‘Read to Self’ and ‘Work On Writing’, have been launched in our class over the past three weeks. These are the first two workshops of ‘The Daily Five.’ On the very first day of school, the children learnt three ways to read a book and began to work on their stamina. Each day the children increase their stamina: the length of time that they can sustain an activity independently. We do this because we want to be better readers and writers. Also because it’s fun!

**DIARY DATES**

**Friday 13th February**  
National Apology Day

**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

**Thursday 26th February**  
2:20pm Assembly (3/4MM)

**MARCH**

**Tuesday 3rd March**  
7:00pm First Eucharist Parent Meeting

**Friday 6th March**  
SRC Casual Clothes Day

**Monday 9th March**  
Adelaide Cup Day - Public Holiday

**Thursday 12th March**  
2:20pm Assembly

**Monday 16th March**  
Sports Day (SANTOS Stadium)

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

**Friday 20th March**  
Swimming Carnival

**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

**COMMUNICABLE DISEASE**

Hand, Foot & Mouth has been reported in the school. Please monitor and if symptoms occur consult your GP. Hand, Foot & Mouth has been reported in the school. Please check your child/ren and treat accordingly.

**ANZAC TRAIL: Commemorating their Service**

We are looking for any families who have a family member (parent, grandparent or great grandparent who may have served in the Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Forces) during the wars. As part of our local history research we would like to commemorate their commitment, service and sacrifice on the History Board to be part of our ANZAC Trail. Please email or ring Dora in the office on 8362 2153.
Dear Parents/Caregivers

It’s hard to believe how quickly the last three weeks have flown by. The children have settled so well. Special thanks for your help and support of their new class teachers. The Staff work very hard to ensure that they meet the needs of the children in their care but this is made a lot easier when we work together in partnership to achieve our goals. One of the things we do well at Payneham, is to build up the children’s confidence and their understanding of our School Culture and Values. The New Beginnings Program has provided the opportunity for the teaching staff to help the children understand that they are ‘special’ and that we need to work well together in their school environment showing ‘Love In Everything’ we do.

A big ‘thank you’ for your attendance at last week’s Parent Information Night. This session is held early in the term to give you the opportunity to meet your child’s class teacher and find out about classroom routines and the curriculum being covered in that particular year level. The teaching staff will also meet with parents early next term when we conduct our Parent/Teacher Interviews.

The newly elected Student Reps from Reception – Year 5 were chosen for this Semester. However, for the Year 6/7s, we choose the Student Representative Council Executive which usually has 4 representatives from the Year 6/7 student leader cohort. This year we have 5 members on the Executive as it was extremely difficult to choose from so many high quality applicants. The SRC Executive will remain the same for the rest of the year. At last week’s SRC Meeting, the children were inducted into their new leadership role and I asked them to think about something that they feel strongly about which could be our main focus for the year, for example, the environment and recycling. I also explained that one of our roles is to raise money for good causes. We have already decided to dedicate at least one Casual Day to supporting the Diabetes Association in support of Max C, one of our students who has Type 1 Diabetes. More info later.

We congratulate the students who have been chosen to represent their classes as SRC representatives. They are:

- **Reception BM**
  - Timothy & Amel
  - Year 1SW
  - Year 2 PT
  - Year 3/4SF
  - Year 3/4MM
  - Year 5GC
  - Dominic & Mia
  - Sienna & Max
  - Lucianna & Noah
  - Peter & Chanel
  - Cristina & Luca

- **Reception NP**
  - Lili & Christian
  - Year 1JH
  - Year 2TM
  - Year 3/4SA
  - Year 5RV
  - Year 6/7MA
  - Mikayla & Evie
  - Alyssa & Michael
  - Kavya & Marcus
  - Ariath & Darcy
  - Nicholas & Ruby

**SRC Executive**

We congratulate the SRC Executive Apostle B, Lara D, Melissa B, Adriano C and Alana I. They have decided to take turns being the SRC Chairperson which will be one of their roles when we meet for the fortnightly meetings with the whole group.

**Staffing News**

Mrs Alicia Matikulas will join our Staff in Term 2 as Sara Fantasia’s Year 2 replacement when Sara is on Long Service Leave. Alicia is a past staff member and experienced teacher and currently on our Relief Teaching Staff.

We held our first Parents and Friends Committee Meeting for the year last Wednesday night and the events and activities for 2015 were discussed. Some of the fundraising and community building events include:- Sports Day (Monday 16th March), a Quiz Night (Friday 19th June), Whole School Walkathon (Friday 19th September) and our Whole School Disco (Friday 23rd October). There will also be other opportunities throughout the year for our school community to come together and the P&F Committee will advertise these events in advance. Even though you may not be on the P&F Committee, you can still offer to volunteer your help for some of these events and activities. (Please refer to the notice that went home last week from the P&F). Thank you in advance for your help and support of our school.

The P&F Executive were elected at last week’s Meeting. We congratulate:-

- Anna Ruggiero - P&F President
- Michelle Cavaioolu - P&F Vice President
- Trish Hennessy - P&F Minute Secretary

- Lisa Matto - P&F Treasurer
- Daniela Bruno - P&F School Board rep

Special thanks to those parents who worked hard on the P&F in 2014 and a special thank you to Anna for doing a great job as P&F President.

**School Board Executive**

As a result of last night’s School Board Meeting we would like to welcome the newly appointed Executive Board members: John Flynn: Chairperson, Roberto Clemente: V/Chairperson, Gina LaBella: Treasurer, Melissa O’Loughlin: Secretary

**Buddy Classes**

Each year the junior primary classes are buddied up with a primary class to help promote positive relationships amongst the children. It also provides the opportunity for the ‘older students’ to take on the responsibility of helping the younger children in a supportive and caring manner which we hope will help to promote a sense of community.

This year’s Buddy Classes are as follows:

- Preschool (Gp1) - Year 3/4SF
- Preschool (Gp2) - Year 5GC
- Reception BM - Year 3/4MM
- Year 1JH - Year 5RV
- Year 6/7MA
- Year 2PT - Year 6/7ND
- Year 2TM - Year 6/7VM
- Year 3/4SA
Wrapper Free Days
At St. Joseph’s, we encourage the children to care for their environment and we provide different opportunities for the children to participate in various environmental programs, for example, re-cycling, keeping our school areas clean from rubbish, gardening and planting trees, solar energy etc. We have two Wrapper Free Days – Monday and Wednesday. Please provide recess snacks and lunches such as fruit and vegetables, sandwiches/crackers in sealed containers (ensure they are clearly named), so that the children have no rubbish to dispose of in our bins. Thank you in advance for your co-operation and support of this environmental and healthy eating initiative.

Peace Rose
The Peace Rose which was presented to the School on behalf of the 2014 Year 7 Graduation Class, has been planted in the Peace Rose Garden, just inside the front gates. The roses remind us of our past Year 7 students and the beautiful times we shared together as part of their learning and faith journey.

Assemblies
Assemblies are held in the Church every second Thursday at 2.20pm. (Odd weeks). All welcome!

LAP (Learning Assistance Program)
If you have a spare half hour to spend helping students at our school, please read and complete the information form sent out previously. Your time is greatly appreciated.

Police Checks: All parents/volunteers need to undergo a Police Check before helping at our School. This includes supporting our various committees (School Board, P&F etc.), with reading, sports activities, excursions etc. These Police Checks are free. (Forms available from the Front Office).

National Apology Day 13th February
On this day in 2008, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, on behalf of the Australian Parliament, offered a broad apology for past laws, policies and practices that have impacted on Australian’s First Nations Peoples, particularly members of the Stolen Generations, for their ‘profound grief, suffering and loss.’ Thousands of Indigenous Australians gathered in Canberra to watch the historic apology, which was televised around the nation.

Swimming Block
Our Swimming Program commences next week for all year levels. As this is part of our school curriculum, Reception – Year 7 are expected to attend swimming lessons unless they are unable to do so due to medical reasons. In this case, a doctors’ certificate must be provided. Children are reminded to wear their Summer Uniform to school each day for swimming which will make it easier to change. All students will need a t-shirt to wear over their bathers in the pool. The children will return back to School after swimming with their supervising teacher. Just a reminder that only parent volunteers are permitted in the pool area during swimming week. You are most welcome to visit the children on the last day (Thursday).

Reminders:
- St. Joseph’s Playground: High heels will damage the rubber matting in the playground. If you are wearing high heel shoes, please use the cement paths to access the classrooms. Thank you.
- Sports Day, Monday 16th March: Once your child knows their team colour, they will need a plain coloured t-shirt (e.g. yellow, blue, green or red) for Sports Day. No logos or advertisements please. Coloured T-shirts are available to purchase from the Front Office at a cost of $10. (Sizes 6 - 12)
- NO PARKING ACROSS DRIVEWAYS: please do not park across neighbours’ driveways or use driveways to pick children up or drop them off. This is considered dangerous as the children are using the footpath in the morning/afternoon. Thank you.
- Prams in classrooms: In the interest of safety for others, we ask that prams not be taken into classrooms as space is very limited. We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause.
- Stranger Danger: Parents/Caregivers are discouraged from being on our school site during break times or arriving too early at the end of the school day. Volunteers only should be on the school site during school hours. We do not want the children to become too accustomed to having adults other than school staff or volunteers accessing the school premises as this may confuse their understanding of the ‘Stranger Danger’ message. Parents/grandparents should not be coming onto the school grounds before 2.45pm.
Thank you for your co-operation.

Thank You
Mr Wayne Wuskco (and son Stefan) – Bowen Funerals, Mrs Josie Nicolescu and Anu Anjelo for organising the beginning of the year School BBQ.

Baby News
- Congratulations Julia & Anthony Gallina on the birth of daughter Mikayla Jade. Little sister for Peter (1SW).
- Congratulations Grazia Callisto & Stuart Gallacher on the birth of daughter Emma Elizabeth. Little sister for Oliver (2PT).

Regards Laurie Sammut
Principal
**Canteen News**

**Week 4**
- Monday 16th: Tania Reginato
- Tuesday 17th: Rosanna Caiazzi (Shrove Tue)
- Wednesday 18th: Lina Mascaretti
- Thursday 19th: Mark Annese
- Friday 20th: Guido Commengo/Marcus Piutti

**Week 5**
- Monday 23rd: Josie Di Girolami
- Tuesday 24th: Natalie Perkovic
- Wednesday 25th: Anu Anjelo
- Thursday 26th: Angela Spyrou
- Friday 27th: Delores Colliti-Perez

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

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**Thank You**
Thank you to the Parish for their kind donations of $610.00 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.

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**Congratulations**
Congratulations to Manaia Rahui who was baptised into the Catholic Church during the holidays. We celebrate with the family this important event.

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**Baptism**

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**Sports News**

**Sub Junior 7**
- 30/1/15
- Score: SJP def Loreto Gold (17-7)
- Coach: Rosaria DePalo/Chelsea Bonnici
- Great work girls!
- 6/2/15
- Score: Stradbroke def SJP (12-7)
- Coach: Rosaria DePalo/Chelsea Bonnici
- Great teamwork, great effort!

**Sub Junior 8**
- Score: Walkerville Red def SJP (7-3)
- Coach: Linda Talladira
- Great team effort, all played well!

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**Winter Netball Nominations**
Winter netball nomination forms are now available on the School Blog or from the Front Office.

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**Alpha Course**

Purpose of Small Groups: Allow people into relationships with Jesus Christ. Develop genuine relationships with the group. Allow people to freely express their thoughts and feelings. Allow the Holy Spirit to work in their lives. The Course will start on the following dates: Every Monday from the 2nd March thru 23rd March. (Holy Week and Easter Sunday and Monday 6th April holiday).
Recommence 13th April thru 18th May final meeting. Each ‘Alpha Course’ lesson begins 7:00pm sharp.
Please contact Sr Candida De Angelis - 8332 6788

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**ST. JOSEPH’S OLD SCHOLARS ANNUAL MASS/AFTERNOON TEA**

Sunday 15 March 2015 at 2:00 pm
Invitation to ALL former students/teachers (male and female) from ANY Josephite Schools/Colleges to join with us and Mary MacKillop College for MASS at 2:00pm in St. Joseph’s Convent Chapel, Kensington. Monsignor Robert Altko will be our Celebrant. Devonshire Afternoon Tea ($5) will follow in Bethany - adjacent to the Chapel. Love to see you there.

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**Included with this Newsletter:**
- Federation of catholic School Parent Communities
- School Dental Service

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**Sent Home this fortnight**
- Nil
SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend the School Dental Service. Dental care is FREE for most children.

SA Dental Service participates in the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. A small fee may apply for children who are not eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

All dental care provided is FREE for preschool children.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, please visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au
I didn’t know the Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities did all that!

The Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities is many things for many people!

Our core business is to be the voice of parents who have chosen a Catholic school for their child. We advocate for affordable Catholic schools that are accessible to all (choice), access to excellent educational experiences as the right of all children (quality and equity) and the right of parents to be collaborators in their child’s learning and schooling (voice).

**How do we do this?**

We advocate for a greater public investment in education for all children and an equitable share of public funds for students in Catholic schools. *Politicians and policy makers listen to us.*

Consult with parents on key education issues and represent Catholic school parents in decision making and advisory forums in relation to national, state and Catholic education policy and initiatives. *We listen to parents.*

We affiliate with and contribute to the work of Australian Parents Council (APC) and Catholic School Parents Australia (CSPA) to ensure a voice at the national level. *We have national political clout.*

Communicate and connect with parent groups and parents in SA Catholic schools. *We empower parent communities.*

Develop and share information and resources that empower parents with the knowledge and skills to support their child’s learning, capabilities and wellbeing. *We support parents and families.*

Lead and support parent and family engagement in learning and schooling. *We support school leaders, teachers and school communities through:*

- Practical and individualised consultancy for school communities
- Professional learning and training for school leaders, educators and parent leaders
- Parents initiatives in Education (PIE) grant funding to Catholic schools in South Australia
- Sharing evidence of leading practice in family engagement in learning.

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Check out our e-newsletters
Tell us what’s important to you so we can be the voice for choice, quality and equity