed away in Italy. Grandmother to Isabella and Nicolas.
• Condolences also for Carolyn Field and her family whose father passed away. Grandfather to Jessica & Joshua.

Local Excursion Permission Form
We need permission to take students out of the school yard to local venues, e.g. Paynham Oval. Please complete the Local Excursion Form and return to your child’s Class Teacher asap.

Work carried out during the holidays
Painting: Program Maintenance carried out their annual check up of all school buildings and re-painted walls, doors, posts etc.
Carpets, vinyl floors, windows: All carpets were shampooed, vinyl floors polished and outside windows cleaned.
New blinds: were installed upstairs in the St. Joseph’s Building to help keep the sun out in summer and the rain in winter.
New school signs: were installed on the school boundary fence and replacement sports banners in the gym. They look great!
A new Cubby House: was erected in the JP Playground.

Regards Laurie Sammut
Principal

Thank You
Thank you to the Parish for their kind donations of $2,295.00 towards the School Building Fund and their continuing contributions to this Fund. Just a reminder that if you contribute to the Parish Planned Giving Program, then you are exempt from the annual Archdiocesan levy.

Don’t Forget to Visit Your Child’s Edublog Weekly
Purpose of our Edublogs are:
• To keep students and parents informed about different things happening in our classroom
• Reminders about school events and activities
• See evidence of student work
• Keep track of what students are learning about
• Encourage students by providing thoughtful and constructive feedback on the blog
TOTALLY SCHOOLWEAR UNIFORM SHOP
OPEN: Monday – Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm
Sat 9am to 12 noon
Second Hand Uniforms at Paynham School
In the Parent Room next to the Canteen open each Wednesday from
3:00-3:30pm

CANTEEN NEWS

WEEK 2 2015
Monday 2nd February  Sara Lanzoni
Tuesday 3rd      Daniella Vacca
Wednesday 4th    Daniela Bruno
Thursday 5th     Rose White
Friday 6th       Guido Commengo

WEEK 3 2015
Monday 9th       Rose Sotiropoulos
Tuesday 10th     Natalie Perkovic
Wednesday 11th   Tina Amsterdamski
Thursday 12th    Lisa Schupelius
Friday 13th      Mirella Delija

Please contact Josie on 0423 594 623 should you be available to volunteer on the days closed!

A reminder to all families and visitors when dropping off and
picking up your child/ren, please be mindful of parking safely. In the interest
and safety of our students and community we ask that
you refrain from parking close to and/or on the corner
of Tarcoma and Arthur Streets. Thank you for your
consideration.

Reminder Student Messages
Due to the increasing number of messages left for students throughout the
day and constant disruptions to classes,
we have implemented a system whereby messages
will be delivered to your child/ren via the office box in
the form of a YELLOW SLIP, which is picked up prior
to end of day. However, if the message is URGENT, or
your child is required to leave school early, they will be
notified immediately. Thank you for your consideration.

Sports News
This year the following sports will be offered to students
in Years 2-7:
• Summer Cricket (Term 1)
• Basketball (Terms 1&2)
• Winter Netball (Terms 2&3)
• Winter Soccer (Terms 2&3)
• Basketball (Terms 3&4)
• Summer Cricket (Term 4)
• Summer Netball (Term 4, 2015-Term1, 2016)

Please ensure nomination forms are returned
by the due dates as teams can fill up quickly.

Nomination forms have been given out at
school this week. They can also be found on
the Sports Blog or at the front office.

I am trying to get a school football team started at
school. If this is to happen, the football competition
would be in Terms 2 & 3 and games would be played on
Saturday mornings. Teams would be comprised of either
Year 2/3, Year 4/5 or Year 6/7. We would need a
minimum of 9 players per team to enter a team. Further
information will be given out in the next few weeks.
Michael Musolino

Sports Edublog
Be sure to check for Updated Fixtures for Sporting
Teams and information about upcoming Sporting
Carnivals. You can access the Sports Edublog via the
internet at the following address:
http://sipschoolsport.edublogs.org/ or simply go to our
school website, Click the ‘Links’ tab at the bottom of the
page, followed by the ‘Class Blogs’ tab, and click
‘St Joseph's School Sports Blog’ to enter the site.

CANCER COUNCIL
ROLL ON
SUNSCREEN
$10.00
available at the
Front Office

Included with this Newsletter:
- 2015 School Reminders
- Summer School Uniform Policy
- Reading Workshop Flyer for Parents
- A Grievance Process for Parents

Sent Home this fortnight
- Canteen Price List (28/1/15)
- Canteen Sausage Sizzle Order Form (29/1/15)
2015 SCHOOL REMINDERS

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

“Kiss and Drop” Zone: This zone has been extended and now operates between the corner of Portrush Road/Marian Road and Douglas Street, on the eastern side of the Church on the school side. You have 5 minutes to wait inside your vehicle while dropping students off or picking them up at the end of the day. The times are: 8.00am-9.00am and 3.00pm-4.00pm daily. Please let grandparents / aunties / uncles know the Council will be monitoring this system and fines will be issued to drivers not observing the ‘no parking’ signs. Thank you for your co-operation.

Please consider:
Coming five or ten minutes later to collect your child/ren after school. The traffic will not be as difficult to manage. It will be easier for you to find a park or drive up to the kerb and pick up your passengers.
Parking your vehicle in one of the side streets off Portrush Road and using the School Crossing. Entering Marian Road from the East (Paynham Cemetery end) so that we do not have children crossing over Marian Road to get into the vehicle. It will also help to make the traffic flow more smoothly if everyone is going in the same direction. (i.e. West towards Portrush Road).

There is a Staff member on duty after school between 3.00pm and 3.20pm.

The following forms were sent home with reports at the end of Term 4 2014. These forms are required to be completed and returned to the school by Monday, 2 February 2015.

- Local Excursion Permission Form
- ICT Consent Form
- Student Information Checklist
- LAP (Learning Assistance Program)

Police checks: All parents/volunteers need to undergo a Police Check before helping at our School. This includes helping on our various committees (School Board, P&F etc.), or with reading, sports activities, excursions etc. These Police Checks are free. (Please see Lanette in the Front Office for a form).

Early arrival/late pickup: Children should not be at school any earlier than 8.30am please. Our duty of care does not commence until that time. (The children are not supervised.) Children not picked up by 3.30pm will be taken over to After School Care.

Early dismissal: Children who need to be picked up early from school, need to be signed out from the Front Office.

Uniform: It is an expectation that all children wear correct School Uniform and this will be monitored by the staff. (A copy of the summer uniform is enclosed).

Bullying and Harassment: You are reminded that we have a ‘zero’ tolerance to bullying and harassment. Students are aware that one of the consequences of bullying and harassment is internal suspension (time out of the classroom/yard with either a buddy class or with the Principal) or external suspension (time away from the school). Incidents which are reported will be followed up and the Staff will take the necessary steps to ensure that all students feel safe at our School. (Remember: bullies and bullying need to be stopped)

Preschool sessions: Tuesday – Friday. Full day sessions 8.40am – 3.00pm
School commences at 8.45am. Children are permitted in the classrooms at 8.40am
School concludes at 3.00pm Monday – Friday
SUMMER SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

The wearing of the correct school uniform is compulsory for all students at St Joseph’s School, Payneham. Parents will be contacted if the incorrect uniform is worn and be expected to rectify the problem immediately. If for some reason your child is unable to wear their correct school uniform (e.g. sandals are broken) we expect parents/caregivers to write a note explaining this to the class teacher and when they intend to have the matter rectified.

Children not complying with the School’s Uniform Policy will be issued with an ‘Incorrect Uniform Notification Form’ which needs to be signed by a Parent and returned. Failure to return the form will result in a ‘Time Out’. If a child is unable to wear the correct uniform due to health reasons please make a time to speak with the Principal regarding this matter. It is our belief that the correct wearing of the uniform enhances both the child’s self esteem and the school’s image.

**BOYS SCHOOL UNIFORM**
- Dark navy knee length, zip front, school shorts
- Dark navy draw cord, elastic waist shorts for Reception
- Short sleeve pale blue shirt with school logo
- Navy socks (above the ankle)
- Navy St Joseph’s jumper with V neck and stripe
- Black school shoes (no boots) OR navy school sandals (with socks optional)
- Navy monogrammed school hat

**GIRLS SCHOOL UNIFORM**
- Blue check knee length dress with front pleat OR
- Dark navy knee length school shorts
- Short sleeve pale blue shirt with school logo
- Navy V neck jumper with St Joseph’s stripe
- Navy hair ties
- Navy short socks (above the ankle)
- Black school shoes (no heels or boots) OR navy school sandals (with socks optional)
- Navy monogrammed school hat

**SPORTS UNIFORM FOR BOYS & GIRLS**
- Customised polo shirt with school monogram (as per summer uniform)
- Navy blue long length unisex draw string shorts with school monogram
- Navy Track ‘n’ Field track pants
- Customised and Monogrammed Rugby top
- White socks (above the ankle)
- Predominantly white sneakers - not basketball type boots
- Navy monogrammed school hat

**TOTALLY SCHOOLWEAR**
Shop 24, Clovercrest Plaza Shopping Centre
Montague Road, Modbury North SA 5092
p: 8396 6465
f: 8396 6457

Open: Monday – Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm
Saturday 9:00am – 12.00pm

(Phone orders can be delivered to school)
READING WORKSHOP

• Find out some ways to help build your child’s reading skills
• Reading & writing are reciprocal
• How can parents support reading?

WHEN
TUESDAY 3rd FEBRUARY
1:50-3:00pm

WHERE
LIBRARY
Please come and join us

I will attend the Reading Workshop.

Name: ____________________________________________

Contact No: ________________________ Email: _______________________________

Child’s Class/Year Level: ____________________________________________
A GRIEVANCE PROCESS FOR PARENTS

When Parents Have a Concern

There are times when things can go wrong in any school. Teachers and staff members are human beings and suffer the same frustrations, inadequacies and weaknesses as other members of our species.

A parent or caregiver may be aware of what seems to be an act of significant insensitivity or even injustice; an inappropriate punishment or inadequate learning opportunities – and feel that he or she must do something about it. Here are some ideas that may be worth considering when about to approach school with a problem of some kind.

1. Keep an open mind. You may not have all the facts. The first task is to seek clarification.
2. Don't begin your search for a solution by sending an angry letter to the teacher or principal. The normal human response to this is to be defensive.
3. Make an appointment, or at least think carefully about the best time to make contact. For example, it would be most inappropriate to interrupt a class or to catch the teacher while he or she is busy supervising students.
4. Approach the teacher or principal in a friendly manner. Adopt the attitude that there is a misunderstanding we need to clear up or a problem we should solve together.
5. Begin by expressing an overall appreciation of the work being done or, at least, an understanding of the difficulties.
6. Remember the challenge is for two people, with shared hopes for this particular student, to solve a problem in a way that benefits everyone.
7. Try to avoid 'going over people's heads' with a complaint. Once you have done this, it is very hard to re-establish a trusting relationship.
8. If, after a little time, it appears that everything has been sorted out, you might like to write a note of appreciation to the teacher or principal and offer continuing support. This strengthens the partnership between home and school.

Written by Barry Dwyer – Director of Catholic Education, Sydney

At St Joseph’s Payneham, if parents have a concern or query:

Step 1: Make an appointment to see your child’s Class Teacher(s).

Step 2: If necessary, make an appointment to see the Principal and Class Teacher together (if there is a need for further clarification and discussion).

Step 3: If not completely satisfied, present the issue or concern to the School Board (through Damian Farrell, our School Board Chairperson or any of our School Board members).

Step 4: Parents can then approach Human Resource Services in the Catholic Education South Australia (CESA), if the matter has not been resolved.