Welcome to this week’s newsletter.

Hopefully you all enjoyed the Easter break and were able to use the opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends.

ST JOSEPH’S FEAST DAY: On 18 March we celebrated our school Feast day. This started off with a whole school Mass. A huge thanks to Father Gayan for the service and the engaging homily he shared with our students. Sausage sizzle and ice creams for lunch were enjoyed by all. It was also great to see lots of buddy activities taking place throughout the day with classes joining together for fun and learning.

EASTER RAFFLE AND HAT PARADE: I was staggered to see the quantity of ‘eggs’ donated to our school for the annual Easter raffle. Through this generous spirit, combined with some strong ticket sales we were able to raise over $1,000:00. Well done to our student leaders for the manner in which they organised this activity for us. There were many excited and happy winners, with some families doing very well with multiple wins.

Also, what a great effort from all the students to create Easter hats to take part in the parade. It was a lot of fun for all.

Prayer of St Thomas More

“Give us, Lord, a lively faith, a firm hope, a fervent charity, a love of you. Take from us all lukewarmness in meditation, dullness in prayer. Give us fervour and delight in thinking of you and your grace, your tender compassion toward me. The things we pray for, good Lord, give us grace to labour for: through Jesus Christ our Lord.”
MASS OF THE HOLY OILS: I had the pleasure of attending Mass at the Bunbury Cathedral with four of our student leaders last Tuesday. The significance of the Mass was not lost on the students as was the magnitude of the ceremony, the reverence of the singing and the splendour of this beautiful church.

I would like to thank Te Uluaki Poasa, Tim Bolt, Brayden King and Tessa Liddington for their enthusiasm and the respectful manner in which they represented the school. Also, well done for putting up with Mr Croft’s music on the way to Bunbury, although I was quite staggered just how many of the ‘old songs’ they all knew.

PRINCIPALSHIP FOR 2016: Prior to the Easter break I received the news regarding my role at St Joseph’s. For the rest of 2016, I will remain principal of St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School Pinjarra, with Mrs Ketteringham extending her stay in the East Kimberley. She will then return in 2017.

I am thrilled to be given this opportunity and look forward to working with the staff, students and school community for the remainder of this year.

INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING: The Interschool Swimming Carnival was held this week. St Joseph’s found themselves in B division, competing against much bigger schools that are able to select teams from a far greater student population. This achievement alone was not lost on me. A huge well done and congratulations to our students who represented St Joseph’s. I was fortunate to attend the carnival for a short time on the day and was impressed with the behaviour, sportsmanship and swimming prowess of our team. Although small in student population we achieved hugely in results, finishing second to Assumption Catholic Primary School.

Special congratulations to Mia McClements, Adam Gundry and Zoe Rundle for their individual achievements on the day.

Sincere thanks to Mrs Gundry for her efforts in preparing and managing the students. I know she was exhausted but extremely proud of her team. The team’s fine result reflected her commitment, so well done Mrs Gundry! You have been awesome in the manner in which you have coordinated both the sport and carnival programs this term.

PARENT INTERVIEWS: Parent interviews started this week and will continue through to next week. This is a valuable time to discuss your child’s progress with the class teacher and gain feedback as to how the year has started for them. If you have not done so, and wish to gain this information from your child’s teacher, I encourage you to do so by making an appointment.

I wish to thank the teaching staff as well for the work they have put in to preparing for these meetings.

THREE-YEAR-OLD PROGRAM: St Joseph’s offers a three-year-old program led by a fully trained Early Childhood teacher and an education assistant in our newly renovated Convent building. The Three Year Old Program is offered one day a week, currently Thursdays, and runs from 8:30am to 3pm at $70 PER DAY. Your child must have turned 3 years of age before they can attend, but can be enrolled prior to that. If you are interested in a place for your child, please come in or call the office on 9530 5500 for an enrolment form.
**WINTER UNIFORM CHANGEOVER:** Please be aware of the change over period to winter uniform in Term Two. Students are to be in full winter uniform by Week Three of Term Two (9 May).

The Uniform Shop will open on Tuesday, 26 April at 8:30am.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** Heading into the final weeks of the term, we look forward to celebrating our ‘Worker of the Month’ and ‘Merit’ Award winners at this week’s assembly, then finishing the term off with a Year One prayer assembly next Friday.

**MJR:** This week had been all about the Resurrection of Jesus and the celebration of ‘new life’. Reflecting upon this and focussing on our MJR focus, let us reflect on how we can bring ‘new life’ into our daily actions and behaviours. Some of our MJR tips shown in the MJR focus can assist with this.

To all our families have a safe and happy holiday and we will see you all back on **Tuesday, 26 April**.

Stay safe and may God’s blessing be with you.

Darrin Croft
PRINCIPAL

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**Making Jesus Real** comes at you at 360 degrees.
Don’t leave Jesus as a person in History, connect with his message everyday living out your religion in all that you say and do.

MAKE EVERYDAY AN MJR DAY!

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**BE THANKFUL FOR WHAT YOU HAVE AND DON’T WORRY ABOUT WHAT YOU HAVEN’T GOT.**

**Get switched on to the God Moments that are happening in our school yard each day**

**JESUS LIVES HIS LIFE THROUGH US EACH DAY.**

Never tell a lie to yourself—be honest with yourself each day of your life. If you are honest with yourself, only then can you be honest with others.
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### UNIFORM NEWS.....

A friendly reminder that next term all students need to be in **full winter uniform** by the end of week two.

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### PRE KINDERGARTEN PLACES 2016

Please contact the office if you are interested in enrolment in the 3 Year Old Kindergarten Program for 2016. Children must have turned 3 years of age.

### SCHOOL WEBPAGE

Please take the time to take a look at our school webpage and the lovely work that is being done by our students. You can find all the exciting news about their work in ‘Our Classes’. Click on the link below, or copy and paste the link into your browser:


### PINJARRA DENTAL THERAPY CENTRE

**APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2016**

The Pinjarra Dental Therapy will be open on the first week of the School Holidays. Monday 11.4.16 to Friday 15.4.16.

The Clinic will be closed the second week of the holidays.

Emergency clinic for this week will be:
Meadow Springs Dental Therapy Centre
Phone: 9584 2478

Enjoy your holidays and keep your teeth happy - brush twice a day!

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We participated in our interschool swimming carnival yesterday against Assumption, Halls Head and Meadow Springs Primary schools and we were blessed with a beautiful, sunny day. I am proud to announce we came second in this competition, a mighty fine effort given the size of our school. Our students represented St Joseph’s admirably, displaying enthusiasm and comradery in all the events. I would like to congratulate them all on an outstanding effort.

I’d like to give a huge thank you to the parents and teachers who volunteered to help on the day. Without your help this day would be very hard to coordinate and could not run as smoothly as it did. Also to all the families who came to support our school, it was wonderful to see and hear so many people cheering for us.

Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding achievement in the pool:

Mia McClements  Runner up Champion Girl Year 5
Adam Gundry  Champion Boy Year 5
Zoe Rundle  Champion Girl Year 6

Go St Joeys!!

Mrs Deb Gundry
It’s fast approaching the time of year when we have our school fair. The St Joseph’s Fair committee are having a meeting next Friday 8th April straight after the Assembly, in the Convent kitchen. All are welcome to attend. You do not need to be on the committee to come along and help with the initial planning. The committee would love to welcome any and all parents, grandparents and friends who are interested in making this years fair a success.

Pinjarra Hockey club invites you to our FREE *Come and Try* Day!
Sir Ross McLarty Oval
Wednesday, 6th April
3.15 – 4.30
Come on down, have a play around and a chat with our friendly club members. We are now accepting registrations for our 2016 season. Players wanted from age 4 to 74!! Contact us at pinjarrahockey@outlook.com
Or our club president Kelly Baldacchino on 0419 969 442
We look forward to seeing you down there!