

# Joey's Journal



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Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014



Dear Parents and Care Givers,

We come to the closure of our school year for 2014. It has been a wonderful year with many happenings. There are many people to acknowledge and thank and one always worries about forgetting someone. I would like to thank the wonderful team we have at St Joseph's: our leadership team, teachers, ancillary staff, dedicated Office Staff and our OSHC team. I offer my sincere thanks for their dedication and commitment throughout the year and for their care and concern for the students at St Joseph's.

Also a 'BIG THANK YOU' to the wonderful students of our great school for the hard work and school spirit they have displayed throughout this year and their willingness to work together and care for one another.

I would like to farewell our Graduating Classes of 2014 and those families and children who are leaving St Joseph's this year. All have been a very important part of St Joseph's story and have made significant contributions to our school. We wish them all the very best for the next stage in their lives and bid a sad farewell to all those individuals and families who will end their association with St Joseph's at the conclusion of the year. May God Bless you all!

*May I wish you and your families a holy and festive Christmas and a wonderful New Year. God Bless.*

Shane Hair.

## STAFF LIST 2015

Principal	Miss Bianca Hodges
APRE	Mrs Anne Marshall
APC	Mrs Deborah Mallet
Prep W	Mrs Alicia Wardrop / Mrs Kerry Carroll (Prep Assistant)
Prep R	Mrs Zoe Rippingale / Mrs Maureen Pierpoint (Prep Assistant)
1B	Miss Caitlin Bugeja
1E	Ms Natasha Emery
2D	Miss Lisa Dixon
2S	Mrs Ellen Sauer
3R	Miss Nicole Risson
3RM	Miss Danielle Rae/ Mrs Deborah Mallet (APC)
4FC	Mrs Joanna Ford-Lovi/Mrs Marguerite Camilleri
4B	Miss Michaela Ballinger-Oches
5D	Mrs Christine Davies
5H	Miss Sarah Haber
6GG	Mrs Terri Grundy & Mr Brian Grundy
6B	Ms Nichola Byrne
HPE	Miss Monica Dixon/ Mrs Carla Hinschen
TECHNOLOGY	Mr Brian Grundy
FINANCE SECRETARY	Mrs Diane Wilson
ADMIN SECRETARY	Mrs Melissa Fahl
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PASTORAL CARE WORKER	Mrs Trish Anderson
GROUNDSMAN	Mr Edward De Thomasis
TUCKSHOP CONVENOR	Mrs Linda Coleman & Mrs Kyllie Zeglio
OSHC COORDINATOR	Ms Deb Gillham

## FAREWELLS

At this time of year, we say goodbye to some staff who are moving on to new horizons in 2015. This year we say farewell to:

\* **Dianna Bailey** – who will now leave St Joseph's to take up a new teaching appointment at Mercy College. Dianna has had a long and memorable working relationship with our school community (13 years). In her time with us she has made a significant contribution in the education of her students in the senior end of school, with time also spent in mid-primary. She has always been a loyal, creative and hard-working colleague, with major roles in St Joseph's sporting prowess and success (Netball). We wish Di all the best for her future and St Joseph's will miss her enthusiastic dynamism, kind and compassionate nature in the midst of our school community. All the Best and God Bless Dianna!

\* **Danika Hurley**- also leaves St Joseph's to pursue a career teaching High School. Danika will also be joining the teaching staff of Mercy College next year. Danika has had a long association with St Joseph's but has only been teaching this year with Grade 3. She has exemplified dedication, professionalism and consistent effort in bringing out the best in her students this year. Danika is a gifted teacher, with a background in Learning Support, who has given so much to her students and our school community. We will miss her greatly but we wish her and the girls all the best for their 'new and exciting' stage into the future. God's grace and Blessing Danika!

\* **Helena Reitano**- has done a wonderful job being Year 5R's teacher this year and as she heads off to 'new horizons' out Clermont way, we wish her all the best for the future and ask for God's Blessing and care. Helena can always be relied upon to bring dedication, care and conscientiousness to any task required of her- and the love and guidance she has shown to her students has always been commendable. Thank you Helena for the gift of your dedicated service to the children and the school community. We wish you all the best for your 'Adventure out West' and your 'new' St Joseph's.

\* **Lynda Cook**- has been our dedicated Prep Teacher-Aide in Prep P this year but has had many years of experience and dedicated service prior. A trusted colleague and parent who has always shown loyalty and hard work- we will miss her contribution to our community as she moves on to a new role at Mercy College next year. Thank you Lynda for everything you have given to the school and we wish you and the family all the very best of a bright and happy 2015. God Bless!

\* **Christine McLennan**- has been played various roles within the community of St Joseph's: Year 2 team teacher and HPE specialist teacher. In the time Christine has shared with us, we have always been impressed with her enthusiasm, generosity of spirit and professionalism in working with classes, organising carnivals and supporting our various school sporting teams. She has played an invaluable role in helping our school excel. We know she will now have new goals as she starts working with our new school at St Brendan's. We ask God's richest blessings, protection and care for her and the family as she now says 'Goodbye' to St Joseph's  
And last but not least,

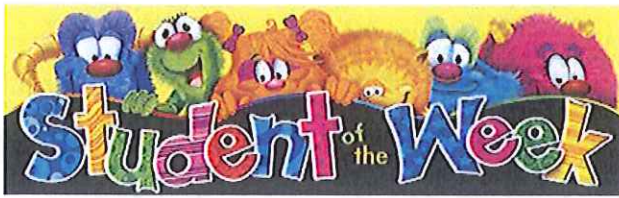
\* **Families who leave St Joseph's, this year, for the final time – Year 6:** Bell, Bowman, Brice, Carpenter, Clancy, Clutario, Colwill, Cook, Cornish, Danastas, Duffy, Eden, Geisler, Hill, Hill, Hottes, Hurley, Johnstone, Kelly, McCallum, Mifsud, Montoya, Mullins, Ney, Petherbridge, Pittaway, Roberts, Sennane, Sherry, Smith, Wells, Weston, Wilson, Zulkarnain.

**Year 7:** Dean, Bryne, Choy, Downes, Edwards, Fenwick, Hay, McKendry, Thompson, Towers, Wood.

***And to all other families from Prep to Year 5 that will not be joining us again in 2015, goodbye and God Bless.***

*May the roads rise up to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your fields,  
And the rain fall soft upon your fields,  
And until we meet again  
May Gold hold you in the palm of His hand.  
(Irish Blessing)*





**Prep P Bailey Smith**

Bailey you are a great listener and role model to others.

**Eli Clelland**

Eli, thank you for being a kind and caring friend to your peers in Prep.

**Prep R Archer Flanagan**

For always being a well mannered and helpful member of the class. Well done Archer.

**Layla Saunders-Dunn**

For your excellent reading during our class Friday assembly. Congratulations on being so brave.

**1B Will Neubecker**

For your impressive written retell of the birth of Jesus. Great work.

**Angus Scott**

For your 'can do' attitude towards all classroom tasks. Well done.

**1E Neve Doyle**

For always being a quiet achiever.

**Lucas Scott**

For trying really hard this week. Lucas is always will to help.

**2D William Radke**

For consistently working hard in all areas throughout this school year.

**Davina Kyesitalo**

For a wonderful start towards your new school! You are a hard worker.

**2WM Billie-Jo Alderman**

For working independently and quietly to complete her work.

**Lilly Uhr**

For working out and caring for younger students in our school.

**3C Sarah Kirkwood**

For the studious approach you have made towards each and every day. Thank you Sarah!

**Sahara Hill**

For the genuine kindness and consideration you show towards others. Thankyou for sharing your kind heart with us!

**3H Zoe Downes**

For always being a bright, smiley student everyday!

**Yeay 3H**

For being an awesome class and always working so hard. Gods Blessings to you all for the future.

**4D Mikaela Hurley**

For being a fantastic member of our class this year. We wish you all the very best at your new school.

**Thomas Dean**

For being a fantastic member of our class this year. We wish you all the very best at your new school.

**4FP Anita Edet**

For all of your hard work this semester. You're a star.

**Kurt Sorensen**

For being a kind and helpful member of our class. Thank Kurt.

**5B The fabulous 5B**

For being such an amazing class and making my final year at St Joeys so wonderful and blessed!

**5R Cooper Bell**

For your beautiful creations for Christmas craft. Well done.

**James Nievandt**

For your great efforts in carols practice in class. Well done!!

**6D Year 6D**

For the respect and responsibility they have displayed this year as leaders of the school. Well done to you all.

**6GG Christa Mullins**

For the wonderful effort you have put into all your Christmas activities.

**Isabella Reid**

For being so helpful around the classroom this year.

**7B Year 7B**

For your wonderful participation at your graduation and Fun Day"! Well done!



**DECEMBER**

3	Carols Evening
4	Closing Liturgy 9am
4	Reports available on Parent Lounge – after 3pm
5	Last day of school 2015

**JANUARY 2015**

27	Term 1 commences
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# APRE NEWS



## Liturgy News:

A big thankyou to our year 5 teachers and students who led us in a very beautiful ADVENT liturgy yesterday morning. During this liturgy the students explained the true meaning of the Advent symbols - The Advent Wreath and the Jesse tree. These symbols help us to remember during Advent that all people of all times have awaited the coming of the Messiah.

## 4/12: Closing Liturgy 9am

*(At this liturgy we will be farewelling all those who are leaving the St Joseph's community at the end of this year and announcing student leadership positions for the 2015 year. Please join with us if you are able as we farewell our year 6 and 7 students and departing student and staff members.)*

## PRAYERS PLEASE

We remember all those in our community who are unwell or recovering from illness. We ask for prayers for Mr Barry Waddington, Mrs Julie Rowen, Mrs Belinda Downes and James Warrington Love.

*Dear Lord bless all who are sick,  
especially those in our school community.  
May they experience, in a special way,  
the great love and concern Jesus has for them.*

Please remember in your prayers the family of the late Noeleen MacKay who passed away on Sunday. Mrs Mackay was a very active member of the St Joseph's Parish and School Community and over many years was a dear friend to many who attended St Joseph's School.

*Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord  
May perpetual light shine upon her  
May she rest in peace. Amen.*

## The Giving Tree Appeal

Many of us are in a position this year to reach out to help those who are finding it difficult to give their children a "Merry Christmas". As Jesus is the reason for the season, we are called to reach out more than ever to those less fortunate than ourselves. During the lead up to Christmas, St Joseph's School will once again be supporting a **Giving Tree Appeal** through encouraging families to make or donate a gift to be placed under the Giving Tree during the last two weeks of school.

Next week, in the foyer of the office our **Giving Tree** will be waiting to be adorned with gifts – gifts from us to those who are in a less fortunate position than ourselves this Christmas. Gift tags are available from the office. The gifts that are donated will be distributed by the St Vincent De Paul to families in need. If your family would like to make a contribution feel free to select a gift tag from under the tree in the office area, purchase or make an appropriate gift, wrap it, attach the gift tag securely and deliver it to the office.

Help make this Christmas a time of happiness, by reaching out to those in need and by celebrating the love of your families.

## Saint Vincent De Paul Hamper Appeal

As in past years we will be collecting donations for the Christmas Hamper Appeal. Our Year 7 students will be talking to the school community in assembly to explain how these donations are distributed locally.

St. Joseph's School community has been asked to bring in any of the following items:

- 1 x 450 tinned beetroot
- 1 x 2 litre cordial (any size will do)
- 1 x large tinned fruit (pineapple, two fruits etc.)
- 1 x plum pudding

**Thank you once again for your great support of these two appeals.**

## **FREE DRESS DAY**

**Remember that Friday is free dress day – for those who have brought in items for the hamper appeal.**

*Peace and best wishes for a joy and faith filled Christmas.*

*"A child came to a darkened world... One cold December night  
... and gave mankind a Saviour .... One of everlasting light."*



Anne Marshall APRE

## SCHOOL FEES

All school fees have now overdue.



BPAY facilities are now available. Please refer to your parent statement for User Codes and payment reference numbers.

**WHEN PAYING BY BANK TRANSFER PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE YOUR PARENT CODE AS THE REFERENCE NUMBER SO MONIES CAN BE PAID TO YOUR ACCOUNT.** Without the reference it only shows as a deposit and we cannot trace who has made payment.

**Families who are leaving at the end of 2014 are to settle their fees prior to leaving.**

If you have any concerns after fees are issued, please contact Di Wilson on 49573355.

## CONGRATULATIONS

..... Henry Wells on your selection in the Mackay/Whitsunday cricket team to play in the State selections in Toowoomba this month.

**CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK**

# TUCKSHOP NEWS

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE: TODAY IS THE LAST DAY FOR TUCKSHOP.**

**NO TUCKSHOP ON FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER\*\***

## VACATION CARE

Vacation Care bookings can now be made through the OSHC office. Forms must be collected and returned by 5<sup>th</sup> Dec.



Parents Please Log In

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System Requirements

## PARENT LOUNGE

<https://301sjnm.rok.catholic.edu.au/parentlounge/>

or log on to our school website – [sjnmrok.catholic.edu.au](http://sjnmrok.catholic.edu.au) and click on the quick link to Parent Lounge located on the left hand side of the site.

Parent Lounge provides access to:

- View your current online information eg. Address details etc
- Access your child/ren's Academic Report Cards – Available end of Semester 2, 2014.

**NO PAPER COPIES WILL BE ISSUED**

Reports will be available via parent lounge after 3pm tomorrow.

Login details were sent home at the end of Term 1. These details were used to access Semester 1 reports and again recently to book interviews. Remember you can change your password to one you will remember once you have logged in. If you have misplaced your details, please **EMAIL** us at [sjnm@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sjnm@rok.catholic.edu.au)

Thank you.



## CAROLS EVENING

This year our Carols Evening will be held in the school grounds in front of the hall from 5.30pm, TONIGHT. Each class will be presenting a carol and parents are encouraged to attend. Seating will be provided on the night, but feel free to bring your comfortable chair from home. The night will be BYO picnic.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

## TERM DATES 2015

### PUPIL FREE DAYS

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Bishop's In-service Day

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October

### SCHOOL TERMS 2015

Term 1 – Tuesday 27 January – Thursday 2 April (10 weeks)

Term 2 – Monday 20 April – Friday 26 June (10 weeks)

Term 3 – Monday 13 July – Friday 18 September (10 weeks)

Term 4 – Tuesday 6 October – Friday 4 December (9 weeks)

### PUBLIC HOLIDAYS FOR 2015

- Australia Day – Monday, 26 January 2015
- Good Friday – Friday, 3 April 2015
- Easter Saturday – Saturday, 4 April 2015
- Easter Monday – Monday, 6 April
- Anzac Day – Saturday, 25 April
- Queen's Birthday – Monday, 8 June 2015
- Labour Day – Monday, 5 October 2015
- Christmas Day – Friday, 25 December

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