IMPORTANT DATES

NOV
Mon 24-27 Swimming Lessons Rec- 5

DEC
Mon 1-4 Swimming Lessons Year 7
Fri 5 Swimming Carnival
Tue 9 Class Parties Blyth Cinema
Wed 10 Assembly Graduation 6.30pm
Fri 12 Pupil Free Day

From the Principal...

Dear parents & friends of St Joseph’s School, Clare,

Since our last newsletter our school community has been involved in many different activities.

CONCERT

Congratulations to our students & staff who presented us with such a tremendous school concert. The venue was again magnificent—special thanks to the Jesuit Community. Kylie Smith did a great job in co-ordinating the evening and was ably assisted by the many who gathered all day to assist in preparing the stage and various other activities.

As with any of our major activities, we seek your feedback to ensure we celebrate what is done but also to make improvements when required. To assist us could you please fill in the “Feedback” note contained with the newsletter.

FAMILY MASS

Thanks to Paula Clarke for organising last Sunday’s family/children’s Mass. I appreciate the effort that goes into providing the opportunity to further engage our children/families into the Sunday Mass. For those who attended, it was great to see the children participate in activities that they don’t normally get the opportunity to do. The highlight for me was listening to Charlotte Yeap (Reception student) confidently, articulately & expressively deliver a reading to the congregation.

THANKS

As the term progresses the students have been able to access & use the new Science Centre. All feedback indicates that this is going to be a great place of learning. We are extremely fortunate to have so many families that give to the school in so many ways—time, expertise, knowledge etc. During the construction of the Science Centre this was extremely evident. We have 4 families in particular that provided services well & truly beyond what could be imagined. Special thanks to OTM Construction (Maunder & Stedall families), SJM (MacDonald family) & MR Electrix (Rodwell family); your generosity is much appreciated.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL YEARS 1-7 FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER

*Please read the attached letter for all the details about the Carnival.
*Please return the lunch order form for a healthy lunch provided by the P & F.

COMPOSITE CLASSES

Attached to the newsletter is an article provided by the Catholic Parents Federation regarding Composite Classes. The article discusses in detail many aspects of composite classes. Next year at St Joseph’s we will have a number of composite classes as many of the year levels have more than 29 students.

I can assure you that many hours are spent trying to get the composition of classes “right”. We have a myriad of indicators to consider:

• age
• composition of boys & girls
• emotional
• physical
• academic
• whether the student has previously had male or female teachers
• social etc.

Plus any other concerns parents may have brought to our attention- basically, we do the very best we can! Given what I have just indicated, you can appreciate that this is a time-consuming process. We will announce the class structure as soon as this process is complete.

CLASSES 2015
Below is a list of the class structure & teachers for 2015. We welcome Miss Anita Calandra to our school. Anita is currently teaching at St Paul’s Catholic Primary School in Woolridge, Queensland & has also taught at Emmaus College, Jimboomba, Queensland. We look forward to welcoming Anita to our community in 2015.

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P & F
I have received quite a bit of feedback regarding the overview of our P & F structure - most people are amazed with what our P & F currently do. In a previous newsletter I indicated that there had been interest in filling leadership positions- please don’t take that as though all positions have been filled & that you can’t assist in anyway. All that it means is that to ensure good succession takes place, we are being proactive. Please contact me if you are interested in any position. We have received some interest in positions relating to the canteen but the more the merrier- please consider nominating.

BAKERY ORDERS
Reminder: Bakery Orders are due to be returned to school by Friday 28 November. Orders to be collected Thursday 4 December at 2.30pm, St Michael’s Hall.

CONDOLENCES
Our thoughts and prayers are with the Fitzgerald family. Emma’s father died last week.

SCHOOL FEES
Whilst schools are similar to many businesses, they are unique in many ways; one being our finances are run on a calendar year not a financial one. As a result, we are coming to the end of our financial year & need to make sure all our fees are paid. This will allow us to undertake planning for next year’s expenditure & improvements. If you have any outstanding fees, could you please pay them ASAP as the timing really does affect the outcomes of all our students.

GRADUATION
At the school concert we were able to farewell our Graduating families. On Wednesday 10 December we farewell our Graduating Year 7 students. This is a special moment for our students & a whole school event where we encourage all to attend. The Mass & celebration commence at 6.30pm at St Aloysius Church, Sevenhill. Students are to wear school uniform.

FAREWELLING STUDENTS/FAMILIES
Each year we have students/families who leave our school for family reasons. We take the opportunity to farewell these students/families during our final assembly of the year. This will take place on Wednesday 10 December at 9.00am in St Michael’s Church.

SCHOOL DISCO
With many activities it isn’t always the end result but the way you get them that is the most important aspect. That was exactly the case with last Friday night’s Disco- the end result was excellent but the organisation and preparation by our student leaders was even better. Our Year 7 leaders met several times & co-ordinated the whole event-advertising, purchasing drinks/chips, the music, setting & packing up, games to keep the evening running smoothly, the theme, prizes, rosters, floats etc. As a result of this meticulous organisation, all those who attended had a great night. Well done Year 7 leaders!

God bless,
Peter Shearer.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

MASS TIMES

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FRIDAY MASSES
This Friday 28 November, a Rec - Year 2/3 Mass will be held at 12 pm in St Michael's Church, Clare. All parents and friends are warmly invited to attend.

GIVING TREE
We are in our final weeks to donate to the Moore Street Centre for the Homeless. Items can be sent to school up until, and including, Tuesday 2 December. See previous newsletters online for details of the types of items which can be donated. Thank you for your support of this very worthwhile cause.

FAMILY/CHILDREN’S MASS: THANK YOU
Thank you to the families who took part in our Family / Children’s Mass on the weekend. It was a very special celebration.

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS: 6.30PM
SEVENHILL
Last week a letter went home inviting all children from the school to be involved in various ways in the Children’s Christmas Eve Mass. There is an opportunity to help with singing, acting in a Christmas play or to help read the Prayers of the Faithful.

If your family will be around this Christmas and your children would like to be involved in this Mass, please fill in the form and return it to the front office by this Friday 28 November, so practices can be organized. If your note has been misplaced, please call in to the front office to collect a new one.

ADVENT
Advent commences this Sunday 30 November. It is a time of waiting and a time of preparation for the annual celebration which honours the first coming of Christ. It is also a time of expectation awaiting His second coming in glory.

During the season of Advent the Advent wreath can be seen in the church. The wreath circle is a symbolic representation of eternity. There are often five candles on the advent wreath. Each of these candles are markers in the weeks leading up to the birth of Christ at Christmas.

The first of the candles is a purple candle, which will be lit this Sunday. This candle reminds us of God’s promise to put things right, and bring to earth’s darkness the hope of light and love.

The second candle is also purple and is lit on Sunday 7 December. This candle represents the prophets, who said Christ would come with good news for many and to remind those who have lost their way.

The third candle is a pink candle. This is lit on Sunday 14 December. This Sunday is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday - which means rejoice. It is a joyful day which gives hope in the midst of waiting. This candle represents John the Baptist. He cried, “Prepare the way. Be ready for Jesus, both this and every day.”

The fourth candle is purple. This is lit on Sunday 21 December. This candle is for the Virgin Mary, who mothered God’s own Son and sang about how God’s justice was meant for everyone.

The last of the candles is a white candle. It is lit at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. This candle shines bright for Jesus, new-born and here to stay.

ADVENT LITURGIES
Today we held the first of three whole school Advent Liturgies. These liturgies are being held in the church from 9.00am. They will be held for the following two Wednesdays: 3 December and 10 December. These services will run for approximately 15 minutes. We invite all parents to come along and join with our school community in preparing ourselves for Christ’s presence in our lives.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES
Christmas Eve - Wednesday 24 December
6.30 pm - Sevenhill - Children’s Mass
7.00 pm - Marrabel
Christmas Day - Thursday 25 December
9.00 am - Riverton
9.30 am - Clare
END OF YEAR GRADUATION MASS
This special celebration is a great way to recognise the contributions our Year 7 students have made to our school community throughout their time at St Joseph’s School.

It is an expectation that all students attend this mass.

Date: Wednesday 10 December
Where: St Aloysius Church, Sevenhill
Time: 6.30pm.

All students need to arrive by 6.15pm. They will assemble on the lawns in front of the church with their class teacher.

All students are to wear full summer uniform.

We look forward to seeing you there!

VALUE OF THE WEEK
Value: Helpfulness
Action: Help someone without being asked.

The word of God: 1 Corinthians 12:4-7.
“There are different kinds of gifts given by the spirit... each gift of the spirit is given for the good of all.”

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK
We make a living by what we get - we make a life by what we give.

Paula Clark
APRIM

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FEEDBACK FORM - SCHOOL CONCERT

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AROUND THE SCHOOL

Only 6 sleeps until the Yr 5 Art Gallery!!

All Welcome!!

Join us on the new science deck next Tuesday, as the Yr 5 class showcase their stunning art pieces.

December 2 (Week 8, Tuesday) 2014
3.15-6.00pm
Wine and nibbles provided.

PE Week
Congratulations to all students who participated in PE week. There was an excellent vibe throughout the week and all students took the opportunity to be extra active. The LEAD team ran some excellent recess activities around the school. Wednesday included an exhausting obstacle course which challenged students’ endurance. The buddy lunch was another highlight and the week finished with a fever-pitched handball game between staff and Yr 7 leaders. In the end teachers won 4-3 but being active was the real winner.

T20 Cricket Finals
Last Thursday, eight Yr 7 boys from St Joseph’s went down to Adelaide to compete in the T20 Blast State Finals in Adelaide. They were very lucky as they got to play on Adelaide Oval. The lads were successful in their first game and weren’t as successful in their other two games. They finished in 15th place which was a great effort. A special thank you to Mel Pink and Paul Jenner for transporting the boys and managing the team.
Canberra 2014

On Saturday 25th of October, the Year 7 class, Mr Shearer, Mr Lokan, Mrs Ackland and Mrs Edmondson went to Canberra to learn about our nation’s history.

We visited the National Museum and National Art Gallery which were both very interesting. We were also lucky enough to visit the High Court and have a look inside courtroom one and courtroom two. Inside Old Parliament House we re-enacted a voting poll. We had to choose between Banana, Peach, Apple and Orange. Apple won! Then we went to Parliament House where we got to have a chat with our representative, Nick Champion, and our Senator, Sean Edwards. We were fortunate enough to go on a special tour around Parliament House with Sean Edwards, who took us into his office and then showed us the Prime Minister’s office. Then we explored the training buildings at the Australian Institute of Sport. We had a tour of Government House which was amazing. We were lucky enough to meet the Governor General and ask him some questions. During our tour Kimberley Coulter got to play his grand piano and Lachie White got to sit in his office chair.

We also went to the Australian War Memorial and learnt a lot of heart-wrenching history. At Questacon we explored many science experiments. The biggest highlight of Questacon was the vertical slide, especially watching Mrs Ackland and Mr Lokan fly down it! At the National Library we saw many interesting things such as the diary entries of Captain Cook. At the National Film and Sound Archive we took a timeline through the history of television.

Each evening we would participate in a different activity. On our first day we went to the Telstra Tower to get an amazing view of Canberra. We also went rock climbing, bowling and instead of going to the cinema we explored the National Dinosaur Museum. All of these activities were lots of fun!

On behalf of the Year 7 class, we would like to thank Mr Lokan, Mr Shearer, Mrs Ackland and Mrs Edmondson for organising and helping on our trip. We would also like to thank all of the parents for their amazing fundraising efforts! We all had a fun and memorable trip!

Our trip to Canberra is supported by the Australian Government through the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program.

Charlotte Ruddenklau, Charlie Dinning and the Year 7’s
We have had a fantastic year with L.E.A.D and achieved many worthwhile things. Some of our highlights this year have included:

- Gala Day - Project Compassion
- Hairlarious Pyjama Day - Childhood Cancer Foundation
- Footy cards trading
- Whole school fitness
- Terrific teams day
- PE week activities

We plan to finish the year with a ‘Christmas’ Themed day on Tuesday 9 December.

Children are asked to “Wear something Christmassy” on that day and bring a Gold coin donation to assist CVCO in preparing Christmas Hampers for local families in need of support.

This is a great opportunity for children to celebrate all of the great things about Christmas whilst still remembering in a practical way, those in our community who are less fortunate.

We thank families for your support this year and give a huge thank you to all of our willing and committed L.E.A.D representatives.

YEAR 7 FUNDRAISING

A big thank you to all those who purchased food, drinks, etc at our Christmas concert. We were able to raise $859.65.

Our goal through such fundraising activities is to provide services which enhance the school, its operations and offerings for our students.

We still have 4 cases of wine (2009 Clare Valley Shiraz – Cleanskin) available at just $120 per dozen. Perfect for Christmas gatherings!

Just order, pay and collect through the front office.

2015 CANTEEN REPLY SLIP

I would like to be involved with the 2015 Canteen Committee.

Name ..............................................................................................................

Signed ..............................................................................................................

I would like more information regarding the Convenor position

yes / no
Christmas Food Safety
Christmas is a time of celebration with family and friends and usually involves preparation of a hot or cold lunch or dinner feast at home. Christmas should be an enjoyable and memorable part of the year. Take note of the following advice and food safety tips to help ensure your Christmas and holiday period are memorable for the right reasons.

The Christmas period in Australia is in the middle of summer. The risk of food poisoning increases with the hot weather and these warm temperatures provide the perfect breeding ground for bacteria. The average home kitchen is not designed for preparing food for large numbers of people:

- Preparation of large amounts of food will limit the amount of kitchen space required to prepare this quantity of food and this will increase the chance of cross-contamination
- Storage of large amounts of food in the refrigerator often means there is limited room for circulation of the cool air, which may affect the adequate temperature control of the food
- Hot foods placed in the refrigerator to cool, may increase the temperature until the food has cooled, which may affect adequate temperature control of the food.

Undertaking good food safety practices

- Keep food out of the temperature danger zone (5°C – 60°C)
- Prepare foods as close as possible to eating time. Before preparing food for Christmas, make sure there is enough space in the refrigerator to keep cold food at 5°C or lower. If you need extra space, remove non-potentially hazardous foods such as soft drink and alcoholic drinks and keep in an esky with ice
- It is okay to defrost the turkey on the bench, but to ensure bacteria are killed, make sure it is cooked all the way through to the centre and in the thickest part of the meat. A meat thermometer is the most effective way to check the temperature has reached 75°C. Stuffing slows down cooking and cooling, so it is best to cook it separately
- If you are consuming seafood this Christmas, ask your fishmonger to pack your purchase with ice, transport it home in a cooler and then promptly place in the coldest part of your fridge. Do not leave seafood in the temperature danger zone for longer than necessary
- If you cook large amounts of food in advance, divide it into smaller portions or put it in shallow containers, cover and place in the refrigerator or freezer, ensuring that there is good air circulation around the containers
- Refrigerate leftovers immediately after the meal and use within 2-3 days
- When reheating food ensure that it is steaming hot all the way through (at least 75°C)
- With proper handling, Christmas ham will keep safe for several weeks. It should be removed from the plastic wrap and covered with a clean cloth soaked with water and vinegar. Follow any instructions on the packaging and store under 5°C.

Minimise the risk of cross-contamination

- Ensure you maintain good hygiene at all times when handling food
- Ensure you regularly wash your hands, particularly after handling raw meat or other potentially hazardous foods
- Use different cutting boards and bench surfaces for potentially hazardous foods and other foods, to prevent cross-contamination.


As this is the last canteen news for 2014, I would like to thank all the canteen committee members, especially those who are leaving this year: Roger Graham and Annie Pitt, for their work over the years. Best wishes to the new committee in 2015.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Canteen.

Signing off – Mel Pink

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NEED NEW SCHOOL LABELS FOR 2015 YEAR?
Several St Joseph’s Mums are doing the 2015 SA Hiking Challenge, hiking 80kms from Kapunda to Burra on the Heysen Trail for the Jodi Lee Foundation. You can support their fundraising efforts by ordering your school labels or any other products through Stuck on You. Stuck On You will donate up to 20% of the value of sales into cash fundraising dollars when you use the fundraiser code JODILEEFOUNDATION when ordering. All you need to do is go to www.stuckonyou.com.au and set up an account, place an order, and during the checkout process remember to enter JODILEEFOUNDATION in the fundraiser code box.

The Jodi Lee Foundation’s aim is to educate and raise awareness about bowel cancer and the necessity for screening programs to ensure early detection of bowel cancer. Australia has the highest rate of bowel cancer in the world. Our goal is to raise $10,000 for the Jodi Lee Foundation by May 2015.

For further information regarding the SA Hiking Challenge please refer to www.jodileefoundation.org.au or contact Sophie Millington 0404 695 808 in regards to fundraising or school labels.

SEYMOUR SPORTS CENTRE COACHING CLINICS
December 2014/January 2015 School Holidays- New sports available, Bubble Soccer, Dance3lay, Rhythm Connect & Ultimate Frisbee and including all the usual sports. For more information and to download your application go to www.seymour.sa.edu.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

Vineyard Lutheran School Fair
Sunday 30th of November 12noon—4pm
Come and join us for a great family afternoon.
(following our shared church service at the Vineyard Gymnasium)
59 Main North Road, Clare. Ph: 8842 1808