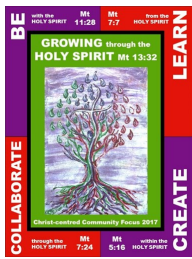


# St Joseph's Newsletter

Growing in excellence within a Christ-centred community.



**Week 4 Term 4**  
**1 November 2017**

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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

## EMAIL

director.elcsjo@cg.catholic.edu.au

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A Parish Mass is held in the church every Sunday at 9:00am.

6:00pm Saturday Vigil is also held in the church.

8.00am Weekday Mass is held in the church.

Parish Priest  
Fr Paul Nulley

Phone  
6247 7070

## UNIFORM SHOP

Wednesday 8:30-9:00am  
Friday 8:45-9:15am

## YMCA After School Care

Foundation to Year 6  
6242 4040  
0432 405 147

Dear parents and carers, we regularly meet as a staff to reflect, discuss, collaborate, plan and prepare for education at St Joseph's School. Yesterday afternoon our meeting was devoted to teachers presenting their findings about the research they have been involved in this year. All topics related to Writing and all collected data demonstrated improved outcomes for our students. The dedication of our staff to being excellent practitioners is to be commended. I feel very proud of the achievements of our teachers and students. It is recognised within our Catholic Education system that St Joseph's is a school of excellence.

## COACHING

At St Joseph's we have a program, led by Caz Perryman, that involves teachers being affirmed and challenged in their pedagogy. Each teacher sets personal goals which are worked towards by way of individual coaching and mentoring within the classroom. This initiative is proving to be highly successful with Catholic Education aware of the results we are achieving. Congratulations to all teachers!

## SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Positions on the School Board will become vacant at the end of this year so we will need to appoint new members for 2018 / 2019. The School Board plays a vital role in the functioning of our school so please consider nominating yourself or someone else for this important position. As per the Board's constitution the following is the timetable for the election of new Board members:

- 03 November - Nominations open
- 17 November - Nominations close
- 21 November - Ballot Papers distributed, if required
- 01 December - Election closes
- 05 December—School Board announced at End of Year Mass
- 06 December - School Board announced in the Newsletter

A letter outlining the process for Board elections and a Nomination form are attached.

## INDUSTRIAL ACTION

You may be aware that some staff in Catholic schools are taking industrial action tomorrow morning. Our school will remain open tomorrow

despite this action.

## SCHOOL FEES

Term 4 school fees are due on 11 November. We would appreciate receiving fees on time so we can finalise our commitments before the end of the year.

## 2018 CLASSES

I am now able to confirm that we will have 12 classes in 2018. This will comprise:

2 x Foundation

2 x Year 1, 2 x Year 2, 2 x Year 3, 2 x Year 4,

1 x Year 5 and 1 x Year 6.

The number of classes each year is determined by the total enrolments of the school. Whilst we will have single classes next year, it must be emphasised that multi-age classes may be a feature of our school in future years.

The annual staffing process for 2018 has begun but may not be finalised until closer to the end of the term. An announcement about staff will be made in due course.

## WALK TO SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY CUPPA

Twice a term we hold our own Walk to School from Lyneham and O'Connor shops. Teachers will walk from Lyneham and O'Connor shops at 8:15 am this Friday.

## BYODD

A letter regarding the Bring Your Own Designated Device (BYODD) program for 2018 will be sent home to parents of the current Year 3 students next week. BYODD will remain optional for Year 4 students but the expectation is that all students in Years 5 and 6 will participate in the program

## COMING EVENTS

2 Nov 11:00-1:00pm	2 Yellow & 3 Lime to Music Count Us In
3 Nov 8:15am	SJO Walk to School
10 Nov 10:45am	Remembrance Day Ceremony
15 Nov 9:00-11:00am	ELC & Foundation 2018 Orientation
7:00pm	P&F AGM
17 Nov 9:00am	Yrs 1-6 2018 Orientation
11:00am	Nude Food picnic

Thank you everyone. May God bless you in all that you do.

Sue Dempsey

Principal

# TEACHING AND LEARNING

Many students feel anxious when they are presented with a problem that they are not able to solve immediately. The term "growth mindset" comes from work of Carol Dweck. She identified that everyone holds ideas about their own potential. Some people believe that their intelligence is more or less fixed and in Mathematics for example, you can either do mathematics or you can't. Many students have this "fixed mindset" which can affect their learning. Other students have a "growth mindset". They believe that they can learn anything and that their intelligence can grow. Other students waver between the two mindsets.

Students with a fixed mindset are those who are more likely to give up easily whereas students with a growth mindset are those who keep going and are persistent even when work is hard . The two mindsets are associated with different achievement pathways. It is possible to change mindsets from fixed to growth and help students gain higher achievement.

This year, teachers have supported students in becoming aware that changing the ways they perceive their own abilities and potential could drastically alter their performance. We are conscious about praising our students on the process of learning, the effort they put in and the strategies they use as well as their focus, perseverance, and improvement.

Please support us in helping our students to have a "growth mindset".

Megan Lovering  
Coordinator

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## SOCKTOBER - Catholic Missions Month

Last Friday the students all arrived at school wearing crazy socks and play clothes to help raise money for Catholic Missions. At First Break our Year 6 leaders ran sock inspired activities such as sock-er and throw the sock in the hoop. We would like to thank Miss Cartwright and our Year 6 leaders for coordinating the day. Thanks to their efforts and the support from our families we raised:

**\$263.85**

This will contribute to the work of Catholic Missions and would equate to five children in Uganda receiving the materials and uniforms needed to support their education. Donations can be collected for the remainder of the week and can be dropped in at the Front Office.

Yours in Christ,

Luke Donnelly  
Religious Education Coordinator  
[luke.donnely@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:luke.donnely@cg.catholic.edu.au)



## Uniform Shop

### Hours of Operation

Wednesday 8:30am—9:00am

Friday 8:45am—9:15am

Please direct all queries to Marcela Leon at:

Uniformshop\_stjosephs\_oconnor@yahoo.com.au

## CANTEEN NEWS

Thank you to all who have volunteered for the canteen.

This is the roster thus far:

Nov 1	Victoria Dolphin	am
Nov 8	Victoria Dolphin	am
	Serena Bulum	pm
Nov 15	Mary Sajler	am
	Victoria Dolphin	am
Nov 22	Serena Bulum	am
Dec 6	Serena Bulum	am

Also, I will be away from November 9—19 inclusive.

Mrs Sarah Young will be stepping into the void and any assistance you could give her would be appreciated.

Thank you  
Michelle Welch

## MOTHERS GROUP

A newly formed Mothers Group will be meeting every second Tuesday from 10:00am in the Parish Hall.

The next two dates are 7 and 21 November.

If you have any questions or are interested in attending please contact Clare Nulley-Valdes 0434987255 [clare.nulleyvaldes@hotmail.com](mailto:clare.nulleyvaldes@hotmail.com)

## Merit Awards - Week 4 Term 4

*Congratulations to the following students who will receive an award at Friday's Morning Gathering*

### Seed of Collaborating

**Foundation Red: Ashley F, Zak P**

**Foundation White: Callum A, Georgina G**

**Year 1 Purple: Alex W, Alyssa S**

**Year 1 Teal: Antonija K, Diego L**

**Year 2 Magenta: Sophie P, Daniel McK**

**Year 2 Yellow: Jordan L, Roshni N**

**Year 3 Lime: Rea N, Tomas J**

**Year 3 Silver: Joaquin S-R, Chloe C**

**Year 4 Blue: Lachlan B, Jake McK, William P**

**Year 5 Orange: Joshua D, Emma H**

**Year 6 Green: Roni A, Stella A**



## Happy Birthday

*This week to :*



**Poppy S  
Olivia A  
Joaquin S-R  
Dexuan K  
Olivia K**



**SFX FEST**  
*Celebrating*  
**40**  
 YEARS

Come along to SFXFEST and help us celebrate our 40th anniversary. Kick back and enjoy our fabulous home-grown bands, a yummy array of food, coffee, jumping castle, face painting, art bombing, school tours and all your favourite fete fun! This family-friendly day is a chance to catch up with old friends and rekindle high school memories. **Open to all.**

**WHEN** Saturday 4 November 2017 11 am–4 pm  
**WHERE** St Francis Xavier College, Barnard Circuit, Florey  
**COST** \$25 family, \$10 individual. Tickets available through Eventbrite.

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**SFX**  
**Cocktail Catch-Up**  
*Celebrating*  
**40**  
 YEARS

St Francis Xavier College, Florey celebrates its 40th Anniversary this year and we want you to be part of the fun. If you are a former student or staff member of SFX this is a fabulous opportunity to catch up with old school friends over drinks and canapés. Hope to see you there!

**WHEN** Saturday 4 November 2017 from 6.30pm  
**WHERE** Ainslie Football and Social Club, 52 Wakefield Avenue, Ainslie  
**COST** \$35

Tickets available through Eventbrite. Ticket price includes admission, canapés and entertainment. Buy your own drinks. Partners welcome.

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*Being a parent is the hardest job we'll ever have. All parents at some time experience difficulties and stress.*

**Parentline ACT**

is a confidential and free telephone and face-to-face counselling and information service.

Phone Parentline if you would you like:

- To talk with someone about those parenting issues.
- Help with some ideas on raising children.
- Support in the important job you are doing.
- To know what is available for parents, teenagers and children.
- To build better relationships in your family.
- Help to understand your child or teenager's behaviour.
- Make an appointment for a counselling session.

**Parentline ACT.**

**Monday to Friday (except on public holidays),**

**9am to 5pm.**

## Teeball/Softball

We have had a brilliant start to the season. Thank you to all players and volunteers.

To view the full draw, go to the Northside Junior Softball website

Mrs McFarland

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Dexuan in 4 Blue who recently won the U12 Boys Champion in the ACT Junior Chess Championships



FEATURING: Dr Michael Carr-Gregg

THIS MONTH:

## School Transitions

What's the best way to support your child during transitions at school?



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