



**St. Joseph's**  
Catholic Primary School  
Sorrento

MY FAITH  
MY LIFE  
MY LEARNING

## TERM 3: issue 15: September 8th 2021

### Term 4

Term three finishes next Friday 17th September and like you, we have not heard what Term 4 will look like. We are all hoping to be able to return to school as normal but we just don't know.

Should we receive any updates from the Government, Department of Education or Catholic Education (MACS) during the holidays, we will of course keep you all informed.

This term has been a very challenging one for everyone and all we can do is look forward to a better end to the school year.

Term four commences on Monday 4th October.

# Calling All St. Joseph's Students

Next week is the last week of Term 3.

To celebrate the end of term we have decided to put together a Student Newsletter or Video that will be sent to all families on Friday 17th September.

We now need contributions from students:

- Jokes
- Photos / funny photos
- Photos of an activity or project you have been working on during remote learning
- Photos with your pet

If you would like to be included in this activity, send your contribution to:

[tlaird@sjsorrento.catholic.edu.au](mailto:tlaird@sjsorrento.catholic.edu.au)

by next **Monday, 13th September.**

# Administration

## **LISA JAMES RETIREMENT**

It is with both sadness and joy that I announce the retirement of Lisa James at the end of 2021. Sad, because of all she has done for St Joseph's over the years but also joy for Lisa, as she embarks on this next phase of her life. Time to spend with family and pursue her dreams.

Lisa has been at St Joseph's since 2000 and in Education, both in the Catholic and State sector for 37 years. In that time Lisa has taken on many roles, from class teacher to school leadership and Deputy Principal. Lisa's genuine love of children and learning has always been at the core of her work and who she is.

We wish Lisa all the best in this next part of her life journey. We will miss her passion, dedication, courage and sense of humour. Our love and prayers will be with you Lisa.

## **DEPUTY PRINCIPAL 2022**

The recruitment process for the new Deputy Principal for St Joseph's began in Term 2, 2021. This was a joint venture between the school and staff of the Melbourne Archdiocese of Catholic Schools (MACS). Staff from MACS were deeply involved in the selection process and were part of the Interview Panel.

I am delighted to announce that Megan Barber is the successful applicant. Megan brings a great deal of wisdom and experience to her new role and on many occasions over the past two years, has been in the acting role of both Deputy and Principal.

Megan will work closely with Lisa and Ellie next term in the transition phase to her new role. Congratulations Megan. Your appointment is truly deserved.

## **St Joseph's Primary School, Sorrento**

### **SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

#### **Expressions of Interest**

At the request of Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Ltd (MACS) board, our governing body, St Joseph's School Sorrento is seeking expressions of interest for the 2022 School Advisory Council. The Council supports the Principal, Parish Priest and leadership team of the school.

No particular expertise is required except a desire to represent and give voice to the parent body in advising the principal about important matters particularly related to the school's ongoing desire to provide the best possible education for our children.

Therefore, we are calling on you to express your interest in being part of the School Advisory Council. If you are a member of the parish or have children in the school, and wish to be a member of the council, we would welcome your application in writing to Ellie McGinness by Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> of October 2021. Interviews will be held mid October.

(Include details of employment, areas of interest and expertise, involvement in school, parish or community and any other relevant information)

(More information on our School Advisory Council on next page)

## **2022 PREP ENROLMENT**

Our 2022 Prep enrolment process is being finalised. If you are intending to enrol your pre-schooler at St. Joseph's in 2022, please come in to the office and collect an enrolment pack as soon as possible or download the enrolment form from the link below.



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## ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Dear Families,

I am writing to you about the 2022 School Advisory Council at St Joseph's School.

As you know our school, like all the Catholic parish and diocesan schools in the Melbourne Archdiocese, is now under the guidance of Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Ltd (MACS). The School Advisory Council is a way of giving parents and guardians a chance to be involved in the school. ([MACS Statement of Mission](#))

An Interim School Advisory Council was established for the 2021 School year. This Council began unpacking the new terms of reference as set out by the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools.

The School Advisory Council will continue to advise the Principal on important matters and be a support to the Principal and Leadership of the school in their decision making process.

In many ways we have emphasised the importance of parents and guardians being involved in partnering with the school and the way this helps your children in their education.

Attached to this letter is a request for expressions of interest for the new School Advisory Council. I am asking parents, parishioners and guardians to show their interest in being a part of this School Advisory Council. As Principal of the school I will continue to value the support and advice offered by the members of the Council on such matters as:

- Annual Report to the school community
- Family partnerships
- School resources
- Improvements in the school
- Marketing
- Grants submissions
- The Religious Education program
- Curriculum
- Enrolments and enrolment policy

These are just some of the ways a School Advisory Council can give advice to the Principal and Leadership in the school – there are many other areas as well.

I am excited by the idea of renewing our School Advisory Council and hope many of you will also see this as another chance to support your school and your children. 'Expression of Interest Information' is attached.

If you would like more information about MACS School Advisory Councils please refer to the following link: <https://governance.melbourne/sac-faq/>.

Ellie McGinness, Principal

Fr John McGinty, Parish Priest