Dear Parents  
Welcome to 2015 and our newsletter to keep you up to date with all the latest in the Middle Years!  

We hope that you and your families enjoyed a restful holiday. Term One promises to be a productive term with new learning experiences.

This newsletter outlines important information for you to read. Please take the time to read it so you are up to date with your child and their learning.

2015 teachers in the Middle Years are as follows:

**YEAR 6**
- 6AM: Annarita Mitolo
- 6MP: Micki Panos & Michael Proctor
- 6T: Anthony Terminello

**YEAR 7**
- 7AP: Adrian Pasquini
- 7RP: Rosanna Primavera
- 7G: Jessica Grbin

Our year level themes are:

**Year 6:** Our choices make the difference.
**Year 7:** Together as leaders we can make a difference.

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact us.

We hope you and your children have a fantastic term.

Middle Years Teachers

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**Important Dates**

- 6th February – Year 7 Mass
- 13th February – Year 6 Mass
- 17th February – Shrove Tuesday
- 18th February – Ash Wednesday
- 20th February - Welcome Night & Disco
- 5th March - Year 7 Hosting Assembly
- 6th March – Pupil Free Day
- 9th March – Adelaide Cup Day
- 13th March - Sports Day
- 17th March – St Patrick’s Day
- 19th March – St Joseph’s Day 9.15 am Mass
- 25th-27th March – Year 7 Leadership Camp
- 2nd April - Easter Liturgy 9.15am
- 3rd April - Good Friday
- 4th April - Easter Monday
- 8th April – Casual Day
- 10th April – Easter Liturgy 9:15am

Angelus prayed weekly

Mondays @ 12:00pm
We must teach more by example than by word...

Mary MacKillop

Year 6 Topics Overview

**English**
- Explanation
- Functional Grammar
- Spelling
- Reciprocal Reading
- Vocabulary Building

**Mathematics**
- Number facts
- Rounding off
- Place Value
- Ascending/Descending order
- Problem Solving
- Interpreting timetables & calendars

**Religion**
- Self
- Lent
- Holy Week & Easter

**Health**
- Developing Positive Relationships

**Science**
- Earthquake Explorers

**History**
- Federation
- Australian Government

Number Skills Program

As a whole school approach, we are continuing the basic number skills program. The idea of this program is to provide students with opportunities to have consistent practice of number facts each day for 10 minutes.

Repetition of daily tasks will promote development in numeracy strategies including:

- Addition
- Subtraction
- Multiplication
- Division

Reminders

Students are required to wear their sport uniform on the following days:

* Year 6: Tuesday (all Year 6s) & Monday (6PC), Thursday (6T), Friday (6B)
* Year 7: Thursday (all Year 7s), Tuesday (7G & 7RP), & Friday (7AP)

Full Summer uniform should be worn on all other days, unless your child has sports practice before or after school on another day of the week.

If your child is absent, please contact the front office on the day/s of their absence. When your child returns to school, a written note explaining their absence should be given to your child’s class teacher.

This term your child will experience a variety of fantastic learning opportunities. They will be provided with a timeline of their work and due dates. Please keep yourself informed, so that you are able to support your child with their study habits and time management, especially during homework time.
The Year 6/7 students will begin participating in a fortnightly Enrichment Program on Wednesday afternoons from 1.50 to 2.50pm. The Enrichment Program is developed from the general capabilities, a key dimension of the Australian Curriculum.

The Australian Curriculum includes seven general capabilities, which are Numeracy, Literacy, Information and communication technology (ICT), Critical and Creative Thinking, Intercultural Understanding, Ethical Understanding and Personal and Social Responsibility.

The general capabilities support each child to become successful learners, confident and creative individuals and active and informed citizens. They encompass the knowledge, skills, behaviours and dispositions that, together with curriculum content in each learning area and the cross-curriculum priorities, will assist students to live and work successfully in the twenty-first century.

Each student will have an opportunity to participate in all three Enrichment Programs throughout the year. Each Enrichment Program draws on different general capabilities and skills and is facilitated by a different teacher. Students will experience a four week rotation for each program.
Enrichment Program

The Enrichment Program consists of the following:

**Lights, Camera, Action!**
Anthony Terminello & Adrian Pasquini

Students will have the opportunity to critique a variety of film techniques and creatively present their finding within small groups. They will develop a deeper understanding of:

- Character comparison
- Lighting
- Film angles
- Sound
- Music
- Produce, direct and act
- Create a short movie
- Problem solving

**Memory Lane**
Rosanna Primavera & Jess Grbin

Students will use their creative thinking skills to begin to create a photo scrapbook to encompass their schooling memories at St Joseph’s School, Hectorville. Students will:

- Design, plan and construct scrapbook pages from Preschool – Year 2
- Collect school photos from Preschool – Year 2
- Use ICT to assist with the designing and making of the pages

**St Joey’s Backyard**
Micki Panos and Annarita Mitolo

Students will learn about the environment, develop physical and social skills and make a real contribution to caring about the world that they live in. Students will:

- Design a garden
- Planning and developing a garden
- Reduce our carbon footprint
- Creating a short film