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### REGULAR PROGRAM DATES:

**Learning Treasures** – Term One
9.00am - 10.30am
Monday 29th February
Monday 7th March
Monday 21st March

**Term Two**
Monday 2nd May - Monday 20th June

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Banking Details:
BSB 067 -000
ACCOUNT 10273413
REFERENCE: Your Name
A word from the Principal...

Aiming High: 2016

*Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God’s upward calling, in Christ Jesus.*  
*Philippians 3: 13-14*

Did you realise, it’s never too late to have a great day? Stop agonising on the past! Do you spend more time looking forward than back?

It is very easy to be bogged down by our past. Lent is an invitation and opportunity to be transformed and create a preferred future. To pursue such a future, we need a vision and to follow up with actions. I was recently reminded by an optimist that there is often a way forward when sometimes it seems that there is not. Creative, entrepreneurial, positive and energetic people inspire and can lead people on their journeys.

Perseverance, courage and determination are also often required to push on when the journey becomes challenging. What about others when they stumble and fall? Are we compassionate and understanding to their battles and struggles? Do we reach out, ‘rolling up the sleeves’ to assist? Do we show mercy to those who have wronged ourselves or others? Is the well-being of others a high agenda item in our community? What about those who seem isolated? Opportunities present themselves everyday for us to make a difference in the spirit of Jesus.

The ideals mentioned are the building blocks of our school’s spirit. The spirit of the Josephite sisters still lives on and is evident daily at St Peter Chanel through our interactions with each other. Aim high!

Best wishes for a great week,

Mr Gregg Sharman
PRINCIPAL
News continued …

Goal Setting Sessions
Thank you to all families for your attendance to our Goal Setting Sessions for 2016. If you were unable to make an appointment, please contact your child’s class teacher.

Please remember you are always welcome to make appointments with your child’s class teacher.

8hr Day Public Holiday
A reminder to families that Monday, 14th March is a Public Holiday.

Australian Curriculum and Assessment Reporting Authority
It is with great excitement that we share with you that the Australian Curriculum and Assessment Reporting Authority (ACARA) will be present at our school on Tuesday 22nd March to film Mrs Lardner and her Grade One students along with Mr Bellinger and his Grade Two students.

Our school was one of twelve to be selected from around Australia to be filmed teaching Mathematics. This aligns with our school priority for 2016 – to plan and implement the four Australian Curriculum Mathematics Proficiency Strands (understanding, fluency, problem solving and reasoning) through tasks that challenge students to connect mathematics skills and knowledge in real life contexts.

Our Grade One and Two students have all received permission forms that will need to be returned to our school office by Friday 11th March. We look forward to welcoming the ACARA team to our school community on the 22nd March.

North West Swimming Carnival
Friday 18th March is the North West Swimming Carnival. Miss Jessica Smith will be taking a team from SPC to compete in events in Devonport. Information will be sent to those selected in coming days.

Educa
Families, now have been sent links to our online portfolios - Educa. If you are yet to activate your link, please do this soon. If you did not receive a link to your email please let the office know so we can get this set up for you asap. Thank you to all families for promptly returning your Educa forms.

Chicken Duty
A letter went home last week seeking expressions of interest for any family who might like to go onto a weekly roster to help out with locking away the chickens of a night and collecting eggs. For those that haven’t returned their forms, can you please do so by the end of this week.
News continued …

Canteen
We would like to thank Mrs Leanne Everett along with her mother, Luba and sister, Vicki for their hard work and dedication to our canteen and wish them all the best for their future endeavours.

Stuart Smith will be operating the canteen commencing tomorrow. A letter went home yesterday which included details of the new Canteen Menu.

Hockey
Is your child interested in playing hockey this season? If so, please place their name and grade on the registration form at the school office. Please note that children from Kinder to Grade 3 play on Saturday mornings and Grades 4-6 play on Friday nights. Season commences on April 29th/30th, so it is important to register as soon as possible. Any queries can be directed to Jo Cartledge at school.

Staff-Network Meetings
All teachers have been absent last week and this week due to their attendance at TCEO Network Meetings. We have structures and arrangements in place to limit the disruption caused by this systemic requirement.

‘Michelangelo’ Exhibit
On Monday 21st March, Grade Six students will be attending the Michelangelo exhibit in Burnie. Students will be traveling by school bus, driven by Stuart Smith, departing school at 8:50am and returning at 2:40pm. They will be accompanied by Mrs Hodgetts and Ms Joyce.

Bookclub
Issue 2 Bookclub is due on Wednesday, 23rd March.

Upcoming Prayer Services
Over the next few weeks as we lead up to Easter, there are various prayer services scheduled. They are as follows: (all at 11.30am)

Thursday 17th March - St Patrick’s Day Prayer Service - Led by Grade One
Friday 18th March - Feast of St Joseph Prayer Service - Led by Junior Joeys

Monday 21st March - Palm Sunday Prayer Service - Led by Prep
Tuesday 22nd March - Holy Thursday Prayer Service - Led by 3/4 Hampton
Wednesday 23rd March - Good Friday Prayer Service - Led by Grade Six

All families, friends and parishioners are warmly invited to attend these liturgies.
News continued …

Thursday Morning Mass - Optional for Students
Mr Sharman and Mr McMahon have been attending Mass on Thursday mornings with students from Grades Three to Six. Mass commences at 9am and concludes shortly after 9.15am. Students have been given the invitation to attend on a weekly basis. All members of our parish and school community are warmly invited to attend.

School Photos
Last week families received individual school photo forms. Family photo forms can be collected from the office. School photo day is Thursday, 7th April and students are required to be in full summer uniform.

Somerset Soccer Club
Somerset Sharks soccer club is looking for youth players age 11 and up with both a boys roster and girls roster available. You would need to travel to Somerset two nights a week for training. Please see the sports board at school for more information if you are interested.

Loose Parts Play
Thank you to those that have kindly donated items for our new Loose Parts Play space. If you have any of the following items that you would like to donate, please see the office or Miss Swinden:

- wooden cable reels
- cardboard boxes
- netting
- tree stumps
- old computer screens
- sticks
- pots, pans, spoons, baking tins, jugs, bowls

- old kitchen sink
- wooden pallets
- wheels
- old tools
- pipes/hoses
- watering cans

- buckets
- crates
- wood
- helmets
- ropes
- poles
- costumes

Recall of Apple Wall Plug Adaptors
Due to a recall from Apple, the school has ordered new chargers for student iPad's. Within the next couple of weeks when these arrive, we will advise families about replacement.

Empty Bottles
Do you have any spare glass jars at home? If so, please leave at the front foyer. Thanks very much in anticipation.
Learning Treasures

Our Learning Treasures program (Birth – 4) has commenced for Term 1! This is a free program for young children and parents to attend and explore a range of play-based activities on offer. It is a great opportunity for families to become familiar with the school environment in a relaxed and friendly environment.

Upcoming Dates
9:00 – 10:30am

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We look forward to getting to know you over the coming weeks!

Ella Swinden
Jo Cartledge

Learning Treasures
Co-ordinators
Aiming High in 2016 @ SPC

This year, in align with our Aiming High in 2016 mantra, we have changed our Peer Support structure. These sessions are now called “Together We Can Be”. Some examples of what this could be are:
• Together We Can Be more active in responding positively to other people’s thoughts and views
• Together We Can Be making a change to what is occurring in our school
• Together We Can Be more open to taking ownership for our own actions
• Together We Can Be more focused on who we are.

We are using the movie “Inside Out” as our main resource for these Together We Can Be sessions. This movie focuses on five characters who each have their own prominent emotion. You may have noticed that every class now has an “Emotion Wall”. This wall enables students to place their name on the emotion they are feeling at the beginning of the day and also throughout the day. This not only allows teachers to check in with students but also enables students to express what they are feeling and why.

The five emotions that we are focusing on, which support the emotions expressed throughout the “Inside Out” movie are:
• Disgust
• Sad
• Sacred
• Happy
• Mad

Hopefully your child has explained to you how the “Emotion Wall” works in their classroom.

BULLYING. NO WAY! NATIONAL DAY FRIDAY 18TH MARCH.

Next Friday is the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. Due to PLaCE students being out on this day, as a School Community we will be celebrating our Bullying, No Way! day on Thursday 17th March.

A number of activities are planned for this day. These activities will provide a focus for us to strengthen our everyday messages against bullying and violence. Together at St Peter Chanel Catholic Primary School, we will take a stand together against bullying. This includes parents too! You will notice a whole page in our newsletter dedicated to supporting you in how to respond when your child informs you they are being bullied.

Our Grade 6 students were introduced to Bye Bye Bullying at the recent GRIP Leadership Day they attended. As a School Community we will be adopting the three steps on ‘how to say bye bye to bullying’:
1. Spot it out
2. Speak out
3. Stamp it out

Go to the website [http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/) and click on the links to support how you respond when your child informs you they are being bullied. There are a lot of fantastic resources available online!
Our next meeting for the year will be held on Wednesday 6th April at 1.00pm at the school. All new and old members are welcome.

Easter Raffle
Can you please return all sold or unsold raffle books to the office by Monday 14th March. If you are able to sell more tickets, extra books are still available from the office. We will be drawing the raffle on Thursday 17th March in the afternoon. Many thanks for your help to make this successful and for supporting your children’s school.

Football Tipping Competition
Natalie King will be running the AFL Footy Tipping Competition again this year for the Parents and Friends. The season consists of 23 rounds. We don’t include the Finals. It is too difficult to get forms out to paper option tippers so it will finish at the end of Round 23. The cost will be $2.00 per round which will mean $46.00 for the complete season. There is a weekly prize of $20.00 per round at this stage. This weekly prize will be dependant on how many tippers we get. More people mean a higher weekly prize! The same applies to the end of season prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Students have been given a sheet with two options to be involved. Online option or Paper Option.

Online Option : Please login to www.footytips.com.au/comps/spcschooltipsters, Password : winners. You will need to make yourself a profile and then you can load your tips. You can also download the footytips app to your phone or ipad. Please send your form with your name, alias, phone details, funds and class number (should you win Natalie needs to know where to give the winnings).

(Previous tippers, please check, you may still be able to use last years username and password)

Paper Option : Fill out the manual form, Label envelope Footy Tipping and hand to the office with your $2.00. Please have your tipping to the office by 9.00am every Friday morning. If there is a Thursday night game you need to have it in to the office by 9.00am on the Thursday morning. This is due to personal commitments by Natalie.
We are hoping to get at least 30-40 participants. Our end of year top three should receive a substantial sum as well as the P&F raising some funds for our school and students. And most of all it is a fun thing to be involved!

If anyone has any questions please contact Natalie King 0417 968 110.
Teaching and Learning
Quality teaching has the greatest impact on student learning. The Australian Curriculum and Good News for Living Framework are delivered using considered pedagogy, based on student learning profile and local contexts. Teachers will work together as a ‘professional learning community’, building each other’s capacity through collaboration and carefully planned professional learning pathways. Information around student learning is used when reflecting on practices for future planning purposes. It is our goal to deliver world class curriculum and assessment in local contexts based on good pedagogy, catering for differing learning styles and abilities.

Curriculum
Our curriculum inspires, supports and challenges all learners. It equips our students with the knowledge, understanding, skills, attitudes and values to take full advantage of opportunity and face present and future challenges. We want our students to become confident, creative, reflective, informed and committed to the transformation of a society towards a more compassionate and just world. Our curriculum is rigorous, diverse, engaging and relevant.

Learning in the Contemporary World
We provide for learning that is holistic, student centred and informed by relevant and sound contemporary practice, enabling individuals to take an active role in their learning. We have a focus on environmental sustainability that will be integrated across the curriculum and all students will access Indigenous and Asian perspectives. We are very focused on providing opportunities to learn and celebrate current concepts of regional importance such as local industry.

Equity and Excellence
We identify and respond to the diverse learning needs of all students by providing challenging and stimulating learning opportunities that enable them to explore and build on their gifts. Learners are persons who bring their own needs and story to the learning community and are valued for their diversity. Our students will not be disadvantaged due to the relative remoteness of our location.

Information Communication Technology
Our students are provided with the opportunity to develop their ICT skills, becoming productive users of technology, as a foundation for success in all learning areas. Through this area, students can demonstrate creativity, communication skills, innovation, resourcefulness and solve problems across a range of learning areas and disciplines.

Staff Quality
At St Peter Chanel Catholic School, we recognise the importance of teacher professional learning in improving the knowledge, practice and engagement of all teachers and school leaders to achieve improvement in student outcomes. Our school leaders support staff to ensure that their learning and development is ongoing.

Assessment and Feedback
At St Peter Chanel Catholic School, we recognise that student performance feedback plays a vital role in improving learning outcomes. We foster ongoing conversations around student performance with parents, further underlining our philosophy of education as a partnership with families.
On Friday March 18th we will be holding a Prayer Service to remember the Feast Day of St Joseph which is on Saturday 19th.

Saint Joseph is a very important figure in our Church. Through Joseph and Mary, God fulfilled the covenant promised to Abraham and Sarah. He is the patron saint of the Universal Church and is also the patron saint of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart founded by Saint Mary MacKillop.

Saints are people who lived holy lives on Earth. They are witnesses to the saving power of Jesus, who can also help us rise above our fallen nature.

We choose a patron to take our prayers of petition and intercede on our behalf before God.

On March 19, 1866, the feast of St Joseph, Mary MacKillop discarded her secular clothing and put on a simple religious habit.

Mary MacKillop chose St Joseph to be the patron of her Congregation and her schools. She believed that St Joseph’s life as husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus, and as a tradesman in his local community, exemplified the important virtues of trust, faith and love. She prayed to him often as she sought God’s blessing on the work she was undertaking.

While researching St Joseph I came across this acrostic on the website dads.org. in an article by Fr Francis Peffley called “Go to Joseph: Six reflections on St Joseph:

- Just Man
- Obedient One
- Silent One
- Example
- Patron
- Helper of the Blessed Mother

On the website https://www.cbmidwest.org/ The Christian Brothers of the Midwest had a Prayer Service titled “Remembering Saint Joseph.” It included this wonderful prayer written by Sister Kathy Sherman CSJ.

Let us reflect on St Joseph: that Just man, that loving leader, that Obedient man. Let us reflect on his Silence, his Example, and his Patronage of our own lives and of the Church. Let us try it imitate St Joseph the Helper of Mary.

Mr Gerry McMahon - Prayer and Liturgy Co-Ordinator
**ATTENTION PARENTS, TEENAGERS & CHILDREN**

Make sure you keep the following dates free!

Net Set Go for 5-10 year olds starts **Friday** 29.04.16

Junior Netball for Grade 3-5 Roster and Grade 6-8 roster starts **Thursday** 28.04.16

Who to contact with names etc will be provided in later newsletters

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**Sean W Smith Performance**

Last week, students had an afternoon performance from Sean W Smith. Here are some photos: