Dear Parents, Children and Friends,

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Prayer for Remembrance Day
O God, our ruler and guide,
In whose hands are the destinies of this and
every nation,
We give you thanks for the freedoms we
enjoy in this land
And for those who laid down their lives to
defend them:
We pray that we and all the people of
Australia,
Gratefully remember their courage and
their sacrifice,
May we have the grace to live in a spirit of
justice, of generosity, and of peace;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen

On Friday we celebrated Remembrance
Day with a whole school liturgy led by
Father Matthew and the Year 6 class.
We thank our family and friends who joined
us to remember the fallen and those
currently serving around the world.

SPEAK UP AWARDS
Our students from Years 3-6 have been
busily preparing themselves for our
Inaugural St Joseph’s School Speak Up
Awards which takes place this week. Each
student will present a three to five minute
speech to their class on a topic they are
passionate about with two finalists being
chosen from each class to compete in
the Speak Up Awards Grand Final on
Thursday afternoon from 1.45pm. We
invite our parents, friends and wider
community members to come along and
join us in the Kamballie Grandstand for this
very exciting event.

ADVENT HAMPERS & REFLECTION
Our weekly Advent Reflection began
yesterday and will continue every Monday
until the end of term. We invite our
parents and friends to join us during this
time in the Kamballie Grandstand from
8.45am. As part of the lead up to Advent, we
again join together as a community to
donate non-perishable treats that will be
collected by the sisters of the Missionaries
of Charity and used to feed families and
individuals in need this Christmas. Please
drop these items in the classroom baskets.
Your donation will go a long way to
support the wider community.

BOOKLISTS
Booklists for 2017 will make their way
home today. We are well supported by our
local company, Office National, again this
year. They have provided our families with a
number of options for payment including
credit card, in person and online payment.
To ensure that you receive booklist prices
deadlines are as follows:

Online and in store Payment:
DUE BY 8 DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS PICNIC CONCERT ON
THE OVAL
We invite our parents and members of the
wider community to join us for our
Christmas Concert and Picnic on the school
oval on Tuesday 6th December. Each
class has been practicing an item with their
class teacher. The concert will begin
promptly at 6pm and is compulsory for all
students.

MACKILLOP BLOCK: A HIVE OF
ACTIVITY
Work continues in the MacKillop block.
Recently I met with the insurance assessor,
structural engineer, builder and architect to
closely view the building now the roof has
been fully removed. As expected, further
structural work is required and you may
have noticed that some internal and
external walls have been removed and will
be required to be rebuilt during the project.
Despite this extra work, I am assured that
the project will remain on track with the
classes being able to move back into an
incredible contemporary new space at the
end of term one 2017.
SWIMMING LESSONS
Swimming lessons begin next week at the Oasis for all students from Pre Primary to Year Six.

Session times are as follows:
Lesson 1 9:15 - 9:55 Pre Primary and Year 3.
Lesson 2 10:00 - 10:40 Year 4-6
Lesson 3 10:45 - 11:25 Year 1 and Year 2.

Please ensure that unless your child is in the first swim session of the day, they do not to wear swimmers to school but to have them in their bag to change into. Students are to wear their sports uniform for the two weeks of swimming lessons.

Payment for swimming lessons is due by Friday 18th November.

SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING
Our Annual Community Meeting takes place at 6.30pm on Thursday 24 November in the school library. Please mark this date in your diary.

Attached to this newsletter are the P&F and School Board nomination forms. I would ask that you seriously consider offering yourself for nomination on either of these associations. It is a wonderful way in which parents can actively contribute to the school as both focus on providing the very best for our students.

May God bless our school and those within it.

Miranda Swann
Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ADVENT REFLECTIONS
It is getting closer to that special time of year: Christmas! St Joseph’s School will begin each Monday at 8.45am with an Advent Reflection. The Years Three and Six classes recently led the school in a very meaningful Advent Reflection on Monday morning.

Each class will be provided with a basket to collect non-perishable goods for our Christmas Drive to assist the needy members of our wider community. Below is the schedule for the upcoming Advent Reflections and which classes are responsible:

Week 7: Monday 21st November - Years 1 and 5
Week 8: Monday 28th November - Years 2 and 4
Week 9: Monday 5th December - PP and Office

Please keep these dates in mind, so that you can start donating items to your child’s classroom basket. Thank you in advance for your kindness and support for this worthy cause.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT/PLAY
The children of St Joseph’s School are getting excited and are starting to prepare for the Christmas Concert on Tuesday 6th December commencing at 6.00pm. All classes will be singing three songs in total on the night and will provide the community with the joy of Christmas carols to assist with getting into the Christmas spirit. The theme for the Christmas Concert will be ‘The Nativity’ and a small number of students from Years 4-6 will be fortunate enough to perform acting roles on the night as well. All children will need to wear their black sport shorts, white sport socks, runners and a Christmas themed shirt (red or green) on the night of the Christmas Concert. So get your picnic and rug ready for this memorable evening.

SPEAK UP AWARDS GRAND FINAL
Every child in Years Three to Six has presented a speech for the Speak Up Awards in class this week. The feedback from classroom teachers about these speeches was very positive, as all children put in a lot of time and effort to plan, research, construct and rehearse a speech for this competition. Two students from each of these year levels have been chosen by their classroom teachers through a strict criteria to present their speech in front of a wider audience in our Grand Final.

The Speak Up Awards Grand Final will be in the Kamballie Grandstand on Thursday 17th November, commencing at 1.45pm. We are fortunate enough to have Mrs Katherine Coulter (the Head of The Arts Department at JPC) as our Head Adjudicator, along with Mrs Swann and Mr Shaw. It will be a fantastic opportunity for these students to showcase their speeches and we would love for all parents to join us.

Mr Justin Miller
Assistant Principal - Religious Education
SEMESTER TWO REPORTS
Semester Two reports will be available online via SEQTA Engage on Tuesday 6th December. When determining your child’s grade at the end of Semester Two, the teacher takes into account the progress your child has made towards the standards supplied by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority. To make an on-balance professional judgment, teachers will consider the following:

1. Consider what the student can already do.
2. Consider the knowledge, understanding and skills covered up to that point in time.
3. Compare student achievement with the standards represented by each grade.
4. Give the grade that best matches what the student has achieved in relation to the standard achieved so far.

Teachers can then compare their students’ achievements with the standards given for each grade and make a balanced judgment about the grade that is most appropriate to summarise your child’s achievement. Teachers allocate grades based on what is taught and achievement demonstrated up to that point. Expected progress is the maintenance of a grade. For example, if your child achieved a C grade in Semester One, then the expected progress for your child will mean the maintenance of a C grade or attaining above this in Semester Two.

Mr Luke Shaw
Assistant Principal Curriculum

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EDUCATION IN FAITH

OUR MASTER’S VOICE
When the house lights dimmed and the concert was about to begin, the mother returned to her seat and discovered that the child was missing.

Suddenly, the curtains parted and spotlights focused on the impressive Steinway on stage. In horror, the mother saw her little boy sitting at the keyboard, innocently picking out “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star.”

At that moment, the great piano master made his entrance, quickly moved to the piano, and whispered in the boy’s ear,

"Don’t quit. Keep playing."

Then, leaning over, Padrewski reached down with his left hand and began filling in a bass part. Soon his right arm reached around to the other side of the child, and he added a running obbligato.

Together, the old master and the young novice transformed what could have been a frightening situation into a wonderfully creative experience.

The audience was so mesmerized that they couldn’t recall what else the great master played.

Only the classic, “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star.”

Perhaps that's the way it is with God.

What we can accomplish on our own is hardly noteworthy.

We try our best, but the results aren't always graceful flowing music. However, with the hand of the Master, our life’s work can truly be beautiful.

The next time you set out to accomplish great feats, listen carefully. You may hear the voice of the Master, whispering in your ear,

"Don't quit. Keep playing."

May you feel His arms around you and know that His hands are there, helping you turn your feeble attempts into true masterpieces.

May God bless you and be with you always!

Miranda Swann
UNIFORM FITTINGS
Mrs King, from the Uniform Shop, will be in Kindy and Pre Primary in the coming weeks for any parent who would like pre-order uniforms for 2017.

Kindy
Wednesday 23rd November  
2.30pm onwards.

Pre Primary
Wednesday 30th November  
3.00pm onwards

LIBRARY NEWS
We have a number of new books that require covering. Please contact the office if you are able to assist. Thank you.

CAN YOU HELP?

STUDENT BANKING
Student Banking THURSDAY.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS
Monday  
2.45pm - 3.30pm

Tuesday  
8.15am - 9.00am

REMINDER: The canteen is now only open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of every week.

Our NEW Canteen menu can be found on our website and our school app.

CANTEEN ROSTER
We are looking for helpers to assist on a regular basis in the Canteen. Please let us know if you are able to assist on the following dates

Wed 16th Nov HELP NEEDED
Thur 17th Nov HELP NEEDED
Frid 18th Nov HELP NEEDED

KISS AND GO ZONE
Please remember you must not leave your car in this area to pick up your children before or after school.

Parking in this area severely restricts traffic flow, causing traffic congestion of cars waiting to enter the school grounds from Burt Street.

SCHOOL APP
Download our fantastic school app and keep informed and up to date with all the fantastic events happening at St Joseph’s School.

Artists of the Week
Matthew Webb Yr 3
Paige Thornton Yr 6

Keep in Our Prayers
Please pray for members of our community who are sick or in need or our prayerful support.

Pre Primary
Zachary Micke
Year 1
Cooper Dowling
Year 2
Heamasi Faulua
Year 3
Addison Flannery
Year 4
Travis Edmonds
Year 5

Year 6
Tobie Fielding
Chance Wade

HOMEWORK CLUB
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday  
3.00pm – 3.30pm  
in the Library.

MERIT AWARD WINNERS WEEK 5
Pre Primary
Zachary Micke
Year 1
Cooper Dowling
Year 2
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Addison Flannery
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Year 5

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Year Three
Reconciliation Retreat

This term, the Year Three's have been learning about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Last Monday, we were very lucky to have been on a Reconciliation Retreat. Fr. Matthew came and spoke to us about the steps of confession and we enjoyed role playing our Reconciliation.

During our retreat, we wrote our own prayers and we created posters to display our prayers. Some of our posters are currently on display in All Hallows' Church, and there are more to see inside our classroom. We would love some visitors to come and read our wonderful work.

After a great day of learning and fun, we had a sausage sizzle, prepared and served for us by some amazing parents. Thank you for all the offers of assistance to help make our day as memorable as it was. We all had a fantastic day!
TREATING HEADLICE

What are head lice?
Head lice are tiny insect parasites that live on your head and feed on your scalp. This is a recurrent and common problem to which no stigma should be attached. It is best tackled at the home level. Parents should check frequently and take the necessary action when required.

How do I treat head lice?
There are two effective head lice treatments. Be sure to follow the directions for your preferred treatment exactly.

1. The 10-day hair conditioner treatment
Head lice can be removed by applying plenty of hair conditioner to dry hair and then combing to remove live lice and eggs. The conditioner makes it hard for the lice to move and traps them in the teeth of the comb. The conditioner also detangles hair, making combing easier.

What do I need?
- Any type of hair conditioner, including generic ‘home’ brands. Using white hair conditioner may make it easier to see the head lice.
- A metal fine-tooth ‘nit comb’ (available from most pharmacies).

2. Insecticide treatments
Three groups of insecticide (chemicals used to kill or control insects) have been shown to be effective and safe treatments for head lice. These are permethrin, pyrethrin and malathion.

Some other treatments may not have been properly tested and may be ineffective, expensive or even unsafe.

Check the product labels for active ingredients.

Household cleaning
Head lice and eggs do not survive long away from your scalp as they are human parasites. It is not necessary to:
- wash all your household linen or clothing
- vacuum
- scrub or spray your house with insecticide
- treat your dog or cat.

Stay home from school?
The co-operation of all parents is requested in dealing with the issue. Children should be kept at home until lice and eggs are killed.

For any further information about head lice and treatment, check out.  
http://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Healthy-living/School-health or speak with the School Nurse.

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Community Nurse Generalist  

WA Country Health Service - Goldfields  
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Locked Bag 3 Kalgoorlie WA 6433  
P (08) 9080 8200 | F (08) 9080 8201  
Email: brittany.tonkin@health.wa.gov.au
ANNUAL SCHOOL COMMUNITY MEETING

19th October 2016

Dear Parents

This is to advise you that our ANNUAL SCHOOL COMMUNITY MEETING will be held in the Library on Thursday 24th November at 6.30pm. This is a shared meeting between the School Board and the P & F Association. The purpose of the meeting is to report to the parent body on the activities of the Board and P & F during the current year, to outline plans for the future and to conduct elections to each body for the following year. The School Board will also present the draft budget for 2017.

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the evening.

We would certainly like to see you at this meeting and we also encourage you to nominate for a position on either the Board or the P & F Committee. Involvement with the School Board or P & F is very rewarding and gives the opportunity to be closely associated with the School. Attached to this letter are some details about the operation of, and requirements for nomination to the School Board and P & F Committee together with the relevant Nomination Forms. You are free to nominate yourself or some other person; however if you nominate another person you must obtain that person’s signature on the nomination form.

We look forward to having you attend the meeting and hope you will see your way clear to nominate for election on the enclosed Nomination Form. Nomination forms should be returned to the School by Friday 11th November.

Yours sincerely

_______________________
_______________________
Terrence Winner
St Joseph’s School Board Chairperson

Elana Scanlon
P & F Association President
The Board is entrusted with the duty of planning, on behalf of the school community, with the school staff (through the Principal) and with the CECWA to meet the present and future needs of the students.

Although the Board has no authority in the internal operation of the school, it is a legitimate function of the Board to provide an advisory service to the Principal and staff with respect to policy formation and review.

The School Board is responsible for the financial management of the School. It does this by approving an annual budget, including the level of fees charged, monitoring its operation and establishing policies related to financial management and capital development.

The school board should be a clear sign of the partnership between parish and school, parents and staff, the school and Catholic education as a whole, and between the school community and the broader Church community and society.

Functions of the board:

(a) Planning for the present and future operation of the school;
(b) Providing membership on selection panels for the employment of staff to the school;
(c) Providing membership on the panel which recommends the appointment of a Principal;
(d) Disseminating information about the school;
(e) Liaising in all matters relating to the financial management of the school;
(f) Managing all the finances associated with the school; and
(g) Advising the Principal with respect to school policy.

Nominees to the Board should:

- Possess special skills or interests which will be of value to the Board.
- Have a deep interest in the welfare of all students, staff and parents in a Catholic Community.
- Desire to serve the Catholic school community.
- Be keen to promote Catholic schooling.
- Be prepared to work co-operatively and constructively with other Board members.
- Have sufficient time to devote to Board duties.
- Possess an enthusiasm and willingness to promote Catholic schooling.

The Board meets on the third Wednesday of each month.

Elected members are appointed for a two-year term. Members of the Board elect their own Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary in a brief meeting immediately following the Annual School Community Meeting.
P & F ASSOCIATION

19th October 2016

The P & F Association directs its energies to community building, fundraising and other activities to support the operation of the School. Over the years it has also sponsored several social events aimed at bringing the community together. Your children are the ones who directly benefit from the fundraising and community building undertaken by the P & F Association. We ask that all parents please consider nominating for a position on the P & F Executive or Committee and by doing so, become actively involved in assisting the staff in the task of educating your children.

The period of election to the P & F Executive and Committee is one year. The Executive consists of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Voting takes place when more than one nomination is received for any of the Executive positions.

The P & F meet on the second Monday of each month.
ST JOSEPH’S SCHOOL BOARD

NOMINATION FORM

I wish to nominate myself/the following, for election to the School Board:

NAME: ______________________________________________________________

ADDRESS: ___________________________________________________________

______________________________   POSTCODE: __________

TELEPHONE: _______________ MOBILE: _________________________

EMAIL: ___________________________

SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR: _________________________________________

SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE (if appropriate): ______________________________


ST JOSEPH’S SCHOOL P & F ASSOCIATION

NOMINATION FORM

I wish to nominate myself/the following, for the position of:

PRESIDENT  □       VICE-PRESIDENT  □

SECRETARY  □       TREASURER  □

COMMITTEE MEMBER  □

NAME: ______________________________________________________________

ADDRESS: ___________________________________________________________

______________________________   POSTCODE: __________

TELEPHONE: _______________ MOBILE: _________________________

EMAIL: ___________________________

SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR: _________________________________________

SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE (if appropriate): ______________________________
COMMUNITY NEWS

Is your child starting high school in 2017? Enrol today in our HEAD START PROGRAM

Help your child start high school with Confidence

Naplan Preparation  Essay Writing  Interactive Science  Foundation Maths & English
Have fun with Drama  Learning Skills  Computer Coding  Advanced Maths & Intermediate English

January 17th – January 28th 2017
Each subject is 6 hours, 3 hours per day over 2 days.
Venues: Churchlands SHS and Rossmoyne SHS
Cost: $180 per course. 10% discount for all enrolments received before 19th December 2016.

Head Start program to help students going into year 7 in 2017 gain confidence and transition successfully in their high school studies

For further information, program and enrolment:
Website: www.academictaskforce.com.au
Email: learn@academictaskforce.com.au
Phone: (08) 9314 9500

SHAKESPEARE INTENSIVE
Three days of Magic, Mages and Mutiny! Discover ways to unlock Shakespeare’s words so you can speak them like they were your own. Learn how to perform some of Shakespeare’s most famous scenes and have a sword fight with Romeo.
School Year: Suitable for Years 7–12
Dates: 23–25 January, 2017
Time: 10:00am–5:00pm
Cost: Full $320 / Earlybird $290

THE TOTAL WAAPA EXPERIENCE
A chance to see WAAPA behind the scenes! Learn the craft of acting, singing and dancing. Each school will have its own unique experience.
School Year: Suitable for Years 7–12
Dates: 20–21 January, 2017
Time: 10:00am–5:00pm
Cost: Full $320 / Earlybird $290

OUR TUTORS
WAAPA’s Summer School provides tutors who are experienced industry professionals. They maintain the highest standard of tuition, training and academic excellence. They will also create an environment that fosters creativity, discovery and lots of fun!

ENROL NOW
Please enrol and pay online at waapa.eca.edu.au/summer-school
All courses are subject to minimum enrolment numbers.
Check the WAAPA website for full details and to enrol.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
Summer School Co-ordinator
Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts
2 Bradford Street, Mount Lawley, Western Australia 6050
Gabrielle Micallef
(08) 9370 6777
Email: g.micallef@eca.edu.au
Website: waapa.eca.edu.au/summer-school

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS
Please choose your course carefully as full refunds will only be given if a course has been cancelled. In the case of illness, a partial refund will only be granted upon presentation of valid medical certificate within seven days of the course end date. Refunds incur an administration charge of 15% of the total course fee.

No refunds will be given once a course has commenced, except in the case of illness.

*Earlybird pricing closes 15 December, 2016
*All details are correct at time of print.

WAAPA opens its theatres and studios to present a host of exciting courses for children and young people.

ENROL NOW