Sisters of Saint Joseph in celebrating the Feast Day http://www.sosj.org.au/

May the joy of God's presence embrace you on the feast of Saint Mary MacKillop, as you reflect on her words: 'A certain sense of God's watchful love wonderfully strengthens me.'

Mary MacKillop, 25 March 1873.

St Joseph's School Mission Statement
I am delighted to launch our Mission Statement as part of our Strategic Plan. Thank you to all members of the St Joseph's School Community who have participated in the development of this Mission and the Strategic Plan.

"Centred on Jesus Christ, we inspire and nurture our students to reach their full potential in a Catholic School Community".

Year 7 Mass on Thursday
We had a lovely Mass with our Year 7 students last Thursday morning. Thank you to Father Pavol for a beautiful Mass and for inspiring students in the development of their faith. Thank you to Mr Izzard, Miss Lombardini and Mr Temby for their organisation and attendance at the Mass. I was delighted to see the students being actively involved in the Mass!

School Events:
Secondary Woodwork Excursion
Thank you to Mr Temby for taking his Year 10 Class on a Woodwork excursion to Perth last Friday. By all accounts, it was a great educational experience for the Year 10 students who were in attendance.

Dear Members of St Joseph's Family,

Prayer
Dear Lord,
We ask you to bless St Joseph's School Community.
We pray that you guide us to see, listen, speak and be just, like St Joseph.
May we be inspired by our Founders to be the best that we can be.
May we always keep Jesus at the centre of all we do.

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St Emile de Vialar Pray for us
St Marcellin Pray for us
St Mary MacKillop of the Cross Pray for us
Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia Pray for us.

Amen

Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop
The Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop was celebrated on Thursday August 8. Please visit the website and join the

Monday Aug 12 National Science Week commences
Yr 9 Field Trip to Eadine Springs
Yr 1 Excursion to Perth Zoo
AVAS Eisteddfod commences

Wednesday Aug 14 Yr 3 Visit St Joseph’s Church
Primary Choir perform at AVAS Eisteddfod

Thursday Aug 15 Feast of The Assumption ~ Whole School Mass @ 9.30am
Sec Netball Team @ Fremantle ~ 6.30am-4.30pm
Early Close

Friday Aug 16 Primary Assembly ~ Choir
Secondary Assembly ~ Lenihan
Paint Storm Incursion

Term Three ~ Week Three
August 9, 2013

Our Prayer
Gospel: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C Luke 12:35–40

Jesus said to his disciples:
‘Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master’s return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

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Primary Incursion
The students in Year 4/5, 5/6 and 6 had an Electoral and Law Making incursion on Tuesday. The visiting Constitution team commended the students on their exemplary behaviour. Thank you to Miss Czernowski, Mrs Izzard, Mrs O'Meara and Mrs Booth.

Feast of the Assumption Mass
A whole school Mass will take place at 9.30am at St Joseph’s Church on Thursday, August 15. We would be delighted if members of the St Joseph’s School Community could join us?

Tree Planting
Thank you to Mrs O’Meara for coordinating the tree planting day for Primary students last Friday. It was a delight to see the students so enthusiastic about helping the environment, a tradition that has been part of St Joseph’s School for many years. Thank you to staff who assisted and to parents whose expertise was very valuable in assisting our students in planting the young trees. The continued rain this week should assist in establishing these.

Australian Mathematics Competition
Some of our talented students on Years 7 to Year 10 competed in the Australian Mathematics Competition last Thursday. Thank you to Mr Sinclair for coordinating this academic event and to staff for their persistence in nurturing students to reach their full potential in the area of Mathematics.

Western Australian Monitoring Standards in Education
Students in Years 5, 7 and 9 completed assessments in Science and Society and Environment this week on both campuses. Thank you to Mr Gargano, Mrs Parnham and Mrs Booth for coordinating the assessments and to staff for all the preparation they have been doing with their students.

Early Career Teacher Program
Miss Tetlow and Mr Myers have been involved in this CEO initiative for teachers at the beginning of their career. Both staff have found the program a great way to reflect on classroom practices and to gather ideas from other teachers at the same stage of their careers. They have also learned about different aspects of Catholic Education and assistance that is available from the Catholic Education Team in Leederville.

Marist Conference
Mrs Booth and Mrs Parnham attended a Marist Conference last week in Cairns. I would like to thank Marist Schools Australia for sponsoring our Head of Primary and Head of Secondary to attend this event. Mrs Booth and Mrs Parnham have come back with a much greater understanding of Saint Marcellin and have made many connections with our Marist friends in other Australian schools.

Staff Professional Learning on August 30
The Marist Mission & Life Formation Team will do a faith development day with staff on Friday, August 30, Week 6. It is entitled: "In the Champagnet Way". A program designed specifically for whole school staff in understanding and learning the Marist way of facing the greatest challenges for our schools today. The program is designed to be interactive, with input, as well as group work ensuring that staff engage with one another and the content of the program. Resource material will be drawn from the key source text, ‘In the Footsteps of Champagnet’.

Student Free Day – Friday August 30
Parents are asked to please note this student free day in your diary, which takes place in Week 6 this Term.

Yours in Christ,
Kevin Sheehy
Principal

Parish Quiz Night
St Joseph’s Parish are holding a fundraiser Quiz Night on Saturday, August 24, 2013 in the PB Kirby Parish Centre. Tickets are $80 for a table of 8. Refreshments and food will be available to purchase on the night. Come at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. There will be great prizes on offer as well as a Raffle. All monies raised will be put towards funding our roof restoration, currently in progress.

Tickets are available from the Parish Office [9622 5411] or the Primary Admin Office [9621 3500]. See you there!

Children’s Liturgy
There will be Children’s Liturgy at the 5.30pm Mass on Saturday, August 17, for children aged 3-8 years. Children will be dismissed from the Mass after the Introductory Prayer and the go to the PB Kirby Hall for the Liturgy. They will return to their parents during the Offertory Procession. Please contact Michelle Johnson on 9621 2506 for details.

Marist Core Group Forum
On Thursday, August 29 commencing at 5pm, Br Doug Walsh F.M.S. and Mr Joe McCarthy will hold a Forum in the St Marcellin Performing Arts Centre at the Lance Street Campus [Fermoy] of St Joseph’s School, with a barbeque to follow. The School and Parish welcome all those who have a connection with the Marist Brothers in Northam, including current and past students and parents of the School, to hear about a proposed Marist Core Group to be established in Northam. If you wish to attend the Forum, please RSVP by Monday, August 26 for catering purposes, to St Joseph’s Parish Office [9622 5411] or email: northamcatholicchurch@iinet.net.au

Woodwork Excursion
Our Year 10 Woodwork class travelled to Perth last Friday to enjoy and learn from the exhibits and demonstrations at the Perth Woodwork Show. The event is an annual event at the Claremont Showgrounds and is incredibly popular, going by the crowd that attended.

Featured at the show were the latest technologies and methods for every aspect of woodworking; Lathe work, alternatives for joining, finishing coats for wood and router use just to name a few. Every conceivable woodworking tool was also on display, giving enthusiasts the opportunity to purchase.

Also present were the winning entries from the State woodwork competition. Students from all year groups, including tertiary institutions, participated. The entries were outstanding and it was amazing to see the quality of work capable of comparable Year 10 students. They were a great source of inspiration, especially as the next project undertaken by St Joseph’s students is to design and make their own coffee table.

Leon Temby
Design & Technology Teacher

University Open Days
On Sunday, August 11, from 10 am to 4 pm, the University of Western Australia (UWA) is running its annual Open Day for prospective students. In addition to course information and career advice, the university is open to explore. There will be course displays, special activities, faculty tours, special presentations or you could even tour the UWA art gallery, watch the UWA sporting teams in action, or speak to members of various social and leisure associations about university life.
There are opportunities designed for Year 10 students here as well, running at 10.15am, 11.15am and 1.15pm, is a special presentation ‘Our course: The UWA difference’ to be held in the Octagon Theatre. To ensure you do not miss anything along the way, there is a section on the website that allows you to select your interests, which will then generate a personalised open day planner. As this is the centenary of UWA, there are also a range of special fun events running throughout the day as well. For further information please go to: www.openday.uwa.edu.au

The following week on Sunday, August 18 is the Murdoch University Open Day, details can be located at their website at: http://openday.murdoch.edu.au/

This day involves campus tours, entertainment, speaking with current students, participating in some clubs and activities with the focus of this open day targeting Arts, Law and Politics, Engineering, IT, Health and Exercise Science, Management and Business and Veterinary science. If these are of interest, and possibly a career choice, please consider this Open Day.

Now if you are loving the Open Day experiences, you are going to have a dilemma, also on the same day (August 18) is the University of Notre Dame Australia (UND) Open Day from 10.00am to 4.00pm. The University of Notre Dame Australia, operating since 1990 has embraced both the modern Australian university tradition and the ancient and esteemed traditions of Catholic universities from Europe and has direct links with campuses in North America.

It has sought to be a university which specialises in undergraduate education excellence. Its focus is the education and training of young people for entry to the major professions including; medicine, law, teaching, nursing, accounting and finance, physiotherapy, counselling, health and recreation sciences. For further information about events, tours and the days program, please check their website at; http://www.nd.edu.au/openday

Science Experience for Year 9 Students
Year 9 students, do you ever feel that at the end of the year, you have not had enough science, or you would like to do some really cool experiments, see what is happening in science in the real world?

Well here is your solution... The Science Experience. Sponsored by the Science Schools Foundation, Conoco Phillips, Rotary Clubs of Australia and the Australian Science Teachers Association, is the annual summer science experience, targeting Year 9 students.

This summer school holiday program is designed to provide students with an interest in science, with an opportunity to engage with actual scientists, authentic research and university activities. Through the experience, students will participate in a range of events, including lectures, laboratory sessions, field work, tours of science research centres and institutes and listen to young, enthusiastic scientists and engineers about their work.

Venues and dates are; Curtin University 12, 13, 16, 17 December 2013, Edith Cowan University (Joondalup) 21-24 January 2014 or University of Western Australia (UWA) 14-16 January 2014. The cost to participate is $115 at UWA and $150 at Curtin University and Edith Cowan University (4 day programs). To find out more or to apply after speaking with your parents, please go to the website below and fill in the relevant details by the end of the term; www.scienceexperience.com.au

Previous participants from St Joseph’s School have found this to be a very exciting and rewarding opportunity, providing many ideas about your options and your future in science.

Science News
A few great upcoming activities in science over the next couple of weeks that should be fun and increase the learning experiences of our students are occurring which includes the Year 7 students travelling to Gingin to delve into the workings of the cosmos at the Gravity Discovery Centre, the Year 9 students getting to be at one with the environment on their annual field trip to Eadine Springs on Monday, August 12, to do a range of surveys and collecting specimens for further analysis back in the laboratory at school. Among all this are a few different events are occurring across each class throughout Weeks 4 and 5 to celebrate Science week. That is right... it is that time of the year again, National Science Week!

Watch this space for updates and class challenge results, in addition to results of the annual Science Week Homeroom Quiz. It is not all fun and games just for our students, there is fun for science enthusiasts of all ages, go to http://www.scienceweek.net.au/ for further information about a range of special events occurring here in WA between August 10-18.

Mark Gargano
Curriculum Coordinator
Teaching and Learning
Years 5-10

Year 6 Camp Fun Day Request
One of our Year 6 students is hoping to have a ‘Pluck a Duck’ fishing stall at the Year 6 Camp Fun Day. Anyone who has any unwanted, plastic bath toy rubber ducks is asked to donate these to a good cause. Please drop any ducks you may be happy to give away into the Primary Admin Office. Thank you!

Secondary Netball Uniforms
Miss Dempsey, Miss Madrigal and the Secondary Netball Team members would like to express their sincere thanks to the St Joseph’s P & F for their generous purchase of a new set of uniforms and bibs for the team to wear in the current Schools Netball competition.

Our team will be proudly displaying their new uniform when they take to the courts next Thursday, competing in the Finals being held at Fremantle Netball Courts.

We wish all those involved a successful carnival.
Miss Dempsey

Uniform Shop News
Families are advised that our order of tracksuit pants have arrived and all Back Orders have been sent home. Tracksuit jackets and some House shirts are still to come in. Once these arrive, will distribute Back Orders as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience.

Michelle James
Uniform Shop Manageress

Our Community
Avon Youth Northam Programs
The Avon Youth Northam group are offering after school activities for students aged 12 to 17 years of age. There are a variety of activities on offer, taking place on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3.00 to 5.00pm. Call in to Avon Youth located at 371 Fitzgerald Street, Northam.
Northam Scout Group - 
Be Prepared to join the Adventure!

Scouting is starting up in Northam and will run on Thursdays after school, starting in Term 4.

Children and young adults aged from 6 to 25 can join at any stage of Scouting and participate in a program that encourages them to grow through adventure by experiencing new challenges, making new friends, building confidence, taking responsibility for themselves and being provided with opportunities to explore their own abilities and interests. Perhaps the most important thing, however, is that Scouts have fun!

Scouting transcends all cultural, religious, racial, political, age and gender barriers. Scouts Australia also welcomes membership enquiries from those with intellectual or physical disabilities. Age groups on offer are: Joey Scouts (6-8 yrs old) Cub Scouts (7.5-11 yrs old) Scouts (10.5 – 15 yrs old) Venturer Scouts (14.5-18 yrs old) Rover Scouts (18 -25 yrs old) and Leaders. There are plenty of flexible ways adults can get involved with or contribute to their local Scout Group as well! Leaders are all volunteers and if any parents want to be involved they are welcome to apply.

To register your interest in Scouts, please contact Amanda Abbott, Group Leader, Northam Scout Group, on 0409 206 607 or email: gl.northamscouts@gmail.com

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