



# St Joseph's Newsletter

Growing in excellence within a Christ-centred community.

**Week 9 Term 1**  
**31 March 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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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

Dear parents and carers,  
Families contribute to the Canberra Catholic Schools Building Fund (CCSBF) through the levy collected by Catholic Education. These funds are used for the repair and maintenance of our school and each year we lodge requests for certain work to be carried out. This year our school has had maintenance work done in the Hall - the timber floors revarnished and the high windows repaired. Next week the back wall of the stage will be repaired and painted and the sound system upgraded. Thank you for your contributions to enable us to continually improve our school.

## CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

The annual Cross Country Carnival was advertised for tomorrow, 1 April, at the McArthur Ave oval. It has been very difficult to gain confirmation of our booking to use the oval so it has become necessary to postpone the carnival. We apologise for the inconvenience this may cause.

A new, **tentative** date of Tuesday 5 April has been set aside but this cannot be confirmed yet. Notification will be sent out as soon as possible.

## CLASS SHOWCASES

Last week we welcomed parents and grandparents into our learning spaces to see contemporary education in action. Many adults were very impressed with the literacy teaching and learning they observed. One parent commented that our students are very confident and articulate.

Showcases are one way for us to demonstrate what current education is like and an opportunity for the students to engage with their loved ones at school. Thank you for your support of this event.

## KIDSMATTER LAUNCH

We will be launching the Kidsmatter initiative on Friday 8 April at 9:00 am. Please see the invitation brought home to you today for more information.

## ANZAC PRAYER CELEBRATION

This year we will mark Anzac Day on Tuesday 26 April. Students from 4 Orange will lead us on this occasion. You are very welcome to join us for this ceremony at 9:15 am.

## OPEN SESSIONS FOR PRE-SCHOOL and FOUNDATION 2017

There will be two Open Sessions for Foundation 2017, 9:00 - 11:00 am and 5:00 - 6:00 pm on Tuesday 3 May. Information will be presented at 9:00 am followed by a student leaders' expo and tours. The evening session will be tours only.

There will be two Open Sessions for pre-school 2017, 5:00 - 6:00 pm on Tuesday 3 May and 9:00 - 11:00 am on Thursday 12 May. Information will be presented at the evening session on 3 May. The day session will be tours only.

These sessions are opportunities for prospective families to come and see our school and witness all that we do at the best school in Canberra! If you have family or friends with children ready to start school in 2017,

please let them know.

## ENROLMENT PERIOD

Catholic Education's enrolment period is from 2 - 20 May 2016. This period is the time to lodge enrolment forms for prospective students for Foundation and the Early Learning Centre for 2017. Enrolment Packs will be available from the school and ELC Front Offices during that time. If you have a younger child who is commencing school or pre-school in 2017 or have friends who are interested in enrolling at St Joseph's, please let them know about our Open Sessions and ask them to collect an information pack from the Front Office.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SOCCER CARNIVAL

This time last year we were hosting the annual CSSC. St Benedict's, Narrabundah is hosting the carnival this year. We have 4 teams participating on Sunday at the University of Canberra ovals and we wish our competitors the best of luck for a great day.

## LEFT OVER FETE ITEMS

Left over Fete items are still available. Please feel free to come in and look through the remaining books and toys. You are welcome to take items for a donation at the Front Office.

## OUTSTANDING FEES

With the end of term approaching we need to meet our financial obligations. Please finalise any outstanding fees to assist with this. If there is difficulty with the payment of fees please contact me to make a time to talk about how we can proceed.  
[sue.dempsey@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sue.dempsey@cg.catholic.edu.au)

## 60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

### Did you know?

In 1957 Sr Colombiere joined the five sisters already at St Joseph's and a 4<sup>th</sup> grade was added to the school. St Joseph's first Confirmation class was presented in September. Also in that year Sr Aquinas entered the first St Joseph's music pupils for the Conservatorium examinations and for the first time St Joseph's had entrants in the Music and Art of Speech sections of the Canberra Eisteddfod.

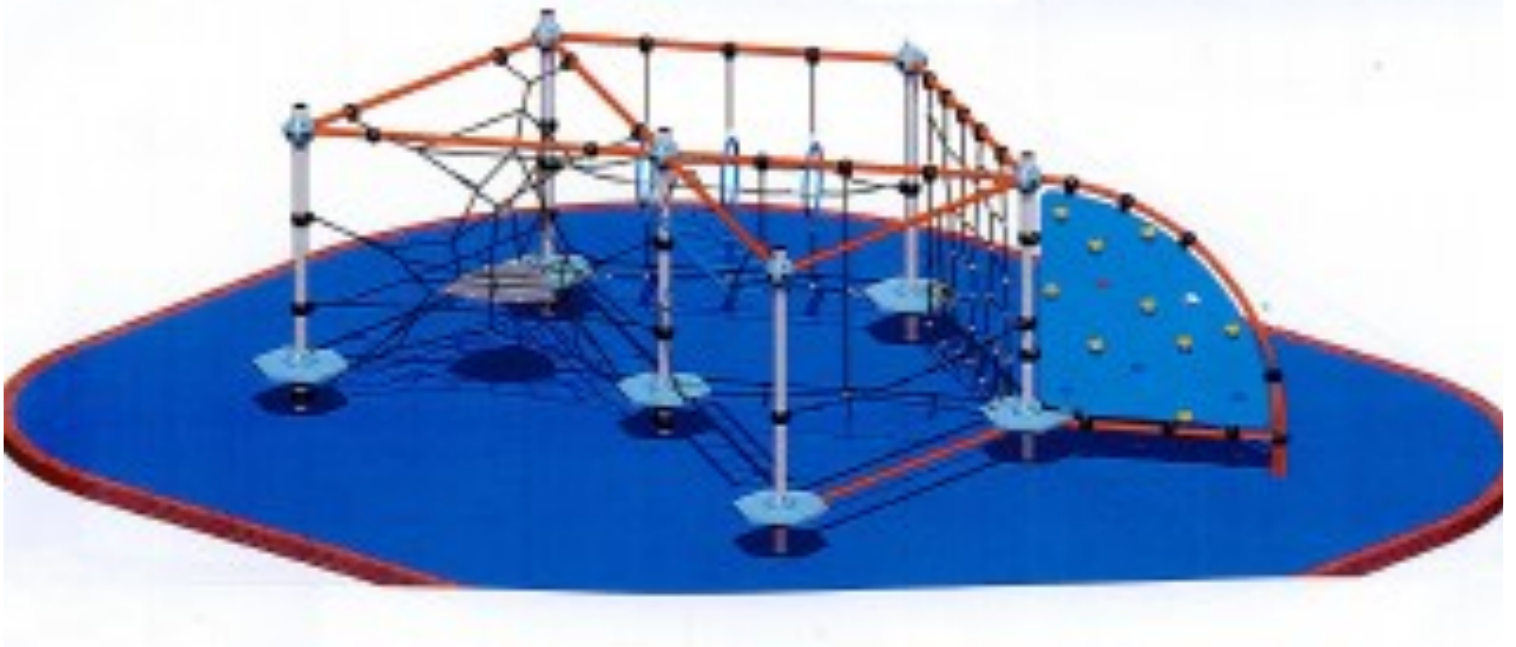
## COMING EVENTS

- 3 Apr, Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival, UC
- 4 Apr, 6:00 pm 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting
- 6 Apr, 5:00 pm Reconciliation Parent Formation session,  
6:00 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Parent Formation session
- 7 Apr, ACT Softball, Year 6 to Daramalan
- 8 Apr, 9:00 Kidsmatter launch, last day of term
- 26 Apr, first day of term, 9:15 ANZAC Day Service

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

**Sue Dempsey**  
Principal

# TEACHING AND LEARNING



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# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## Michael Mangan Concert

On Tuesday after the excitement of the Easter Hat Parade we were lucky enough to have a concert with Michael Mangan, one of Australia's leading song writers in Children's Catholic Music. The concert was very interactive and catered to all ages of our student cohort. Michael was very engaging and musically talented. It will be a highlight of our school year.

## First Eucharist and Reconciliation Parent Formation Evening- REPEAT NOTICE

Next Wednesday 6 April we will have the Parent Formation Evenings for Reconciliation (5:00-6:00pm) and First Eucharist (6:00-7:00). Parents of students preparing to receive these sacraments or a blessing are invited to attend. The formation evening is an important element of the sacramental program and it is expected that all parents of sacramental candidates attend.

## Sisters of St Joseph Sesquicentenary Mass

On the Saturday before our school fete, a number of staff members and parents from our school community attended the Sisters of St Joseph Sesquicentenary Mass celebrating 150 years since the order was formed by St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods. The Mass was a wonderful celebration of the order and all they have achieved within our community and the world.

## Corporeal Works of Mercy: Parent Community

Over the past few weeks we have been hearing about the Corporeal Works of Mercy that the staff participated in. We have had expressions of interest from parents who would be interested in participating in their own Work of Mercy. If this is something you would like to participate in please email Luke Donnelly. We will attempt to commit a Work of Mercy next term some time for 2 hours one afternoon or evening.

Yours in Christ,

Luke Donnelly  
Religious Education Coordinator  
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## P&F Update

To assist in fundraising for St Joseph's, we are delighted to announce the arrival of the 2016-17 Entertainment Book.

It is on sale now with great ideas for the school holidays, including popular places to eat, things to do and contains many other discount vouchers to cater for all interests.

Follow the link provided to place your order for the St Joseph's Entertainment Book - don't miss out!

[Entertainment book order](#)

## Merit Awards - Week 9 Term 1

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

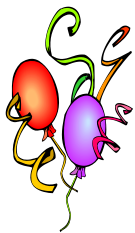
### Class Award

**Foundation Red:** Hamish E, Oliver A  
**Foundation White:** Hudson W, James A, Hamish D  
**Year 1 Silver:** Ashley F, Layla F  
**Year 1 Teal:** Pawel W, Grace B  
**MAC Magenta:** Milana R, Cooper W  
**MAC Purple:** Ava J, Bowen D  
**MAC Yellow:** Sebastian O'D-D, Oliver S  
**Year 4 Orange:** Lhea N, Monika S  
**Year 5 Lime:** Adele C, Luke B  
**Year 6 Blue:** Patrick O, Giana F

## Happy Birthday

*This week to :*

Mia R  
Atem M  
Ellajen H



In aid of the National Cancer Hospital in Sri Lanka  
Bhagya School of Dance presents

# Siv Sanda Roo-2016

30-01-2016

April 30 6:00 p.m.  
May 01 2:00 p.m.

**ERINDALE THEATRE**  
McBryde Crescent,  
Wannlassa ACT 2903

Find us on: [facebook](#)

TICKETS:

For tickets please contact  
Asanthi on  
0401 957 234

## COUNSELLING & THERAPY SERVICES

### Counselling Services

- » Managing emotions
- » Social skill development
- » Managing worry and depression

### Speech Therapy

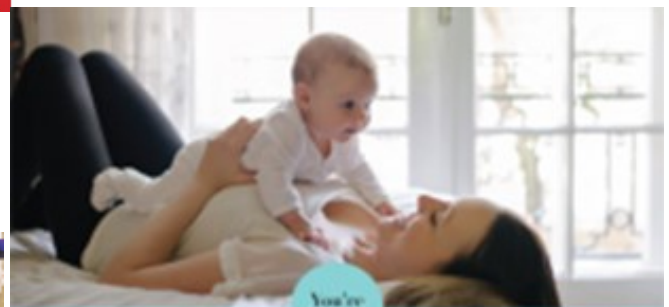
- » Speech sounds
- » Swallowing
- » Stuttering
- » Receptive & expressive language skills

### Behaviour Management

- » Assess areas of need
- » Develop program to manage the behaviour
- » Provide training to parents/carers on implementing program



For more information or to book an appointment, please contact:  
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We are a NDIS registered provider #24457728 [www.catholiccarechoices.org.au](http://www.catholiccarechoices.org.au)



You're Invited

## 2016 Annual MOTHER'S DAY Gala Dinner

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Join us for a night of fun & celebration, and help make a difference!

Friday 29 April 2016

Where: Carinya Southern Cross Club Arena  
Time: 7:00pm drinks and canapés from 6:30pm  
Cost: \$200 per person. Tables of 10  
Ticket includes:  
• Free dinner, drinks, canapés & dessert  
• Entertainment from The Singing  
Book online at [karinyahouse.com.au/events](http://karinyahouse.com.au/events)  
Or save the date by calling  
Phone: 6142 6100, Fax: 6142 6101 or email  
Email: [events@karinyahouse.com.au](mailto:events@karinyahouse.com.au)

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# CANTEEN NEWS



**WISH LIST for this week:** Large plastic teaspoons or tablespoons, snack zip lock bags, plain rice crackers, popcorn, tinned pineapple rings and paper hand towels.

**THURSDAY OPENING:** The Canteen is going to trial opening every Thursday from next term in addition to Wednesdays and Fridays.

Thursdays, will, however, work a little differently. There will be **NO Meal Deals on Thursdays** at this stage (this will be subject to change so stay tuned). You will be able to order whatever food and drink items you would like on Thursdays. Everything else will remain the same.

**NEW ITEM:** Twisters, frozen yoghurt that comes in 3 flavours, chocolate and vanilla bean, strawberry and vanilla bean and Mango and watermelon. All flavours have been taste tested on the students and they loved them. The price is **\$2.50** and they are available now.

**ALLERGY:** Does your child have allergies? Please fill out/update allergy forms and give a copy to the canteen as soon as possible. It is extremely important that the canteen is aware of all allergies no matter how mild.

**VOLUNTEERING:** We have no help at all next week. If you can spare a few hours please let me know asap.

**CANTEEN**  
**ROSTER WEEK 10**  
06/04/2016 to 08/04/2016

**Wednesday 06/04/2016**  
AM – HELP NEEDED  
PM – HELP NEEDED

**Friday 08/04/2016**  
AM – HELP NEEDED  
PM – HELP NEEDED

Jackie – Canteen Manager  
E: [sjosephscanteen@gmail.com](mailto:sjosephscanteen@gmail.com)

## MERICI COLLEGE OPEN DAY

**Wednesday 4 May**  
**2.00pm-7.00pm**

**YEAR 7, 2017**

**INFORMATION EVENING**

Tuesday 10 May 6.00pm-7.15pm

Enrolment forms will be available

**YEAR 11, 2017**

**INFORMATION EVENING**

Thursday 12 May 6.00pm-7.15pm

Careers Expo 4.00pm-6.00pm

Senior Information Handbooks will be available.

