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
Thushani Agalewatte
Seychelle Albert
Diego Ampuero
Victoria Arnone
Luke Arthur
Kaelah Austin
Daniella Battaglia
Phoenix Box
Gemma Bradbury
Kyle Briffa
Mae Britten

Mikayla Brown
Nathaniel Burns
Connor Burton
Heather Burton
Hayden Byrne
Jarrod Cann
Jayden Cappetta
Chantelle Carboni
Belinda Carrasco
Sienna Casolin
Sarah Cassell
Paris Caton
Yani Charalambous
Elise Conte
Montana Cook
Rebecca Cook
Brooke Coomby
Courtney Cooper
Chantel Cordoba
Tori Coulthard
Christopher Davis
Nikolaos Davlouros
Jordan De Barros
Blake Dimise
Ellie Dixon
Natalie Douglas
Bradley Dowsett
Baylee Edlundh
Ruby Estrabe
Thomas Fagan
Molly Fenton
Alfredo Ferraro
Noah Fleming
Ashton Gauci
Matthew Gaynor
Amy Ginsburg
Emily Giudice
Charlotte Gordon
Brie Graham
Bailey Greathead
William Green
Josephine Hallam
Leon Hatcher
Mitchell Hyde
John Iafolla
Zoe Imisides
Daniel Jacimovic
Bryanee Jarrett
Jesse Jarvis
Mira Jayme
Michael Jenkins
Olivia Jones-Astone
Emily Klepczarek
Isaac Lambert
Jordan Lamont
Martin Lavin
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.

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.

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.

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    Hayllee 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

Good Luck Year 12

Assistant Principal
Mr John Barrington, Principal
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.

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

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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!

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**Congratulations**

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

* Bryanne 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 Bryanne!!

* 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 capitalised 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:

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