Dear Parents and Caregivers,

In accordance with the funding agreement with the Australian Government I would like to report to you by way of what is termed our School Performance Data for 2013. You will find much of it is statistically based, but it is required by law.

1. **Contextual Information**

   St Joseph's School is a Catholic co-educational single-stream primary school currently enrolling 235 children from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 6. It is situated in the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder. The school is an integral part of the Goldfield's Parish and there is a close working relationship between the parish and the school. St Joseph's motto - 'Sharing is Caring' - accurately describes the unique pastoral care that is freely given by all members of the St Joseph's community.

   We educate the whole child by providing a holistic education. We incorporate many educational strategies aimed at assisting children to realize their full potential and flourish as lifelong learners, including RAiSe and Reading Recovery, with specialists in Physical Education, Science, Visual Arts and Drama. St Joseph's is a modern well-equipped school including smartboards, Apple TVs, computers and iPads in every classroom.

   Our school has a warm, intimate and friendly environment where all children are challenged to reach their potential in a Catholic context. At St Joseph’s your child is in the care of our highly professional and dedicated staff.

2. **Staffing Levels and Qualifications**

   Collectively, our staff have the following degrees:

   - 1 x Bachelor of Education (P-12)
   - 1 x Bachelor of Education (K-7)
   - 6 x Bachelor of Education – Early Childhood
   - 3 x Bachelor of Education
   - 1 x Graduate Diploma Education
   - 1 X Graduate Diploma in Computer Studies
   - 1 x Diploma of Teaching
   - 1 x Diploma of Religious Education
1 x Masters of Religious Education
1 x Masters of Education
3 x Bachelor of Arts (Education)
2 x Graduate Certificate in Religious Education

3. Workforce Composition

We have one Australian Indigenous member of staff and one male teaching staff out of a total workforce of 26.

4. Attendance at School

The information below shows staff and student attendance during 2013:

- Average staff attendance: 98%
- Average student attendance: 93%

5. NAPLAN Testing

In 2013 at St Joseph’s our children sat the National Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (NAPLAN Testing) in Years 3 and 5. The following tables show our performance in the NAPLAN testing in 2013. The table below shows the percentage of students who reached the National minimum standard or above.

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6. Parent, student and teacher satisfaction

There is a high level of anecdotal evidence to suggest that St Joseph’s School students and parents were satisfied with the school and teachers. Incidents were dealt with quickly and in accordance with “How to Deal with a Dispute of Complaint in a Catholic School”. Any incident dealt with by the Catholic Education Office of Western Australia demonstrated that St Joseph’s was a positive environment.

7. Student Destinations

Of our Graduating Year Six class in 2013 we saw them go to the following schools:

- 28 students to John Paul College, Kalgoorlie
- 1 student interstate
8. **School Income**

We recommend for details you refer to the St Joseph’s Boulder page on the My School Website http://www.myschool.edu.au

**Religious Education**

St Joseph’s School is a part of the Archdiocese of Perth. The Religious Education curriculum is based on learning from guidelines as set out by the Archbishop of Perth, Rev. Archbishop Timothy Costelloe. These guidelines are taught in all classes across the school from Pre Primary to Year Six. Kindergarten children are taught from the resource known as Kindergarten Conversations.

The Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation were received by a number of students predominantly from Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6 with a small proportion from the other classes throughout the school.

The priests visited the school regularly to either celebrate a mass, liturgy or to interact with our children on a more informal basis.

A number of fund raising events were held throughout the year to support Caritas, Life-link and other charities.

Staff and students celebrated the seasons of Lent and Advent as a whole school through masses and liturgies as well as providing the opportunity for Reconciliation. Other Religious based activities included Liturgies for Mother’s Day, Father’s day, ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day. St Joseph’s Day and the Feast of The Assumption were celebrated with a Mass.

An opening School Mass was held at the beginning of the year to celebrate the ‘coming together’ of staff and students. A Mass was held, in conjunction with the Year Seven Graduation, in the last week of the school year. All classes were involved to some extent. This was a very prayerful and joyous occasion.

Miranda Swann
Principal

30th June 2014