Dear Parents, Children and Friends,
Welcome back to school! I trust you all enjoyed a lovely Christmas break with your families and your children are well rested and enthusiastic about returning to school.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to families who are new to the school in 2015. I hope you will find your time at St Joseph’s to be a richly rewarding and fulfilling experience.

We have had a number of new staff join us this year. We welcome:
- Miss Renita Bodsworth & Ms Polly Gibson to Pre Primary
- Miss Kelly Woolley to Year Three & Physical Education
- Miss Ashleigh Ellis to Year Five
- Mrs Katrin James to Year Two & Year Three, and
- Mrs Karen King to the Uniform Shop and Office

I know each of these staff members will bring their own unique special gifts and talents to our learning and teaching program.

HOLIDAY WORK
The school has been a hive of activity over the break. The children were very excited to come back to school on Monday to our new projector screen mounted and ready for use in the undercover area. We thank the P&F and Board for this wonderful resource.

Our Early Learning Centre has had a makeover in the holidays. The Pre Primary classroom has relocated to the old art room and a wall has been partially removed to make way for operable doors that will be installed next weekend. This allows us to create an incredible hands on space in the old pre-primary room that will house the home corner, structured play activities and a plethora of hands on material and equipment that will be available for use for Pre-Primary, Kindy and Pre-Kindy every day.

This change will greatly enhance the program, opportunities and outcomes for the children in this area. It will be finalised with Pre Primary receiving new carpet and furniture in the coming weeks.

Other school holiday work included:
- Removing the old air conditioners from the roof space in Years 1-6 and the patching of the roof in these areas.
- Modification of the school security alarm in order to further enhance security within the school.

ANNUAL SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR 2015
This year we continue to work in partnership with the School Board, Staff and P&F to provide your children with a high quality education. I have attached our Annual School Improvement Plan for 2015-2016 to this newsletter in order to further inform you of the for the coming year. This year, we will invite all of our stakeholders to take part in the construction of a long term strategic plan for St Joseph’s School which will earmark it as an outstanding educational institution for children in the Goldfields and a model of excellence in Western Australia.

Parent Information Evenings
Our annual Parent Information Evenings (Class Meetings) will be held over the next week. I strongly encourage at least one parent from each family to attend these meetings as they outline the teacher’s expectations for the year and educate parents about programs that will be running in the school in 2015. The session days and times are as follows:

- **Kindy:** Tuesday 10th Feb at 3pm
- **Pre Primary:** Wednesday 11th Feb at 5pm
- **Year One:** Thursday 12th Feb at 4.30pm
- **Year Two:** Tuesday 10th Feb at 5pm
- **Year Three:** Tuesday 10th Feb at 5.45pm
- **Year Four:** Thursday 5th Feb at 5.00pm
- **Year Five:** Thursday 12th Feb at 5.30pm
- **Year Six:** Wednesday 11th Feb at 5.30pm

Keep in Our Prayers
Please pray for members of our community who are sick or in need or our prayerful support:
- Mrs Hoyne as her mother is sick.
LINE MANAGEMENT
In order to streamline processes and further improve communication, we have formalised a Line Management process for staff and parents.

Should you require assistance in regards to your child’s education or overall needs, the first port of call would be to book an appointment with the classroom teacher. If you require further assistance, Mrs Tanya Stafford will be managing students in Pre Kindy to Year Two and Mr Luke Shaw will be managing the students in Year Three to Year Six. Please feel free to book an appointment with Mr Shaw, Mrs Stafford or myself at any time.

St Joseph’s School
Line Management Process

Mrs Tanya Stafford
Pre Kindy – Year 2
students

NO

Mr Luke Shaw
Years 3 – 6
students

YES

Mrs Tanya Stafford
Religious Education & Administration

NO

Mr Luke Shaw
Curriculum

YES

Is my issue related specifically to Religious Education, Curriculum or Administration?

Please see your child’s Classroom Teacher first.

Is my issue related specifically to my child’s achievement or wellbeing?

PUFFIL FREE DATES 2015
As advertised last year, our Pupil Free Days for 2015 are as follows:

TERM 1
Monday 16 February
Tuesday 17 February

TERM 2
Monday 20 April
TERM 2
Monday 20 July
Monday 17 August

Please mark these dates in your diary.

MUSIC LESSONS
We will be continuing with our instrumental program this year. We will be offering drums, piano/keyboard and guitar. Enrolment forms are attached to this newsletter and need to be returned by Friday 6 February, as lessons begin early next week.

OPENING SCHOOL MASS
This Thursday we invite all members of our school community to join us to celebrate our Opening School Mass at 9.30am at All Hallows. We look forward to sharing the celebration with you.

INTERNET & EMAIL CONTRACTS
All children were issued with their individual internet and email contracts yesterday. Please ensure you take the time to read and discuss this very important contract with your child. All signed contracts must be returned to school no later than 6th February. Children are unable to use computers or iPads at school until these contracts have been returned to their class teacher.

UNIFORMS
Finally, I would like to thank each parent for sending their children to school looking incredibly neat and tidy. I believe high standards begin within; if we have pride in our appearance and wear our uniform correctly and with pride, this will translate to higher standards in the classroom. I encourage all parents to be vigilant in maintaining this high standard all year.

May God bless our school and those within it.

Miranda Swann
Principal
CURRICULUM NEWS

Welcome back to a new school year. It has been wonderful seeing the students again, ready to begin another year of learning at St Joseph’s.

This year, teachers will continue to plan meaningful and differentiated learning experiences, using the Australian Curriculum. In our early years, this will be combined with the continued implementation of the Early Years Learning Framework. Students will continue to be engaged in our literacy blocks and 2015 will see a focus on the reading acquisition process and the role of comprehension.

Over the next few weeks you will notice teachers conducting specific testing on students, across all year groups. These tests are for both literacy and numeracy to help the teacher understand exactly where your child is at in these subject areas and how best to programme for their individual needs. They also reinforce our commitment as a school to differentiate the curriculum to meet each learner’s needs.

By the end of this week, students from Years One to Six will have sat a Words Their Way placement test. We continue to use this whole-school spelling program, in which students engage in a variety of sound, pattern and meaning activities, and sorting pictures and words. It caters for differentiated learning within the classroom, rather than a one-size fits all solution.

Luke Shaw
Assistant Principal - Curriculum

EDUCATION IN FAITH

HOW TO BRING OUT THE BEST IN EACH OTHER

Jesus told us to love each other, this was not a request from Him, it was a command! But sometimes it’s not easy to love other people. Building a relationship is like having to pass your driving test before you get your license. You have to study the driving test before you get your license. You have to study the driver’s manual and practise before you pass the test. Just as the driver’s manual and practice are basic in learning how to drive, love and action are basic in learning how to have relationships. Here are four easy steps to follow:

Believe in those you love. Everyone’s created in the image of God.
Encourage them. We can help others if we speak positive words.
Share yourself. When we are open, it helps others to be open too.
Trust. Give people freedom to succeed and fail in their own time.

Remember to tell people what you like about them, not what you don’t like. Encourage your family and friends, don’t criticise them. Jesus loved us with a pure, unselfish love and he commands us to do the same with each other. To honour Jesus we must remember to bring out the BEST in each other!!!

REFLECTION

I have chosen this prayer as the new school year begins, as it reminds us all of the importance of the relationships we need to build with our students and school community. The students at St Joseph’s are striving for excellence and in order for them to achieve great results. We need to BRING OUT THE BEST IN THEM, through love – showing them we care, encouragement - always reinforcing with a positive tone, sharing - of ourselves and together, and trust-providing a safe non-judgemental environment. Let’s work together to be the BEST WE CAN BE.

Tanya Stafford - Assistant Principal - Religious Education

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

OPENING SCHOOL MASS

We begin the year with a Whole School Opening Mass on Thursday 6th February at All Hallows Church starting at 9.30am. Pre-primary to Year Six students will be attending and all parents and friends are warmly invited to join us to celebrate the beginning of the school year.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2015

Parents of students who are eligible to participate in the Parish Sacramental Program this year will be sent a separate letter outlining the process of each sacrament close to the commencement of the program.

The Sacrament of Eucharist will take place in Term 2 on the 21st June, Confirmation in Term 3 on the 22nd August and Reconciliation in Term 4 on the 14th November. The commitment mass for all sacraments is on the weekend of 14/15th March.

All Catholic children in Year 3 (Reconciliation), Year 4 (Eucharist) and Year 6 (Confirmation) will automatically receive this information.
ORGANISATION for students means...

- setting goals to do your best
- listening carefully to teacher instructions
- planning time effectively so you’re not rushed
- keeping track of assignment due dates
- keeping school supplies neat and orderly

RESILIENCE for students means...

- not getting extremely angry and fighting when someone is mean or acts unfairly
- not worrying a lot about having to take a test or meeting someone
- not getting very down and staying away from people after receiving a bad result or someone saying something negative
- calming down when angry, down or worried
- bounding back to work or play after a ‘setback’

Over the Year there will be You Can Do It! Parent Information eEvenings held for families. The first will be held on Monday the 23rd of February. Parents are invited to come along to learn more about the ‘Organisation’ key, the Resilience key, the You Can Do It! Health program and what you can do at home to help your child. Keep watching the newsletter for more information.
PARISH NEWS
From Fr Andrew: The saying ‘take the good times and the bad’ only makes sense if we are a fatalist, whatever will be will be, or more correctly, if we are a Christian and see the good in suffering and struggle for the sake of our Lord and His Kingdom (Job 7:1-4; 6:7). In Christ, and understanding our weakness and limitedness, we are able to empathise with and help others through encouragement, offering them genuine hope through the grace of Christ (1 Cor 9:16-23). Jesus is the power to save our souls, to raise us up from bodily and spiritual sickness. This is ‘Good News’ and for those who experience it they are called to share this with others who need to hear and be reassured (Mk 1:29-39).

RIGHT OF CHRISTIANS INITIATION OF ADULTS
Next meeting – Monday 9th February at Saint Mary’s Hall at 7.30pm.

P&F NEWS - Next Meeting
Monday 9th February at 9am in the multi-purpose room.

KYLE AUGUST HOT SHOTS TENNIS PROGRAMME
Phone: 0450 236 086
Where: Goldfields Tennis Club, Marshall Street (Next to the BMX track)
When: Monday or Tuesday or Thursday 3.30-4.30pm (Ages 5-6) 4.30-5.30pm (Ages 7-8) 5.30-6.30pm (Ages 9-11)
Cost: 8 lesson term @ $100 or $15 per lesson.
Pre Tennis Hot Shots Lessons (for children aged 3 & 4 years old)
When: Tuesday and Thursday Mornings 3 Year old 9.00 to 9.30am.
Cost: 8 lesson term @ 60.00 or $8 per lessons.
When: Wednesdays or Fridays after school.
Cost: 4 Year old 8 lesson term @80.00 or $12 per lesson.
Commencing Monday 20th October (Term 4 Week 2) Racquets provided if necessary.
REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

SCHOOL LEADERS FOR 2015
Congratulations to our student leaders for 2015:

Head Girl Mary Nguyen
Head Boy Daniel Trow
Hainault House Captains
   Jack Pettingill
   Monique Pretorius
Hasting House Captains
   Samuel Gleeson
   Karlos Isaako
Hastings House Captain
   Daniel Gent
   Callum Luke
Trafalgar House Captain
   Mark Patea
   Olivia Antonio
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