School Leaders
Week 6: Christina & Nicolas
Week 7: Taylor & Stephen

Crossing Monitors
Week 6: Melissa & Oliver
Week 7: Tiana & Salvatore

DIARY DATES
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
Saturday 14th March
8:30am - 12:30pm Working Bee
Monday 16th March
Sports Day (SANTOS Stadium)
Wednesday 18th March
7:30pm School Board Meeting
Thursday 19th March
9:00am St Joseph’s Day School Mass
Swimming Carnival
Friday 20th March
St Joseph’s Day School Picnic
Thursday 26th March
2:20pm Assembly
Friday 3rd April
Good Friday
Monday 6th April
Easter Monday
Wednesday 8th April
10:00am ANZAC Trail Opening Ceremony
Thursday 9th April
2:20pm Assembly
Friday 10th April
3:00PM END OF TERM 1

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS AT ST. JOSEPH’S SCHOOL 2015

LENT

LENT: A TIME:
- to stop
- to open our hearts
- to make new beginnings
- to forgive each other
- to share
- to rest
- to let your trouble go
- to wash away pain
- for thanks
- to let the new seeds grow
- for building bridges
- to give joyfully
- to make a bold new start
- to celebrate

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent for many Christian churches. It is traditionally a time of fasting and prayer. For some Christians, Lent is a time to think about life and death, as well as reflect on life’s choices and possible life directions. At St Joseph’s we will be exploring Lent in depth at this most important time of the Church year.

Project Compassion
Each year, Project Compassion runs during Lent, the six weeks leading up to Easter. People across Australia are asked to help raise money and offer hope to the millions of families who fight for justice, peace and survival every single day. The theme for Project Compassion 2015 is “Food for Life”. As Pope Francis says: “It is a well-known fact that current levels of production are sufficient, yet millions of people are still suffering and dying of starvation. This is truly scandalous.” Project Compassion explores how we are helping the world’s poorest people establish sustainable food. Stories from Fiji, Nigeria, Indonesia, Peru, Nepal and Australia show how our supporters help people to grow and access food for life.

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

It has been a very busy five weeks of Term 1. Our New Beginning’s Program helped the children settle in well to their new learning environments and last week’s Swimming Program helped the children learn or consolidate the swimming skills needed in order to be safe in the water. The weather was just perfect for this whole school activity and I thank the Staff and Parent Volunteers for their help and assistance of the Program. Special thanks to Mrs Ingrid Douventzidis for the time and effort that went into organizing the timetable and ensuring that the week ran smoothly.

Last Wednesday was ‘Ash Wednesday’, the beginning of Lent. Father Allan reminded us during the special mass attended by the whole school, that we should think about positive ways we can prepare for Easter by taking something up this Lent which will make us better people.

Our new and ‘old’ School Board met last week for the Annual General Meeting. Reports for 2014 were presented and will soon be uploaded on our school website for you to read. In my Report, I have highlighted our goals for 2015. I have included a copy of these below.

Our goals for 2015 will include:
- Continuing to provide a strong Religious Education Program which promotes daily prayer, faith formation and supports the gospel values and teachings of the Church.
- To continue to promote Pastoral Care for staff and student health and wellbeing.
- Supporting the ongoing sacramental life of staff and students.
- The implementation of the next stage of the new Australian Curriculum.
- Implementation of a new Student and Finance Management System Microsoft 365/Scholaris (CEO initiative) and looking at how it can support our current programs, including assessment and reporting to parents.
- The continuation of the 3 Year Numeracy Project which has included other staff members.
- The introduction of some new literacy initiatives, such as Read 2 Learn Project and the Oral Language Teaching Project.
- The commencement of the ‘Little Scientist’ Program in our Preschool.
- Continue to look at effective ways for implementation of continuous school improvement.
- The introduction of an online Professional Training Course for Staff on Dyslexia.
- The continuation of Year Level Coordinators.
- To maintain sound financial planning and management.
- To continue meeting the needs of individual students, including the development of appropriately modified programs in Inclusive Education and the Gifted and Talented Program.
- The continuation of a Counselling Service to support children and their families.

Congratulations once again to our new members of the School Board and those who have nominated to join this year’s P&F Committee. The new School Board, P&F, School Staff and Parish Pastoral Council were presented to the Parish Community at last week’s Commissioning Mass.

Working Bee Saturday, 14th March
Please consider attending at least one Working Bee per year. We only have 2 Working Bees which are held in Term 1 & Term 3. In this way, every family will be represented. (See separate Flyer included with this Newsletter). At our first Working Bee for the year we will finalise the Anzac Trail. We will also do the usual maintenance jobs, including gutters, weeding and some painting. All welcome!

Enrolments 2016
I am currently interviewing new families for Preschool and Reception for next year. Families already in our Preschool will receive a letter confirming their child’s enrolment. An interview for current families is not necessary, unless requested. However, all families need to lodge an enrolment form for children commencing Preschool or School in the future. Thank you.

Please note: We have an agreement with the Catholic Colleges that they will accept Year 8 enrolments from our school as long as parents/caregivers lodge an enrolment form 18 months beforehand. However, some parents have queried whether they need to accept enrolment positions into a College before Year 8. Let me assure you that your child will still get into a Catholic College in Year 8 – you do not need to enroll children for Year 7. We too need your enrolment commitment as any changes will affect our future enrolment predictions which will then alter our grants and staffing. Please do not hesitate to discuss enrolment concerns with me if necessary. A term’s notice is necessary if a student is leaving our school. Without a term’s notice, parents will be charged fees for the following term.
Reminders:
- **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 available to purchase from the Front Office at a cost of $10 (Sizes 6-12). Sports Day is being held at SANTOS Stadium. There is plenty of shade available in the Grandstand or around the perimeter, however, you will still need a hat or umbrella for when you are walking around and watching the children. Please set a good example for the children. **School children will need their School Hat on Sports Day.**

  Michael Musolino our PE Co-ordinator, will need some help on the day. (A note went home this week). Also, we do need a few extra tents to erect out on the field to supply shade for the children during their rest stops. Please let Lanette or Helen know in the Front Office if you can assist. Thank you.

- **The Spirit Cup:** The Spirit Cup is presented to the team judged to be the best team showing leadership, exemplary behaviour, sportsmanship and team work. Points are collected in classes leading up to Sports Day and a tally done on the day.

- **The Sports Day Shield:** This shield is a trophy handed to the winning team on Sports Day for points awarded for the different events. The Sports Day Shield will be presented to the winning team as a finale to Sports Day. Congratulations to our Sports Day Captains and Vice Captains who were recently appointed to these leadership roles by their peers.

- **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.

**Baby News**
Congratulations to Rebecca & Anton Horvat who welcome a baby son Ignatius. Little brother for Joe (Preschool).

**SRC News**
Our first Casual Day for the year will be held on Friday 6th March to help raise money for OneSight. This organisation helps to provide glasses to the homeless and Indigenous Communities. Gold coin donation.

Alana, Apostle, Adrian, Lara, Melissa,
SRC Executive

**Music Tutors 2015**
- Julia Johnston - Singing Tutor
- Roger Stammers - Violin Tutor
- Adrian Hookway - Piano Tutor
- Thomas Giang - Piano Tutor
- Denny Vuong - Guitar Tutor
- Michelangelo Micelli - Drum Tutor

Music Tutor enquiries, please contact the Front Office.

Regards Laurie Sammut
Principal

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**2015 ANZAC Trail along Portrush Road boundary fence**

As part of the ANZAC Trail, we are planting an Australian native (indigenous) garden among the tree line at the front of our school including a hedge of Australian box plants to make a boundary between the oval and the trail. It would be fantastic if families would like to donate a plant/money towards the garden and help plant it at the school Working Bee. See the separate flyer included in the Newsletter. Please send any donations to the Front Office marked ANZAC trail or let your child bring a native plant to school. Thanks to our sponsor Mitre 10 Glynde that have a wide range of native plants.
Thank You
Thank you to the Parish for their kind donations of $640.00 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.

We encourage you to visit some of our new blogs - Leadership blog and Italian Blog

Sports News

SPORTS NEWS
Sub Junior 7
13/2/16
Score: Loreto Blue def SJP (10-6)
Coaches: Rosaria DePolio/Chelsea Bonnici
Good try girls!
20/2/16
Score: SJP def Walkerville (19-6)
Coaches: Rosaria DePolio/Chelsea Bonnici
Well done. Great team effort!
Sub Junior 8
Score: Burnside def SJP (17-1)
Coach: Linda Talladire
Great effort by all girls considering the heat and only
Having 5 players.
Year 2/3 Basketball
Score: SJP Wolves def EM Lions (18-4)
Coach: Sonia Kastanos
Great effort by all girls considering the heat and only
Wow! What a game the Wolves played!
Year 4/5 Basketball
Score: SJP Wildcats def LPL Grey (15-8)
Coaches: Rudio Callisto/George Spyrou
Amazing effort for the first game! Keep up the great work.

From the Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities
Composite Classes
Composite classes are often the topic of controversy and conversation amongst parents but are ‘composite classes good or bad for your child’? The Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities has considered both sides of this passionate debate and has developed the following resource for parents.

DONATE A NATIVE PLANT

FOR THE

2015 ANZAC TRAIL

- Hedge of Australian box plants
- Go to the native plants section of a nursery/hardware store and choose a small plant (no trees or large bushes)
- Glynde Mitre 10 supporting the school and providing a wide range of native plants

*Please tell your child(ren) to bring the native plant to their class or send a donation to the Front Office*
Casual Day
for
OneSight Foundation

Gold coin donation $1 $2 $1 $2

Remember neat casual comfortable clothing, sandshoes and school hat.

Friday 6th March, 2015
March 2015

Children of St. Joseph’s
Please bring along your parents/caregivers to our
FAMILY WORKING BEE on
Saturday 14th March from 8.30am – 12.30pm

Parents/Caregivers

We will be having a general clean up including weeding, pruning, painting, gutters, maintenance, etc.

Please bring general gardening or work tools (including wheel barrows, shovels, rakes, painting gear, drills etc.).

The Parents and Friends will provide morning tea, refreshments and a sausage sizzle.

Let’s all help and put in a couple of hours to maintain a pleasant environment for our children.

Hope to see you there!

Kind regards

Laurie Sammut
Principal

ST JOSEPH’S SCHOOL - FAMILY WORKING BEE 14th MARCH 2015

Name: ___________________________  Child’s Class: ______________

I / We are able to attend the Family Working Bee on Saturday 14th March from 8.30am – 12.30pm.

Parent’s signature:............................................................................................................
Starts 15 March 2015

Parent Evening – Enrichment activities for gifted children:

The Discovery Circle and Bright Sparks Science Club

As a further part of Gifted Awareness Week, GTCASA is presenting a Parent evening outlining some enrichment activities for gifted children.

Date: Tuesday March 17th 2015
Venue: Glenunga Int High School staffroom
Time: 7.30pm
Cost: Free to GTCASA members, non-members $25

**Discovery Circle** [www.discoverycircle.org.au/](http://www.discoverycircle.org.au/)

The Discovery Circle is a Citizen Science program run by the University of South Australia. Dr Philip Roetman is its Project Leader, and will tell us about some of the hands-on activities that are the basis of Citizen Science projects, such as searching for wildlife and recording where you found it, or collecting water samples and testing the water. Citizen Science projects can focus on animals, like birds, bats, bees or bettongs, or they can address how we manage local environments, from our gardens, to parks, to nature reserves. Philip will talk about some past Citizen Science projects, and entice us with plans for upcoming research projects that you and your children can join.

**Bright Sparks Science Club** [https://sciences.adelaide.edu.au/bright-sparks/](https://sciences.adelaide.edu.au/bright-sparks/)

Rona Sakko PSM, who previously ran the immensely popular CSIRO Double Helix Science Club, has now established the Bright Sparks Science Club at the University of Adelaide. Officially launched on February 17th this year, the club is for children aged 6 to 15 years. Rona will talk about the club and some of the more than 60 great hands-on activities she’s planning for this year.

Come along and hear about what hands-on activities your children can be involved in.

Please complete a registration form online on the GTCASA website [http://gtcasa.asn.au/](http://gtcasa.asn.au/) whether a member or not.
The Gifted & Talented Children’s Association of SA
as part of the inaugural
GIFTED AWARENESS WEEK
invites you to a professional development workshop on:

Ethical Understanding in the AC:
adding complexity and social insights into the curriculum for gifted students

The development of 'active and informed citizens' who are ethical, is central to the purpose of education and too important to be left to chance. Thinking critically about ethical issues within the Australian Curriculum is a valuable approach for all students but provides a particularly powerful approach for gifted students. How confident are educators about teaching ethical understanding?

This practical workshop will:
- explain a scope and sequence model for developing ethical understanding.
- provide practical ethical reasoning strategies that teachers can apply across the curriculum.
- highlight possible ways in which teachers can embed ethical issues in their curriculum units.

The workshop will be run by Lesley Henderson, who is a lecturer in the School of Education at Flinders University where she coordinates the Gifted Education specialisation within the postgraduate courses, and is the Assistant Dean, Teaching and Learning.

**Location:** Tabor Adelaide, Millswood Campus
181 Goodwood Road, MILLSWOOD SA (Room 2)

**Date:** Wednesday 25th March, 2015

**Time:** 7.30pm—9pm

**Cost:** GTCASA members $15, non members $30

**Enquiries:** Lesley Henderson, School of Education
lesley.henderson@flinders.edu.au

**Registration:** online at www.gtcasa.asn.au

**INFORMATION & REGISTRATION ONLINE:**
http://www.gtcasa.asn.au
Parents and educators are members of the same team – partners – striving together for the same goal. The goal of guiding and supporting children and young people as they develop, learn, fail, rise after failure, succeed and question. This partnership is complex and can be the scene of challenging conversations.

What is the Annual Conference all about?
The 2015 Conference will be an opportunity for parents and educators in SA Catholic schools to come together in partnership to:
• explore why the partnership between schools, teachers, families and parents is a complex issue.
• gain an understanding about the collective impact framework and how it can be used to unpack the complex issue of parent/educator conversations.
• develop practical skills to establish and maintain effective conversations between parents and educators by participating in a workshop and conversation cafe.
• gain an understanding about the layers of influence that impact upon parental engagement in schooling and learning.
• hear how the role of the parent in the school community is central and constantly evolving.
• meet and network with other Catholic school parents and educators.
• be a part of Federation’s AGM.

Details:
When: Saturday 30th May 2015
Time: 9.45am to 4.00pm
Where: Mary Mackillop Centre
Bethany Room, High St, Kensington
Cost: $100 (GST free)
Note: subsidised rates apply for regional participants.

Registered teachers will receive a Certificate of Attendance to demonstrate relevant professional learning against the National Professional Standards for Teachers for the purposes of registration.

To book:
Visit the Federation’s Website for Booking details and a Registration Package
www.parentfederation.catholic.edu.au

For more information:
Call the Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities
☎ (08) 8301 6685
or visit
www.parentfederation.catholic.edu.au

GET IN QUICK!
Register and pay by Thursday 2nd April and be in the running to have your school’s registration costs reimbursed.

Sonia Nolan is a leading practitioner of social change within Western Australia and a strong advocate for community connection and social innovation. Sonia has held senior communications roles in resources, government, banking, media and higher education.

Sonia’s 25+ year career is built on four main pillars: relationships matter; strive for excellence in all that you do; be curious - keep learning; and be generous with your time and knowledge.

Sonia is a joint partner in social change consultancy Collective Impact WA, a Commissioner of the Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia, a Centrecare board member and is an active member within her children’s school communities.

Sonia holds qualifications in social impact, marketing and arts.
Free parenting seminar

Keeping teens and pre-teens safe online

Are you the parent or carer of a 10 – 15 year old? Are you worried about their online safety?

Come and hear internet safety experts and a child and adolescent psychologist talk about:

> how teens connect online
> how to talk with them about safety
> making agreements and setting limits
> dealing with cyberbullying.

**Register to attend in person:**
Phone: 8303 1660
Email: health.parentingsa@health.sa.gov.au

**Or**

**Register for webcast:**
When you register you will receive login details

**Tuesday 17 March**

When: 7.00–9.00pm
Where: panorama Room
Adelaide Convention Centre
North Terrace
Adelaide

This seminar is designed for parents.
Presented by Parenting SA.
For more information about raising children and teenagers go to www.parenting.sa.gov.au

Government of South Australia