A Blessing for the School Holidays

Sustaining God, caretaker of life,
you are always present.
You live in us.
Watch over our students during the break,
and keep us safe in your watchful gaze.
Bless our school community
as we celebrate our holidays.
We make this prayer through
Jesus our guardian.
Amen.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Welcome to the newsletter for this week and the last one this year.
I cannot believe the year is nearly over. With just over a week to go.

YEAR SIX: First up, this week I wish to give thanks, congratulate, recognise and celebrate the wonderful Year Six class. They were truly magnificent at last week’s assembly, sharing their time at St Joseph’s with the audience through song, dance, video and words. It really was an emotional assembly, with a few tears from the parents in attendance. Thanks to Mrs Miller and Mrs Hughes for all the time put in to organising the students. It really was a great way to finish a year in which we have seen some awesome assemblies.

The emotions for Year Six have not finished, with their graduation and fun day events taking place next week. On behalf of the families, staff and students at St Joseph’s we wish our graduating class for 2016 all the very best in their future endeavours as they head off to secondary school.

REPORTS: Please note reports will not be handed out next week. During Week 10 staff will be at school and, among other things, spend time organising, transitioning, tidying up, training and finalising organisational elements of their work. Reports will be finalised and collated at this time and sent home via the post.
NEXT WEEK: We have a very busy and hectic week coming up, starting with our Advent Service Tuesday to Friday at 8:45am. Tuesday we also have our Parish Sausage Sizzle at 4:30pm, with our End of Year Concert commencing at 4:50 with the Choir performance, followed by Class performances beginning at 5:15pm. Wednesday we have the Graduation Mass and Luncheon for our Year Six’s followed by a Fun Day for them on Thursday. Friday is the last day for students, with Pre-Primary to Year Five heading off to the movies. What a lively week it will be!

STAFFING: Staffing was announced at the AGM last week but since then there have been some further developments in teacher movement that may impact on teacher allocations for next year. Miss Medcalf has been presented with a wonderful opportunity to travel to Broome next year to live and work, and will be leaving at the end of 2016, therefore she will not be taking up her position in Year One as announced at the AGM.

As a result of this, the school will be endeavouring to organise a replacement as soon as possible. This may however impact in some small way on other staffing elements for next year and how resources will be allocated.

I appreciate your patience on this matter as we continue to plan for next year. Should changes arise, and or staff be relocated to other classes this information will be relayed to you via a letter as soon as due processes have taken place.

STAFF RETURNING AND FAREWELLS: Next year we will welcome back Miss Nolan who has had twelve months of studying and travelling. Mrs Ketteringham will also be returning to her position as Principal after her secondment to Ringer Soak.

Miss McKenna has officially resigned from St Joseph’s. We wish her well for her future endeavours and thank her for her service to our school. As mentioned, Miss Medcalf is heading north. A truly wonderful teacher, I know she will be missed, but we wish her the absolute best wishes on her exciting journey. Mrs Paskov and her love of education has been out-weighed by another equally incredible vocation - Nursing! Mrs Faed is moving to Mother Theresa in Baldivis – an exciting opportunity, closer to home and teaching in an area she loves. To Mr Papp, who is off to Xavier Catholic School Armadale, your energy, effort and enthusiasm have been terrific. Thanks for everything! Mrs Quinn is heading to St Vincent’s in Kwinana. Her kind and friendly ways will be missed and with a heavy heart she goes, but I know she will thrive in her new school.

You will all be missed and no doubt shine in your new roles. Thankyou!

SPECIAL MRS BEADLE: Another significant departure and one that I know will be felt with a heavy heart from both staff and students is the retirement of Wendy Beadle. For 23 years Wendy has been an energetic, positive, engaging, happy, kind beacon glowing for our families and students to benefit from. This year though, in Wendy’s words, the ‘time has come’ and on behalf of the entire St Joes community I say a huge thank you and sincere best wishes for the future...although I don’t think we have seen the end of Wendy yet.

MJR: I have loved sharing Making Jesus Real with you this year. We all need a little more laughter and happiness in our lives. This MJR tip advises just that.
THANKYOU: With just over a week left in my time at St Joseph’s I am incredibly thankful. Being a school principal is a privilege, and an honour I have thoroughly enjoyed this year. I am so grateful to this school for ‘letting me into your lives’ and allowing me to be a part of your St Joseph’s family this year.

Below is an excerpt from my principals report at the AGM, summing up my views.

This year, I can honestly celebrate the sentiment that people make places, this is so true! Therefore tonight first and foremost I wish to acknowledge the people that make up our place:

- **Our great school staff** - dedicated, committed, caring and kind. Our students are in such good hands.
- **Our parents** – genuine, fair and approachable – the support given to our staff is wonderful.
- **Our children** – happy, welcoming, fun and creative – these young lives give us all real purpose.

The combination of dedicated staff, supportive parents and energetic children makes this place a great place.

I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas, and stay safe and happy.

God bless,

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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**SENSE OF HUMOUR**

One of anyone’s greatest characteristics is our sense of humour. Basically it means that we can laugh at ourselves and make light of difficult things that come our way. Generally people with a sense of humour don’t take themselves, or life, too seriously. As someone once said, a sense of humour “is the ability to laugh at yourself.”

Sometimes we make mistakes and people laugh at us—like falling in the mud. Even though it amuses others and we are not impressed, a person with a sense of humour laughs with the amused friends—other people spit the dummy and storm off.

There are many and varied senses of humour and not everyone’s sense of humour works in well with us and sometimes other people’s humour can upset us.

It is an important quality to work on; people are attracted to friendly, cheerful people who are ready to have a good laugh at life.
### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### FRIDAY 02/12
- **8.45am** - Merit and Worker of The Month Assembly with piano recital
- **5pm-6:30pm** - 'Dress-up and Decorations for Dancing’ Day
- **7pm-8:30pm** - Gold coin donation
- **MCC Orientation Day for Year 7 intake 2017**
- **Pinjarra Senior H/School Orientation Day**
- **Junior Disco**
- **Senior Disco**

#### SUNDAY 04/12
- **10am** - Mass at St Augustine’s Parish

#### TUESDAY 06/12
- **8.45am** - Advent Service
- **4.30pm** - Parish Sausage Sizzle and End of Year Concert

#### WEDNESDAY 07/12
- **8.45am** - Advent Service
- **10.30am** - Year 6 Graduation Mass and Lunch

#### THURSDAY 08/12
- **8.45am** - Advent Service
- **Year 6 Fun Day**

#### FRIDAY 09/12
- **8.45am** - Advent Service
- **9.30am** - End Of Year Movie
- **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

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### DRESS-UP AND DECORATIONS FOR DANCING

The student council are helping support Nikitta Harris, one of our students, who is competing in the Australian DanceSport Championships in Melbourne at the end of the year.

For a gold coin donation you can come to school tomorrow, **Friday 2 December** dressed in Christmas colours.

Thankyou in advance for all your support.

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After primary school, the School Dental Service continues to provide free general and preventive dental care for all enrolled students in Years 7 – 11 (or turns 17 whichever comes first). If your child is not enrolled, it is not too late to enrol now! You can continue to go to the same Dental Therapy Centre you attended in primary school or contact a more suitable centre if required. The address and phone number of each Dental Therapy Centre can be found on the Dental Health Services website at www.dental.wa.gov.au or phone 93130555 for information.
School Holiday Programs

January, 2017

Bust A Burpee Commando’s and Aqua Fun

Date: Friday 6 January, 2017
Time: 11:00am - 1:00pm
Ages: 8+ Years
Cost: $15.00 per child

A commando style workout where children train together to complete each stage of drills before moving in to the pool area for aquatic adventures.

Family Fun Days

Date: Every Sunday in January, 2017
Time: 12:00noon - 2:00pm
Cost: $16.00 per family

Family Fun events are a great low-cost way to spend quality time together. With age-appropriate fun for children and plenty of activities for everyone, your family will have a ball.

Splash and Dash

Date: Monday 9 January, 2017
Ages: 8+ Years
Time: 11:00am - 1:00pm
Cost: $15.00 per child

Make a splash with three hours of lively water games, races against the clock and challenging activities. Your child will have a blast with these summer perfect games and entertainment.

CrossFit Kids

Date: Friday 13 January, 2017
Ages: 7 - 12 Years
Time: 10:30am - 12:30pm
Cost: $15.00 per child

Children will develop agility, co-ordination, balance, speed, flexibility and strength. Helping them to push, pull, run, throw, climb, lift and jump effectively and safely. They will delight in pairing fitness with fun.

Aquatic Inflatable Fun

Date: Monday 16, Friday 20, Monday 23 January, 2017
Ages: 8+ Years
Time: 1:30pm - 3:30pm
Cost: $7.00 per child

Back by popular demand, the all new giant inflatable obstacle course is here and ready to be conquered. Be the first to challenge yourself and your friends while enjoying free WiFi within the Centre.

Super Kids Multi-Sports

Date: Tuesday 17 January, 2017
Ages: 5 - 10 Years
Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm
Cost: $15.00

Ignite your child’s passion for sport and all things active as they develop co-ordination, confidence and social skills. Providing variety to maintain focus and engagement, each child will take away a sense of success from their improved abilities.

Bookings and payment are required prior to the program date for the Bust a Burpee, CrossFit Kids and Super Kids Multi-Sports programs. A minimum of 5 students is required before a program will go ahead. If the minimum number is not met patrons that have already paid for the program will be issued with a full refund.
Year 1 and Year 3 had an enjoyable day at the zoo recently.