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Newsletter

St Joseph's School Board of Trustee's Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Caregivers, Staff, Children and Parish Community,

The Board of Trustees would like to welcome all the staff and students back to school, after a lovely summer break, full of sunny days.

Pope Francis' Message for Lent 2018

The theme of Pope Francis' message for Lent 2018 is "Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold" (Mt24:12). In his message Pope Francis says, "Above all, I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten Journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew"

Welcome

We welcome to the school some new staff this year. Ashlee McPherson and Kerry Horan are our new classroom teachers. We also have Carolyn Findson part time in the office and we welcome Cathie Peddie, Debbie Forrest, Rhiannon Dalhousie and Romeena Speake as our new teacher aides.

We also have a number of new families joining the school. We welcome you to St Joseph's and look forward to having your children in our school in the coming years.

Playground

As you will have noticed, the new playground is now up and running. We are planning to have a formal opening for the playground, once the finishing touches are in place. Our thanks go to the Grossman family for making this wonderful playground possible for our school.

Board of Trustees

The board of trustees has some changes this year. As Barbara Marneth-Rust indicated last year, she has tendered her resignation as Chairperson of the Board, as her children have now left St Joseph's. Thankfully she will be staying on the board in the position of Proprietor's Appointee. Barbara has given many years of service to the school in her role on the Board. For the last few years this has been as the Chairperson. She been amazingly supportive to the board and we will miss her in this role. I have been elected by the board as the Board Chairperson. I am looking forward to the challenge of this role and am thankful that Barbara has decided to stay on to support the board as a Proprietor's Appointee. Thank- you so much Barbara

We have also welcomed Marieke Latimer onto the board as a Proprietor's Appointee. Marieke's family are new to the school this year and we are excited to have her join the Board.

Concerns

From time to time, parents may have concerns regarding their children's time at St Joseph's. We are all hoping to give all the children at St Joseph's a wonderful primary education, and a great experience of school. If you have concerns regarding your child's education, please make your concerns heard. In the first instance, see the child's teacher. If this does not answer your query, the Principal is the next person to contact.

We look forward to a great 2018 with your children

Hayley Scott

Chairperson of the Board of Trustees