Dear parents and carers,

We have had a beautifully calm return to school this week. The students were very keen to see their friends and they have all begun the year with energy, enthusiasm and a great sense of anticipation. All teachers have commented on just how engaged the students are.

This year we welcome the following staff members to our community; Elizabeth Hargrave (Preschool teacher), Judith Kahlefeldt (ASC Coordinator), Victoria Russell (Educational Assistant), Courtney Bonner (Yr 1 Teacher), Laura Knight (Yr 3 Teacher), Carmel Blake (Yr 3 Teacher), Skye McPadden (Yr 5 Teacher).

On Wednesday the staff led our community in a Prayer Celebration during which our Christ-centred Community focus, Growing through the Holy Spirit, was introduced. This year our Seeds of Growth are strategically incorporated into our Christ-centred Community focus, making our Vision come alive in all areas of Saint Joseph’s.

WELCOME BBQ
Our Welcome BBQ will be held tomorrow evening, weather permitting! RSVP’s were due today. We will decide by 3:00 pm tomorrow should we need to cancel. We’ll tell the students and send out a notification via Skoolbag.

P & F
The first P & F meeting will be held next Wednesday 8 February at 7:00 pm in the Staffroom. Please join us, you will be very welcome! For those who have attended P & F meetings before, why not invite someone new to attend the meeting with you? A special invitation is extended to all parents new to our school.

CAR PARK
For those familiar with our school, you will know how seriously we take safety in and around the car park. I implore ALL PARENTS to drive in a responsible manner at all times and be mindful of the students as they move through all parking areas. Already this week it has been reported that two young students were wandering around the car park at pick up time without a parent. Please hold your child’s hand at all times when moving around the car park.

HOME LEARNING
You would have received your child’s Home Learning this week and an accompanying letter from myself. Further information about Home Learning will be shared at the PIN on TUESDAY 14 FEBRUARY AT 7PM. Please join us in the hall. Other information will include an update on our Seeds of Growth and an overview of the foci for 2017.

MUSICAL
This year we will be having our biannual musical. Would you like to be part of the team? Would you like to share your expertise? You are welcome to be involved as little or as much as you like, please contact caz.perryman@cg.catholic.edu.au if you would like to have a chat about possibilities.

THANKYOU
Thankyou for the support you have provided in transitioning students back to school. We appreciate the difference between holiday mode and school terms. Your efforts are appreciated.

CALENDAR
Our calendar is now on our website; please check the calendar on a regular basis. From time to time dates are changed; the website is always the most up to date calendar, because it is live.

- Friday 3 Feb- Welcome BBQ- 6pm under the trees closest to the ELC.
- Wednesday 8 Feb- P & F Meeting 7pm in the Staff Room.
- Tuesday 14 Feb- Parent Information Night 7pm in the Hall.

Enjoy the weekend to come.
Caz Perryman
Canteen Menu Assessment - *Fresh Tastes*

St Joseph’s recently participated in the *Fresh Tastes* canteen menu assessment process, as part of demonstrating our commitment to improving the availability of healthier food and drink choices within St Joseph's Canteen. The results from the assessment show significant improvements have been made to the canteen menu since the last assessment in October 2013 (full report attached). This has been a significant achievement.

All food and drink items from the St Joseph's Primary School Canteen were assessed against the *National Healthy School Canteen Guidelines*. GREEN, AMBER and RED

**ANALYSIS OF RESULTS**

There were 52 items assessed. The *National Healthy School Canteen Guidelines* require that the main items on our canteen menu are GREEN (i.e. over 50%). There are currently 19 GREEN food and drink items on the menu (37% of the total). 62% of the menu is AMBER. 2% (one item) was found to be RED and was immediately replaced with a healthier (AMBER) alternative.

**NEXT STEPS**

The report outcomes, and other *Fresh Tastes* initiatives, will be discussed at the upcoming P&F meeting and an action plan will be developed to work towards further improving the menu to offer 50% of GREEN items. We are also exploring ways to improve the Canteen’s contribution to the school’s sustainability focus.

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**Growing through the Holy Spirit**

Our Christ-centred Community Focus for this year is Growing through the Holy Spirit. On Wednesday there was a Prayer Celebration to launch the focus for this year. The following questions were posed to the students, which you may like to think about yourself:

- I wonder where the Holy Spirit is in our tree?
- I wonder how we can be, learn, collaborate and create with others on our tree?
- I wonder if anyone knows what we receive from the Holy Spirit to have in our tree?

**Welcome Fr. Paul**

On Friday 27 January 2017, Fr. Paul began as the parish priest of St Joseph’s. We are very excited to welcome Fr. Paul to our Christ-centred community.

Yours in Christ,

Luke Donnelly
Religious Education Coordinator
[luke.donnelly@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:luke.donnelly@cg.catholic.edu.au)
P&F UPDATE

DATE FOR THE DIARY: The first P&F meeting for 2017 will be held next Wednesday, 8 February 7pm in the staffroom. All parents are warmly invited and welcome to attend and contribute to the discussion, so please come along. Agenda is below. P&F meetings are held in Weeks 2 & 6 each term. Please contact Sasha Billett, President, 0414 621 605 if you would like more information.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED:

Uniform Shop Volunteers - the P&F provide a Uniform Shop as a service to the school community, run entirely by volunteers. The Uniform Shop is the P&F’s major fundraising activity throughout the year. All profits benefit the school community. The Uniform Shop is usually open twice per week, with opening times advertised on the front of the newsletter. Opening hours are dependent on volunteer availability and are subject to change at short notice. Both new, and pre-loved uniforms are for sale (pre-loved items are $5 each). A Uniform Drive is held each term and Order Forms are sent home to families in Week 7, with deliveries to families in Weeks 9-10. Please contact the Uniform Shop Coordinator Marcela Leon at uniformshop_stjosephs_oconnor@yahoo.com.au if you would like to volunteer to assist.

Canteen - the Canteen Manager role has been advertised after becoming vacant unexpectedly. Please contact the Office for further information about the vacancy. Applications close 3 February. The Canteen is opening on Wednesdays and Fridays for over the counter sales as an interim arrangement. Unfortunately lunch orders are not available at this time. A huge thank you to the parents who have been able to volunteer to support the canteen opening. Volunteers are still required throughout the term. Please email stjosephscanteen@gmail.com if you are able to volunteer.

PRE-LOVED UNIFORMS:

Pre-loved uniforms can be donated to the Uniform Store. Uniforms can be dropped off near the pre-loved clothing rack.

P&F MEETING AGENDA - 8/2/17:

1. Minutes & actions of previous meeting
2. Principal’s report
3. School Board report
4. Presidents report
5. Treasurer’s report
6. Sub Committee Reports (Canteen, Uniform Shop, Fundraising)
7. Other business:
   - Canteen Menu - Feedback from Nutrition Australia assessment

Sasha Billett

Merit Awards - Week 1 Term 1

Congratulations to the following students who will receive an award tomorrow for:

Being Collaborative

Year 1 Purple: Lucy P, William P
Daniel A, Hannah P, Troy T, Tenzin D
Year 1 Teal: Willow D, Violet W
Andy McP, Dexta W, Yewong S, Violet W
Year 2 Magenta: Henry D, Ashley F
Ella O, Frieda C
Year 2 Yellow: Joshua G, Roshni N
Eliza M, Sophie P
Year 3 Lime: Alec F, Sebastian O'D-D, Liam O
Bridgette D
Year 3 Silver: Cindy L, Amelia M
Abagail W
Year 4 Blue: Chloe F, Serafina M, Aidan B
Gemma W, Emberlyn C
Year 5 Orange: Aidan E, Jonathan S
Joshua D
Alex C

Uniform Shop

Hours of Operation
Wednesday 8:30am—9:00am
Friday 8:45am—9.15am

Please direct any queries to:
Uniformshop_stjosephs_oconnor@yahoo.com.au
Marcela Leon

Happy Birthday
This week to:

Leon F-S
Gabriela R-L
Ashley F
Sophia D
Volunteer Roster
The Canteen is in need of more volunteers for the term. Can you help? You can come for the morning and help prepare food, or just come and serve during the breaks. Please email stjosephscanteen@gmail.com if you can volunteer some time.

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Please remember you need a Working with Vulnerable People Card (or receipt showing you have applied).

stjosephscanteen@gmail.com
M: 0490 399 694 (during Canteen open hours only 9:00am to 1:30pm Wednesday to Friday)

SOFTBALL/TEEBALL

All teeball and softball games recommence this Saturday 4 February.
Please direct any queries to Mrs McFarland.
Look forward to seeing you on the diamond!

Carolyn McFarland
Join the Dollarmites on a savings adventure into the future with School Banking!

In 2017, School Banking is getting children excited about the future with a brand new look for the Dollarmites. As Future Savers, students will join the Dollarmites on a journey to reach the Savings Hover Park, an amazing playground up in the clouds of a hi-tech city.

There are 8 new reward items for 2017 from the Future Savers range:
- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones

WIN a family adventure holiday at Tokyo Disneyland!

This year, School Banking is running a Future Savers Grand Prize competition that will take one lucky School Banker all the way to Tokyo, Japan. The winner gets an unforgettable family trip, for up to two adults and three children, where they’ll explore Tokyo Disneyland with its amazing attractions, including the futuristic Tomorrowland, plus enjoy the fun rides at Tokyo DisneySea.

Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2017 will be automatically entered into the draw. This is another great way to motivate students to save regularly and reach their savings goals.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives from the Commonwealth Bank $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).
Term 1, Week 1

This week in BSC it has been all about getting to know each other and the routine. It is great to see so many smiling faces. We have already had an interest in snails – thanks Sophie. Gardening has also sparked some interest in a number of children and as the seasons change, we will continue to keep our garden looking beautiful.

As the weather is HOT, water play is popular with the children. They are exploring the properties of filling a container and discovering what happens to the water in different sized containers.

Regards, Vanessa, Deanne and Lina

Welcome to the Early Learning Centre for 2017. It has been a wonderful start to the year, meeting all the new families and welcoming back many returning families. At the start of every year there are feelings of excitement, nervousness, anticipation and expectation. I am confident all the children will settle beautifully into their new classrooms.

Communication is very important at the ELC and in order for you to be informed about events and happenings, please remember to read St Joseph’s weekly Newsletter, download our Skoolbag app onto your mobile, check your child’s pouch in their classroom, and look for e-mails coming from your teacher for any information and up-coming events.

Please remember that your child needs a cot sized fitted sheet and top sheet for their afternoon rest/relaxation, a library bag, drink bottle and healthy morning tea, lunch and fruit snack.

If you have any questions or concerns about the Preschool routine, please feel free to contact Helene or myself in the ELC Front Office. Office hours are from 8:30-3:30. We look forward to another wonderful year in the ELC!

Birthday wishes to the following child: Nicole S.

God Bless and enjoy the first week of Preschool,

Molly Henson
ELC Director