Dear Parents, Children and Friends,

A VERY SPECIAL BANK ACCOUNT
Imagine there is a bank which credits your account each morning with $86,400, carries over no balance from day to day, allows you to keep no cash balance, and every evening cancels whatever part of the amount you had failed to use during the day. What would you do? Draw out every dollar, of course!

Well, everyone has such a bank. Its name is Time. Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever of this you have failed to invest to good purpose. It carries over no balance. It allows no overdraft. Each day it opens a new account for you. Each night it burns the records of the day. If you fail to use the day’s deposits, the loss is yours.

There is no going back. There is no drawing against the “tomorrow.” Therefore, there is never not enough time or too much time. Time management is decided by us alone and nobody else. It is never the case of us not having enough time to do things, but the case of whether we want to do it.

What you are is God’s gift to you…
What you become is your gift to God.

This is the beginning of a new day.
God has given me this day to use as I will.

I can waste it or use it for good.
What I do today is very important because I am exchanging a day of my life for it.
When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever, leaving something in its place

I have traded for it.
I wanted to be gain, not loss…
Good, not evil…
Success, not failure…
In order that I shall not forget the price I paid for it.

PRACTICAL WAYS TO CELEBRATE LENT
Lent gives us 40 days to reflect on Jesus Christ and our own spirituality. Here are 15 suggestions to try during Lent.
1. Go to confession.
2. Be active in Caritas and Project Compassion.
3. Pray on a daily basis to deepen your connection to Jesus.
4. Shut off the computer or TV and read the Bible.
5. Volunteer your time.
6. Send thank you notes to those that helped you.
7. Prepare meals for a shelter or someone who might be needing help and support.
8. Donate clothes and toys to charity.
9. Pray for someone you do not know.
10. Smile more often.
11. Try to stop complaining and being critical of others.
12. Plant a garden to learn how to nourish living things.
13. Call a friend or relative you lost touch with.
14. Take someone to Mass with you.
15. Be a happy and positive person.

ST JOSEPH’S DAY
This Friday 18th March, we celebrate St Joseph’s Day as a school community. Our day will begin with a whole school mass at 9.00am at All Hallows to celebrate our very special feast day and our patron saint, St Joseph. From 1.30pm – 2.30pm, the school community will gather for our annual St Joseph’s Fair Day, where the children will be invited to purchase items and participate in fun activities to raise money for Caritas. This is a very special day on our school calendar and I warmly invite our parents and parishioners to join us.

Keep in Our Prayers
Please pray for members of our community who are sick or in need or our prayerful support.
SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Next Tuesday, our Years 4-6 students participate in the St Joseph’s School Senior Swimming Carnival. The carnival is held at the Oasis Recreation Centre, with the first race beginning at 9.00am. As this is a whole school event that forms part of our teaching and learning program, attendance is compulsory. As this is a sporting event, may I ask all parents to ensure their children are provided with a healthy lunch and a variety of healthy snacks to keep them sustained throughout the day. At the conclusion of the event, we are holding the “Golden Flipper” race, a relay race between the staff, students and parents, so please bring your bathers and your enthusiasm with you on the day. I look forward to seeing you all there.

JUNIOR WATER FUN DAY
Next Wednesday afternoon the Years 1-3 students are participating in the Junior Water Fun Day at the Oasis Recreation Centre. I look forward in joining in with the children in what promises to be a fun-filled day.

CRUNCH & SIP
From Monday, we are introducing Crunch & Sip across all classes at school. Crunch & Sip is a break in class for students to refuel with fruit or vegetables and rehydrate with water. This break will occur at approximately 10am each day. Please ensure your child has a piece of fruit or vegetable ready for Crunch & Sip each day, along with a water bottle filled with water only. Miss Ryan will be providing further information about the program today.

CONGRATULATIONS CHLOE
A huge congratulations to Chloe Zorzi who recently competed in the Western Australian Little Athletics State Championships in Perth. Chloe performed admirably winning three gold medals in turbo, shotput and discus for her age group events. Congratulations Chloe, we are very proud of you!

EASTER
Next week we enter Holy Week, the most important week of the year as a Catholic community, even more important than Christmas. This year is one of the rare years where the Easter break falls outside of the school holiday period. The Easter break this year commences on Good Friday 25 March up to and including Easter Tuesday 29 March. Catholic schools are not open on Easter Tuesday. After Easter the students return to school on Wednesday 30 March.

May God bless our school and those within it.

Miranda Swann
Principal

CURRICULUM NEWS

NAPLAN
This year students in Years Three and Five will sit for various National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests from Tuesday 10th May until Thursday 12th May. The tests will be Language Conventions, including spelling, plus Writing on 10th May, Reading on 11th May and finally Numeracy on 12th May. A letter explaining the testing and an ‘Information for Parents’ pamphlet were sent home today with all students in Years Three and Five. I will provide more information regarding NAPLAN testing at our school in the newsletter closer to the date. If you have any questions regarding NAPLAN testing, please see your child’s class teacher.

THREE WAY INTERVIEWS
Three-Way Interviews will take place on Wednesday 6th April from 12:30pm. A letter was sent home today to each child from Pre-Primary to Year Six, indicating the times that your child’s teacher is available. Please circle at least three preferences and number them from 1 to 3 to indicate the times that you are available for your interview and return this as soon as possible. Confirmation of interview times will follow shortly. These interviews provide your child with the opportunity to share their thoughts, as the learner, about how they are progressing. Students will share a number of work samples with you and receive feedback from their parent and teacher. They provide yourself, your child and your child’s teacher with a chance to reflect on your child’s learning this term and set goals for Term Two.

Have a wonderful week.

Luke Shaw
Assistant Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ST JOSEPH’S DAY - FRIDAY 18th MARCH
St Joseph is our patron saint. Joseph was a simple carpenter with a lot of faith. God chose Joseph to be the foster father of His Son, the husband of Mary, and the head of the Holy Family because he was a holy man. God gave him all the graces he needed to be a worthy head of the holiest family on earth.

Take time this week as a family to pray our school prayer together.

St Joseph, just as you love Mary, and with fatherly care you watched over Jesus, we ask you through Jesus to continue to care for us and our families from your home in heaven.

Amen
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Please ensure your child comes to school with no more than $5 to spend on the day at the fair. This should come to school on the day in a labelled zip lock bag or purse.

Please note the changes made to the stalls.

Our planned activities are:

- **Pre Kindy/Kindy:** Popcorn 20 cents
- **Pre-Primary:** Guess the Lollies in Jar/Fish for a Duck 50 cents
- **Year 1:** Colouring Competition 20 cents
- **Year 2:** Lolly Bags 50 cent
- **Year 3:** Sports Centre 50 cents
- **Year 4:** Bean Bag Toss 50 cents
- **Year 5:** Slime Making 50 cents
- **Year 6:** Face Stenciling and coloured hair spray 50 cents

Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause.

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion
Phone 1800 024 413

Mrs Sharon Pavlinovich
Religious Education Co-ordinator

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**Crunch&Sip**

We are excited to introduce the Crunch&Sip® initiative into our school from Monday 21st March (week 8).

To help your child participate in Crunch&Sip® please provide a clean bottle of water (no juice, cordial or sports drinks) and a small piece of fruit or vegetable each day. The fruit can be any variety of whole or chopped fruit (preferably cut up in a small plastic container). Other drinks and foods are not permitted in the...

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**HEALTH NEWS**

I chose this prayer for this coming St Patrick’s Day. St Patrick was a gentle, humble man who loved and was devoted to and put his trust in God. I feel like St Patrick; we should all put our faith and trust in God.

Chantal Arnold
Education Assistant / Library
BOOK CLUB
We still have a number of books that need covering. If you are able to help out please see Miss Arnold in the Library.

SWIMMING PRACTICE YRS 4-6
We will be holding a number of swimming practice sessions at the Oasis Recreation Centre in preparation for the swimming carnival and the inter-school swimming carnival.

The dates and times are:
7:15am-7:45am
Wednesday 16th March

Please note that these are swimming SESSIONS, not lessons. Parents need to pay for their child’s entrance into the Oasis and remain on the premises throughout the sessions. I will be there as a duty of care too.

PARENT HELPERS FOR SENIOR SWIMMING CARNIVAL & JUNIOR WATER FUN DAY
If you are able to assist on either of these days can you please contact the office.

Miss Tenille Ryan
Physical Education Teacher

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.

UNIFORM SHOP
Opening Hours
Monday
2:45pm-3:30pm
Tuesday
8.15am - 9.00am

ST JOE’S SOCCER CLUB AGM
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Boulder Club Rooms
on Tuesday 22nd March
starting at 6.30pm.

If committee positions can not be filled, St Joe’s Soccer Club will not participate in the 2016 soccer season.

If you would like to nominate someone or yourself for any of the committee positions please email me (ccjhill@gmail.com) or phone 0418 565 305 with your nomination.

Come along and join our committee and be part of your child’s football club.

This season Boulder Senior Club will be hosting St Joe’s Soccer Club in preparation of the amalgamation into one club for the start of 2017 season.

We welcome all old & new players, parents & carers!

STUDENT BANKING
Student Banking
THURSDAY.

COOKBOOKS FOR SALE
Our cookbooks are available for purchase for $20 each from the office.

CANTEEN NEWS
Thursday Special - Bacon & Egg Muffins. Available at recess and lunch for $3.

Please pre-order before Wednesday afternoon either at the canteen or the front office.

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

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

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The Year One class have been busy this term in Technology and Enterprise. We read the book ‘Not a Box’ by Antoinette Portis. This book prompted our imaginations to run wild. We planned, made and reflected on different things we could make using cardboard boxes. Some of these included cars, space helmets, robots, gardens, animals and even a helicopter landing pad!

Miss Kelly Eastman
Year One Teacher
KALGOORLIE RUNNERS

The Kalgoorlie Runners are asking for expressions of interest for our JUNIOR WINTER CROSS COUNTRY coaching program.

The program was a great success in our inaugural year, and we are hoping to back it up with another great year of running in 2016!

The program is supported by Athletics WA and all sessions will be conducted by a Level 2 Middle Distance Running Coach.

Numbers are limited and expressions of interest are being sought for all runners aged between 6-15yrs.

Register your interest via email to Julie Gardner:
  julesandnobby@westnet.com.au  OR
  Gardner.julietheresa@cathednet.wa.edu.au