We welcome the following new students and their families to our school community
Welcome to the new school year. I especially welcome our new families and hope that your involvement in our school is a really happy one in the coming years. This week we have 40 children beginning Preschool for the first time and 42 children beginning Reception. We also welcome the following children who have transferred to St Joseph’s.

We also welcome the following staff who are new to St Joseph’s this year. Iva Denton – Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission (APRIM); Nadia Fantasia – Inclusion Specialist Teacher and Jules Morgan – Reception Teacher. We hope their time with us is a happy one this year.

I am looking forward to meeting many of you in the coming days and weeks. I return to St Joseph’s this year having spent the past twelve months working in the role of Principal Consultant at the Catholic Education Office. This experience provided a great opportunity to work with 18 Principals across our sector. This meant visiting schools and meeting with Principals both in the city and country. The role also provided support and advice to Principals for a variety of issues so this was also very interesting work. I am grateful for the experience and do hope I can bring my new learning into my work this year. I did miss the community life at Hectorville; staff, students and families and I am very much looking forward to getting to know you and your children again.

The staff returned last week to prepare for the school year. Over three days the staff participated in a visioning process which involved discussing our mission, values and our aspirations for the future. Like any organisation or business naming the vision and being clear about the goals are contributing factors to being successful. It is important that our students and parents are also involved in this process and contribute your ideas to our vision for the future. In the coming weeks you will hear more about how you can be involved so please take up the opportunity to be involved.

During the holidays our maintenance staff Mr Tito Feltracco and Mr Rocky Pergoleto have spent the weeks preparing the school’s facilities for another year. We also replaced the asbestos roof on the Reception unit and this work went very smoothly over Christmas. I think you would agree that our grassed play areas are looking great.

As we begin the new school year we reflect on John’s (10:10) words; ‘I have come that you may have life and have it to the full’.

May this year be life-giving for each of you.

With best wishes

Leanne Carr
Principal

From the Deputy Principal

Welcome back to the start of a new school year! It has been great to see everyone return refreshed and eager from the summer holidays. I trust your break from school was pleasant and refreshing. The children have returned with renewed vigour, many have grown taller, others lost teeth, but all appear to be happy and eager to catch up on holiday news with their friends. The teachers and staff have also returned with renewed energy and exciting plans for their classrooms.

Every year is new and unique. New students start their learning journey with us, all students move into another stage of their education, and our Year 7 students move into leadership roles and commence their final year of schooling with us. We aim for a challenging, engaging and caring learning environment for all students. This week the class teachers will focus on building relationships within the class. You will find an insert about the program. I encourage you to read it and talk to your children about what is happening in their classrooms. We take our responsibility seriously here at St Joseph’s and it is our aim to develop happy and resilient students who will become responsible global citizens and will make a difference.

I would like to take this opportunity to bring to everyone’s attention our uniform policy which is located on our website. We believe it is very important to wear the school uniform with pride. Just as our words and actions reflect our school values, and who we are, so too, does a presentable uniform.

Some points to remember:

- **Term 1**: Summer uniform for both girls and boys to be worn
- **School Summer Dress**: many of the girls like wearing bike shorts under the summer dress, please make sure they are fitted navy blue bike shorts no longer than the length of the dress.
- **Sports Uniform**: the new sports uniform must now be worn by every child, as the three year phase in period is now over, therefore, the brown and gold uniform should no longer be worn. Sports Uniforms are to be worn only on the days when the class has sports lessons.
- **Sports Shoes**: Predominantly white with blue. Please make sure your child wears the appropriate school sports socks.
School Hats: must also be worn as per our Sun Smart policy. I would like to emphasise that our policy of "NO HAT NO PLAY", still applies.

Jewellery: Earrings - one pair of studs or sleepers (only) is permitted, i.e. one stud or sleeper in each ear. Apart from a watch, no other jewellery is to worn with school uniform.

Hair: Long hair (on the shoulders or longer) should ALL be tied up off the collar and face. Long hair should be held in place with plain navy or gold ribbons or school scrunches or black head bands. Extreme hairstyles eg rats tails etc, or colour is not appropriate for primary school students.

I look forward to working with you this term as I take on the role of Deputy Principal while Tess Harford is on long service leave.

Marilena Cianfaglione
Acting Deputy Principal

From the APRIM

It is with pleasure that I find myself returning after 12 years to take up the role of Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission. I was a Music teacher at St Joseph’s between 1997 and 2000 and have been teaching in various roles at Christian Brothers College and spent last year at Gleneseon College. With the excitement of a new school year it is wonderful for the opportunity before me to embrace the potential to highlight the aspirations of success throughout this coming year, within our community.

As we reflect on the scriptures at the start of this year, we are reminded of God’s power, abundance, generosity, grandeur, provision, faithfulness and mercy:

“All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God” Psalm 98:3

As we encounter the beginning of the school year, we are asked to keep in mind; where are we seeing the saving power of God in the world, within our families, within ourselves?

Continuing with the Church acknowledgement of this Year of Faith, an invitation is extended to all in our community to join us, this Friday 1 February, as we gather in ritualistic celebration of our Catholic faith, at 9.15am for a Mass in honour of the commencement of the school year.

My hope is to have the opportunity to meet each of you throughout the coming year to share in the many celebrations as we journey with the children at St Joseph’s School.

Many blessings to each of you and your families.

Iva Denton
APRIM

PAY OFFICE HOURS

Please note that Mary Russo works Tuesday to Thursday. If you wish to make a payment Monday and Friday please come to the Front Office.

School hats are available for sale from Mary Russo located under the Year 2 veranda for $10.00.

PUNCTUALITY AND ABSENCE

Regular attendance at school is essential. Parents are asked to report absences from school by ringing the school Front Office by 9am on the day the student is absent. This is to be followed with a written note upon the student’s return to school.

PARKING

Parents please note that parking is prohibited in the Staff Car Park located next to the front oval as it is unsafe for families who use this walkway. Families are asked to use the Montacute Road Car Park.

WELLBEING

We have cause to be happy when we think of God's love.
Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop 1880

Welcome to the beginning of the 2013 school year. I hope that you had some memorable moments during the School Holidays and are looking forward to the school year ahead.

My role as Wellbeing Coordinator involves providing short term support for the social and/or emotional wellbeing of students at St Joseph's Hectorville. As Wellbeing Coordinator I am someone students can share concerns with, work through strategies and possible solutions, clarify issues, monitor wellbeing, challenge thoughts and help resolve conflicts and more. Wellbeing support is offered in a variety of ways including working with individual students, groups, classroom support when required and with staff and parents/caregivers.

Access to wellbeing support is by referral - this can be from staff, parents/caregivers or self-referral by students. Referral forms are available at the front office or by request from staff and myself. Alternatively a note can be placed in the mailbox in the Wellbeing Coordinator door.

As Wellbeing Coordinator I am available on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during the school term.

Louise Kilpatrick
Wellbeing Coordinator
Welcome back! I hope you had a great break and are ready for a busy 2013!

4-7 Swimming
Consent forms went out on Tuesday for swimming carnival trials at Payneham swimming Centre. Students need to be confident in backstroke, breaststroke, freestyle or butterfly to try out.

Sports Uniform
The two year transition to purchase the new sports uniform has come to an end. This year students must wear the new sports uniform.

Sports Day
Sports day will be Week 8 Friday 22 March this year.

Jessica Woolford
Physical Education Teacher

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday to Friday 9 – 4.30pm
Phone: 8336 9988
email admin@hectorpar.com.au

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP
Please note the shop is open on the first Tuesday morning of the month in the Mini Gym between 8.45 – 9.30am and is run by volunteers. For all enquiries please call Toni Gladwich on 0403 784 403. Purchases are cash only.

Playgroup is held in the Preschool on Fridays from 9.30am – 11am and is suitable for children aged from 2 to 4 years. For more information please contact Linda 0422 514 342, Nadia 0413 602 095 or Giovanna 0426 292 969.

PLEASE NOTE
Parent Bulletin items should be emailed to school by MONDAY 11 AM EACH WEEK to bulletin@sjh.catholic.edu.au