



# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Term 3 Week 10A

Dear Parents, Staff and Friends of St Joseph's Community,

## Year 12 Class of 2016

This week we farewell the Year 12 Class of 2016 with a number of functions to recognise this important rite of passage. The celebrations began yesterday with the Farewell Breakfast. Last night the Graduation Mass followed by the Awards Ceremony was held. Today the students are having their celebration Picnic Day while tomorrow the School Farewell Assembly will be held.



		Telia Abbot	Kaelah Austin
		Thushani Agalewatte	Daniella Battaglia
		Seychelle Albert	Phoenix Box
		Diego Ampuero	Gemma Bradbury
		Victoria Arnone	Kyle Briffa
		Luke Arthur	Mae Britten
Mikayla Brown	Montana Cook	Ruby Estraube	Leon Hatcher
Nathaniel Burns	Rebecca Cook	Thomas Fagan	Mitchell Hyde
Connor Burton	Brooke Coomby	Molly Fenton	John Iafolla
Heather Burton	Courtney Cooper	Alfredo Ferraro	Zoe Imisides
Hayden Byrne	Chantel Cordoba	Noah Fleming	Daniel Jacimovic
Jarrood Cann	Tori Coulthard	Ashton Gauci	Bryanee Jarrett
Jayden Cappetta	Christopher Davis	Matthew Gaynor	Jesse Jarvis
Chantelle Carboni	Nikolaos Davlouros	Amy Ginsburg	Mira Jayme
Belinda Carrasco	Jordan De Barros	Emily Giudice	Michael Jenkins
Sienna Casolin	Blake Dimise	Charlotte Gordon	Olivia Jones-Astone
Sarah Cassell	Ellie Dixon	Brie Graham	Emily Klepczarek
Paris Caton	Natalie Douglas	Bailey Greathead	Isaac Lambert
Yani Charalambous	Bradley Dowsett	William Green	Jordan Lamont
Elise Conte	Baylee Edlundh	Josephine Hallam	Martin Lavin



Jasmine MacDonald	Ebonie Morris	Gabrielle Rosandic	Brianna Tagliaferro
Andrew MacLeod	Paris Morris	Amber Ross	Amalia Tavernese
Adam Mantuano	Raymondo Motzo	Leisha Ryan	Brooke Telechea
Nicholas Marin	Paul Mulligan	Elise Sawtell	Samuel Tonks
Laura Markowski	Olivia Nicholson	Emma Schneider	Jayden Vezinias
Kayla McCormack	Bethany Nunes	Kayte Sharp	Courtney Vidler-Taufa
Kyiah McGartland	Haylee O'Donnell	Kirra Shay	Lachlan Wallace
Luke McGlashan	Taylor-Jane Oswald	Rhiannon Smith	Daniel Walsh
Liam McGowan	Darcy Peters	Jaya Spencer	Kalynda Watson
Aaron McMillan	Jerico Pica	Jesse Stanway	Maddison White
Jordan Mendez	Georgie Piccirilli	Emily Strojny	Emma Wilson
Tiana Mieli	David Prodanovic	Olivia Strumfin	Chelsea Woods
Christopher Milan	Cindy Pulido	Zachery Sturley	William Woolfe
Sabrina Minns			Rhianna Zabyneec

### Good Luck Year 12

#### Assistant Principal Appraisal - Mrs Jenny Bell

Please use the following link to access the Parent Survey for Mrs Bell's Appraisal, being conducted by the Catholic Education Office. Full details were outlined in last week's Newsletter. Please access the [link here](#). Surveys need to be completed before Monday 17th October, 2016. The information you provide will be kept confidential to the Panel members who will be facilitating the Appraisal. If you are unable to access the electronic tool, hard copies of the survey will be available from your school's front office.

#### P&F News

The next P&F Meeting will be held on Monday 17th October commencing at 7pm. Mrs Sue Kennedy, in her role of Careers Advisor, will give a presentation outlining some of the many pathways and options that are available to students in Years 10, 11 and 12.

*Mr John Barrington, Principal*

#### Assistant Principal

#### Term 4 Summer Uniform

All parents and students are reminded that students return in summer uniform on the first day of Term 4. In last week's newsletter I reminded parents that the required skirt length for our girls is just below the knee. Please check whether your daughter's skirt length is just below the knee as required by our school Uniform Policy.

Another reminder that facial piercings are not permitted at St Joseph's and earrings are not permitted for boys. Boys hair length is also required to be cut so that it is above the collar and extreme styles, including ponytails and buns are not permitted for boys.

*Mrs Jenny Bell, Assistant Principal*



#### Relay for Life 2016 - Thank you!

The Illawarra Relay for Life took place over the weekend. Our St Joey's Team took part in this wonderful event and had a team of walkers who took to the track and walked laps over the 24 hours. A big thank you to Mrs King, Miss Popovska, Mr Lewis, Mrs Burns and Maddison Burns, Mrs Linsley, Mrs Williams, Mrs Tarrant, Mrs Rogers and the Walsh Family for their efforts. It was wonderful to have Mr Comensoli and Mrs McNamara come back and be a part of our St Joey's Team.

**Monday 10th October - Staff Development Day - Pupil Free**

**Year 11 Students return to commence Exams on Tuesday 11th October**

**Years 7-10 return on Wednesday 12th October**



## FOCUS for the Year – BUILDING COMMUNITY

**Community by definition is** a social, religious, occupational, or other group sharing common characteristics or interests and perceived or perceiving itself as distinct in some respect from the larger society within which it exists. Here at St Joseph's we have a very special community that has a history and traditions that date back over thirty years. So, why is it that Community is so important? The Christian Scriptures give us some really good insights. Below are some reasons why investing in our school community is important:

- 1. Community challenges us all to be more like Jesus** (Hebrews 10:24-25). Nothing makes you more like Jesus than the daily grind of interactions with others. We often think about marriage when it comes to this refining process, but the truth is God also gives us community as a way to become more like him. All relationships offer us the opportunity to grow and develop.
- 2. Community carries you emotionally** (Galatians 6:2). Just as important as physical needs are the emotional needs we carry through life. We are given the responsibility to support each other in hard times, and to carry one another's burdens. We have a very special role as individuals to carry each other gently in our care for and respect for others.
- 3. Community reveals your gifts and talents** (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12). Two are better than one, because there is double the strength, double the stamina, and double the talents. Within the context of community we're given the opportunity to discover our gifts and our talents, and to use them to bless others. We're each given a very specific role in this, our school community, and it is within these relationships that we grow and make the world a better place.
- 4. Community opens your eyes to the needs of others** (1 Thessalonians 5:14). Within community we are encouraged to look around at the needs of those around us. We're called to strengthen those who are weak and to encourage those who are down and out. Community calls us out of our self-centeredness and self-absorption by giving us the responsibility to look outward. We are called to 'Act Justly' as our school motto reminds us.
- 5. Community nurtures our relationship with God** (Proverbs 27:17). There is something real about the concept of power in numbers. When we are surrounded by other believers and we feel empowered in our faith and may even be more sensitive to God's presence in our lives.

*Over the last term our school has had many opportunities to continue building community. Through our pastoral care and support of one another, through our relationships in teaching and learning, through common activities such as social justice initiatives and fundraising, staff support of the relay for life, lunchtime competitions between staff and students and through all the many and varied interactions that our school community provides. Well done to the current Year 12 cohort as they begin their transition to the wider world, they have done a great job in building community. These photos are from our Staff vs Student Netball game.*



## Uniform Fittings for Year 11, 2017

Uniform fittings for students continuing to Year 11 in 2017, will be held in the first 4 weeks of Term 4 during normal Uniform Shop trading hours. Bookings for these fittings must be made at the front office. All uniforms are to be collected before the end of November, 2016. If you have any enquiries regarding the fittings please contact the Uniform Shop on 4230 8590 or by email [uniformshop@sjchsdow.catholic.edu.au](mailto:uniformshop@sjchsdow.catholic.edu.au).

## Uniform Shop Trading Hours

**Monday**

**12 noon - 4:15pm**

**Thursday**

**8:30am - 1:45pm**

Senior Boys Ties are now back in stock at the Uniform Shop!!

## What did you miss at Joeys this week?

Staff vs Students Touch Football highlights  
SRC Induction Assembly highlights & photos  
Sophie O'Connor's photo summary of Italy trip by students  
Netball legend Rebecca Bulley visits school for Sports Assembly  
Major award winners in School Sports Assembly  
Y12 students week of "lasts"  
Staff vs Students Netball game - what was the final score?  
Relay For Life walk  
and much much more... (click on link below or scan QR code)



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### Canteen Roster 2016

10th Oct	Pupil Free Day - Canteen Closed
11th Oct	Pupil Free Day - Canteen Closed
12th Oct	Nicole Oswald, Wayne Thomas
13th Oct	Cathy Sperring, Sandy O'Connor, Joanne Barker
14th Oct	Amanda Walker, Nicki Collingburn

### Important Dates for your Diary

**23/09 - Year 12 Final Assembly**  
**Term 3 concludes**  
**10/10 - Term 4 commences**  
**Staff Development Pupil Free Day**  
**11/10 - Pupil Free Day 7-10**  
**11/10 - Year 11 Exams commence**  
**13/10 - HSC Exams commence**  
**25/10 - Yr 7 Vaccinations**  
**26-28/10 - Senior Retreat**  
**26-28/10 - Yr 9 Aussie Bush Camp**



### Olympic Games Update

Germany is making a late sprint to the finish line and is looking like a real threat in the Olympic Games competition. They have bridged the gap and only trail the USA by 43 points (which is less than 2 wins!). Will Germany pip USA at the post or will USA remain strong and claim victory? The games close this Friday and the winning house will be announced in Week 1 next term. It's shaping up to be an exciting finish to what has been a fun and interactive event!



1st Place USA	708 points
2nd Place Germany	665 points
3rd Place Japan	647 points
4th Place Qatar	594 points
5th Place Jamaica	554 points
6th Place China	512 points

### Congratulations

\* *Sophie Mills* has been awarded a grant of \$500 from MP Stephen Jones in recognition for her talents in Swimming.

\* *Bryanee Jarrett* has qualified for the Irish Dancing World Championships next year by placing 5th at the recent State Championships. She will travel to Ireland next year to represent Australia. Well done Bryanee!!

\* *Jye Shumack* placed 2nd in the High Jump at the NSWCCC Athletics Championships last Friday.

**Good Luck** to Danica Thomas, Jye Shumack and Chloe Pateman who are competing at the NSWCCC Athletics Championships in Sydney on Friday.

### Term 4 Sport Selections

For school sport next term, students in Year 7 will be participating in a cricket development program conducted by Cricket NSW. Year 8 Boys will be Ten Pin Bowling and the Year 8 Girls will go to Shellharbour North Beach for a Surf Awareness Program run by Pines Surfing Academy. Year 9 and 10 sport selections are being finalised this week. Students are asked to check their inbox and complete the google form that has been sent out this week. Note that this is a different form to the survey that was completed a few weeks ago.

### Staff V Students Netball Game

After a 2-2 draw in Touch Football last week, the staff contested the Year 12 students in a decider game of Netball. The staff were red hot favorites and super confident leading into the match. After all, the staff team consisted of many A grade netball players and Mrs Behl who used to play in the National ANZ Championship League and was a goal shooter for Australia! The Year 12's trained hard in the lead up to the match and sought some expert advise from Diamonds star, Rebecca Bulley. They had youth and fitness on their side which looked to help them in the first third of the game with the scores locked at 4 all. The staff remained strong and with experience and skill on their side, they streaked ahead in the second third of the game. With awesome defence from Mr Hetherington, Mrs Luis, Mr Pope, Mrs Musgrave and Mr Lewis, the teachers turned over many balls and capitlised with goals from the 'Pocket Rocket' Miss Madaschi and the super skilled Mrs Behl (who rebounded in style). The mid court assisted well with Ms Sharkey, Mr Pannell, Miss Jansson, Miss Sproule and Mr Ellul bringing the ball nicely down the court and feeding the circle with precision. The Year 12's are to be commended on their determination and effort. The teachers were way too strong, however, cruising to a 19-8 win.



## Annual Sports Awards Presentation

The 2016 St Joseph's Sports Award Presentation was held this week. I would like to congratulate all of the students who have represented St Joseph's in sport this year. We have entered teams in 16 sports with Basketball, AFL and Cricket being held early next term. Congratulations to the many students who received sporting awards. Our major award recipients were Jye Shumack and Danielle Vasquez who received Rising Star Awards, Kaelah Austin for her Service to Sport and Maddison Smith who received the prestigious Sportsperson of the Year Award. I would like to thank Warrigal Charters for sponsoring this award and for their ongoing support in providing transport for our teams and school sport program. It was wonderful to see many parents and family members in attendance at the awards presentation. We were privileged to have Rebecca Bulley as our guest speaker. Rebecca is a talented Netball player who was part of the winning Australian 2015 Netball World Cup Team. Her claim to fame is that she is the first player in the National Netball Competition to win three premierships with three different teams (the Sydney Swifts, Adelaide Thunderbirds and Queensland Firebirds). Rebecca was an inspirational guest speaker and role model and we thank her for attending the awards. Congratulations to the following students who were inducted as Sport House Captains for 2017:

<p><u>Keira House</u></p> <p>Izak Parkes, Abbey McGuiggan Jenna Golub, Robert Perram</p>	<p><u>Kembla House</u></p> <p>Toumanda Fohrman, Zoe Naumovski Abby Golub, Matthew Sperring</p>
<p><u>Macquarie House</u></p> <p>Emma Rossi, Mitchell Heffernan Demi Bryant-Smith, Corey Dunn</p>	<p><u>Marshall House</u></p> <p>Brooke Guthrie, Taylah Davis Jackson Green, Lavina Woolfe</p>
<p><u>Murphy House</u></p> <p>Amyllia McGeehan, Bella Sumner Kiara Sumner, Bailey Jones</p>	<p><u>Warrigal House</u></p> <p>Thomas Norris, Rachael Thompson Lachlan Pearce, Maddison Burns</p>

**And finally - CONGRATULATIONS TO MURPHY HOUSE who were crowned the 2016 HOUSE CHAMPIONS and were awarded the prestigious Spirit of St Joseph's Shield!!**

