Welcome to the newsletter for this week.

It is hard to believe we are half way through the year already. Winter has arrived and so have the chilly mornings. School life continues to be busy with assemblies, dancesport, cross-country training, liturgies taking place and students continuing to work hard in class. Please keep the teachers in mind during this time as they are incredibly busy collating information, completing assessments, teaching programs and spending many hours away from the school writing reports.

A few key events to make note of:

SCHOOL FAIR: The school is a hive of activity with things expected to ‘crank up’ tomorrow. I have been amazed by the effort of our Parents and Friends group in organising this event. This committed and busy group of parents astound me, and, although small in number, they are gigantic in terms of output and passion to help our school. The effort they are making in coordinating the Fair is wonderful. I sincerely hope that our families support this fundraising drive by attending when and where they can, by also volunteering time to run activities but most importantly spreading the word and getting people into this event to spend. This is the biggest fundraiser for the year and it would be great to see a huge turnout, to not only reward our band of organisers for their efforts, but more importantly to raise money to BENEFIT OUR STUDENTS.

The fair is this Saturday 9am to 2pm. Volunteer roster sheets are up in the undercover area, so please offer some time and help if available.
PHOTO DAY: This day is always an exciting day in school and brings with it challenges that potentially impact lesson times. I can thankfully say that over all our students adjusted well to this day, preening and presenting themselves impeccably for the keepsake of a St Joseph’s class photo. Managing the location was an issue for our photographers but once sorted, the shots were taken and the feedback from the photographers about students’ behaviour was really affirming. Photos will be available later in the year and distributed when they arrive.

ROSARY: I have mentioned over the course of the last few newsletters that the school has prayed the Rosary each week during the month of May. This concluded last week so thank you once again to our Year Six class for leading us in this prayer.

YEAR THREE RECONCILIATION AND RETREAT: Congratulations to our Candidates who completed the Sacrament of Reconciliation last Friday. It was a big day for all our boys and girls. The Retreat was held in the Parish Centre with an array of activities being completed. A beautiful shared lunch was provided by our parents and enjoyed by families. It was sensational! Finally a very touching and moving Liturgy led by our students, and key messages around reconciliation delivered by Miss Flatt and Father Gayan, was celebrated. The conclusion of the day was the special time for our students to share with the priest and work through the sacrament. I was incredibly impressed with the preparation and message behind the day. A huge thanks to Miss Flatt and Father Gayan for your efforts and commitment toward our students in preparing for this day. Also, to our parents for the beautiful lunch and for making time to be at the service. To Mrs Ripley for assistance in preparing the program. To Father Jay for travelling up from Waroona to help with the sacrament and to our wonderful Candidates - For your effort, behaviour, honesty and willingness to embrace this day; thankyou and well done!

NAIDOC WEEK AND SORRY DAY: To our NAIDOC and Sorry Day Events Team: Mrs Poasa, Mrs Wild, Mrs White, Miss Flatt and Mrs Pickett. Huge thanks for the uplifting, informative and reflective prayer service and information assembly you prepared for us on this significant day. Students from Kindy to Year Six gathered together to focus on Sorry Day to remind the community of its history and the reason it is an observance day for Australia.

My sincere thanks and congratulations to our band of student leaders, liturgical dancers and school choir who, through word or action, contributed so sincerely to the theme behind this assembly.

We were also fortunate to have renowned educator and artist of Aboriginal culture, Derek Nannup in attendance on the day. Derek worked tirelessly all day in a very engaging workshop with our students. These were very interactive and appeared to be a lot of fun for those involved.

CHOIRFEST: Last Saturday night I had the pleasure of attending the inaugural Choirfest. This is a concert run by The Mandurah Business Cooperative who through their selected charity STEPmci aim to run programs that promote a healthy and safe lifestyle, both mentally and physically for the children of Mandurah and surrounding areas. A number of schools from the district participated, including Mandurah Catholic College, Mandurah Baptist College, Assumption Catholic Primary School, Falcon Primary School and ST JOSEPH’S. Quite simply OUR KIDS WERE SENSATIONAL!!

There is often talk around our school about being a ‘Joey’. Now I get it. On Saturday night I was so proud to be the Principal of this school. I was fortunate to be sitting in the ‘VIP’ area which allowed me, on our school’s behalf, the opportunity to accept the warm accolades that our choir deserved. It was incredibly comforting to see our beautiful kids up there doing their songs, and doing them so well...and I could brag that they were from my school.

They were that good that we were the only school to be given a special mention at the end of the show by one of the dignitaries.
To Mrs Poasa, I am so thankful and proud of what you achieved and the opportunity you gave our students. Your dedication, gentle spirit and humility glowed through in the children’s performance. It was amazing and we are so lucky to have you.

A special thanks also to Mrs Anderson who was a calming and comforting influence for both Mrs Poasa and the choir. Spending most of the day and well into the evening overseeing things, she was a wonderful support. To Mrs Miller, who also attended in the afternoon to offer support, thank you.

St Joseph’s is a special school, full of special people.

**PUPIL FREE DAY:** Don’t forget that Tuesday 7th June is a pupil free day. The school will be closed on this day.

See you at the Fair this Saturday. Hope you all have a wonderful week. Stay safe and happy.

Darrin Croft - PRINCIPAL

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**MJR WEEKLY FOCUS**

**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!

MJR is centred on the belief that we are the image of Jesus to all those around us. We are His representatives and our actions should reflect His values.

See greatness and goodness in others; there is so much goodness in people. Positive people see it whereas negative people become jealous and insecure.

**Happiness comes from doing the right thing.**

**LIFE IS WHAT YOU MAKE IT.**

**YOU are in charge of your attitude to life.**
## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### FAIR UPDATE!

Donations of plants are **urgently** required to ensure a successful plant stall. Plants can be brought to the front office or dropped in by 9am on the day. Please don’t forget to place your name on the rosters in the undercover area, many hands make light work! Please return your full jar for the $3 Lucky Jar Stall...extra jars are available if anyone wants to fill more. Plastic bags are needed—they can be dropped into the office or brought along to the produce stall on Saturday morning.

### HELP NEEDED WITH SAUSAGE SIZZLE....

Help is needed with the running of the Sausage Sizzle stand at the Fair. If you are available, please call Shirley on 0457 023 620 or email: msrundle@bigpond.com

Donations of cool drink would also be greatly appreciated to keep our costs down.

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SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE—DENTAL SCREENING 2016

On 13 June the School Dental Service Dental Officer will be visiting the school to do jaw growth and development screening for Pre-Primary, Year 3 and Year 6 students who are enrolled with the School Dental Service.

It is not necessary for parents to attend with their children.

Any queries may be directed to the Pinjarra Dental Therapy Centre on 9531 1846 between the hours of 8am—4pm, Monday to Friday.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Find out at our 20 year reunion!
Staff and past students who attended this class from 1992-1996 at Mandurah Catholic College are invited to celebrate the ‘Class of 1996’
at 2pm on Saturday, 6 August 2016.
Meet under the tower at the front of the College for a guided tour, followed by light refreshments.
Partners are welcome (no children please).
R.S.V.P to Mrs Debbie Cole
debbie@eastcoasttour.com.au or ph 95631 1870

An Introduction to Auslan
(Australian Sign Language)
Discover one of the easiest languages to learn with presenter Vicki Ormsby.

Auslan is the sign language used by Australian deaf and their families and friends to communicate.
• Learn the alphabet and some common words.
• Gain a basic understanding of deaf culture plus what to do (and what not to do) when meeting a deaf person.
• Learn to communicate with your baby months before your baby learns to speak.
• A surprisingly useful skill when travelling to non English speaking countries or... even when scuba diving!

Free event
At Murray Library
Thursday, 16 June, 2016
11.00am – 12.00pm
Bookings essential
Ph. 9531 7712 or email. libraries@murray.wa.gov.au

St Augustine’s Catholic Parish

For an evening with Fr Tony Chiera from the Diocese of Bunbury
to learn more about the Ministries in our Parish.

Date: Wednesday 27th July 2016
Time: 6:30pm (for soup & bread)
Venue: St Augustine’s O’Connor Parish Centre.
"What Makes A Good Man?"

Relationships Australia provides a support group specifically tailored for fathers called 4dads. A drop in group is run on Monday nights and men are given the opportunity to have a casual chat, and connect with other men in an informal and supportive, all-male environment. This term we are pleased to be hosting an expert in men’s health and wellbeing, Dean Dyer.

Dean is a Men’s Health and Wellbeing consultant and former President of MAN – healthier directions for males, a not for profit health promotion charity dedicated to Men’s Health and wellbeing here in WA. Dean has been actively involved in the field since 1998 as a qualified and experienced trainer and facilitator who now utilises these skills to deliver men’s health and wellbeing talks. Dean’s knowledge of current men’s issues together with his passion for the learning process, allows him to speak with humility, passion and congruence. He demonstrates authenticity by sharing his own experience with mental health issues around trauma and his journey for wellbeing.

4Dads has invited Dean to present his seminar on ‘What Makes a Good Man?’ for all and any men in the Mandurah and Pinjarra community. The talk hopes to invoke insights and confidence to men who may be working through any of life’s complexities, including separation, work and family life.

DATE: Monday 13 June 2016 from 630pm-830pm

COST: Free, bbq dinner provided

VENUE: Relationships Australia, 21 George Street, Mandurah

Please register you interest by Friday 10 June 2016 by calling 6164 0600 or emailing 4families.mandurah@relationshipswa.org.au
It is with great pleasure that The University of Notre Dame Australia and the Sisters of St John of God welcome visiting scholar Monsignor Roderick Strange to the Notre Dame community. Please join us for his public lectures.

Public lectures

**The Year of Mercy:**
Returning to the heart of the Church’s mission
Monday 20 June | 6pm
Venue: St John of God Subiaco Hospital (Subiaco Clinic)
Level 3 Auditorium, Subiaco Conference Centre
(Parking off Salvado Road. Go to main entrance for directions)

Newman and university education in the twenty-first century
Thursday 7 July | 6pm
Venue: The University of Notre Dame Australia
Santa Maria Lecture Theatre (ND1), 19 Mouat Street, Fremantle

Living the faith: Exploring Newman’s life and spirituality
Wednesday 27 July | 6pm
Venue: The University of Notre Dame Australia
Santa Maria Lecture Theatre (ND1), 19 Mouat Street, Fremantle

To register your attendance, please visit nd.edu.au/visiting-scholar
For further information contact fremantle.events@nd.edu.au or call 9433 0575.