Dear parents and carers, yesterday your child’s Semester Two Report was posted home. Reading the reports from Foundation through to Year Six gave me a great feeling of pride in all that the students have achieved this year and in the teachers who have facilitated teaching and learning of excellence. Everyone has worked extremely hard and deserves to take credit for a most successful year.

**ADELE WALTON**

This morning we were joined by Murray Walton, Chris Lowe, Susan Christie and Carmela Thameirajah-Adisa for a very special Prayer Celebration in honour of Adele Walton, our much loved pre-school teacher. The ELC students lead our celebration with memories and songs that were favourites of Adele’s. It was a very moving occasion. A rose was then planted at the ELC in memory of Adele.

**ADVENT**

On Wednesday morning we were led by 1 Teal in a Prayer Celebration to mark Week 3 of Advent. This week we focussed on joy. Please join us at 9:15 next Wednesday for the final Advent Prayer Celebration when Foundation will lead us and then remind us of the nativity story.

**CLASS SHOWCASES**

Following yesterday’s Advent Prayer Celebration, Class Showcases were held. It was wonderful to have visitors in the school so the students could talk about some of their learning to their parents. Thank you to those who were able to join us.

**LIBRARY BOOKS**

The annual stock take of library books is being completed at the moment. Please return ALL library books no later than next **MONDAY** to assist with this process.

**END-OF-YEAR MASS and HANDING ON OF LEADERSHIP**

At 12:00 pm Mass tomorrow we will give thanks for the blessings we have received over the year and say farewell to those leaving us. Year 6 students will pass on the mantle of leadership to the Year 5 students and in turn the Year 5s will pass on to Year 4. Please join us for this very significant Mass.

The recipient of the James Parkes Award and the new members of the School Board will be announced at this Mass.

**END OF YEAR PICNIC, SONGS AND CAROLS**

To celebrate the end of the school year we are going to try a different location for our Picnic, Songs and Carols on Wednesday 14 December. This year we will gather on the oval with the classes singing from the Learning Hub end. Bring your picnic rugs, chairs, snacks and dinner for a family meal. The program will be:
- 5:30 – 6:00 pm Picnic
- 6:00 – 7:00 pm Nativity play, Christmas carols and songs

Should we have wet weather we will cancel the picnic and have the songs and carols in the church.

**2017 CLASS TEACHERS**

The following is a list of teachers for 2017. Where there are two teachers per year level, those students will be told which teacher/s they have next Thursday afternoon.

- Foundation Red – Mr Luke Donnelly and Mrs Christine Johnson
- Foundation White – Miss Zoe Cawdron
- 1 Purple – Miss Courtney Bonner
- 1 Teal – Mrs Kerri Kerr
- 2 Magenta – Mrs Alison Nesci
- 2 Yellow – Miss Emily Capper
- 3 Lime – Mrs Laura Knight
- 3 Silver – Mrs Esther Coghlan and Mrs Carmel Blake (Term 1), Mrs Megan Lovering and Mrs Esther Coghlan (Terms 2 – 4)
- 4 Blue – Miss Eloise Palmer
- 5 Orange – Mrs Skye McPadden
- 6 Green – Mrs Vanessa Ross

**SCHOOL FEES**

Please see the attachment for the 2017 School Fees. Please settle outstanding 2016 accounts so we can complete our financial requirements for this year.

**BBQ**

Thank you so much for the many offers of help for next Friday’s BBQ. We now have enough volunteers.

**LOST PROPERTY**

There is a mountain of lost property that needs to be collected. Please come in and go through the jumpers etc. and take what has been left at school this term.

**COMING EVENTS**

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

Sue Dempsey
Principal
Hello and welcome to Week 9.

The St Joseph's community has demonstrated, very generously, how to spread the JOY of the Christmas season by donating various foods to fill 50 St Vincent De Paul Christmas Hampers! Thank you. Justin from Vinnies O'Connor will collect the hampers this Friday.

Our Advent Prayer Celebrations continued this week with One Teal reminding us that the third week of Advent is about JOY… when we know Jesus; our hearts are filled with JOY. Let us remember during this season, that Advent is about JOY, the JOY Jesus brings into our hearts. Mrs Perryman lit the third candle of Advent. The pink candle of JOY.

Both Foundation classes present the fourth and final week of Advent on Wednesday 14 December at 9:15 in the school hall. The Foundation students will recreate the important Scripture passage as a Nativity. All members of St. Joseph’s community are warmly invited to attend.

May peace and blessings be with you,
Kerri Kerr
Religious Education Coordinator (Acting)
kerrri.kerr@cg.catholic.edu.au
**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

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**Merit Awards - Week 9 Term 4**

Congratulations to the following students who will receive an award at tomorrow’s Morning Gathering

Spreading the JOY of the Christmas Season with others

- **Foundation Red:** Jake H, Lucy P  
- **Foundation White:** Jacob C, Ben L  
- **Year 1 Silver:** Jordan L, Gabriela R-L  
- **Year 1 Teal:** Hamish D, Juliana L  
- **MAC Magenta:** Drina K, Amelia M, Holly P  
- **MAC Purple:** Finn K, Savidu W-F  
- **MAC Yellow:** Lily M, Christelle M  
- **Year 4 Orange:** Alex B, Grace F  
- **Year 5 Lime:** Hazina B, Harry O’C  
- **Year 6 Blue:** Steph F, Sierra P

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**Street Orienteering**
with Orienteering Australia

**Monday 12 December**
Registration from 5.45pm in St Joseph’s School Car Park

Briefing at 6.10pm for 6.15pm start

- Adults $5  
- Children $2  
- Family $10

Newcomers and beginners most welcome  
Contact Chris Andersen on 0466 287 567 if you have any queries

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**Happy Birthday**

This week to:

- Harry C  
- Gracie O’C  
- Andie McF  
- Elise M
Canteen Phone: Due to circumstances beyond our control the Canteen mobile number will be out of action until further notice. Please contact the Front Office if you need to contact the Canteen or you could email the Canteen.

Stock: As you may be aware, we are very low on stock for First Break and once we have run out of stock is when the Canteen will close for the year. All that is left available for first break are chicken chippies.

Sausage Sizzle: Orders must be returned by Tuesday 13 December, no orders will be accepted after this date due to catering restrictions

Volunteers: Huge thank you to those who have offered to help. We now have enough help to go ahead with the sausage sizzle.

Need Volunteers for next year’s roster. If you would like to help please contact the Canteen ASAP.

Canteen Roster Week 10
14/12/2016 to 16/12/2016

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Thank you to all those who have helped in the canteen this year. I can’t tell you how much I appreciate you giving up your time to help. It really does make a huge difference and I couldn’t do it without you all.

Hope you all have a safe and very Merry Christmas.

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

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ST JOSEPH’S MEMORY BOOK
$20.00 EACH
AVAILABLE FROM FRONT OFFICE

ST JOSEPH’S PRIMARY SCHOOL O’Connor
1956 to 2016
Remembering
ST JOSEPH’S PRIMARY SCHOOL O’Connor
1956 to 2016
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1956 to 2016
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

Contact Sharon Casey on
E: musicfun@jocresswell.com or
T: 0404 217 528

The ACT Heritage Council welcomes you to comment on the proposed heritage registration of St Joseph's Catholic Church.

The ACT Heritage Council provisionally registered St Joseph's on the ACT Heritage Register on 17 November. Before the Council makes a final decision whether to heritage list the church, it wants to find out the views of the Canberra community. Have your say by visiting the ACT Government’s consultation website, www.yoursay.act.gov.au, from 22 November through to 19 December 2016.
Term 4, Week 9
In ASC this term the Rainbow Turtles have had a visit from Mrs Zielinski’s baby chicks and decided to name the white one Fluffy and the brown one Chocolate. The children gave them pats, fed them and made sure they had plenty of water. Ben from Foundation was proud to announce that his Grandad has turned 100 years young and he received a letter from Queen Elizabeth of England. With the arrival of Summer, we have had water play with bubbles in the red tub and play dough making outside with Mrs Gray. In the garden we have been planting tomatoes, capsicum, pumpkin and sunflowers.

Rose, Lisa and Bimbi

The year is winding up and the children have enjoyed participating in many special end of the year activities such as water play days, excursions to the Blue Park and spending the last few days with their classmates. We look forward to seeing everyone at the end of year Christmas presentations where the children will receive their reports, portfolios and a DVD of photos from their year in preschool.

For your diaries please note the following dates:

13 December - 1:30 BOW Blue Geckos End of Year Christmas Presentation
14 December - 9:15 Advent Prayer Celebration
14 December - 5:30 Whole School Carols and Picnic (All ELC Children Participating)
15 December - 1:15 Green Frogs and EOW Blue Geckos End of Year Christmas Presentation
16 December - Last Day of Term (No vacation care available after the last day of school)

Birthday wishes to the following children: Ojas J, Lily P and Sienna D

May God Bless you in all that you do,

Molly Henson