From the Leadership Team

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Swimming Week
Many thanks to all parent volunteers for your generosity in supporting the various classes this week as they have taken part in their annual swimming lesson block. As you know, we are unable to do all the things we do without your vital help. It is very pleasing by the end of this week to see greater degrees of competence and enjoyment as children learn to be safe in the water and develop essential skills to enable further development as they grow and become more confident. We congratulate the children for their efforts; do not be surprised if they come home tired after this physical exertion: it is a good thing! We also congratulate and thank the children for their growing independence in getting organised and getting changed. This, too, is part of their education!

Holy Week
Next week is known on our calendars as Holy Week; it is the sacred week in the Christian calendar that signals that Easter, the most important Christian feast of the year, is not far away, and we need to prepare ourselves. During Holy Week, we remember and call to mind the events leading to Good Friday, the day on which Jesus died. At the beginning of the week, we recall Palm Sunday, a joyful occasion when the people welcomed Jesus as King into Jerusalem. On Holy Thursday, we remember the final meal Jesus had with his friends during the celebration of Passover, and we call to mind the actions of Jesus in washing the feet of his disciples as a sign of being willing to be of service to them. We also remember Jesus doing and saying something different when he offered the bread and wine. On Good Friday, we take time to remember Jesus dying on the cross, willingly giving his life for us. This week is a holy week for us; we try to be more like Jesus and to be more aware of the great needs faced on a daily basis by millions of children and families across the world. Once again, our students have been leading the way in this aspect by putting in a lot of effort to make and sell items for Project Compassion. Please note that children will be dismissed at the normal time of 3.10 p.m. on Holy Thursday, and school resumes on Tuesday. Following the return to school after the Easter break, the Easter egg raffle will be drawn on Wednesday afternoon at a special assembly before children are dismissed.

Easter
The celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus at Easter is the high point of our Christian community’s celebrations. Easter begins a season of fifty days of joyful celebration and new life won for us by the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Each weekend on Sunday, known as the Lord’s Day, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. This is the day the community sets aside each week to come together to celebrate Mass, a time when we actively remember Jesus’ actions and words at that last supper meal he shared with his disciples.

Family Mass
Our Family Mass for this term will be held at 9.00 a.m. on Sunday, 10th April, in the school hall. Coming along to this Mass would be a wonderful way for our community to celebrate Easter together: please consider coming and being part of the community on that day. This would also be a great preparation for the families involved in this year’s sacrament program.

We wish you many blessings,

God bless

Leadership Team
On Saturday 19th March we celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph, husband and father

We know very little of the life of St Joseph. After the events surrounding his marriage to Mary and the birth and childhood of Jesus, Joseph is not mentioned in the gospels again. However, from these few short stories, we know most assuredly that he had a deep and trusting faith in God; a faith that enabled him to hear God’s voice in the midst of anxiety, confusion and doubt. He demonstrated an openness to the needs of his partner and was loving and protective of his son.

In Joseph we see a man of integrity, strength and fidelity. With this commitment to integrity before God, Joseph was able to listen to the inner voice of practical wisdom and undertake a journey into a strange land, with his wife and child. Unknowns ahead and fears behind were dilemmas faced by Joseph with courage and immediacy.

What if we were knowledgeable in the word of God as Joseph was?
What if we were thus able to listen to the wisdom and plans of God, spoken in our hearts and minds?
What if the choices we were prompted to make were based solidly on wholeness of life for ourselves and for others?
What if, like Joseph, we have the clarity of mind, compassion of heart and courage in action?

In his integrity and righteousness, Joseph chose the path towards a life of wholeness for himself.

As he listened and chose to take Mary into his home, he chose to free himself and her from the constraints of human wisdom and enter into the plan of God’s redemption.

As he listened and chose to go to Bethlehem, he chose dignity and life for their child.

As he chose to heed the warnings of the angel to take the child and his mother and flee into Egypt, Joseph chose life at the edge, above security, familiar places, known family and culture.

We ask the God of Joseph, who chose to create all people, to grant us the strength, courage and faith to freely choose, as Joseph did, to journey into life to the fullest.
Special Note regarding ordering SUSHI

**PLEASE NOTE:** Sushi orders for Thursday must be in before 9.30am as the order is phoned through at 9.30am  No orders can be accepted after this time.

Thank you for your co-operation.

*Helena—Tuckshop Coordinator*

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**TUCKSHOP ROSTER 2016 TERM 1 — WEEK 8**

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**SCHOOL CALENDAR  2016**

**MARCH**

- 15th Tuesday— Swimming Week
- 18th Friday— Feast of St Joseph
- 19th Saturday— Palm Sunday
- 20th Sunday— 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
- Sunday 10th— Family Mass held at 9.00am in the Hall
- Friday 15th— End of Term 1—12.30 FINISH

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**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.
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

MiloIn2 Cricket

MiloIn2 Cricket started last Friday at school from 3.20-4.20pm. The sessions are aimed at R/1, however some Year 2s have expressed an interest. If there are any Year 2 students who wish to participate please see Mrs Keller for a form. There are 11 more sessions this year and the cost is $75 which includes a great participant pack. Players who have already attended are reminded to complete their registration online to receive their pack.

Cricket Clinics

This week we have had Hayley from SACA running some fantastic cricket clinics during school PE lessons. The students have enjoyed activities which incorporate bowling, throwing and batting. Our students are to be commended on their outstanding behaviour so far during these sessions. Well done everyone!

SACPSSA Swimming

Well done to the 19 students who were selected and attended the SACPSSA Swimming Carnival today. We look forward to hearing some excellent results from our very talented group of swimmers!

SPORT RESULTS

U9 Basketball St Josephs 16 d Queen of Peace 10
It was a great defensive game by our boys this week. We had impressive passages of play displaying some great skills and team work to come away with a well deserved win. This week’s game is at 4:35pm.

Megan Hynes - Coach

St Jo U9 Netball Blue—9th March
Well what a performance on our team defeating Grange 12 goals to 1. The team was on fire with exceptional passes and catching to get the ball in their goal ring. The training is truly paying off. Goals were shot by Lilly (5 goals), Miaah (3 goals), Amelia (2 goals) and Jessica (2 goals). Well played by all.
Next week’s game is at 5pm

St Jo U9 Netball Gold—2nd March
We played Whitefriars Sapphires. We won 3-1. Something interesting that happened was that Alessia scored her first two goals of the season. It was a great game.

Pat Vitalone and Jo Fahy—Coaches
Can you take the 5 question challenge?

Le Cinque Domande

1. List the 5 letters of the English Alphabet that are not used in the Italian Alphabet.
2. Write the names of 5 numbers in Italian.
3. Name the 5 days of the week that you attend school. What are they named after?
4. Name 5 types of Italian food.
5. Name 5 colours in Italian.

Here are 5 facts about Italy

- **Population:** 61.3 million people live in Italy (2013)
- **Capital:** Roma which is often called 'Eternal City’, with 2.6 mio inhabitants and Italy’s biggest city.
- **Flag:** The colours represent these virtues: hope (green), faith (white), and charity (red).
- **Landscape:** The highest mountain of Italy can be found in the Alps. It is the Monte Bianco, better known as Mont Blanc, which is 4,807m
- **FUN FACT:** Did you know that Italy surrounds two of the world’s smallest countries? These are San Marino in Northern Italy, the oldest republic in the world and Vatican City in Rome, the smallest country in the world
We experience belonging when we have opportunities to care for and respect natural and constructed environments.

We quantify our world when we notice quantity as an attribute and use the standard number system.

This week we continued to plant seeds such as herbs and carrots in planter boxes prepared by the children. When they grow, we will transfer them into our garden beds.

We used the decorative eggs from our Easter display for a fun maths activity. The children sorted the patterned eggs into groups and labelled how many were in each group. There were nine eggs in the biggest group and three in the smallest group.

We introduced a fun game with the crates that combined numeracy and physical skills. The aim of the game was to throw a ball at one of the numbered crates and knock it down. The children were encouraged to name the numerals as they threw the ball.
Week Five: Sreymom’s story

This week’s story is about Sreymom who lives in Cambodia. Sreymom participates in a Caritas funded project that has supported her and other midwives to receive training to improve their skills to provide quality pre and post-natal care to pregnant women and new mothers.

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

View the video of Sreymom’s story here:

Find out more about Cambodia where Sreymom lives and works
http://www.caritas.org.au/learn/countries/cambodia

Reflections:
Consider your own family’s experience when you were expecting your first child.
Consider the medical care and support you received during the pregnancy and soon after your child’s birth.

Consider this:
What would it have meant to you if you couldn’t have accessed quality pre and post-natal care for you and your baby?

Family conversations:
Share stories with your child/ren about their journey into the world and the support and care you received in that time.
Consider what it can be like for families not able to access the level of care we take for granted in Australia.

Pray together:
Protector God, we thank you for the skills and confidence Sreymom has gained through joining the Caritas program. May she and all midwives provide the care that all pregnant mothers need. Where we are lacking in courage, may we grow in strength. Amen.

Plan together:
Hold a ‘family conversation’ to consider some ideas to raise funds for Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion 2016.
Flinders Park / Hindmarsh / Findon Catholic Parish
Sacred Heart Church 252 Port Road, Hindmarsh
Our Lady of the Manger Church 176 Crittenden Road, Findon

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)