Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As I am sure you are all aware, this has been a unique week for all of us in St. Joseph’s community. There have been different challenges for all of us in this time of transition during Term One, and it has been great to experience the good will and genuine efforts of many people to support one another in such a time of uncertainty, and we thank you for that.

As we move through this week, we remember particularly the Stavrides family in this time of deep sadness at the loss of Tiffany. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all members of the family and we have assured them of our support and care, and that of the whole community. We give thanks to God for the presence of the Stavrides family in this community over so many years, and in a particular way, we acknowledge and give thanks for the many levels of Tiffany’s involvement in the life of this school community. In the days and weeks ahead, fond memories, great stories, and examples of Tiffany’s zest for living and her capacity for generosity will help us to keep her memory alive and to help us to cope with our sadness. Her spirit will live on in the community and will be a powerful reminder to all of us of the sacredness of life, of cherishing our families, and being thankful for each day we have been blessed to experience.

Times of grief are difficult and painful to work through, and people react differently and at different times. There is a great challenge here for all of us to be as understanding as we can be, to be gentle and supportive of one another, and to choose life, as Tiffany did so well. While we cannot understand this sense of loss easily, our Christian tradition encourages us to look with the eyes of faith, to find a way each day to be thankful, and to keep trying. There are stories in the gospel of Jesus coping very humanly at the experience of losing a close friend. The gospel says simply, ‘Jesus wept.’ No doubt many of us will do a lot of that in the coming days, and that is part of getting on with things. What is important is that we allow ourselves to come to terms with this grief and sadness in our own ways.

In practical terms, the staff are supporting students magnificently; our school counsellor is available to chat with any student who may wish to do so, and there is a plan in place, also, for staff to have an opportunity to speak to a counsellor. The chapel has become a very important place of quiet and peace for children, staff, and any parents who may wish to find a quiet place over the coming days. Please feel free to call in if you wish to.

Do not be afraid, for I am with you.
I have called you by name – you are mine.
When you pass through deep waters, I will be with you;
And through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured,
and I love you.
(from Isaiah 43)

May the light of God surround you
The love of God enfold you
The power of God protect you
The presence of God watch over you

Do not be afraid, I am with you.
Announcement of new Principal:
You will have received a letter yesterday from Helen O’Brien, Director of Catholic Education S.A, announcing the appointment of Ms. Maria D’Aloia as our new principal, commencing at the beginning of term 2. Maria comes to us with a wealth of experience and wisdom from many years of leadership in Catholic Education and we look forward to welcoming her to our community and to working with her in the future. Later in the term there will be an opportunity to arrange for Maria to come down to visit us and we know already that she is delighted to have won the role of principal and she is looking forward to being with us.

Swimming lessons next week:
As you are already very much aware, our swimming block begins next week and we thank you for the prompt return of all the forms we require ahead of this process. This week is an important part of our educational program, as well as being a very necessary part of educating our children in safe ways of being in the water, as recent experience has shown us. Swimming week is also usually a very enjoyable week for our students and we know that they are looking forward to it and to improving their skills.

We wish you many blessings,

God bless

Leadership Team

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** Please let your child’s class teacher know if you are able to be the Parent Representative for your class.

Each of the abovementioned initiatives are a fantastic way for you to make a contribution to your child’s education and to work together in partnership with the school to build a successful community. We urge you to become involved!

We estimate that there will be 28 prizes of more or less the same value of approximately $40.00 each.

Each raffle book consists of 10 tickets @ $1.00 each

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**Soccer Delegate**

We are currently on the lookout for a volunteer to be our School Soccer Delegate. The Soccer Delegate is the school representative at soccer meetings with the North West Junior Soccer Association. You will need to attend meetings approximately 2-3 times per term (usually on a Monday night) and relay any important information back to school. If you think you might be able to help out, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Please email Rebecca Keller- rkel@sjsh.catholic.edu.au

**MiloIn2Cricket**

MiloIn2 Cricket will start this Friday at school after the cancellation last week due to hot weather. We will endeavour to arrange a catch up for the missed session in the future. The sessions are aimed at R/1 students, however some Year 2s have expressed an interest. If there are still spaces available after this week's session I will open up registration next week to allow a limited number of Year 2 students to participate.

**Basketball Results**  
**U13 Basketball: St Joseph’s Blue 10 vs 10 White Friars Allstars**

Although we were undermanned last Friday, the team put everything into the game, played really well and came away with a well deserved draw! Your supporters and I are very proud of your efforts!

This Friday our match is back at St Clair Rec Centre at 5:10pm against White Friar Hornets.  

Trish Reaburn  
Coach

Friday 18th March is the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence.

The National Day of Action provides a focus for schools and the wider school community to strengthen their everyday messages against bullying and violence.

There is a very informative website for parents and carers which provides information about bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence in schools.


For parents with older children, the Office of the Children’s esafety Commissioner is also a valuable resource. There is a very simple eSafety health check which is a great starting point for conversations with our young people.


It’s well worth the look!
Information about Scholastic Book Club

Through the generosity of Scholastic Australia Book Clubs we are awarded School Rewards for any orders placed by families and teachers in our School. In 2015 we were able to purchase over $1200 worth of free books for our Library and Literacy Program.

We participate in one Book Club a term by issuing a Year level appropriate pamphlet to each child in every class.

You can place an order using the Order Form inside the pamphlet. You can pay by cash or by Credit Card (online or by phone which is quite easy, just follow the prompts). When ordering with your credit card you can order from more than one pamphlet and only do one credit card transaction. Please record your child’s name and class on the Credit Card Receipt.

Place your order (plus any cash or the credit card slip) in an envelope with your child’s name and class clearly marked on the front and hand it to the Class Teacher or to the Front Office.

If you require an order for a present and or want to keep it as a surprise, just write it on the order/envelope or let me know.

Sometimes Scholastic are unable to supply the ordered product and will give you a complimentary book plus a Voucher for the ordered amount to be used on the next Issue. Alternatively, if they have run out of stock they will place a “back order”. When the back order arrives I will promptly send the ordered item home with your child.

Any cheques or credit card receipts will only be processed and sent to Scholastic once all the orders have been received. This can take up to one month from placing your order.

Information in relation to the closing date of the Issue and the expected delivery date will be advertised in the Newsletter when an Issue has been given out. Delivery can be expected 2 weeks from the closing date/placement of the order.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated and if you have any queries please free to speak to me in the Front Office.

Issue 2 is being given out today (Wednesday 9th March) and the closing date for any orders will be Thursday 24th March. Unfortunately no orders will be processed after this date.

Thanking you

Rose Caire
Book Club Co-ordinator
Congratulations to the following children who were presented at Assembly in this week with a Building on to the Keys of Success Award.

**TUCKSHOP ROSTER 2016 TERM 1 — WEEK 7**

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**SCHOOL CALENDAR 2016**

**MARCH**
- 14th Monday: Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
- 15th Tuesday: —
- 18th Friday: Swimming Week
- 19th Saturday: Feast of St Joseph
- 20th Sunday: Palm Sunday
- 21st Monday: Harmony Day and Holy Week commences
- 25th Friday: Good Friday
- 27th Sunday: Easter Sunday

**APRIL**
- Monday 4th: Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Tuesday 5th: Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Friday 15th: End of Term 1

**ST JOSEPH’S OLD SCHOLARS ANNUAL MASS**
- Sunday April 3rd, 2:00 p.m. St. Joseph’s Old Scholars (celebrating 100 years) Annual Mass. Kensington Convent Chapel. Priest: Fr. George Nader. Devonshire Afternoon Tea $5. Invitation for ALL former students/teachers (male & female) from ANY Josephite School/College here or interstate to attend. Also 2016 is 150 years of the Sisters.
Art can be looked at through the lens of mathematics. “Maths is not just about numbers, formulas and logic, Maths is also about structure, symmetry, shape and beauty,” says University of Colorado math professor Carla Farsi. “Conversely, art is not only about emotion, colour and aesthetics, but also about rhythm, patterns and problem solving.”

The children explored colour blending and the creation of patterns, designs and shapes in their art work this week.

This week, we placed blocks of ice in the water tray and let the children explore and play with it. By experimenting with water and ice children observe the effects of change and they can predict what will happen based on their knowledge and prior experience.

We asked the question....What is ice? “Ice is water, it’s like Elsa and Frozen.” “It changes into water because it melts in the sun.” “It’s cold, sun come, it’s gone.”
Week Four: Evangeline’s story

This week’s story is about Evangeline who lives in the Wugularr community in the Northern Territory. Evangeline participates in a Caritas funded project that has supported her to develop skills to work as an Artworker at the Djilpin Arts Ghunmarn Culture Centre where she works to ‘strengthen the community by strengthening culture’.

The project wouldn’t be possible without money raised by Caritas’ Project Compassion.

View the video of Evangeline’s story at http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion/weekly-stories/week-4-evangeline

Find out more https://www.google.com.au/maps/place/Northern+Territory/@-18.408299,129.0032972,6z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m2!3m1 about the Northern Territory where Evangeline lives and works.

Reflections:

Consider your family’s cultural background. How important is this to you? How important is it to you that your child knows about their cultural background and is able to live it out in their lives?

Consider this:

How does your family ‘live out’ your cultural heritage? What traditions to you celebrate together?

Family conversations:

Talk with your child about how your family’s cultural background/s shape what you do as a family e.g. the language you speak the food you eat, the events you celebrate?

What does it mean to each of you to be a part of your family’s cultural heritage?

What would it mean to you if you couldn’t express or celebrate your cultural heritage in your community?

Pray together:

God of All, help all the people of Australia to listen to First Australians, like Evangeline, and respect their cultures. Make the knowledge of you grow strong in all people, so that you can find a home in us, and we can make a home for everyone in our land. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Plan together:

Hold a ‘family conversation’ to consider some ideas to raise funds for Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion 2016.
Holy Week & Easter 2016

Sunday, 13 March  
*Confessions* following 9am & 11am Masses at Hindmarsh

Wednesday, 16 March  
*Communal Penitential Service (2nd Rite)*
7.30 pm Findon

Sunday, 20 March  
*Palm Sunday ~ Masses begin with Procession of Palms*
6.00pm Findon (Vigil)
9.00am Hindmarsh
10.30am Findon
11.00am Hindmarsh (Italian)

Monday, 21 March  
*Chrism Mass ~ Consecration of Holy Oils*
6.00pm St Francis Xavier Cathedral. All welcome

Tuesday, 22 March  
9.00am at Rosa’s Home (Italian)

Holy Thursday, 24 March  
*Mass ~ Last Supper*
7.30pm Findon

Please note:
Collection of non-perishable food items for St Vincent de Paul

Good Friday, 25 March  
*Stations of the Cross*
10.30am Hindmarsh (English & Italian)
11.00am Findon

*Remembrance of the Passion*
3.00pm Findon
3.00pm Hindmarsh (English & Italian)

*Candlelit Youth Service*
7.30pm Nazareth Senior College

Holy Saturday, 26 March  
*Easter Vigil*
7.30pm Findon
7.30pm Hindmarsh (English & Italian)

Easter Sunday, 27 March  
*Easter Day*
9.00am Hindmarsh
10.30am Findon
11.00am Hindmarsh (Italian)

Individual Reconciliation by appointment with Fr Bill or Fr Chris (8346 3901)
TO THE COMMUNITY OF ST JOSEPH’S SCHOOL, HINDMARSH

Dear Community Members

I am writing to inform you that the process for selecting a new Principal for St Joseph’s School, Hindmarsh has now been completed. I am pleased to announce that I have appointed Ms Maria D’Aloia to this role. Maria will take up her new appointment at the commencement of Term 2, 2016.

Maria is currently substantive Principal at St Martin’s Catholic Primary School, Greenacres, a position she has held since 2006.

Maria has undertaken various leadership roles including Acting Principal at Star of the Sea School, Henley Beach and St Teresa’s School, Brighton; Deputy Principal at Star of the Sea School, Henley Beach; Acting Deputy Principal at St Francis of Assisi School, Newton and St Margaret Mary’s School, Croydon Park.

Maria is an experienced Catholic leader with a deep personal faith. Maria brings a demonstrated commitment and enthusiasm for excellence in teaching and learning to this leadership role at St Joseph’s School. Maria is very much looking forward to working with the staff, students, parents and the parish community and I am sure she will find a very warm welcome among you.

I am grateful for the work and commitment that Kathy Horan and Kerry Neville have shown in their roles as Acting Principal and Acting Deputy Principal this term.

Please join me congratulating Maria as she begins as Principal at St Joseph’s School, Hindmarsh.

Yours sincerely

HELEN O’BRIEN
DIRECTOR

8 March 2016