Dear parents and carers,

Our 60th celebrations were a magnificent success and so fitting for such a well-loved school. The open session last Saturday attracted visits from previous students and parents as well as current families who all marvelled at the vibrancy of our school. It was exciting to see former friends reconnect as they shared funny anecdotes about their time at St Joseph’s.

Dinner at Old Parliament House was the highlight of the weekend with the only regret being that it had to finish!

Mass on Sunday was celebrated by Fr Tony Percy and was attended by past principals, staff and families. Blessing our newly installed mural and installation followed Mass and several Sisters of St Joseph then toured our school. They were thoroughly impressed and unable to believe it was the same school they worked at in years gone by.

Thank you to everyone for making our 60th year so memorable.

REMEMBERING 60 YEARS AT ST JOSEPH’S SCHOOL
A book of reflections to mark 60 years of St Joseph’s School is on sale for $20 from the Front Office.

ST JOSEPH’S SCHOOL
Growing in excellence within a Christ-centred community,
Every one of us here at St Joseph’s School.
We are, guided by Mary and the Sisters of St Joseph
From the ELC to Year 6 at St Joseph’s School.

Verse
Way back in 1956,
the Sisters of St Joseph built our school.
They planted all the seeds that grew into our trees,
the symbol of our community.

Verse
We are learning how to learn.
Being our best every day.
Growing in excellence with our Seeds of Growth,
Learn, be, create, collaborate.

Verse
Living in the love of Christ.
Spreading our branches to all,
To come to our tree and build a nest to be,
In our Christ-centred community.

STAFF
Luke Donnelly will be on leave for the remainder of this term as he and Rachel prepare to welcome their new baby. Christine Johnson will teach Foundation Red in Luke’s absence and Kerri Kerr will take on the Religious Education Coordinator role.
We wish Luke, Rachel, Matilda and Lola all the best at this exciting time.

At this point in time the following teachers will be leaving us at the end of the year: Linley Ellis, Rachel Hayes and Janeanne Gray. There will be an opportunity to say farewell and thank you later in the term. The following teachers will be joining us: Laura Knight, Skye McPadden and Courtney Bonner.

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 2017 / 2018. 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:

- 04 November – Nominations open
- 18 November – Nominations close
- 22 November – Ballot Papers distributed, if required
- 02 December – Election closes
- 09 December – School Board announced at End of Year Mass
- 15 December - School Board announced in the Newsletter

A letter outlining the process for Board elections is attached, along with a Nomination Form.

PRAYERS
Please keep Linley Ellis (4 Orange Teacher) and her family in your prayers. Linley’s grandfather and great-grandfather died this week.

COMING EVENTS
- 10:45 - 11 Nov – Remembrance Day Ceremony
- 16 Nov – 9:00 – 11:00 ELC and Foundation Orientation
- 7:00 – P & F AGM
- 18 Nov – 9:00 Years 1 – 6 2017 Orientation
- 23 Nov – 9:15 Yr 6 Advent Prayer Celebration
- 30 Nov – 9:15 MAC Magenta Advent Prayer Celebration

3:30 Play and Pray
6:00 School Board meeting

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

Sue Dempsey
Principal
60th Anniversary

Thank you to everyone who made the 60th Anniversary Weekend so special. We have received very positive feedback from many people who attended the various events throughout the weekend.

Thank you for:
- The fete
- Housie
- 60th Prayer Celebration
- The mural
- The tile installation
- Flyers
- Children’s Day
- The disco
- The Memory Book
- The historical display
- The Time Capsule
- The images of St Joseph’s
- The table decorations
- The Working Bee
- The Open Session
- The Tea Towels
- The Dinner
- The dancing!
- Mass
- The magician
- The family picnic

Vinnies Christmas Appeal

In the coming weeks we will be launching our Vinnies Christmas Appeal for 2016. Each year we spend the last weeks of Term 4 collecting items to make hampers for those in our community who are unable to stock their pantry for Christmas. Each class will be assigned families to collect hampers for and these hampers will be offered up at our End of Year Mass on Friday December 9.

Play and Pray

On Wednesday 30 November we will gather in the ELC from 3:30-4:30 for Play and Pray. The focus of Play and Pray for Term 4 will be to make Christmas cards for our Vinnies Christmas Hampers. The card making Play and Pray in 2015 was a great success and a wonderful way to come together to give to those in our community. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Yours in Christ,

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

Lachlan McG
Maia J
Severiano C
Ewan G
Josephine S

Merit Awards - Week 5 Term 4

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

Using the Seed of Collaboration to decide how we can share love

Foundation Red: Hamish E, Will P
Foundation White: Kip G, Nate R
Year 1 Silver: Gracie O’C, Jeremy S
Year 1 Teal: Elise M, Pawel W
MAC Magenta: Liam O, Rose W, Aidan B
MAC Purple: Aaryan B, Cameron J, Lucy E
MAC Yellow: Amy K, Alexander P, Alexandria S
Year 4 Orange: Aidan E, Lhea N
Year 5 Lime: Codie B-W, Will A, All Year 5
Year 6 Blue: Emil H, Aja J

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

P&F UPDATE

P&F Annual General Meeting - Wednesday 16 November at 7pm

All parents and carers are warmly invited to the P&F’s Annual General Meeting. All parents and carers are members of the P&F and have the opportunity to nominate and elect the 2017 committee.

Please email office.sjo@cg.catholic.edu.au if you would like to nominate for a role, or would like further information.

Alternatively, please contact this year’s President Sasha Billett on 0414 621 605.

The committee roles are:
President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Fundraising Coordinator, Uniform Shop Coordinator, Canteen Coordinator and Board Representative.

Sasha Billett

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION
FOUNDATION FAMILIES

All Foundation families are invited to Black Mountain Peninsula playground on Sunday 27th November from 11am to celebrate the end of a successful first school year. Please bring a plate to share (no nuts).

Look forward to seeing you there.

Sonia Howarth
Wish list: Plain rice crackers, paper hand towels and small metal tongs.

Sausage Sizzle: There will be an end-of-term Sausage Sizzle on Friday 16 December.

Spaghetti Bolognaise: Spaghetti Bolognaise is now ready to order online. Apologies to those who had problems ordering. The problem has now been fixed.

Rice Wheels: We now have gluten free rice wheels available over the counter at $1.00 each

Nachos: Available on Wednesdays only (volunteer permitting)

VOLUNTEERS: Please let me know if you can help. There are still a few shifts that need filling.

CANTEEN ROSTER WEEK 6
16/11/2016 to 18/11/2016

Wednesday 16/11/2016  Thursday 17/11/2016  Friday 18/11/2016
Jonathan Pickering  Wanda Kaucz  Sarah Robinson

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

TEEBALL/SOFTBALL

Thank you to all parents who have paid their fees. Players who have not paid fees, please do so at the Front Office by tomorrow.

The Joeys Green team (Senior Teeballers) will do Canteen and BBQ duty at 8:15—10:15am, while the Joeys White team (Junior Teeballers) play. Thank you to Sam, Dave, Karen and Matt for volunteering.

Three volunteers from Joeys White are urgently needed to cover the 10:15am—12:00pm duty while Joeys Green play. Thank you to Sasha for volunteering in this time slot. As Sasha cannot do this alone, please do not leave the responsibility for others in the team to cover, as there are no others! This duty is non negotiable and only needs to be done once a season. Please let Sasha know if you are available to assist.

Good luck on Saturday!

Carolyn McFarland
VOLLEYBALL

Thank you to those students who played on Sunday.
St Joseph's really impressed the ACT representative players and had a great time playing!

Keep an eye on email from Rachel for details of the Term 4 Round Robin competition.

Carolyn McFarland

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Guitar, Piano & Violin Lessons starting week 2 Term 1 2017

Celtic Arts Agency offers private 1/2 hour music lessons at St Joseph's Primary School and is currently taking enrolments for new and returning students for 2017. We have new spots available for violin.

Dave O'Neill will commence teaching violin. Dave is an internationally recognized multi-instrumentalist and has been a professional musician and teacher for over 35 years. He is well known in the Australian folk scene, both as a musician and as a former Artistic Director of the National Folk Festival. Dave's students find him fun and easy to understand.

Lessons are booked on a per term basis and are conducted during school hours on a rotating timetable.

More information is available on our website: [www.celticartsagency.com](http://www.celticartsagency.com)

Contact Sharon Casey on
E: musicfun@jocresswell.com or
T: 0404 217 528
Term 4, Week 5
In BSC this term the Rainbow Turtles are creating a road scape diorama. This exploration was inspired by the children’s interest in all things to do with roads and the surrounding environment. The children have been creating roads and landscapes within their play from block construction, drawings, recycled boxes and items from the craft table. Have a look at the displays in the foyer. Since the mornings have been so beautiful, the Rainbow Turtles have also been enjoying time spent outside. They have been cooking soup, making cupcakes and pancakes in the sandpit to share with their friends.

Regards, Vanessa, Deanne and Lina

It was wonderful to see so many families come together for our 60th Celebration weekend, whether it was at our Open Day, dinner at Old Parliament House, Mass, the burying of the time capsule, seeing the magician or the family picnic. Thank you for taking the time to celebrate our school’s success. Next Wednesday is Orientation for all ELC children. Please drop your children directly to the Primary School at 9:00am for their Orientation. Children who are not attending St Joseph’s next year, will be spending time with their buddies at the primary school.

For your diaries please note the following dates:
16 November - 9:00 - 11:00 Orientation for Preschool and Foundation
18 November - 9:15 - 1:30 Zoo Excursion
23 November - 9:15 Advent Prayer Celebration
30 November - 9:15 Advent Prayer Celebration
30 November - 3:30 Play and Pray at the ELC
16 December - Last Day of School (No Vacation Care in January)

Birthday wishes to the following children: Lachlan S.

Enjoy your week,

Molly Henson