Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students,

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope that all families had the opportunity to spend some extra time with their child/ren. Though I appreciate that school holidays do not always equal working parents having coinciding holidays. I know that I am fortunate that when my children have school holidays, so do I.

As a teacher, not all of the school holidays is holiday “me. A teacher often still has work to do, planning for the term ahead, collection of resources and materials, planning new seating arrangements, classroom setup and the list goes on…. But I deliberately find “me to wind down, recharge and spend “me with my family.

Looking at the term ahead, I am thankful that I have taken the opportunity to do this. Like all terms, this one is full of learning opportunities for students, as well as connecting with the community. The first few weeks, students will have both incursions (people coming to the school) as well as excursions, the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, School Photos, Mini Relay for Life, Gala Night and the R-2 class will begin their Bush Kinder sessions.

This term, the year 7’s will begin the transition process for High School and the school will be performing in a Whole School Musical during Book Week! It is also important to keep Thursday 18th and Friday 19th August marked in your diary, as this will be a 2-day Student Free Day.

I am not sure if you recall but Cobie Drogemuller was appointed to the school to teach PE and be responsible for SAPSASA for Term 1 & 2, I am pleased to make you aware that she will be continuing in this role for the rest of the year. I am pleased that her travelling plans have changed and she is able to continue to be part of our community.

This term we have welcomed Emily Hubert and Adelle Vallelonga to the R-2 class as they begin their education in the Reception Class. We also have welcomed Carmen Debnar into the Year 3-5 class. I am pleased to see these girls settle well into our community and how our students have made them feel welcome.

As mentioned earlier, we have Gala Night this term on 13th August at the Barmera Monash Football Club. Thank you to the families who have been able to help so far. I encourage all families to not only attend the evening but also to help out in making it a success. This might mean helping out before the event and/or to help out on the night. Even if you are only able to help out for 30 mins on the night, it still would be appreciated and valued.

Over the last few years, Gala Night has brought in approximately $5000 for the school. This money over the years has supported the purchase of; play and learning resources, laptops, other ICT equipment and the Jumping Pillow. The fundraising that the community collects goes directly...
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back into learning opportunities for students and value adds to what the school already provides for each student.

Well done to Nanda and Stephen (and the other cast and crew) in participating in and sharing of their gifts with “Into the Woods” – I thoroughly enjoyed the show. Good luck to Jasper and Oscar Harding as they will be performing in the Riverland Primary Schools Music Festival 2016 next Thursday.

Finally, if you haven’t seen our new TV Commercial on TV yet, you are able to see it on the schools Facebook page. I think it is excellent!

Have a great weekend!

Mr Lee Abela

Term Dates
For 2016

Term 1
1 Feb – 15 April

Term 2
2 May – 8 July

Term 3
25 July – 30 Sept

Term 4
17 Oct – 16 Dec

Religious Identity + Mission

In these times of hate and fear mongering, may we all steadfastly hold on to light and goodness in the world. Radiate this light for our children, for the world, for every place and person broken by violence, fear and hatred, for every place and person in pain and grief, for you and for me. Peace, now. Peace within us. Peace around us.

A Blessing

Which is to say this blessing is always.

Which is to say there is no place this blessing does not long to cry out in lament, to weep its words in sorrow, to scream its lines in sacred rage.

Which is to say there is no day this blessing ceases to whisper into the ear of the dying, the despairing, the terrified.

Which is to say there is no moment this blessing refuses to sing itself into the heart of the hated and the hateful, the victim and the victimizer, with every last ounce of hope it has.

Which is to say there is none that can stop it, none that can halt its course, none that will still its cadence, none that will delay its rising.

None that can keep it from springing forth from the mouths of us who hope, from the hands of us who act, from the hearts of us who love.

From the feet of us who will not cease our stubborn, aching marching, marching until this blessing has spoken its final word, until this blessing has breathed its benediction in every place, in every tongue:

Peace.
Peace.
Peace.

— Jan Richardson

Nanda de Winter
Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2016.

These students have successfully finishing the challenge and followed the clues to break the code which has unlocked their PRC door in the library.

**Student Learning and Wellbeing - R12 Class visit the Library**

We went to the library, we read a book, we made some emus. Then we went to Playspace and had a little play.

**By Setasant Coote - Reception**

At the library we read Edward the Emu and then we made emus out of cardboard, feathers and pipe cleaners. We then went to Playspace and I went on the flying saucer and went really high.

**By Thomas Smith - Year 2**

**Student Learning and Wellbeing - Whole School Book Week Performance**

St Joseph’s School staff and students invite you and your families to our 2016 Book Week performance of

The Kookaburra Kids

by Judith Prior

on Thursday 25th August

at the Bonney Theatre beginning at 7:00 pm

ENTRY IS FREE
Mini Relay is a fundraiser for the Cancer Council like the big Relay For Life that is held each year in Berri during October. The Mini Relay was set up by Mrs Scadden so that Riverland school students could experience being part of the Relay For Life.

At St Joseph’s the 67 class is organising some fundraisers for the whole school to participate in and support the 2016 Mini Relay For Life. These events will all be happening during the next 2 weeks. This year the Mini Relay will be held at Cobdogla Primary School on Friday 12th August.

ST JOSEPH’S 67 CLASS FUNDRAISING EVENTS
ALL 2 WEEKS:

Magic square Raffles: Tickets available all 2 weeks, 50c a tickets Raffles drawn on Friday 12th August at morning line up.

Guess lollies in the jar: All 2 weeks (4 jars) 50c a guess or $1.50 for a guess at all 4 jars. Winners will be announced Friday 12th August at morning line up.

Sausage sizzle Lunch:
Friday 5th of August (1 sausage for $1.50, 2 sausages for $3.00) Pre order note will be sent home soon.

Cupcake Recess day:
Friday 5th of August 50c each Pre order note will be sent home soon.

20c day:
All games and
Monday 8th August - Mary MacKillop Day
• Hand made ribbons with pins for sale.
• Big board games.
• Pie in the face. Throw a pie in our special guest’s face for $3.50 or for 2 throws $6.00.
• And lots of other fun activities.

The 67 class thank you for you continued support during for this event.