Merry Christmas everyone. Have a safe, happy and Holy break.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

A wonderful Graduation was held last night. We farewelled the Year 6 class of 2016. It was a special time as they reflected on their years at St Joseph’s. Some families left after a long association at our school. We thank all those involved in the community for helping support our class of 2016.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support during 2016 and may you all have a safe and holy Christmas and holiday break.
**Bomber Jackets**
The bomber jackets were distributed to the year 5 students yesterday. They are very proud and ready to take on their leadership role in 2017. The cross is missing from the top of the emblem as it was this year also. They are still fine for the yr 6 students to wear.

**Class Requirements List**
These lists have been uploaded to our website and the app for your convenience when shopping for the requirements.

**Canteen News**
The canteen will open in the second week of term 1 next year. It will not operate at all on Thursday of Friday in the first week.

**Uniform Shop**
The uniform shop will be open on Tuesday 31st January from 9-10am only.

**School Fees**
Please finalise your child levies and outstanding school fees by next Thursday. If you have not done so please do so as a matter of urgency.

Peace and Best Wishes

Gavan O’Donnell
Principal.

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**Christmas Masses**

**Christmas Eve**

Saturday 24 December

6pm   Vigil Mass

8.30pm   Christmas Carols

9pm   Christmas Night Mass

**Christmas Day**

Sunday 25 December   10am

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**Blessing of home nativity sets**

Saturday 10 December   6pm

Sunday 11 December   9.30am, 11am

*Bring your home Nativity to weekend Mass.*

*Place it in front of St Joseph’s shrine and have it blessed!*

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**Reconciliation**

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Thank you to all our families for your generous donations. As always we are blown away by the generosity of our community.

Year 6 graduating students enjoying their last day yesterday.
Dear Mr O'Donnell and the St Joseph’s Community,

This time last year the St Joseph’s Community banded together to help me and a group of 16 other Kilbreda College girls raise funds to help create a major difference in a third world country. As part of the World Challenge program we went to Vietnam. With your generosity we were able to provide school books, blankets and simple hygienic products such as toothbrushes to very underprivileged children and families. We also built an elderly widow a toilet block and a chicken coop as part of our expedition project and were able to purchase her a mattress, as she slept on wooden floorboards at night. We could not have done this without your help and support. So on behalf of all the World Challenge girls we would like to say thank you so much for your generosity and kind hearts.

Kind Regards and many thanks,
Jessica Coletti-Ahern

Our students were involved in the art exhibition for refugees at the Shirley Burke Theatre in Parkdale.

1st Prize – Luca P
2nd Prize – Max H
3rd Prize Shea M

Highly commended:
Louise W
Ryan A
Louisa L
Massimo A
Term Dates 2017
Term 1 Wed 1st February – Friday 31st March
Term 2 Tues 18th April – Friday 30th June
Term 3 Mon 17th July – Friday 22nd September
Term 4 Mon 9th October – Wed 20th December

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- **Thursday 15th December**
  - **End of year 1pm**
  - All Students return Yr 1 – 6 full day, Preps 8.45am – 1.00pm

- **Wednesday 1st February 2017**
  - Preps 8.45am – 1.00pm
  - Gym4Hire Commences Yr 5/6 students
  - NO Preps and NO Yr 1/2 Students, Gym4Hire Yr 3/4 students
  - Reconciliation Session 1 begins at 7pm in the Library Year 3 Parents (TBC)
  - Opening Year Mass @ 9.15am
  - Gym4Hire Yr 5/6, NO Preps
  - Gym4Hire Preps and Yr 1/2
  - Welcome BBQ 5.00-8.00pm
  - School photos
  - Gym4Hire Yr 5/6 9.15am Yr 3/4 Mass
  - NO Preps, Gym4Hire Yr 1/2 & Yr 3/4
  - Gym4HirePreps and Yr1/2, Reconciliation Session 2 @ 7pm in Library (TBC)
  - District Swimming
  - Gym4Hire Yr 5/6 Shrove Tuesday
  - 9.15am Mass Ash Wednesday, NO Preps, Gym4Hire Yr 1/2 & Yr 3/4
  - Gym4Hire Preps and Yr1/2
  - Working Bee 4.30pm