Welcome to the newsletter for this week.

**HOLY COMMUNION:** Congratulations to our Year Four students for completing their First Holy Communion. It was a lovely day celebrated with family, friends and the Parish community. All involved looked wonderful, and very proud, to be receiving this special sacrament. Father Gayan, as usual, provided wonderful ministry as our school and Parish priest. His capacity to ‘connect’ with our students and deliver a clear understanding on the significance of Eucharist was wonderful. Thankyou once again to Miss O’Loughlin, the Year Four class teacher. She, along with Mrs Ripley, did a masterful job in preparing our candidates. Thanks also to all the staff and family who attended and helped make the ceremony so significant.

Sacramentally speaking, it now becomes time for our Year Six students as they start planning, learning and preparing to receive the Rite of Confirmation later in the year.

**BISHOPS ASSESSMENT TEST:** Our Year Three and Five students have completed the Bishop’s Religious Literacy Assessment. This is administered through CEWA as a measure on how schools are progressing in Religious Education. It is a curriculum-based assessment, which reflects and supports the progressive nature of the K-12 Religious Education Units. It focuses on students’ ability to recall content about the Catholic religion and to assess students’ knowledge and understanding of Religious Education; it does not measure students’ faith.

The intended purpose of the assessment is to provide individual schools with a snapshot of student performance in Religious Education. Comparisons between students’ performance are provided on the student and school reports.
MARY MACKILLOP MASS: Thank you to our school community for the manner in which they recognised the significance of Mary MacKillop at our recent school Mass. Mary MacKillop is Australia’s first saint and last week we recognised the significance of her life. In the year of Mercy, whereby we as a church should seek to find that ‘extra’ to give of ourselves to others, the example and legacy of Mary MacKillop can serve as a model for us all.

CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN BEGINS: Over the holidays Michael Ferraro, the Board Chair and myself met with key personnel from the Catholic Education Office, as well as the school’s preferred designer/project coordinator, Santelli Architects. As a result of this meeting, at our last Board meeting I presented a brief to the School Board on a proposed Capital Development Plan, to address some key infrastructure and physical resource needs within our school.

Some of our ‘wishes’ will be achievable whilst others will give the school some ‘aspirations’ to aim for over the next 3 – 5 years. This plan takes several stages and will be a ‘work in progress’. It needs to be remembered; many factors contribute to the achievement of these, one significant one being financial capacity.

Overall the meeting was very fruitful with some key improvement areas being identified in order to benefit the school:

- A necessary extension to the Kindergarten buildings to allow for future compliance
- Identifying Nature play design and principles in the playground areas for our students to enjoy
- Providing break out areas/ bigger learning spaces for our Early Years students (Years 1 and 2) to enjoy in a bid to fully explore the benefits of the Walker Learning pedagogy
- Creating more light and ventilation to the undercover area and hallways in the Early years wing
- Revamping conditions and learning spaces to the Upper school classrooms
- Re coating the roof to allow for consistency in coverage as well as minimise maintenance issues
- Providing hard surfaces and seating opportunities in the form of break out areas outside the Year 4 – 6 classrooms
- Rejuvenating the décor and standards of the toilet blocks
- Exploring better use and opportunities for the Convent as a school and community resource
- Investigating the viability to build a new whole school meeting space/undercover area
- Improved traffic flow designs in and around the school as well as additional car parking space for staff/visitors

Over the remainder of the term, contractors/planners will be visiting the school and designing potential action plans for the school, to hopefully act on in coming years. Phase one of this plan should be in place for when Mrs Ketteringham returns in 2017. More information around these processes will be forwarded when the need arises.

CLUBS: I witnessed St Joseph’s clubs for the first time last Friday. This is a great initiative for the school with an array of opportunities for our students to learn new skills, mix with different students and build new connections with other staff and parents. Thanks to the kindness of our parent volunteers who share their time and skills, and thankyou to our staff for continuing to look at new ways to enhance learning opportunities for the students within our school to enjoy.
EVENTS COMING UP: Things continue to be busy at St Joes. Year Five and Six have their camp coming up, we have Athletics carnivals not too far away, the inaugural Father’s Day breakfast and Mass, Open night, Catholic Arts Festival involving our Choir, Incursions, Movie Night and Book Week.

PUPIL FREE DAYS FOR TERM THREE: Please note the Pupil Free days for this Term -
Monday 15 August (Week 5)
Monday 5 September (Week 8)

Remember to check out the MJR tip of the week. This week offers a simple suggestion and discussion around ‘attitude’ and how a change in behaviour may allow an individual to become better at who they are and how they behave.

Have a safe and happy week ahead.

God bless,

Darrin Croft,
PRINCIPAL

A POSITIVE ATTITUDE IS LIKE A MOTOR........

Your attitude to life and to people is similar to a motor in a car. If you have a good motor it will take you places in life. If your motor is in neutral (you don’t care) or reverse (a negative attitude) you won’t go far. The late Steve Irwin was a classic example (both in what he said and his body language) and there are people in your school and in your life (home, your interests, music, drama, sports, etc.) who also provide examples of how a positive attitude to life takes you places.

Can you name three people that you know who have a positive attitude to life?

If you wish to have a positive attitude to life, hang out with positive people. If on the other hand you hang around with moaners and groaners (at times we all moan and groan), you will be dragged down by that Negative Attitude to people and life.
UPCOMING EVENTS

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Under 11’s Southwest Netball Carnival
The following students will be representing the Pinjarra region in the upcoming Under 11’s Southwest Netball Carnival on Sunday August 14 in Busselton.

Hannah Vergone, Dayna Vergone, Emily Lenzarini, Aaliyah Hunter and Tessa Liddington.

Wishing you all a great day girls, I’m sure you will do yourselves proud!

PARISH NEWS
On Monday 15 August, you are invited to attend Mass at 6pm at St Augustine’s to celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a Holy day of obligation, so it would be wonderful to see you all there.

Winter Dinner
Please note your diaries! St Augustine’s 2016 Winter Dinner will be held at the Ravenswood Hotel on Thursday 25 August, at 6:00 pm. Quizzes and Prizes!
Anyone wishing to attend can put their name down at St Joseph’s front office.

CANTEEN ROSTER

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GirlPower® is a friendship program that inspires “Tween” girls to feel empowered, develop a strong sense of self, and love themselves while learning to manage the most important things to them...their friendships.

Learn how to guide your daughter through the unpredictable world of female friendships. Through interactive parent-daughter activities, parents will learn strategies to help their daughter put out Friendship Fires®, how to empower her to stand up for herself, & the best ways to support her through unhealthy friendships. GirlPower will give you a new “language” for talking about friendship, helping you connect with your daughter and open up those lines of communication.

**Wednesday 24 August**

**Language of Friendship Junior**
For girls in Years 1 & 2 and Parents
$30/person
3:30-5:00pm
CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

**Language of Friendship**
For girls in Years 3 to 6 and Parents
$35/person
5:30-7:30pm
CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

**Where:**
St Damien’s Catholic Primary School – Steve Dowie Hall
1 Nyabing Pass, Dawesville WA 6211

**Register Today:**
Registration to the workshop includes a folder with handouts, a GirlPower pencil & sticker, and an opportunity to ask the Presenter questions one-on-one. Registration is required. To register, please click the links above or go to: https://www.urstrong.com/Events/

To learn more about GirlPower & GoodGuys and the programs available for kids, parents, and educators, please visit www.urstrong.com or email info@urstrong.com.

Richelle Russ
Licenced GirlPower + GoodGuys Presenter

www.urstrong.com girlpower@urstrong.com
Enrol now for VacSwim October school holiday swimming lessons

It is important for every child to learn to swim properly and develop essential water safety skills. VacSwim October school holiday swimming lessons are run by instructors who teach children the skills to be confident swimmers and safe in the water. To enrol or find out more visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming.

Enrolments close on Monday 29 August.

The Season to Renew. Recharge. Revitalize

Hello Spring

Spring into Wellness

When we think of winter, we think - Rugged Up, Uggs, jeans and beanies. But there is a season that connects them, and it is SPRING!

Spring cleaning is a way to recharge, rejuvenate and renew your environment so why not extend that to encompass not only your home but also yourself and your families health? Spring cleaning can jump start your body for a more active, healthy lifestyle. Come along and be enlightened and educated on how to use essential oils to care for yourself and your family in a safe and effective way.

Special guest speakers
Alicen Johnson
Health Coach and Platinum Leader discussing Spring Wellness and your family
Phil Johnson
Men's health and wellbeing with doTERRA
Mish Pope
Diamond Leader sharing Emotions and Mood management with Essential oils

21st August
2 - 4pm
Greenfields Family Centre

Early bird tickets $10ea
Gift bag on arrival and speaker handouts

Contact Wellness Advoates Nore or Kelly
Nore 0491 137 265 Kelly 0413 120 030

Mandurah 2016 Fair
Stamps, Coins, Banknotes & Postcards
3rd to 5th November 2016

Find out more and enrol online at education.wa.edu.au/swimming or telephone 9402 6412.
Want to claim bragging rights for your school?

By encouraging your school kids aged 8-18 to enter the Act-Belong-Commit Dwellingup 100, your school could take home the trophy for the most number of riders in the Schools Cross-Country (XC) Championships!

The Act-Belong-Commit Dwellingup 100 hosts the State School Mountain Biking Championships each year and sees hundreds of kids riding the 14km course, with categories for U12, U14, U16 and U18 in both male and female. The D14 event is the perfect opportunity for kids to get a great start in the sport, with experienced mountain bikers leading the way. The general D14 event is open to riders of all ages so parents can accompany their children as well.

Held on Saturday 3rd September only an 1 hour 20 minutes from Perth, this is a great opportunity for the kids to get outdoors while experiencing a new, fun, muddy sport!

Need more information? Email info@trievents.com.au and we can answer all your questions, or visit the website www.dwellingup100.com.au/event-information/