Dear Parents, Children and Friends

Christmas Picnic Concert on the Oval
We invite our parents and members of the wider community to join us for our Christmas Concert and Picnic on the school oval tonight. The concert will begin promptly at 6pm, so we encourage families to arrive and be seated on their picnic rugs or fold up chairs on the oval by 5.30pm. A sausage sizzle to raise funds for the 2017 Year Six camp will be available for all families. We look forward to a lovely evening together.

Graduation & Thanksgiving Mass
Tomorrow we will be holding our Graduation & Thanksgiving Mass at All Hallows at 9.30am. This is a very special day as, as a community, we give thanks for the wonderful year we have had in 2016 and present our leaders for 2017. We ask our classes and families to be seated by 9.15am please. I look forward to seeing you all there.

End of Semester Reports
- Parents will receive their children’s End of Year reports online today. It is important to note that:
  - Expected progress is the maintenance of a grade.
  - If the student receives the same grade for two consecutive reports, they have made progress.

If you require an interview with your child’s class teacher to discuss the report, these will be conducted on Monday 12th December. Please ring Lara at the office or see your class teacher to make an appointment, if required.

Final Assembly
We would like to invite our parents to join us for our final assembly on Wednesday from 2pm in the undercover area. At this assembly we will acknowledge the hard work of all of our students, farewell our departing staff and our Year Six students. At the conclusion of the assembly, the whole school will form a guard of honour to acknowledge and celebrate our Year Six students as they leave primary school and make the transition to high school. We would love it if you could join us at this very special occasion.

Farewells and Thank you!
We say a final goodbye to our 2016 Year Six Class this week. This group of Year 6 students have been great role models for all of our students at St Joseph’s. I have been delighted by their growing enthusiasm and the pride they have displayed in our school. We are all very proud of them and we wish them the best for their future.

This year all our students have had countless experiences and opportunities to learn, grow and mature. Students, I would like to thank you for all of your hard work this year. Your teachers and I are very proud of all of your efforts. I would like to also thank your teachers and parents for helping you to be the best person you can be. Congratulations to each and every one of you for all your efforts and behaviour this year.

Thank you to all parent and grandparent volunteers who have given their time and talents to the school during 2016. Thanks must also be extended to the P&F and the School Board. Without your help we could not do what we do and you are all an integral part of our program at school.

We have a talented and hardworking staff. I would like to thank and congratulate them on their efforts and dedication to the huge task of nurturing our children to reach their potential. You thoroughly deserve your break and I wish you all the best for a refreshing and relaxing holiday.

To those families and staff who are leaving St Joseph’s I wish you all the best for the future. Finally, I would like to thank our school community for the enormous support you have shown me in my role as Principal over the year. I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to work with so many talented staff, students and parents.

I wish you all a happy and holy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all again when school begins on Wednesday 1st February 2017.

May God bless our school and those within it.

Miranda Swann - Principal