St Emilie Pray for us
St Marcellin Pray for us
St Joseph Pray for us
Amen

Dear Members of St Joseph’s Family,

Prayer

Gospel: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C Luke 14:1, 7–14

On a Sabbath, Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully.

He told a parable to those who had been invited, noticing how they were choosing the places of honor at the table. “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited by him, and the host who invited both of you may approach you and say, ‘Give your place to this man,’ and then you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place. Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, ‘My friend, move up to a higher position.’ Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” Then he said to the host who invited him, “When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbours, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

Year 10 Retreat & Mass
Thank you to Miss Dempsey for organising a wonderful Retreat and Mass for our Year 10 students. Father Pavol did a beautiful Mass with the students, as part of their Retreat experience. Thank you to staff who assisted with the Retreat to make it a faith-filled experience for the Year 10 students as they complete their final year at St Joseph’s School.

Refugees & Migrants’ Sunday
Thank you to Mr Gargano and Miss Dempsey for organising our students to be part of this special Mass and shared meal on Sunday morning.

Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers
Congratulations to Miss Dempsey, Mrs Booth, Mrs Izzard, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Moore and Mrs O’Neill who were commissioned as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist at the Migrant Mass last Sunday.

School Events
St Joseph’s Parish Quiz Night
We had a very successful Parish Quiz last Saturday night at the PB Kirby Parish Centre. Both Father Pavol and Father Emmanuel were delighted with the response from the St Joseph’s School Community. It was a delight to see so many parents and their family members present as well as a group of students who dressed in fancy dress as part of the social evening. Thank you to all those who assisted in some way to make it a wonderful collaboration between St Joseph’s Parish and St Joseph’s School.

Welcome
I would like to welcome back Mr Samuel James to St Joseph’s School. Samuel is a past student who is currently doing a placement in the Year 6 Class as part of his Certificate III in Education Support at CY O’Connor. Samuel is then hoping to enrol in a university preparation course at Edith Cowan University to study Primary Education.

Monday  Sept  2  Yr 6 Excursion to Perth City ~ 8.45am-4.15pm
              Yr 8 da Vinci Club @ 3.15pm in St Emilie SLC
              Book Week Commences
Tuesday  Sept  3  Yr 6 Camp Walkathon [rescheduled] ~ 1.00-2.30pm
              Book Fair commences
Wednesday Sept  4  Yr 4/5 Excursion to Perth Zoo ~ 8.45am-4.15pm
Thursday  Sept  5  Yr 4 Eucharist Retreat @ Schoenstatt Shrine ~ 8.50am-4.15pm
              Early Close
Friday    Sept  6  Primary Book Week Assembly @ 9.20am in Undercover Area
              Secondary Assembly ~ Leonard
              Yr 9 Mass @ 12.15pm
Cross Country
Thank you to Miss Czernowski for organising students from Years 4 to 9 to compete in the Cross Country at Meckering last Friday. I was delighted to hear that students competed to the best of their ability and had a very enjoyable active day. Thank you to staff and parents who assisted.

da Vinci Decathlon
Thank you to Mrs O’Meara and Mr Gargano for inspiring a team of students from Year Six to participate in the da Vinci Decathlon last Friday at Wesley College. The students were ambassadors for St Joseph’s School by doing their best and working collaboratively as a team.

Book Week
Book Week begins next week in Week Seven. The Book Fair will be held in the St Marcellin Performing Arts Centre auditorium as part of this very special week as we work together to inspire all our students to read. On Friday, there will be a Book Week Assembly at 9.20am for Kindy to Year 6 students in the undercover area in Primary.

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.

Student Absentee Procedure
Parents and guardians are reminded of the procedure to follow regarding student absences from School. You may call the Primary or Secondary office on the day to notify us of your child’s absence or send an email to admin@sjsnortham.wa.edu.au. Alternatively, once student absences have been processed, any Unexplained absences will automatically generate a SMS text to your mobile phone. If you receive a text, you may reply to this.

In all instances, please ensure that you provide your child’s full name, the day’s date and reason for absence. A written note is required for all absences. This is a formal and legal requirement upon the School and is linked to our funding from both the State and Federal Government and is audited.

Our telephone system allows parents the opportunity to call and leave messages outside of normal office hours, if this is more convenient. Parents and guardians are also reminded of the Absentee Notes that are provided in the School Diary, which can be completed and returned to the class or Home-room teacher when the student returns to School. Teachers will be sending letters home shortly to parents/guardians to cover any unexplained absences for the year to date.

If you have any queries regarding student absences or the procedure to follow, please contact the Primary administration Office.

Primary Parking
Members of the school community are asked to exercise patience and caution when parking to drop off or pick up students from school each day. Please follow the direction of any signage, ensuring basic road rules are always adhered to. Be considerate and careful of other road users and especially, be mindful of the rights of residents around the School.

If you park on the opposite verge from the Primary Campus, please cross the road to collect your child – do not expect them to cross the road on their own! Please also be aware that no parking or standing is permitted in any bus zones or in areas that are marked with yellow lines.

Thank you for your support in observing the parking and safety practices at St Joseph’s School.

Staff Professional Learning on August 30
The Marist Mission and Life Formation Team will do a faith development day with staff on Friday, August 30, Week 6. It is entitled: “In the Champagnat 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 Champagnat'.

Student Free Day on Friday, August 30
Please note this student free day in your diary.

Yours in Christ,  
Kevin Sheehy  
Principal

Our Faith

Children’s Liturgy
There will be Children's Liturgy at the 5.30pm Mass, Saturday, September 14, for children aged 3-8 years. Children will be dismissed from Mass after the Introductory Prayer and the go to the PB Kirby Hall for Children’s Liturgy. They will return to their parents during the Offertory Procession. Any queries should be directed to Michelle Johnson on 9621 2506.

Year 10 Retreat
On August 22, the Year 10 class attended their annual Retreat. This was a very enjoyable two days starting off with Mass celebrated by Father Pavol. We then proceeded to walk over to the Bridgeley Centre where we talked about our Retreat. Then we did some warm up activities with Mr Sinclair, which the girls won. Afterwards, we started an activity with Mrs Parnham, where she showed a timeline of her life and we were asked to simulate our own timeline of significant dates.

During morning tea, we celebrated a special 16th birthday for Harry Martin. Morning tea was delicious and we would like to thank all of the parents who contributed to making the wide selection of food.

After morning tea, Miss Lombardini led us in a “throwing no stones” activity. After receiving our individual stones, we wrote our names on them and also drew a Cross on the opposite side. We then placed them at the base of our prayer reflection table. Overall, we were looking at our conscience. After the conscience activity, Miss Dempsey lead us in the prayer “Footsteps in the Sand”.

We had to write how we could cope with life challenges on our foot template. The footprints were then placed near the prayer reflection table.

After lunch, we played group cooperation games. It was then time to walk up to the Primary Campus to participate in a “Paint Storm” session. Here the ideas of choices, goals and decisions were reinforced. The group found this very...
entertaining and also very useful when the presenter spoke about how his career.

The second day of Retreat started with an introduction from the "Aus for Life" team, who explained the day ahead. We watched a video about sport and how individual athletes failed but overcame the fear of failure to win. Then we got into four small groups and then did some warm up games.

This was a very successful day for all of the Year 10's and teachers. We all learned a little bit about each other by the end of the day, especially those we did not know well before. It was a very enjoyable day and we would love to do it again. Year 10 Class

Our School

Scholastic Book Fair
The P & F is hosting a Book Fair during Book Week this term [Week 7 : September 2 - 6]. To date, we have a roster of helpers are able to come in either during lunchtime or after school to sell the books. We still have a few places that need to be filled and the Roster is on the desk in Reception if you would like to join us? We are also seeking one or two more helpers to assist with unpacking the books on Monday, September 2. Please call in and ask to see the Roster if you can offer any assistance. Thank you.

Lost Property
The Primary Administration Office is disappearing under a pile of uniform items, mostly sports jackets, that have been misplaced by students. There are also one or two pieces of clothing that are non-uniform and a growing number of lunch or snack boxes. All these items are unnamed! Please check to see if you are missing any uniforms or containers?

Julie Booth
Head of Primary

Our Students

Year Six – da Vinci Decathlon
Last Friday, sixteen students travelled to Wesley College to participate in the Year Six da Vinci Decathlon. After we got over the initial 'wow' factor of the school grounds, we were ready to assemble in their large hall. Our two teams competed against other Independent and Catholic Schools.

The day was broken up into three sections in which we worked on three different tasks. Whilst we did not get in the first five placings, Team Two did come 1st in 'Engineering' and Team One came 2nd in the 'General Knowledge' section. We had two 3rd placings in 'Poetry' and 'Mathematics'. It was an excellent opportunity to participate in an academic forum and to work so industriously as a team. During the day, we were treated to morning tea and lunch in the Boarders' Dining Area. Participants shall receive their well-earned Certificates at the next School assembly.

I would like to acknowledge the members of each team:
Team One: Matthew Clarke, Annika Weibel, Callum Hills, Zeke Kennedy, Ben Prater, Alaina Rule, Kana Moulton and Shantha Brockman.
Team Two: Sam Palmer, Blair Monger, Amy Lane, Kayla Abbey, Maddison-Jayne Sumpton, Tahlia Brown, Katelyn Irvine and Kye Please.

It was a pleasure to see these students trying so hard to work through the many challenging tasks and to see them so proud of their efforts. Thank you to Mr Gargano for his support and for driving the bus and to Mr James for assisting on the day. We had a wonderful experience and it opened our eyes to the different learning opportunities. As Leonardo da Vinci quoted...' Learning never exhausts the mind'.

Primary Choir
August has been a very busy period for the Primary Choir and I am very pleased with our efforts. Last week, we travelled to Perth for the Catholic Performing Arts Festival and our performance was outstanding. It was great to hear the other choirs and all our students were very attentive and well-behaved. This week, we performed at the Dowerin Field Days in the GWN Tent. We showed our diversity of song, showcased our talented group and our quick ability to learn some boot scooting.

I would like to thank Mrs Dymnicki for taking the time on Monday to give a group a quick 'boot scooting' lesson to enhance the performance. Thank you to Mr Sumpton for preparing the CD's for the Dowerin and AVAS performances. The Choir will have a short recess of one week before getting ready for other commitments. I would personally like to thank all Choir Members for showing the perseverance and commitment all year. Thank you, once again, to Mrs Glass for her assistance and to the teachers for being so flexible and accommodating.

Cheryl O'Meara

Year 7 Science
This week, all our Year 7 students participated in a science lesson run through the Victorian Space Science Education Centre (VSSEC). The lesson involved a video teleconference from a space science specialist based in Melbourne, providing background information about stars and how to use a particular program, called the Star Search 'game'. Students created a list of stars they would like to investigate and virtually travelled there and collected data about their brightness and surface temperature, which now is being used to create a graph. This data will then be combined with plots created by other students to analyse any relationships or trends with the information and hopefully, be able to identify key aspects of the life cycle of stars, to be finalised in next week’s lessons and a second teleconference link up with VSSEC.

A very intense session, that relied on many skills and not just from the students. I would like to acknowledge the assistance of our ICT Manager, Mr Michael Burke, who organised the Skype connection for the teleconference and assisting on the day with the students at their individual computers.

Secondary Exams
There are some important deadlines, which should be locked into the calendar for each of our Years 8 and 9 students. Depending on when you are reading this newsletter, what is very
important to note is that if you are in Year 8, you have 13 days before your exams commence. If you are in Year 9, you will have 20 days left to prepare... that is not long. Are you ready, how are you preparing?

Listed here are some proven points to increase your chances. Go through and begin to prepare your notes, do you have everything, if you were away at some point, have you caught up on those chapters, and not just this term! Remember, the exams are testing all material from this year.

Begin to go through previous assessments and in-class work, what did you do wrong, what did you not get marks for and use this as a basis for targeting those concepts. If you do not put time in now to correct earlier mistakes, these are not going to fix themselves and if these are key points in your subject, they will probably reappear in the exam.

When working through questions, or practising writing responses, perhaps put yourself under exam-like conditions. You should have already removed all distractions, but now instead of doing 'homework' for an extended period of time, maybe complete a particular set of questions in 10 or 15 minutes and see how much can you do in a set time and how many do you get right when you have time pressures? Much better learning how to manage this before an exam, not during an exam!

Keeping in mind you have 5 exams to prepare for, what techniques are you using to assist with remembering? Why not draw diagrams, creating flowcharts, or maybe using mnemonics. Okay, what is mnemonics? Creating clues to assist in remembering objects, places, orders and sequences or lists. Making a list of letters from the first letter of what is needed and creating a silly sentence to help with highlighting the first letter of each item from your list. Or, perhaps associate each item off a list to walking your way through your house. Perhaps you have 5 items that might associate with consequences or causes and effects in Society & Environment or Science. Associate each point with a room of your house and create a ‘virtual’ journey. Maybe by linking the rooms (or topics) together and creating a unique or even humorous story it will make remembering a lot easier. For example, as you come home, you walk through the back door into the laundry, perhaps the first item you need to remember starts with b (back door), therefore visualise the word you need to remember on the back door. Then proceed to the next room, perhaps the kitchen, as you feel like you need a drink, but perhaps the next item on your list begins with the letter f, maybe you turn on the tap and out pours fizzy cola, which when it fills your cup, the bubbles on the top form the word you need to know, and so on.

Exams will require you to apply knowledge, but you must have that knowledge first, so how are you going to make sure you have that background to answer the questions?

Mark Gargano
Curriculum Coordinator
Teaching and Learning Yrs 5-10

Our Community

La Salle College 60TH Anniversary Memories
If you are a past student or parent of La Salle (De La Salle) College and would like to be part of a short film, commemorating the life of the College for our upcoming 60TH Anniversary in 2014, please contact Ms Danielle Calleja on dca@lasalle.wa.edu.au

Netta & Sub Junior Netball Windup
The Northam Netball Association is holding the 2013 season windup for Netta and Sub Junior players on Saturday, August 31 from 2.00pm-4.00pm in the Northam Recreation Centre Function Room. Come along to celebrate your season of playing Netta and Sub Junior Netball for the NNA. There will be a DJ providing music plus a sausage sizzle, drink and lolly bag provided to each player.

2013 Northam Ag Society Show - Colouring In Competition
The Ag Society is running a colouring in competition and school students are invited to collect an Entry Form from the Primary Admin Office. Completed entries should be dropped off at the Northam Ag Show Office on Wednesday, September 4 between 12 noon and 5.00pm. These will be displayed in the Exhibition Pavilion during the Northam Show on Friday, September 13 and Saturday, September 14. Please note that as forms contain personal details, they must be collected by participants by 5.00pm on Saturday, September 14 and any unclaimed entries will be destroyed.

Uniform Shop News
Stock on back order has arrived and all outstanding Tracksuit Jacket orders have now been filled. Thank you for your patience.

Michelle James

St Joseph’s School
Crunch’n’Munch Canteen

Primary
Monday Sept 2 Gail Pattinson-Oakes
Tanya Naughton
Tuesday Sept 3 Tina Smith
Amy Park
Wednesday Sept 4 Shirley Roberts
Tony Wheat
Thursday Sept 5 Chris Lentz-Reid
Anne Sloan
Friday Sept 6 Michelle O’Driscoll
Maria Matres

Secondary
Mon 2 Bev Madden
Tues 3
Wed 4 Adele Jolliffe
Thurs 5 Kathy Weatherly
Fri 6

Term Three - Assistance Sought
Assistance is sought from parents in both Canteens. Any time you have available will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Carmel or Sue to have your name added to our volunteer list.

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