St Joseph's Newsletter
Growing in excellence within a Christ-centred community.

Week 2 Term 4
20 October 2016

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SUPERVISION
Morning supervision begins at 8.20am. No children are to be left unsupervised before then. Playground equipment is out of bounds unless there is a teacher supervising.

St Joseph’s ELC Before and After School Care
Pre-school to Foundation

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director.elcsjo@cg.catholic.edu.au

Phone
6257 2990 or 0457 540 802

A Parish Mass is held in the church every Sunday at 9:00am. 6:00pm Saturday Vigil is also held in the church. 9:00am Weekday Mass is held in the church.

Parish Priest
Father Kennedy
Phone
6247 7070

UNIFORM SHOP
Wednesday 2:45-3:15pm
Friday 8:45-9:15am

YMCA After School Care
Foundation to Year 6
6242 4040
0432 405 147

St Joseph’s P-6 School
60th Anniversary Dinner.

A birthday celebration
Dinner and dancing.
Please join us to celebrate the wonderful milestone

This evening is for everyone associated with St Joseph’s whether past or present. That means you and we’d love to see you there!

Music by local Jazz band Blue Moon Café

Cash bar available

Saturday 5th November
7:00 – 10:00pm

Old Parliament House
Members Room

Tickets $85 on sale from the front office
RSVP 26th October

Dress in Cocktail dress/Lounge Suit and enjoy a night with friends!
A welcome drink of your choice and sparkling wine for the birthday toast to the School
Entrée
Caramelised butternut pumpkin & beetroot tart, goats cheese, parsley dressing
Slow cooked duck breast slices, Asian noodles, coriander, soy dressing
Main
Slow braised beef sirloin, potato purée, blistered tomato, rosemary jus
Grilled chicken supreme, vegetable braise, pistachio and curry butter
Dessert stations
Crepe Station: Sweet crepes with choices of fillings - fresh strawberries and fresh cream, chocolate and sautéed peaches, mixed berry compote and orange curd

Ice cream and gelato bar: Chef’s selection of 2 ice creams and 1 gelato
Choice of toppings, fresh berries and lollies
Dear parents and carers,

60th ANNIVERSARY

The celebrations on 5 and 6 November will be:

**Saturday 5 November**
- 12:00—2:00pm Open School
- 7:00—10:00pm Dinner at OPH

**Sunday 6 November**
- 9:00am Mass at St Joseph’s Church
- 10:30am Burying of Time Capsule and unveiling of school mural
- 11:30am Magician and BYO Picnic

Tomorrow the students will celebrate our 60th with a day dedicated to our anniversary. The day will begin with a Prayer Celebration at 9:15am followed by activities in preparation for the Celebration Weekend.

**DISCO**
Tomorrow evening is our Annual School Disco
6:00—6:45pm Pre-school—Yr 1
7:00—7:45pm Yrs 2—6

**WORKING BEE**
On Saturday 29 October we will have a Working Bee to prepare for our Celebration Weekend. We would be extremely grateful for any help you can give between 10:00am and 2:00pm. A Sausage Sizzle will be provided.

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<td>Mow narrow grass strips adjacent to drive way on MacArthur Ave</td>
<td>Mower and catcher</td>
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<td>Weed semi-circular garden on MacArthur Ave, beds around Learning Hub, garden in front and right side entrance and “tree bed” in car park</td>
<td>Weeding implements</td>
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<td>Turn over mulch in garden beds</td>
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<td>Cut around tree trunks, seats, fences</td>
<td>Petrol operated whipper snipper, rake, wheelbarrow</td>
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<td>Plant seedlings in front garden</td>
<td>Small shovel</td>
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**UNSW MATHEMATICS CERTIFICATES**
These will be presented at Morning Gathering on Friday 28 October.

**UNIFORMS**
Now that summer uniforms are being worn, a particular request is made for the students to have the correct shoes and socks – plain ankle socks that can be seen above the shoe and black ‘polishable’ shoes for everyday wear and predominately white runners for sport days.

Please support us with the following:
- Correct uniform at all times
- Hats must be worn – No hat, no play, sit in the shade - no exception
- All long hair must be tied back and kept off the face
- No jewellery apart from a watch and small plain studs
- No wrist bands apart from our SJO bands
- No makeup or nail polish

**REMINDERS**
- The supervision of students begins at 8:20 am each morning. Students should not be at school before this time. If they are, their parent needs to remain with them.
- Students are not permitted to play on the equipment in the mornings or afternoons even if their parent is with them. It is a legal requirement that students are supervised by teachers when they are on school equipment.
- All students must be at school by 8:50 am when the bell rings to commence the day. Important information is given to the students at Morning Gathering.
- All parents and visitors must enter the school via the Front Office and sign the visitor's book on arrival and departure. The only exception would be entering the Hall for an assembly or going into class for prayer after Morning Gathering and leaving straight afterwards.
- All volunteers must wear a lanyard with their WWVP card displayed in it if they are in the school assisting in any way, including working in the canteen and Learning Hub.
- Parents collecting or delivering their child during the day must sign them in or out at the Front Office and hand the slip to the class teacher. Students are not to be collected from the play ground during school hours. This is for their safety and to ensure we are aware of who is in the school at all times.

**COMING EVENTS**
- 21 Oct—60th Anniversary Children’s Day and Disco
- 24 Oct—Water Safety begins F-Year 2, Parent Workshop—Assessment
- 26 Oct—6:00 School Board
- 29 Oct—10:00—2:00pm Working Bee
- 1 Nov—9:00am All Saints Day Mass
- 4 Nov—Walk to School & Community Cuppa
- 5 & 6 Nov—CELEBRATION WEEKEND

Thanks everyone. God bless.

Sue Dempsey
Principal
**TEACHING AND LEARNING**

**Socktober**

We would like to say thank you to those who participated in Socktober and the generous donations for the Tuk-Tuk in Cambodia. On Wednesday we raised money for the Cambodian children who are suffering from poverty, so we collected money for the bills that Sr Eulia Desacsula and the sisters have to pay for education, Tuk-Tuk, fuel, food and the drivers' wages to visit the village all the time.

First, we focused on getting $106,500 to keep the Tuk-Tuk running for a year. We also tried to make the activity fair for everyone and to make it fun. We raised $515.75 with our stalls and although we didn't raise what we needed, we weren't the only place to raise money. If all the Catholic schools in Australia raise as much as we did, the Tuk-Tuk would be able to run for a lifetime.

The purpose of running Socktober was to raise money for children living in poverty in Cambodia. The charity is called the Mobile Tuk-Tuk Education Centre. They give children a chance to learn about traditions, their language, hygiene and life skills they'll need for the future. They give the children fresh food and supply educational toys to help them learn.

**Year 6 Team**

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Students in Foundation, Year One and Year Two**

Next week students in Foundation, Year One and Year Two will begin Water Safety lessons. These lessons are part of the Australian Curriculum. Students will need to bring appropriate swim wear, a towel, thongs or crocs and **spare underwear**. All clothes must be clearly labelled so teachers are able to return clothes to correct students.

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**Please join us for Community Cuppa Friday 4 November after Walk to School**

After Walk to School in Weeks 4 and 8 we will be hosting a ‘Community Cuppa’. This is an opportunity for families to come together and have a chat, or just take a moment to relax before starting their day. It will be held in the Hub area and anyone is welcome to join from 8:45am.

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**Please continue to read with your children...**

Please continue to read with and to your child. If you are having difficulty with family commitments and Home Learning is difficult to fit in, your focus should be reading. Have you considered reading a novel to your child over a couple of weeks? Roald Dahl books make great read alouds and students love his writing.

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**Last term’s newsletter...**

Last term I put out a plea to all parents to contact the school in the event that something was creating concern for them. The response to this request has been great and we are now more able to discuss and address concerns earlier rather than later.

THANKYOU for your continued support.
Happy Birthday
This week to:

Thenuki W-D
Chloe C-J
Savidu W-F
Rose W

Merit Awards - Week 2 Term 4

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

Spreading Love to others when singing our new school song

Foundation Red: Dominic S, Alex W
Foundation White: Alyssa S, Bridget M
Year 1 Silver: Ashley F, Angela L
Year 1 Teal: Joshua G, Amelia G
MAC Magenta: Wylie A, Zoe P, Alarna N
MAC Purple: Katya L, Chelsea P
MAC Yellow: Andie McF, Lachlan McG
Year 4 Orange: Scarlett W, Nathan H
Year 5 Lime: Will A, Brooke E
Year 6 Blue: Bella B, Dhruv P

Uniform Shop

Hours of Operation
Wednesday 2:30pm—3:15pm
Friday 8:45am—9.15am

Please direct any queries to:

Uniformshop_stjosephs_oconnor@yahoo.com.au

Marcela Leon

VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball begins on Monday next week (Week 3).

Years 2 and 3 will play on Monday and Years 4, 5 and 6 will play on Wednesday.

Please remember to bring your runners.

Look forward to seeing you on the volleyball court!

Carolyn McFarland

COUNSELLING
PARENTLINE—6287 3833

Parentline is a telephone counselling service which offers a high degree of confidentiality to parents facing a range of issues.

There is also face to face availability, provided by experienced staff and post-graduate counselling students free of charge.

Parentline’s intake service will assess the client for face to face suitability, taking care to protect the privacy of the client.

For further information please contact Fiona Dawes on 6287 3833. Fiona will be available on Wednesdays until December 14th 2016.
**CANTEEN NEWS**

**Summer Menu:** If you don’t have the summer menu please see the Front Office for a copy.

**Rice Wheels:** Gluten Free rice wheels are now available over the counter at $1.00 / packet

**Forgotten Lunch:** If your child has forgotten his or her lunch, the Canteen will provide them with something to eat. Please ensure you reimburse the Canteen at your earliest convenience.

**Flexischools:** The site was down for approximately 15 minutes last week, resulting in parents not being able to place orders. The Canteen will accept cash orders under these circumstances. If you placed a lunch order over the phone last week, please reimburse the Canteen at your earliest convenience.

**New Snacks:** Please see the menu for snacks that will be on sale when available (volunteer permitting).

**Nachos:** From time to time on a Wednesday (volunteer permitting), there will be a small cup/tray of nachos available for sale over the counter. This will consist of corn chips, mild salsa and low fat grated cheese. Cost will be $3.00

**VOLUNTEERS:** Please let me know if you can help. Thank you to those parents who offered to help fill the shifts needed.

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**CANTEEN**

**ROSTER WEEK 3**

26/10/2016 to 28/10/2016

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Jackie – Canteen Manager

E: stjosephscanteen@gmail.com
M: 0490 399 694 *(during Canteen open hours only)*

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**TEEBALL/SOFTBALL**

Fees for teeball players are $120.00 and softball $150.00. Please make payment as soon as possible at the Front Office.

**It’s not too late for your child to join a team if they would like to play.**

Please find attached the Divisions and game times for this Saturday 22 October.

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<td>Primary Softball Year 4-6</td>
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<td>Senior Teeball Year 2-3</td>
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<td>Modball (Modified Softball) no teams in this division</td>
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<td>High School Softball (Year 7 &amp; 8)</td>
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If you have not registered your child before Saturday unfortunately they will not be able to play on Saturday. Please register online using the link on the following website.

http://websites.sportstg.com/assoc_page.cgi?c=0-11095-0-0-0&sID=360565

The Registrar will be on hand on Saturday morning for last minute registrations if you are unsure of the process of registering online.

Training for the Junior and Senior Teeball teams will be pre-game on Saturday mornings so please arrive 30 minutes before the game. Training for Primary Softball and High School Softball continues on Friday afternoons at 4pm at the O’Connor oval.

See you on the diamond!

Carolyn McFarland
It was fantastic to see so many families enjoying the ELC Bonfire Night. It was a time to relax, talk to one another and enjoy the ambience and sense of community as we came together to cook our damper and marshmallows over the campfire.

In preparation for this special evening, the children revisited what they knew about fire safety. Together with our parent helpers, the children mixed the dough for the damper which we enjoyed later in the evening, with lashings of maple syrup, yum.

Merryn Dyer

Thank you to the ELC Community and teachers who made our special bonfire evening a success. We could not have done it without you! Thank you for donating your time and resources. A special thank you to the parent committee for organising and coordinating this special event.

Reminders:

21 October - 9:15am Children's Day Prayer Celebration
21 October - 6:00 - 6:45pm School Disco
27 October - 9:00 - 10:00am Kenny Koala Visits the ELC

Happy Birthday to the following ELC Child: Kiersten B

God Bless and have a lovely week,

Molly Henson