Dear parents and carers,
This week we were deeply saddened by the death of Adele Walton, a pre-school teacher since 2012. Adele was a beautiful teacher and very special person who gave her best to all that she did which included her courageous battle against cancer. Our staff feel blessed to have shared in Adele’s life and passing. May she rest in peace. Please keep Adele and her family in your prayers.

No details of Adele’s funeral are known yet.

**60TH ANNIVERSARY**
A final flurry of ticket sales has ensured great anticipation about a wonderful celebration dinner on Saturday 5 November. Thank you for supporting this significant event.

The celebrations on 5 and 6 November will be:

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

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

**WORKING BEE**
On Saturday we will have a Working Bee to prepare for our Celebration Weekend. We would be extremely grateful for any help you can give between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. A Sausage Sizzle will be provided. Please let me know if you intend to help so I know how many sausages to cook!

**UNIFORM SHOP**
- erw to Foundation
- Email to Foundation
- School Website
- **SUPERVISION**
  - Morning supervision begins before then. Playground equipment is out of bounds unless there is a teacher supervising.

**ST JOSEPH’S ELC BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

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**COMING EVENTS**
- **WASHINGTON**
  - **UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND**
  - 4 Nov
  - **CONGRATULATIONS**
  - **SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS**
- **WALK TO SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY CUPPA**
  - Twice a term we host our very own Walk to School from Lyneham and O’Connor shops. We are now extending this initiative to include an invitation to parents to share a cuppa in the Learning Hub after the walk. Come and join us.

**BYODD**
Letters regarding the Bring Your Own Designated Device (BYODD) program for 2017 have been sent home to parents of current Year 3 students. Parents of Year 4 students, 2017 may opt in / out of the program. The expectation is that all students in Years 5 and 6 will participate in the program.

**UNSW MATHEMATICS CERTIFICATES**
These will be presented at Morning Gathering tomorrow.

**CONGRATULATIONS**
Yesterday Madeleine (MAC Yellow) received a Judges Award in the Year 1-2 Picture Book category of the inaugural Make Your Own Story Book competition. Madeleine and her dad attended the Awards Presentation with Jackie French.

**COMING EVENTS**
- **29 Oct – 10:00 – 2:00 pm Working Bee**
- **30 Nov – Catholic Schools Netball Carnival**
- **1 Nov – 9:00 am All Saints Day Mass**
- **4 Nov – 8:15 am Walk to School & Community Cuppa, School Board nominations open**
- **5 & 6 Nov – CELEBRATION WEEKEND**

Thank you everyone. Take care of yourselves and each other.

Sue Dempsey  
Principal

**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 SCHOOL**
- Boroania Drive  
- O’Connor ACT 2602

**ST JOSEPH’S SCHOOL**
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Throughout 2016 one of the initiatives at Saint Joseph’s has been the introduction of “The Parent Workshop Program”. The purpose of the program was to offer workshops on a wide range of topics to help parents feel more informed about contemporary education. Throughout 2016 we have offered workshops on several different topics.

To ensure we are meeting the needs of our community we would like to know what it is that you would like to be more informed of. The following workshops were offered in 2016;

- How can I help my child with their Ipad?
- Multi-age classes - how do they work?
- What are the Seeds of Growth?
- Reading and Writing, how are they taught?
- How do I support my child’s learning in Number?
- How will my child continue to be supported in ICT?
- What ever happened to rote learning in Spelling?
- How can we set a goal from my child’s Semester One report?
- Assessment?

To help with 2017 planning please let me know;

- what workshops you would like to go ahead.
- if there are other areas of interest that you would like to see us address.
- what the best time is for us to run workshops.

This will greatly influence the workshops we prepare for 2017. All information regarding workshops for 2017 can be emailed to caz.perryman@cg.catholic.edu.au.

An invitation was extended to parents to attend a presentation of the 2016 Action Research Project on 8 November at 5.00pm. Please RSVP to caz.perryman@cg.catholic.edu.au by COB 3 November. Please note if there are insufficient numbers this presentation will not go ahead.

Sharing Love with future generations

Next week our focus will be to share love with future generations. Each class will spend time reflecting on what it means to be part of our Christ-centred Community and their class in 2016. They will then prepare a poster which will be placed into the time capsule to be buried at the 60th Anniversary Family Picnic to be held next Sunday from 10:30am.

60th Anniversary Prayer Celebration

On Friday last week the students gathered in the hall to celebrate our 60th Anniversary with a prayer celebration. The prayer celebration was a wonderful occasion which included a procession of previous students, staff and families; the lighting of 7 candles representing the 6 decades of the school and the future; and the launch of our new school song - St Joseph’s School. The school song was written by Year 5, Mrs Eldred and Mr Donnelly and will be sung on many occasions in the future.

Yours in Christ,

Luke Donnelly
Religious Education Coordinator
luke.donnelly@cg.catholic.edu.au
Happy Birthday
This week to:

William P

Merit Awards - Week 3 Term 4

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

Using the Seed of Creating to describe how to spread love

Foundation Red: Joseph M, Katja H
Foundation White: Max M, Ben L
Year 1 Silver: Layla F, Kennedy W
Year 1 Teal: Tihana B, Daniel McK
MAC Magenta: Emmanuel A, Alyssa D, Miller W
MAC Purple: James T, Poppy S
MAC Yellow: Chloe F, Nicholas R-L
Year 4 Orange: Ryan O, Emma H
Year 5 Lime: Will A, Hazina B
Year 6 Blue: George C, Christine N

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

New Order Form is attached to this Newsletter

Marcela Leon

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 14 December 2016.

Community Cuppa

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 come along from 8:45am.

Please join us for Community Cuppa
Friday 4 November after Walk to School
IOUs: If you were unable to make an order when the Flexischools website was down two Fridays ago and called the school to place an order, could you please reimburse the Canteen at your earliest convenience? Notes for outstanding amounts will be sent out on Friday. If you have already reimbursed the Canteen, thank you.

Flexischools: From time to time Flexischools website does go down. In the event that this happens and you're trying to place an order, please send in a cash order in a sealed envelope or lunch order bag. We are in the process of setting up an 'IOU' tab on flexischools so you can reimburse the Canteen when needed.

Flexischools App users: If you have problems ordering through Flexischools on a Friday (Friday is shaded or it isn't appearing at all) get out of the 1st Break or 2nd Break tab, go back in and choose Friday lunch order. Friday won't appear if you are still in the 1st Break or 2nd Break tab for Wednesday or Thursday. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused in the past. If need be, please contact the Canteen as soon as possible for assistance.

Rice Wheels: Gluten Free Rice Wheels are available over the counter at $1.00 packet.

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

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

**CANTEEN ROSTER WEEK 4**

02/11/2016 to 04/11/2016

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

**TEEBALL/SOFTBALL**

The teeballers and softballers are having a wonderful time playing on Saturday mornings.

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

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

Teeball $120.00
Softball $150.00

Payment (cash) can be made at the Front Office.

Carolyn McFarland
SECOND YEAR OF OUR FRESH TASTES JOURNEY

St. Joseph’s is a part of Fresh Tastes, an ACT Government service that help schools make healthy food and drinks a bigger part of everyday life for our kids. St. Joseph’s is in our second year and already we are seeing positive changes in our school’s food and drink environment. Fresh Tastes is helping our school build on the great work we are already doing to teach our students about different types of healthy foods, growing and cooking healthy food and making food choices that are best for growing bodies!


Fresh Tastes has partnerships with local organisations and businesses who share a commitment to improving children’s health in Canberra. Some of these partners may work with us over the next couple of years to help us achieve our goals.

This year we have chosen Selling Food. We have an action plan on how we will achieve these changes in our second year.

To help us reach our goals we have set up a Fresh Tastes Action Group. The more people across the school community that help out, the better the results will be. If you would like to get involved please let us know.

Our Fresh Tastes coordinator is Kerri Kerr. Please contact Kerri via email Kerri.Kerr@cg.catholic.edu.au to find out more.

SJO Fresh tastes Garden Club

Look at our veggies now!

Harvest time!
Term 4 Week 3

Constable Kenny Koala came to visit this week, discussing the importance of staying safe at school. We also watched a video that reinforced the importance of not talking to strangers through the fence or walking away from school on our own or with someone we do not know.

We celebrated Kiersten’s birthday on Monday and Seewoo’s birthday on Tuesday. Congratulations, Kiersten and Seewoo, for turning 5!!

Natalia Giuffreda

The ELC said goodbye to our beautiful ELC teacher, Adele Walton this week. She worked as a preschool teacher at the ELC from 2012. She was an amazing, inspiring, spiritual teacher, friend and work colleague. She has touched the lives of so many families and staff in our Community and we are very sad to be saying goodbye. We have talked with the children about her death and have set up a prayer table in the foyer for Adele. There are stars on the table in the foyer should you wish to write a prayer or message to hang on the tree. We will truly miss our beautiful friend. Please keep Adele’s family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. If you would like to make a donation to Adele’s family or find out more about the beautiful person she was, please visit: https://www.gofundme.com/in-memory-of-adele-louise-walton-2w29sedw

For your diaries please note the following dates:
16 November - 9:00 - 11:00 ELC and Foundation Orientation
18 November - 9:15 - 1:30 Zoo Excursion

Birthday wishes to the following children: Hayden S, Seewoo P, Alexander J-H and Aarav C

God Bless,

Molly Henson
Remembering Adele Walton
Blue Gecko Teacher