Welcome to the ‘New School Year’. Once again our community has been a hive of activity in the “off season”. The J.P. playground has been given a makeover with a new sandpit being installed, paving laid & a new addition of a boat, plus several other general improvements. Sincere thanks to Jodie & Michael Tonkin for mountains of extra work they have undertaken to have the place looking so good and ready for our students.

There has been the usual maintenance in preparation for the commencement of the school year plus a significant amount of classrooms have been painted, pin boards erected & several sound systems installed. The facilities are well & truly ready for the return of our students and teachers.

We also welcome to our staff Anita Calandra who will be teaching the Year 4 class. Anita has had several years’ experience teaching in Catholic Schools in Queensland.

As a result of advertising on CESA Online & an interview process we welcome Georgina Worthington to our staff as an Educational Support Officer. Georgina will be predominantly teaching the J.P. students. I’m sure you join me in welcoming Georgina & Anita.

During the holiday period Michelle Edmondson was appointed to work one day a week in the Reception class & one day in the library.

Staffing for 2015 is as follows-

Year 7   Bill Lokan, Bri Ackland
         Delvene Mathie
Year 6   Alex Callery
Year 5   Chris Slattery
Year 4   Anita Calandra
Year 3/4  Brendan Ackland
         Sarah Linn
Year 2/3  Chris Schmaal
         Sarah Lawson
Year 2    Leanne Nield
         Jenny Vine
Rec/1    Deb Lemon
Rec      Kate Mensforth
         Michelle Edmondson
APRIM    Paula Clark
Senior Tch Denby Wandel
PE JP     Chris Schmaal
PE MP/UP  Peter Shearer
LOTE/Japanese Briony Ackland
Library/Special Ed/KLT Ann Grbin
Library   Michelle Edmondson
Reading Recovery Paula Clark
Classroom Assistance: Sue Wurst, Jenny Faulkner, Frankie Sandow & Georgina Worthington.
Office Staff Helen Smith & Sarah Werfel
Student Well Being (Chaplain) - John Grbin

P.E. DAYS

This year Rec-Yr 3/4 classes will have their PE lessons on a Tuesday while the Yr 4-7 will have theirs on a Wednesday. Please note for the first 5 weeks sports uniforms will be worn on Tue, Wed & Thurs as the students will be involved in Footsteps (Dance lessons).
HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Our school community would like to acknowledge the following significant events which happened during the holidays. Jess & Tom Redden & family welcomed the birth of Lucy Mae. Jodie Polkinghorne & Dan Palmer welcomed a little boy Jake into their family. Alex Callery celebrated her engagement to Jordan. Denby & Graeme Wandel celebrated the marriage of Jessie & Dusty, as did Chris & Greg Schmaal whose daughter Heidi married Tim Boehm.

Condolences to Sarah Lawson & family on the death of her mother. Prayers & thoughts are with the Sandow family on the death of Tracy’s father, John Sandow. We extend also condolences to Holly & Jacob Kain on the passing of their grandfather, Eric Kain.

NEW FAMILIES

Hayley Abbott
Jeanie Barton & Edward Barton
Matthew Bennett
Jack Berry
Ashlen Bridger
Bryce Correa
Hugh Davidson
Maurice Furler
Adam Grant
Nicholas Gray
Lucy Green & Sophie Green
Eamon Hennessey
Patrick Hinze
Tesha Jaeschke
Jedd Kain
Lachlan Laws
Henry McCarthy
Abigail Mason
Eli Mitchell
Henry Mitchell
Olivia O’Bryan
Codie Palmer & Dane Palmer
Jasmine Paulett
Ebony Pearse
Darby Penna
Mali Polden
Joshua Redden
Scarlett Sims
Ned Smyth
Asha Stockman

Amy & Warrick
Amy & Adam
Stephanie & Darrin
Mandy & Tom
Julia & Neil
Dyne
Thomas & Laura
Chad & Miriam
Grainne & John
Alana & Scott
Bradley & Belinda
Brendan & Tamara
Katherine & Colin
Naomi & Simon
Hollie & Jacob
Brent & Sheridan
Laura & Ashley
Allison & Adrian
Kimberley & Andrew
Eilis & Gary
Andrea & David
Jodie & Dan
Alison & Matt
Sheree & Bobby
Wayne & Justine
Peta & Denny
Linda - Stephen
Mel & Mark
Sarah & Michael
Kerry & John
Sophie Stockman
Carla Verco
Samuel Waldhuter
Hudson Ward
Kai Warren
Ben Weckert
Charlotte Wood
Souther
Brooke & Angus
Michelle & Stewart
Justin & Laura
Matthew & Larni
Lucinda & Luke
Meredith - Michael
Ryan & Alicia

OLD SCHOLARS’ ACHIEVEMENTS

Clare High School Award Winners 2014

Budarick All Rounder - Ellie Falconer
Year 8 Dux Nominated - Molly Pfeiffer
Year 9 Dux - Fletcher Nixon
Nominated- Ashley Smith, Connor Brodley, Ellie Falconer
Year 10 Dux Nominated - Kate Werfel & Tom Hooper
Year 11 Dux Nominated - Tyler Nield
Year 12 Dux - Lochlan Smith
Nominated- Josh Wallent & Lauren Collins
Pierre De Coubertin Award - Lauren Collins
Ninnes Scholarships - Lochlan Smith
Festival of Music performer - Ruby Easthope-Swan
Lions VET Student of the Year - Holly Salter

Other Achievements of Past Students

National Waterskiing Champ Rep - Josh Wallent
Australian Jnr Squash Rep - Lauren McInerney
All Australian Cricket Camp - Ellie Falconer
U18 Women’s Hockey Camp - Etabez Donato
SA Jnr Horse & Rider (3rd place) - Anna Wiblin
SA U18 Lawn Bowls - Jordan Kunoth
Mid North U16 Cricket - Ben Dinning
Lower Nth Foundation Cup Tennis Rep - George Pretlove

Year 12 Subject Excellence Awards

Visual Arts - Arts - Jaimee Inglis
Visual Arts - Design - Lochie Smith
Photography - Lochie Smith
Physical Education - Lauren Collins
Mathematical Applications - Josh Wallent
Media Studies - Ruby Easthope-Swan
Material Products - Metal - Josh Wallent
Material Products - Wood - Josh Wallent

NAME
CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to Matilda Nugent who received a Merit Award 20/20 in Yr 12 at Seymour College for Mathematics Methods. Matilda has been offered a position at Monash University to study Medicine. I look forward to hearing what other students have been accepted into.

Congratulations are extended to Brian Duke who last weekend was awarded Clare & Gilbert Valley Council’s “Citizen of the Year”. We are always proud of the achievements of our parishioners - especially someone like Brian who for years has helped train our altar servers.

CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM
We are delighted to announce that we have received funding from the State Government under the National School Chaplaincy Program. This grant enables us to continue to employ John Grbin in the role of “School Chaplain” for 2015.

John will continue to work 2 days/week (Tuesday and Thursday) in 2015, supporting teachers in the social and emotional learning needs of the students. Parents wishing to access John may do so through the School Office.

We have been extremely fortunate to have had someone of John’s calibre, skills & knowledge in such an important role over the past 2 1/2 years. We look forward to working with John for at least the next two years.

ACTIVE AFTER HOURS SPORTS
The Active After Hours Sports program is no longer running. However, commencing in Term 3 will be a similar version of this program, “Sporting Schools”. We will keep you informed as to when this commences.

ICEBLOCKS
As a treat students will be able to purchase iceblocks at lunchtime at the cost of 30cents, commencing next week. As mentioned, we approach iceblocks as a treat not an expectation. (It is amazing what mileage you get out of an iceblock). We also restrict the purchase to one iceblock per person as we have found this causes less social issues.

SCHOOL CARD
The Department of Education and Child Development administers the School Card Scheme, which provides financial assistance towards the education expenses incurred by families who meet the eligibility criteria.

Eligibility is generally dependent on the parent or guardian of children attending primary school full-time being able to produce documentation attesting to their income level. The eligibility criteria for the 2015 School Card Scheme is based on whether the applicant’s combined family gross income is within the School Card income limits. Eligibility is not confined to those receiving Centrelink or Family Tax benefits. Foster parents/Guardians, self-employed persons and families experiencing hardship can also apply if their income meets School Card criteria.

If you believe you may be eligible for support through the School Card Scheme, please see Sarah Werfel, in the front office, to provide you with the appropriate application forms. The next round of applications closes on 13 February 2015. Processing and approval can take some time, so it is helpful to lodge forms early. The School Card Scheme is not only beneficial to eligible families but also provides an extremely positive financial bonus to the school as a result of Commonwealth Needs Funding.

AFTER SCHOOL PLAY
We are extremely fortunate here at St Joseph's to have such hard working staff. One of my jobs is to provide the facilities & environment to maintain and support this. Last year this was jeopardised by the way some children played after school. Whilst we are happy for students to socialise, catch up & play in the school ground after school (for an appropriate length of time), parents & students need to realise that this is a work place where, after school, teachers plan, correct & prepare. This process was interrupted by unsupervised students fighting, crying, yelling etc.

For staff to continue their good work you either need to take your children straight home or supervise their playing ensuring the above doesn’t happen.

Your cooperation will ensure everyone enjoys our school environment.
PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

SCHOOL BUSES
I would like to take the opportunity to update parents regarding the process of School Bus travel, and to also publicly thank Clare High School for their work in administrating this service.

It would be easy to assume that access to buses is a simple process of filling in an application form; however, unfortunately, it is not that simple.

School bus services are funded by the State Government and administered through the Department of Education & Child Development. As a non-government school, we are one step removed. Clare High School administrates the school buses in our region – they receive no funding or allocated staff time to do this role, but they provide a service which benefits all students who travel on buses, regardless of which school they attend. For that, we are extremely grateful.

There are rules under the Government’s School Transport Policy which impact on the eligibility of students to travel on school buses. Students must reside more than 5km from the school they attend, and must not bypass a local public school; if they do, they are deemed ‘ineligible’ and can only travel on the bus if there is room.

These rules impact on how quickly the High School can determine bus listings each year. They need to:
- Cater for all existing travellers
- Add new eligible travellers
- Determine who can no longer travel on existing routes if the bus is full
- Delete those who do not notify, or notify at a late date, of changes
before they can accommodate any new ‘ineligible’ travellers.

I wish the process was easier, but I can tell you that the High School and I have spent months of work over many years trying to improve the process. We were able to influence the State Government last year to conduct a review of their School Transport Policy, which is currently underway.

God bless,
Peter Shearer.

PARENTS & FRIENDS
Welcome to all new students and welcome back to all existing students of St Joseph’s school. We hope you all have a fantastic year. We always have plenty of ways for parents and friends to get involved in our great school and the first event for this year will be the Stational Mass where we have been asked to help out with some catering at La Storta on February 20.

If you can spare a couple of hours during the afternoon or that evening, please contact me to let me know and I can give you more details.

Zoe Ragenovich (zragenovich@bigpond.com)

SCHOOL BANKING OFFER-BANK SA
BankSA have an offer for students who open a new BankSA Incentive Saver Account.
Every child who opens a new Incentive Saver Account with the bank before 10 April 2015 will receive a $10 credit into their account to help them get started with their savings efforts. In addition, Bank SA will donate $10 to our school for each new Incentive Saver Account opened.
Information Packs will be available from the School’s front office in due course. Please let Helen or Sarah know if you are interested.

STATIONAL MASS REPLY SLIP
Please return to the front office by Monday 2 February.
Name of child/ children ................................................
would like to be a part of the Liturgical Dance during the Stational Mass at Sevenhill on Friday 20 February. I will have them at Sevenhill by 6.15pm on this evening.
I………………………………………………………..(Parent name)
would/ would not be willing to help with face painting at La Storta from:
 o 6.30 - 7.00pm  o 7.00 - 7.30pm
 o 7.30 - 8.00pm
Signed…………………………………………………………………
(parent name)
REMANED EDUCATION

MASS TIMES

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WELCOME

Welcome back for the start of the 2015 School Year. I trust you all had a happy and holy Christmas and New Year with family and friends. A warm welcome is extended to all new families and children to St Joseph’s school this year. I look forward to continuing to work with all families to support you in bringing your children up in the Catholic faith.

If you would like to make a time to catch up with me at any stage, I will be available from 1.30pm onwards each day. On Monday and Tuesday afternoons I will be in the Reading Recovery office, which is located in the Junior Primary area of the school, and on Wednesday through to Friday I will be in the APRIM room in the front office.

FRIDAY MASS

A Parish Mass will be held this Friday at 12pm in St Michael’s Church, Clare.

A year 3-7 Mass will be held in conjunction with Andrew Chinn’s visit on February 5, in St Michael’s Church, Clare at 12.10pm. All are warmly invited to attend either of these Masses.

CLASS MASS/LITURGIES

Throughout the year each class is involved in either a Class Liturgy (Rec - Yr 2/3) or Class Mass (Yr 3/4 -7) in which their class is solely responsible for the planning and running of. These are very special occasions for your children and I strongly encourage you to set aside the dates of these in your diary so that you are able to take an hour out of your day to come along and support the faith journey of your children.

Each class will also take part in a Mass with their Buddy class once a year. This Mass runs for approximately one hour. The two buddy classes are responsible for the organization and running of the Mass and it is again another fantastic opportunity for you to support your child’s faith development.

Masses are generally held on a Friday at 12pm in St Michael’s Church, Clare. Liturgies are generally held on a Wednesday at 9am either in the child’s classroom or in St Michael’s Church. Throughout the year most classes also visit ‘Carinya’ nursing home and take part in a Liturgy service with the residents.

ANDREW CHINN VISIT

On Thursday February 5 we are fortunate to have religious singer/song writer, Andrew Chinn, coming to our school. Andrew will be running workshops with the children, engaging them in learning many of the songs he has written. At St Joseph’s School we regularly use Andrew’s songs in our prayer times, liturgies and Masses. Andrew’s songs share many Gospel messages and are really engaging and enjoyable to sing along to.

The time table for the day is as below:

9-9.40 – Yr 2/3, Yr 3/4 and Yr 4 Classes.
9.40-10.20 – Rec, Rec/1, Yr 1 and Yr 2 Classes.
10.20-11.00 – Choir Workshop (For any child from Yr 3 up who wishes to take part).
11.30-12.10 – Yr 5, Yr 6 and Yr 7 Classes.
12.10-1.00 – Yr 2 to Yr 7 Mass.
1.30-3.00 – Whole school concert.
3.00-3.45 – Andrew will be selling merchandise in the church for any families at a discounted rate.

Parents are welcome to come along and watch their children taking part in any aspect of the day. The workshops will all be held in St Michael’s Church, Clare. At the end of the school day Andrew will be in the church selling his CD’s and merchandise at a discounted rate to any families who may be interested. CD’s will be available for around $20.

WELCOME MASS/LEAD MEMBERS INDUCTION

On Friday February 13 (Week 3) we will formally welcome all new students and their families to St Joseph’s School at our Friday Mass. This special ritual acknowledges the wonderful gift and hope for each new student in the presence of our faith community. The Mass is held in St Michael’s Church Clare at 12pm; all parents and friends are invited to attend. At this Mass we will also induct our new LEAD representatives for each class.
SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM
The Sacramental program will again be run through a joint program between the school, the parish and families this year. This program is open to all children who have been baptized into the Catholic Church.

There are a few changes to the Sacramental Program this year as a result of directives given by the Adelaide Archdiocese, which Clare is a part of.

The first of these major changes is that for those children who will be celebrating both Confirmation and First Holy Communion the celebration of these sacraments will be held on the same day, during Mass, whereas previously these sacraments were celebrated in two separate celebrations. Information on the reasoning behind this will be given at the first gathering meeting for these Sacraments.

Year Levels for Sacraments:
Year 3 - Reconciliation
Year 4 - Confirmation and First Holy Communion
Year 7 - Confirmation

BAPTISM
Those seeking baptism for their children or receival into the Catholic Church (Children who have already been baptized into another religious tradition, whose parents are willing to support them to join the Catholic faith) are invited to contact Fr Paul Fyfe on; 8843 4235 or 0427 566 324.

FIRST PREPARATION MEETING DATES
This year we will hold separate initial meetings for Reconciliation and Confirmation and First Holy Communion students and their families.

Reconciliation – The first Meeting will be held on Thursday 12 February, 7pm in St Michael’s Church, Clare. Subsequent dates for further meetings will be set at this meeting.

Confirmation and First Holy Communion – Tuesday 24 February at 7pm in St Michael’s Church, Clare. Subsequent dates for further meetings will be set at this meeting.

It is vital that at least one parent and the student enrolling in the Sacramental program attend these meetings.

Please see me if you have any queries in relation to the Sacramental program.

STATIONAL MASS 20 FEBRUARY
On Friday 20 February the Sevenhill Parish is fortunate enough to be hosting the first of the Stational Masses that the Archbishop holds throughout the diocese during the liturgical season of Lent. At these Masses parishioners and school community members are invited to gather around the bishop and to support any community members who are preparing for receival into the Catholic Church. It is a Mass for our region, including the parishes of Yorke Peninsula, Riverton/ Manoora, and Lower Light. The name ‘stational’ stems from the Bishop of Rome travelling around the diocese and ‘stopping’ at each of the major churches.

Families of children preparing for the Sacraments are strongly encouraged to attend.

The Mass will be held at 6.30pm in St Aloysius Church, Sevenhill. Please see the flyer in this week’s newsletter for further information about this Mass.

Opportunities to take part in the Mass:
Children from St Joseph’s School will have the opportunity to take part in this Mass by being a part of a liturgical dance prior to Gospel during this Mass.

If your child/children would like to be a part of this, please fill in the reply slip in the newsletter. Children will need to be available for practices during school time and to be able to be at Sevenhill from around 6.15 until 7.30pm on the night of the Stational Mass. Following the Mass a gathering will be held at La Storta with activities available for children to take part in during the evening.

Parent Helpers - Face Painting:
We are looking for a few parent volunteers who might be willing to do some face painting on the night. Please fill in the reply slip if you are able to assist with this.

VALUE OF THE WEEK
Value: Friendliness.
Program Achieve Key: Getting Along.
Action: Be welcoming and friendly, say hello.

The word of God: John 5:13 – Love each other as I have loved you.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:
Life is a combination of success and failure – BOTH are needed.

God’s blessings.

Paula Clark
APRIM
(Assistant Principal in Religious Identity and Mission)
‘Once in 4 year’ event!
We gather as a whole parish in union with our Bishop.

**Mass & Supper**

**with Archbishop Wilson**

**for Lent**

6:30pm Friday, 20 February 2015

St Aloysius Church, Sevenhill

111 College Rd

Please bring a plate.

Please leave it in the La Storta kitchen from 5:30pm.

Supper will be in the barn, across the road—

La Storta, 100 College Rd—at the end of 450m driveway.

Children welcome—special activities at La Storta.

Please encourage other Catholic families to join you!

On College Rd, look out for the ribbons/streamers.

Those celebrating Confirmation or First Communion this year are specially invited, and will be introduced to the Archbishop.

This gathering is known as a **Stational Mass**.
It is a Mass for our region, including the parishes of Yorke Peninsula, Riverton/Manoora, and Northern Light.
The name “stational” stems from the Bishop of Rome travelling around his diocese and “stopping” at each of the major churches.
Our archbishop visits all seven regions (deaneries) during Lent, and our region is usually the first. During the Mass, Christians joining the Catholic Church at Easter are introduced to him.