Dear Parents, Children and Friends,

MEET AND GREET: ENGAGING OUR COMMUNITY

I was delighted to see so many members of our community come together for our Annual Meet & Greet on Sunday afternoon. Delightful food and activities were enjoyed by adults and children alike. The children enjoyed the bouncy castles and the activities coordinated by our Year Six class group. I would like to thank the P&F for holding such a successful afternoon and I look forward to the next one!

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our school photos are scheduled to take place on Friday, 6 March. This week your child would have received their school photo envelope, outlining a variety of packs for purchase. We ask that the envelopes are returned on the day of the photos, with your selection, not prior to the day. All photo envelopes must be returned to school on this day, even if you are not making a purchase.

**Building community at the St Joseph's School Meet and Greet**

Keep in Our Prayers

Please pray for members of our community who are sick or in need or our prayerful support:

♦ Mrs Hoyne and family as her mother passed away recently.
ASH WEDNESDAY MASS
On Wednesday we celebrated Ash Wednesday as a community with St Mary’s School. Our Pre-Primary to Year Three classes went over to St Mary’s Church and joined the St Mary’s children in a liturgy and received the ashes. St Mary’s students from Years Four to Six travelled to St Joseph’s and joined the upper primary staff and children in this very special mass.

During the mass, Father Mark reminded the children that during the 40 days of Lent we needed to focus on three things: Prayer, Fasting and Acts of Charity. Father Mark also reminded the children that during Lent each one of them (and us!) are spiritual soldiers and that we grow closer to Jesus as we focus on his journey over the Lenten period.

I would like to thank Father Mark and Deacon Truc for leading us in this very special mass and our parents and parishioners who joined us. A special thank you to Mrs Stafford for coordinating the mass and to our readers, staff and students who assisted in the mass.

iPAD PARENT WORKSHOP
On Wednesday between 4:30 - 5:30pm, our parents from Years Four to Six are invited to attend an iPad Parent Workshop with Miss Britt, Miss Ellis, Mr Shaw and Mrs Houston in the Year Four classroom. This is an opportunity for our parents to further enhance their skills and abilities on the iPad, as well as interact with apps that their children use in the classroom. Please remember to bring your child’s iPad along, and your child if you wish. All abilities and levels are happily catered for. We look forward to seeing you there.

SEEDS PROGRAM
Our SEEDS Program, formerly Gifted & Talented, will begin shortly. As mentioned last week, our children have been assessed using the AGAT Assessment to identify their strengths. Each term the program will take on a different focus such as mathematics, linguistics, logical and lateral thinking, and children with these particular strengths will be invited into the program. As not all children have strengths in all of these areas, the groups will be fluid and will change according to the strength being developed. As a result, the participants invited each term will change.

Many forms of data determine the children that are invited into the SEEDS program, one of these being a survey for parents that was sent home with the children recently. I urge all parents to return this survey to the school as soon as possible.

NEW SCHOOL JUMPERS
Our lovely new ‘V’ neck school jumpers are for sale in the uniform shop at a cost of $55.00. The Uniform Shop is currently offering families the opportunity to laybuy this item over the term in preparation for the arrival of the cooler weather. Should you wish to laybuy a jumper, please see Mrs King or Mrs Miller. Please be mindful that the knitted jumper is the only jumper that can be worn with the formal school summer or winter uniform. The current zip up sport jacket is to be worn with the sport uniform only.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS
Mrs Otty is looking for some canteen volunteers to assist with ice-cream sales to the children at lunchtime between 1.05-1.25pm. Unfortunately, some children are missing out on purchasing their yummy treats as the demand is so great. If you are able to assist please see Mrs Otty in the canteen or leave your name at the office. I am sure the children will be very thankful for your assistance, especially in this very warm weather.

May God bless our school and those within it.

Mrs Miranda Swann
Principal

CURRICULUM NEWS

RUNNING RECORDS
This week classroom teachers from Years One to Six will complete their running records for the month of February – the first round of Running Records for 2015. At St Joseph’s classroom teachers complete Running Records monthly for students reading at or below Level 30. Running Records capture what children know and understand about the reading process. They provide teachers with an opportunity to plan appropriate instruction and collect evidence of what the child is able to do and what they are ready to learn.

A Running Record is not just the recording of right and wrong words. It requires observing all behaviours to help determine the “thinking process” children are using as they read the text. A correct response does not necessarily reveal the thinking a child is using unless they have verbalized or shown through body language (e.g. eyes go to the picture, finger moves back across the text) their mental processing. A Running Record provides teachers with a playback of an entire oral reading conference, including the smallest details on the reader’s attitude, demeanour, accuracy, and understanding. With this information, teachers can analyse behaviours, responses, competencies, initiatives taken, and in turn, determine instructional needs. Running Records are also a critical piece of assessment for the formation of dynamic guided reading groups, and allow for the selection of “just right” texts and the teaching of appropriate strategies. Running Records allow teachers to document progress over time when an initial or baseline record is compared to a more recent one.
**SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SPELLING TEST**
This week students from Years One to Six will sit the South Australian Spelling Test (SAST). This is a standardised test of spelling achievement for students in the age range of six to sixteen years. The SAST acts as a screening instrument, enabling teachers to determine the spread of spelling ability within their classroom and identify students who may require additional assistance. The SAST also provides teachers with each student’s spelling age, in comparison to their chronological age. This assessment tool compliments our recent Words Their Way spelling placement testing.

**OBSERVATION SURVEYS**
Over the next few weeks, classroom teachers in Years One to Three will administer Observation Surveys to a number of students. The Observation Survey includes six literacy tasks, all of which are necessary for describing a child’s emerging reading and writing behaviours.

Have a wonderful week.

Mr Luke Shaw
Assistant Principal - Curriculum

**EDUCATION IN FAITH**

**A LENTEN PRAYER**

Lord,
Let everything I do this day and in this season of Lent come from you, be inspired by you.
I long to be closer to you.
Help me to remember that nothing is important in my life unless it glorifies you in some way.
It’s so easy to get caught up in the day to day of my life and keep saying, “Tomorrow, I will spend more time in prayer,” but now my longing meets your love and I want to do it now.
Help me to rely on you for help.
The prayer asks you that I reach perfection.
Please, Lord, remind me that "perfection" isn’t the crazy, "successful" way I try to live my life, but a perfection of my most authentic, real self.
My "perfection" might be holding my many flaws in my open hands, asking you to help me accept them.
Heal me, Lord, and help me to find you in the darkness of my life.
Let me reach out in this darkness and feel your hand and love there to guide me.

This prayer reminds me of the importance to make time for prayer in my everyday busy life. I particularly like the line in the Prayer that reminds me that ‘perfection’ is not seen as success, rather it is reflected in the manner of being the real me.

Mrs Annemarie Hoyne
Reading Recovery / Support Teacher

**IPAD WORKSHOP**

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We will be holding an iPad Parent Workshop in the Year Four classroom on Wednesday 25th February from 4.30-5.30pm for parents and students in Years Four to Six. The purpose of this workshop is to provide parents with support and a greater understanding of how the iPad is used in our classroom as a creative learning tool. We will also provide time for you to ask any questions relating to your child’s iPad and/or use of apps.

This is an informal event where we will be using a number of apps that your child has used in class. Parents are invited to bring their child along to the workshop, in order to collaborate when creating. This workshop is for parents and students in Years Four to Six only; please do not bring siblings.
SWIMMING PRACTICE YRS 4-6
We will be holding swimming practice sessions at the Oasis Recreation Centre in preparation for the swimming carnival and the inter-school swimming.

The dates and times are: 7:00-7:30am
- Thursday 26th Feb
- Tuesday 3rd March
- Thursday 5th March
- Thursday 12th March
- Tuesday 17th March
- Monday 23rd March
- Tuesday 24th March

Please note that these are swimming SESSIONS, not lessons. Parents need to remain on the premises throughout the sessions. I will be there as a duty of care too.

Kelly Woolley
Physical Education Teacher

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School photos will be taking place on Friday 6th March.

Students from Pre Kindy to Year Six will be having their photos taken.

- Years One to Six students MUST be in their correct Summer School Uniform.
- Photo envelope MUST be handed back to your child’s teacher on photo day so it can be given to the photographer on the day (even if not buying photos).
- This envelope enables the school to name students for school records.
- If you are buying photos choose which pack and tick it accordingly and include payment in envelope.
- Please include the CORRECT MONEY as NO CHANGE is available from the office.
- A full refund is guaranteed if dissatisfied—return photos within 7 days.
- Discount available for 3rd and subsequent students in the same family - Half price when packs A, B or C are ordered.
- No late order accepted after photo day.

FAMILY PHOTOS
- Envelopes are available from the office.
- These envelopes MUST be handed into the school office prior to photo day.
- Please include CORRECT MONEY as NO CHANGE is available from the office.
- A full refund is guaranteed if dissatisfied - return photos within 7 days.
- A $20 search fee will apply to all late orders
- FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS ARE ONLY FOR SIBLINGS ATTENDING OUR SCHOOL!

KISS AND GO ZONE
Please remember you must not leave your car in this area to pick up your children before or after school. This is for flow through traffic only.
Pre-Kindy 2015

Pre-Kindy has been very busy this term discovering the delights of our classroom and the shared learning space next door. We have all settled in nicely and are enjoying playing with all our new friends.

Mrs Sharon Pavlinovich
Pre-Kindy Teacher
P&F NEWS

MEET AND GREET
On Sunday afternoon, we held our annual Meet and Greet out on the oval and it was a fantastic success. Thankyou to all the families who came along to share in the afternoon with us. We had bouncy castles, the Year Six students set up a variety of games for everyone to play including sticky wicket, egg and spoon races and a great game of tug of war - which got everyone involved. We held a raffle to win one of our new school jumpers, launched our new volunteer card (details below) and of course we cooked our delicious barbeque! We would like to say a really big thank you to everyone who was involved behind the scenes and to those who came along to enjoy the afternoon. The Meet and Greet is a great chance for families to catch up with friends, and to make new ones, in relaxed surroundings and we really love the support we’ve been shown for this event.

ST JOSEPH’S VOLUNTEER CARD
We are so excited to launch our new St Joseph’s Volunteer Card. Each time you help at school or with a P&F event you will get a ‘MAD’ stamp (Make A Difference) on your volunteer card. When you have 10 stamps on your card, you will go into the draw to win either $500, $300 or $200 from your child's school fees. The cards (one per family) are available from the office. Some ways to earn MAD stamps include; helping with reading in class, volunteering at swim carnivals or water fun days, helping at a sausage sizzle/disco/sports carnival or in the canteen… wherever you can make a difference.

UNIFORM SHOP
We have generously been donated a variety of black and white trainers (suitable for school), which are for sale at HALF the retail price! Please see our office staff or Mrs King in the Uniform Shop for further details.

COOKBOOK
Have you seen our wonderful school cookbooks? We have a limited number available for sale for $20. Please see the front office for details.

RAFFLE WINNER
Megan Murphy is the luck winner of the P&F Meet and Greet Jumper raffle.
ST. JOE’S KALGOORLIE SOCCER CLUB INC

LAST CHANCE FOR AGM.

All committee positions are
vacant due to work commitments/changing of clubs.

Thursday 26 February 2015
At
St Joseph’s School Kamballie Hall Commencing 3.15pm

If there are no committee members - there will be no St Joe’s Soccer Club.
Come along and join our committee and be part of your child’s football club.

We Welcome All Old & New Players, Parents & Carers!

INVITATION TO

All Old and New Players and Volunteers

Meet and Greet Sausage Sizzle
Tuesday March 3
Morrison Oval
3.30 - 5pm
$100 Fees Payable on the day

If you have not registered on Sporting Pulse we will have computers set up to help you do this.

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