Dear Parents, Children and Friends,

**The Season of Advent**

Last Sunday marked the beginning of the season of Advent. Advent is a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Advent gives us a vision of our lives as Christians and shows us the possibilities of life. The vision of life that Advent gives us is twofold; it looks back to the first coming of Christ at Bethlehem, and it looks to the future when Christ will come again. In the interval between these two events we find meaning for our life as Christians. In these few short weeks of Advent, we take in the sweeping panorama of time - from Christ's birth to his Second Coming. The season of Advent brings us the magnificent vision of life and hope for the future given to us by Christ.

**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. The concert will begin promptly at 6pm, so we encourage families to arrive and be seated on their picnic rugs or fold up chairs on the oval by 5.30pm.

Our Year Six parents of 2017 are fundraising for camp and will be holding a sausage sizzle on the evening. The following items will be available to purchase (no pre-orders available).
- Sausages $2.00 (with options of onions/sauces)
- Can drinks $2.00
- Bottle Water $2.00

All proceeds go towards the school camp.

**Graduation & Thanksgiving Mass**

On Wednesday morning 7 December, we will be holding our Graduation & Thanksgiving Mass at All Hallows at 9.30am. This is a very special day as, as a community, we give thanks for the wonderful year we have had and present our graduates for 2016. We would love it if you could join us at this very special occasion. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Speak Up Awards

We recently held the inaugural St Joseph’s School Speak Up Awards. Each student in Years 3-6 presented 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 recent Speak Up Awards Grand Final. We congratulate the following students for being selected to compete in the grand final.

- Brianna Western
- Isla Watson
- Sophie Cory
- Sam Fielding
- Bryden Western
- Allira Swann
- Josh Priestly
- Samara Hansen

All speeches were of a high standard and we look forward to continuing to develop high calibre speaking and listening skills. We congratulate Sam Fielding (Years 3-4 winner) and Allira Swann (Years 5-6 winner) for their achievements in winning their sections of the competition.

**End of Semester Reports**

Parents will receive their children’s End of Year reports next week. It is important to note that:
- **Expected progress is the maintenance of a grade.**
- If the student receives the same grade for two consecutive reports, they have made progress.

If you require an interview with your child’s class teacher to discuss the report, these will be conducted on Monday 12th December. Please ring Lara at the office or see your class teacher to make an appointment, if required.

**Meet the Teacher**

Meet the Teacher day will take place this Thursday from 1.30-2.30pm. Much effort goes into selecting the staff and matching staff to classes for the following year. It is important for parents to work proactively with their children during this process as change is an important process in life and builds children’s resilience.
School Board & P&F Executive Members for 2017
We congratulate the following members on their appointment to the St Joseph’s School Board for 2017 at the recent AGM:

Terrence Winner          Mark Baroni
Sharon Henderson         Kylie Varcoe
Melanie Baisstow         Rachael Vollmer
Collette Priestley (P&F Rep)

Ex Officio members:
Father Matthew          Miranda Swann

We congratulate the following members on their appointment to the St Joseph’s P&F Executive for 2017:

President:               Collette Priestley
Vice President:          Michelle Wiggins
Treasurer:               Chelsea Square
Secretary:               Jade Brown

I would like to acknowledge the work of Mrs Elana Scanlon as P&F President over the past two years and the P&F Executive for their tireless work and boundless enthusiasm this year.

I look forward to working with the new School Board and P&F in a spirit of partnership for the best interests of the students and the school.

An abridged version of the Principal Report from the AGM will be emailed to families later in the week, with other reports available on the school website.

May God bless our school and those within it.

Miranda Swann
Principal

Advent Reflections
It is getting closer to that special time of year: Christmas! We have our final Advent Reflection next Monday which will be organised and run by the Pre Primary class (Year 6 class to assist). This the last opportunity for students to bring in non-perishable goods for our Christmas Drive to assist the needy members of our wider community. Thank you in advance for your kindness and support of this worthy cause.

Christmas Concert/Play
The children of St Joseph’s School are getting excited and starting to get prepared 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. 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. This is a compulsory school event and all students are expected to arrive at the school oval by 5.30pm to get prepared for the concert. So get your picnic and rug ready for this memorable evening!

Graduation for Year Six Class
As we are approaching the final few days of the school year for the students at St Joseph’s School, a number of students are preparing for their graduation from primary school. We have some very important events in the final week of term to acknowledge these students and to wish them well on their future journeys. This begins with the Graduation and Thanksgiving Mass in the All Hallow’s Church beginning at 9.30am on Wednesday 7th December. We will have a final assembly in the Kamballie Grandstand later on in the afternoon, beginning at 2.00pm. There will be a lot of acknowledgements at this assembly for graduating students and staff leaving our community. The graduates will also be celebrating into the evening with their Graduation Dinner in the Kamballie Grandstand, beginning at 6.00pm. We would like to wish the Year 6 students all the best in their future endeavours.

Mr Justin Miller
Assistant Principal - Religious Education
SEMESTER TWO REPORTS
Semester Two reports will be available online from 3pm on Tuesday 6th December. Reports can be found at: https://stjosephsboulder.coneqt-p.cathednet.wa.edu.au/ and your login details remain the same.

Please take some time to sit with your child and read their report, discussing their achievements and areas for growth. I encourage you to view this short video about reading your child’s report, presented by Michael Grose. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8dQt5aTITpc

Students from Years One to Six will be designated a letter from A – E to indicate their progress. It is important to remember that the grade will reflect the level of achievement that is expected for that year level for that point in time. The A – E grade scale summarises the standard of achievement associated with each learning area. The table below provides an explanation of the achievement descriptor for each letter grade.

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Students in Pre Primary receive a description of their achievement, which is explained in the table below.

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The descriptors summarise the standard of achievement in each of the reported learning areas. The scale describes the depth of knowledge, understandings and skills that children working at that standard typically show. If your child receives an “expected”, they are achieving at the required level for their year. Maintaining a level in a learning area from one semester to the next is an indication of positive achievement and expected development.

I wish you a wonderful Christmas and I look forward to seeing you in 2017.

Mr Luke Shaw - Assistant Principal Curriculum

EDUCATION IN FAITH

**The Gift of Joy**

Happiness is an emotion that can disappear as quickly as it rises to the surface. Joy, however, is a choice. God gives us a joy that is unbeatable. We can choose to live in an attitude of resentment, anger and fear or we can choose to pursue the joy of Christ. Joy is trusting when you want to doubt, Joy is receiving what you want to reject, Joy is celebrating when you want to fear. No matter what you go through we can whisper this simple truth: "Jesus is with me”. He is with you in your greatest victories and your most humiliating defeats. Jesus is with you at all times in all things. So choose Joy.

**Pray**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is discord, union.
Where there is doubt, faith.
Where there is despair, hope.
Where there is darkness, light.
Where there is sadness, joy.

Mrs Nicole Aue - Education Assistant
We have a number of new books that require covering. Please contact the office if you are able to assist. Thank you.

**Uniform Fittings**

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**Pre-Primary only**

**Wednesday 30th November**

**3.00pm onwards**

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2.45pm - 3.30pm

**Tuesday**

8.15am - 9.00am

The uniform shop will be open before school starts next year

**Wednesday 25th & Friday 27th January**

9am-11am

School bags available for $55.00

Fantastic quality

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**Library News**

All library books must be returned to school ASAP as Miss Arnold needs to organise these before the end of the week.

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**Congratulations**

**Merit Award Winners Week 7**

**Pre Primary**

Sara King  
Charlotte Davies  

**Year 1**

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**Year 2**

Molly Adams  
Maliha Khanzawar  

**Year 3**

Whole Class  

**Year 4**

Liam Wollaston  

**Year 5**

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**Year 6**

Tobie Fielding  
Halle Adams

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**Homework Club**

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

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**Keep In Our Prayers**

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

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**Take Note!**

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The Year One class have been writing narratives. Their stories were all based around being stuck inside a snow globe! They used the Green Screen to create pictures to go along with their writing.
We've had so much fun improving our aquatic skills at swimming lessons!
WAY TO GO TOBIE!

Earlier this month, I had the pleasure of being invited to attend the Goldfields Sports Star Award night with the Fielding family. Tobie Fielding, one of our year six students, had been nominated and short listed for the Rising Sports Star of the Year award.

Over the course of the year I have been lucky enough to see Tobie work extremely hard at improving his long-distance running and the results from his cross country efforts were a real testament to his dedication and talent. So too is the fact that he, his brother Sam and Harley Grace (also St Joseph’s students) have been selected to travel to Madrid to further their soccer skills and junior soccer careers.

The calibre of the nominations for the Rising Sports Star awards was phenomenal. To be nominated and then short listed to such a group of that calibre was a huge achievement and one of which I hope Tobie is extremely proud of. Tobie conducted himself with nothing less than dignity and was a great ambassador for both his nominated sports (running and soccer) and acted as a fantastic role model for all young people with a love of sport.

Thank you Tobie.

You have done all of us proud here at St Joseph’s!

Mrs. Julie Gardner – SEEDS Teacher

ST JOE’S MUMS AT THE CORPORATE TRIATHLON

On the weekend, some sporty St Joseph’s mums competed in the Corporate Tri where they swam (300m), cycled (9km) and ran (3km) and by the looks of it, had a pretty good time!

Congratulations Emma O’Donnell, Nadja Marks, Mel Bairstow and Rachael Vollmer!
Is your child starting high school in 2017?
Enrol today in our HEAD START PROGRAM

Help your child start high school with Confidence
- Naptan 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

Art Classes For Students
After School Wednesdays & Thursdays
3.15 pm – 4.45 pm
At Black Crow Studios
11 Boulder Road Kalgoorlie
For more information call 9091 2496

2016-2017 KALGOORLIE JUNIOR TRIATHLON SERIES
For ages 6 – 12 years old

Where: Sunsmart Kids Tri 11th December 2016
5th February 2017
12th March 2017
Kids Classic Saturday 22nd April 2017

Where: Registrations at 7.00am and race start at 7.20am
Rear of the Goldfields Oasis, use Johnston St. Car Park

Entry Costs:
Kalgoorlie Tri Club Junior membership $40, to cover all races or non-club members:
Individual Entry Adult $20.00 (Registration on the day)
Team Entry Adult $80.00 (Registration on the day)
More about membership please visit: www.kalgoorlietriclub.com.au/Membership

Category & Distances:
Option 1: 50 m Swim 1.5 km Cycle 500m Run
Option 2: 100 m Swim 3 km Cycle 1.0km Run
Option 3: 200 m Swim 4.5 km Cycle 2.0km Run
*Distances are a guide only, younger children do not have to complete all distances

For further information contact
Julie Gardiner: 0407 197 646
Clara Oldham: 0400 741 563
junior@kalgoorlietriclub.com.au
**Goldfields Parenting Workshops**

All workshops are two hours long and facilitated by an experienced Child Health Nurse. Presented in an interactive format, sessions are based on current research and give parents an opportunity to gain and share insight about their baby’s growth and development.

### You & Your New Baby

For parents / carers of children antenatal to 12 weeks.
- **Sat 26th Nov 2016 Kalgoorlie Hospital 10am - 12pm**
- **Thu 8th Dec 2016 Kalgoorlie Courthouse 10am - 12pm**
- **Thu 12th Jan 2017 Kalgoorlie Courthouse 10am - 12pm**
- **Thu 19th Jan 2017 Kalgoorlie Courthouse 10am - 12pm**

Offers information and support that will assist parents in adjusting to their new role. Understand your baby’s developing brain, verbal and non-verbal communication cues, sleep and feeding patterns. Provides strategies that will assist your new family.

### And So to Sleep

For parents / carers of children 7 months to 2 years.
- **Sat 26th Nov 2016 Kalgoorlie Hospital 1.00pm - 3.00pm**
- **Thu 19th Jan 2017 Kalgoorlie Hospital 7.00pm - 9.00pm**

Explores children’s sleep patterns and rhythms which evolve as their brain continues to make sense of their world. Strategies are discussed that will help parents coach their child through the challenges of everyday life that may disrupt family sleep patterns.

### Managing a Baby and a Toddler

For parents / carers of children up to 4 years.
- **Fri 18th Nov 2016 Kalgoorlie Courthouse 10am - 12pm**

This workshop looks at the transition and possible effects on the family unit with a new baby arriving, from a toddler’s perspective. Common challenges that families experience are discussed as well as practical ideas to manage the change.

### Food Glorious Food

For parents / carers of children in the first year of life.
- **Mon 14th Nov 2016 Kalgoorlie Central Playgroup 7pm - 9pm**
- **Mon 12th Dec 2016 Kalgoorlie Courthouse 10am - 12pm**
- **Mon 9th Jan 2017 Kalgoorlie Courthouse 10am - 12pm**

Examines a child’s developmental readiness to move onto foods in addition to breast and formula milk. Covers the impact of nutrition on brain development in the first year of life. Topics include when to introduce solids, variety, quantity and strategies to establish and encourage long term healthy eating patterns.

### Successful Toletting 3.5 Years+

For parents / carers of children 3.5 to 5 years.
- **Thu 8th Dec 2016 Kalgoorlie Hospital 7.00pm - 9.00pm**

Explores toileting in the older child who is achieving developmental milestones in all other areas, and who has had a few months practicing toileting skills. Discussion is based around overcoming obstacles that hinder progress, and planning how to move forward as a family to achieve successful toileting.

### Sleep and your Growing Baby

For parents / carers of children 3 to 7 months.
- **Sat 10th Dec 2016 GWHCC 1.00pm - 3.00pm**
- **Fri 13th Jan 2017 Kalgoorlie Courthouse 10am - 12pm**

Focuses on your child’s developing brain and how this dramatically impacts on sleep and awake time for everyone. This workshop explores ways for parents to approach this exciting and exhausting stage, including understanding feeding and sleep patterns.

### Now in a Bed

For parents / carers of children 2 to 5 years.
- **Mon 28th Nov 2016 Kalgoorlie Hospital 7pm - 9pm**

This workshop will discuss why toddlers find sleep challenging when transitioning to a bed and strategies will be discussed to manage this change for both the toddler and the family.

### Building Young Children’s Brains

For parents / carers of children up to 6 years.
- **Mon 28th Nov 2016 Kalgoorlie Courthouse 1pm-3pm**

Help your child learn about their world through ordinary everyday moments. The significance of early influences on brain development will be discussed and parents will be given information to understand their role in their child’s learning.

### Parents Working Away (FIFO/DIDO)

For families where work involves time spent away.
- **Fri 18th Nov 2016 Kalgoorlie Courthouse 1pm - 3pm**

Do you or your partner work away from home? Come and explore issues that families find challenging when a parent works away. This workshop offers practical tips that help families make the most of their time together and remain connected during times apart.

### Readiness for School

For parents / carers of children 3 to 5 years.
- **Sat 19th Nov 2016 GWHCC 3.00pm - 5.00pm**
- **Thu 12th Jan 2017 GWHCC 7.00pm - 9.00pm**

From birth to preschool your child will develop more quickly than at any stage in their life. Their brain will triple in size as they learn to think, talk, learn, coordinate their movements and express and control their feelings. In this workshop your child’s journey from birth to school and strategies to promote early learning will be discussed.

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Workshops are Free! Bookings are Essential
Bookings can be made online at [www.ngala.com.au](http://www.ngala.com.au) or call 9368 9333 (Bookings close 48hrs prior to session.)
COMMUNITY NEWS

**Fun, CRAFTASTIC COMMUNITY EVENT**

**WOMEN OF KALGOORLIE!**

Let's get together and do some Christmassy (or not!) crafts! This is an event for YOU. Bring your own project or come and learn a new craft at one of our stations, meet new women and enjoy the time and space to connect and let your creativity flow.

**Where:** Goldfields Women's Health Care Centre
15 Dugan Street, Kalgoorlie

**When:** Sunday 4th December 2016
**Time:** 11am - 2pm

Basic entertainment will be provided for children, or if your partner is home, why not send the children and him along for a get together game of soccer with Facebook.com/KalgoorlieFatherhood

For more information call
Ania 0478 619 218
Please follow us on Facebook for updates and more information
Facebook.com/TheSaneMum

**KALGOORLIE FATHERHOOD SOCCER GAME**

Opportunity for community connection between fathers while playing an action-packed game with your kids. Also expressing freely in a supportive environment.

**BOULDER CITY SOCCER CLUBROOMS**

**04.12.16 | 11AM**

**FACEBOOK.COM/KALGOORLIEFATHERHOOD**

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**TRIPLE P - POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM- SEMINARS 2016**

This 2 hours seminar will leave parents feeling more confident and better able to deal positively and effectively with common child behavioural and emotional issues.

**Seminar : The Power of Positive Parenting:**

**Tuesday 6 December 2016**

There is no cost to attend, however, bookings are essential.

A crèche is available by arrangement

or for more information or to register, please contact Population Health on 9080 8200