

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Pinjarra Newsletter

<u>OUR VISION:</u> We at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Pinjarra, seek to create a God centred environment where each school community member is nurtured spiritually, academically, socially and physically.

MOTTO: Faith and Trust



Blessing For The Start of a New School Year

God of new beginnings, you have brought us together for this new school year.
Bless our classes as we begin our journey together and bless our school community as we look forward to your guidance over the coming year.
We make this prayer through Jesus your Son.
Amen.

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

A warm welcome to all our returning families and a special welcome to those of you experiencing life at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School for the first time. I am sure your experiences at St Joes will be fruitful and enjoyable, and you see that our school community are living, active models of Christ.

For your information I have listed below our School Board members and also the current P&F committee. Please feel free to introduce yourselves to them as they will be wearing their badges so that you can put faces to names.

SCHOOL BOARD: PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION:

Michael Ferraro (Chairman) Tiff Mathews (President)

Everlyn Slattery (Treasurer) Janine McClements (Secretary)

Janet Conte (Secretary) Kirsten Greenham (Treasurer)

Janine Elliott

Tara Hey

As there were a few late staff changes at the end of last year I have placed the 2017 current staff list in this newsletter. A warm welcome back to Amanda Nolan who has returned after a year's study leave and a special congratulations to her and her fiancé Mark Flatt, as they have recently become engaged.

Please welcome our new staff members: Sharna Mckinlay who is teaching the Year Two Class, Nicole Winduss who is teaching PE for two days a week, Catherine Ziegelaar offering Science in the Library and Amanda Vergone (Education Assistant) who will be working in a variety of classrooms. Of course a warm welcome to all our returning staff – it has been lovely to see the smooth start to the year.

This year we will be using another form of communication which is a user friendly school communications app called Connected. We will soon send out information on how to download the free app and how it works on all smart phones and other portable devices. Chameleon Logic, who maintain our web page, have designed the app which will be linked to the website. For Term One we will continue to use our normal forms of communication with a gradual implementation of the app so that by Term Two most people will be able to activate and use it. Please remember to check the newsletter for upcoming events until such time as the App is up and running and you are comfortable using it.

We have had some issues with the billing of fees program, however, this has now been sorted and Bridget Bolt has sent out the statements this week. Thank you for your patience. A friendly reminder that you will be required to show your current Health Care Card to receive the discount.

I surveyed our current Kindergarten parents to see if we could adjust the days, however, they will remain Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. In Term Two we will commence our 3 year old Pre-Kindy program which will now run on a Monday. If you know of anyone interested please contact the office. Children need to have turned three before commencing. As it is a cost to parents we will run the session on Friday if the preceding Monday is a public holiday. Mrs Lenzarini will be the teacher.

I am also sending out an expression of interest for Playgroup. We will be able to run it for a couple of hours on Fridays between 9:30am – 11:30am with parents taking responsibility for it. If we have enough interest we can apply to the Playgroup Association for funding. Please email admin if you are interested in attending/running it.

Next week on Wednesday 15 February we are having a Parent Information afternoon commencing at 3:15pm to 5:30pm. Pre Primary to Year Six Classroom teachers have sent home notes advising of the allocated time. We have staggered the times to cater for siblings. At 5:30pm an information session on the *Keeping Safe Child Protection Curriculum Program* will commence. This program supports protective behaviours and is required to be offered by all schools in Western Australia. Terry Andrews, CEWA Senior Psychologist, will be presenting this Session and all parents and caregivers are invited to attend.

A reminder to send your child to school with their bathers on under their uniform, with a change of underwear and their towel in their bag as swimming commences next week.

Many Blessings to you all and I look forward to serving all members of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School community.

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Mrs Joy Ketteringham Principal



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.

How can you behave?? Be a **WESTy!** 

**W** welcoming

**E** encouraging

**S** sorry (able to say sorry)

T thanks (able to say thanks)



Aim to be a **WESTy** by being a happy chappy /chicky. A Happy Chappy or Happy Chicky is:

- ⇒ Cheerful and friendly
- ⇒ A good listener
- ⇒ Helpful (at home and at school)
- ⇒ Generous, thinks of others
- ⇒ Kind, forgiving and grateful
- ⇒ TUP Tolerant, Understanding, Patient
- ⇒ Encourages others
- ⇒ Honest (with self and others)
- ⇒ Smiling
- ⇒ A giver
- ⇒ Humble

#### STAFF LIST 2017

PRINCIPAL: JOY KETTERINGHAM

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: LISA RIPLEY

OFFICE: CHRISTINE DOUGLAS

BRIDGET BOLT AMY FLATT

TEACHERS:

PRE-KINDY: VANESSA LENZARINI
KINDY: VANESSA LENZARINI
PRE-PRIMARY: AMANDA NOLAN
YEAR 1: DEBBIE GUNDRY
YEAR 2: SHARNA MCKINLAY

YEAR 3: FIONA ANDERSON AND JILLIAN SNELL

YEAR 4: ABIGAIL O'LOUGHLIN
YEAR 5: RACHEL FLATT
YEAR 6: MARY MILLER

SPECIALISTS:

LOTE (TTALIAN): LUCIANA LEWIS (Tuesday and Wednesday)

THE ARTS: NILA POASA

SCIENCE: CATHERINE ZIEGLAAR (Tuesday and Wednesday)
PHYSICAL EDUCATION: NICOLE WINDUSS (Tuesday and Wednesday)

EMU: JILLIAN SNELL READING RECOVERY: NILA POASA

EDUCATION ASSISTANTS: JANE BOONE

GEORGIE HARLEY
REBECCA HUGHES
SUE LEADER
JACQUI SLATTERY
AMANDA VERGONE
CHARMAINE WHITE
CATHERINE WILD

ABORIGINAL TEACHING ASSISTANT: BARBARA PICKETT (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday)

LIBRARY TECHNICIAN: AMY FLATT

SUPPORT STAFF:

CLEANERS: DEBBIE SPANSWICK

KAREN CLAYDEN

KIRSTY COLDSTREAM

TUCKSHOP: ROS TREASURE (Monday and Friday)

RACHEL GLANCE (Monday and Friday)

GROUNDS/MAINTENANCE: BRIAN HOSIE

UPCOMING EVENTS					
FRIDAY	10/02	9:30am	<b>School Mass -</b> Parents & Family welcome to attend		
SUNDAY	12/02	10am	Mass at St Augustine's		
MONDAY	13/02		Swimming lessons Year 1 to Year 6		
TUESDAY	14/02		Swimming lessons Year 1 to Year 6		
WEDNESDAY	15/02		Swimming lessons Year 1 to Year 6		
		3:15pm-5:30pm	Parent Information Afternoon - PP to Year 6		
		5:30-6pm	Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum presented by Terry Andrews, Senior Psychologist		
THURSDAY	16/02		Swimming lessons Year 1 to Year 6		
		5:30pm	Board Meeting		
FRIDAY	17/02		Swimming lessons Year 1 to Year 6		
			Piano lessons commence for those enrolled		
		1:30pm	P&F Meeting		
SUNDAY	19/02	10am	Commissioning Mass - Staff, School Board and P&F		

### COMMISSIONING MASS:

Our Commissioning Mass is on Sunday 19 February. All students and parents are invited to attend this Mass to support the commissioning of our Staff, the School Board and the P&F Association.

### RECONCILIATION COMMITMENT MASS:

The commitment Mass for Reconciliation will be held on March 12. All students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation are expected to attend this Mass with their parents.

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS:**

Hannah and Dayna Vergone, Emily Lenzarini and Mikayla Wardrope have been selected to represent Pinjarra at the Under 13's Country Basketball Championships at Perry Lakes Stadium, Saturday 18 February and Sunday 19 February. Well done girls, and best of luck on the day!

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CANTEEN ROSTER	FRIDAY	10/02	Janine Elliott
	MONDAY	13/02	Tiff Mathews
	FRIDAY	17/02	Rachel Glance CAKES: Stephanie Brader

## **CANTEEN NEWS:**

We now have Jelly Cups (raspberry, lime and orange) on the canteen menu for purchase at recess. These are priced at 50c each.

Please write your child's order on a paper bag. These can be purchased from school or from any supermarket.

## **UNIFORM NEWS:**

This year we have decided that we will no longer sell secondhand uniforms through the uniform shop. Parents are more than welcome to join the St Joey's Parents Facebook page and sell them through that avenue. All secondhand uniforms that we currently have will continue to be sold through the shop, unless you inform us otherwise that you would prefer to take them back, but we will not be taking on any news consignments. All credit already raised will be honoured.

Opening hours: Every Tuesday, 8.15am—9am



#### **BOOK CLUB NEWS:**

Dear Parents,

A special welcome to all new families in the school for 2017. 'Book Club' catalogues are sent home once or twice a term. They are a great way to purchase affordable reading materials, puzzles etc for your children. Ordering books through Book Club earns our school valuable reward points, which are then used to buy books and resources for the library and classrooms.

If paying by cash or cheque all order forms need to be returned to school by the closing date, which is printed in the school newsletter. Orders need to be put in an envelope clearly labelled with 'Book Club', your child's name, year level and amount enclosed.

If paying by credit card, you complete your own order and pay at www.scholastic.com.au. Do not send your order form to school if paying by credit card online. Orders usually take two weeks from the closing date to arrive.

Thank you for your support,

Kirsten Greenham Book Club Co-ordinator



#### Dear parents and caregivers

Welcome to the start of the 2017 school year. This year promises to be full of exciting new opportunities and possibilities for your child in Catholic Education.

If you are new to our system, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to you and your family. I am delighted that you have chosen to join the Catholic Education Western Australia system, which provides a faith-based education and inspires a passion for learning and discovery for more than 75,000 students in 163 school communities right across the State.

You are joining Catholic Education at an exciting time of system success, growth and transformation.

In 2016, one of the many encouraging indicators of the success of our system was the WACE achievement of our Year 12s. Approximately 96 percent of CEWA students achieved a WACE, above the total State average, while CEWA students improved their Median ATAR again to 81.95, and were awarded a total of 3,178 VET Certificate 2 or higher.

In the past four years, our system has grown with the opening of seven new schools and colleges. Early Years Learning and Care is a key focus for us moving forward in 2017 as we seek to offer exceptional learning experiences for children in a vital period of their development, while meeting the needs of today's families.

This year we aim to reimagine collaborative learning at every school across our system by implementing our digital transformation initiative, LEADing Lights. LEADing Lights is a single digital eco-system, designed to equip students with the 21st century technologies and deep learning skills that will best prepare them for the future. Much work is underway in this space to ensure that this initiative supports world-class learning and development experiences for both students and staff.

Catholic schools rely on the contribution of parish, staff, students and parents working in partnership to sustain their vibrancy, educational excellence, and faith life. With your support and involvement in your child's learning, the efforts of our dedicated staff and Principals, we will ensure that our Catholic schools help your child reach toward their God-given potential.

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you all the best for the year ahead.

Yours sincerely

Dr Tim McDonald

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## Mandurah Catholic College Instrumental Music Program:

Anyone interested in joining the MCC Instrumental Music Program can get an application form from the front office or from the MCC Website. Students receive 32 half hour lessons throughout the year during class hours. It is important that you have an instrument at home for your child to practice. Instruments are available for hire. Music fee is \$1180 per year and hire fees are \$200 refundable. Applications need to be in ASAP to commence in Week 3.

For more information please contact Jane Randall

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