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Kindy Pre-Primary Mass

Kindy and Pre-Primary students had a lovely Mass in St Joseph’s Church on Wednesday, August 28. Thank you to Fr Emmanuel and the Primary Team. I was delighted to hear the students sang beautifully and participated fully in the Mass.

Welcome

On behalf of the St Joseph’s School Community, I would like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Carmen Cox who will be the Principal of St Joseph’s School commencing in 2014. Mrs Cox came to meet staff at our Faith Development Day last Friday. She will also attend our Joint Board and Leadership evening on September 11. Mrs Cox will also attend a Primary and Secondary assembly in Term 4 so she can meet our St Joseph’s School Community. We wish Mrs Cox every success in her principalship and I am sure that you will work collaboratively with Mrs Cox to ensure that we continue “to inspire and nurture our students to reach their full potential in a Catholic School Community”.

Our Prayer

Dear Members of St Joseph’s Family,

Gospel:

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C Luke 14:25–33

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, “If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, ‘This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.’ Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms. In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.”

Dear Lord,

We ask you to bless St Joseph’s School Community.
We pray that you guide us to be just and to see, listen, speak and act 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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Amen

Year 4 Eucharist Retreat and Sacrament of Eucharist Mass

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Term Three ~ Week Seven
September 6, 2013

Dear Members of St Joseph’s Family,

Prayer

Monday Sept 9 ACC Athletics Carnival @ Mt Claremont
Yr 5/6 Excursion to Scitech ~ 8.45am-4.15pm
Tuesday Sept 10 ‘Pick a Peck of Pickled Poems’ Incursion @ Primary
Yr 6 Camp Fun Day
Yr 9 Retreat Day
Combined Schools Executive & Board Professional Development & Social Evening in St Marcellin PAC @ 6.00pm
Wednesday Sept 11 Yr 10 Drama Excursion to Perth ~ 8.00am-4.00pm
Early Close
Thursday Sept 12 Secondary Assembly ~ Marcellin
Friday Sept 13
School Events:

Marist Core Group Forum
Br Doug Walsh, Br Mark Paul, Br Peter Carroll and Mr Joe McCarthy held a Forum in the St Marcellin Performing Arts Centre last Thursday evening. It was a treat to see those who have a connection to St Joseph’s School enjoy each other’s company. Thank you to Mrs Budas, Mrs Moore, Mrs O’Neill, Mr Johnson, Mr Burke and staff for making this evening a success. We shared a meal and then heard about the Marist Brothers in the early days in Northam. It was a delight to witness the lovely memories that were being shared by everyone who was present. The Marist Team then spoke about the work of the Marist Brothers today and a proposed Marist Core group in Northam. It was a great collaboration between school and parish to organise such an evening. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Staff Professional Learning
Staff enjoyed the “In the Champagnat Way” program presented by the Marist Mission and Life Formation Team last Friday. This was an important day to assist us in our understanding of St Marcellin and the work of the Marist Brothers today. Staff can also use this professional learning as part of their accreditation renewal. Thank you to Mrs Spadaccini, Mrs Moore and Mrs Chomiak for assisting with the preparation for this event and to everyone who assisted to make this day a great success.

Dowerin Field Days
The Primary Choir gave an outstanding performance at Dowerin thanks to Mrs O’Meara and Mrs Glass. The boot scooting students, under the direction of Mrs Ute Dymnicki, also added to the performance of the Choir. It was great to hear such a loud applause from those present and students and staff indeed felt very proud. The Year 9 students had an excursion to Dowerin as part of S&E and D&T, thanks to Mr Temby, Miss Dempsey, Miss Madrigal and Mr Dunkerton. Our Education Booth was a great success. Thank you to Year Six Captains, Mrs Egerton-Warburton, Mrs Douglas, Miss Dempsey and Mr Burke for showcasing St Joseph’s School. Thank you also to the Admin Team and Mr Vernede who put a lot of organisation into our display for Dowerin.

Merit Certificate Omission
We congratulate Stephanie Irvin, from Year 1/2, who was missed off our list of students who received a Merit Certificate at our Primary Assembly on August 16. Well done, Stephanie!

Year 6 Excursion
Thank you to Mrs O’Meara and Mrs Fraser for taking their Year 6 Class on an excursion to Parliament House on Monday. A great learning experience was enjoyed by everyone who attended.

Year Six Camp Walkathon
Thank you to Mrs O’Meara for organising the Year Six Camp Walkathon on Tuesday and thank you to staff for assisting. The Year Six Camp is on in week nine from Tuesday, September 17 until Friday, September 20 at Woodman Point Recreation Centre.

Year 4/5 Excursion
Miss Czernowski and Mrs Fraser took the Year 4/5 Class on an exciting excursion to Perth Zoo on Wednesday. Thank you to the parents who supported the students on the excursion.

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.

Yours in Christ, 
Kevin Sheehy
Principal

Our Faith

St Joseph’s Parish Pastoral Council AGM
At the recent AGM of the Parish Pastoral Council, a new committee was formed for the coming year. We congratulate the following people who are on this Committee:
Parish Priest: Father Pavol Herda, Assistant Priest: Fr Emmanuel Dimobi Chair: Mrs Catherine Ledger Vice Chair: Mrs Michelle Johnson Secretary: Mrs Maria Matres Sacrament and Liturgy Coordinator: Mrs Sue Lucy Children’s Liturgy Coordinator: Mrs Michelle Johnson Committee Members: Mr Laurie Glass, Mr Daran Thompson, Mrs Mary Overton, Mr Tony O’Driscoll, Mr Dominic Izzard & Mr Kevin Sheehy

Contact St Joseph's Parish Presbytery on [PH] 9622 5411 or email northamcatholicchurch@iinet.net.au

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.

Our School

Lost Property
The Primary Administration Office continues to accumulate Uniform items, mostly sports jackets, that have been misplaced by students. There are also items 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? Uniform items will be delivered to the Uniform Shop at the end of Term and the remaining items will be donated to a local charity store.

Julie Booth
Head of Primary
Secondary Exams ~ Years 8 & 9

Years 8 and 9 students are reminded that the exams will be testing everything that has occurred in the teaching and learning program so far this year. The dates for the exams are as follows:

**Year 8 Exams**
- Friday, September 13: Religious Education
- Monday, September 16: English
- Tuesday, September 17: Mathematics

**Year 9 Exams**
- Friday, September 20: Religious Education
- Monday, September 23: Science
- Tuesday, September 24: Mathematics

**Examinations Timetable**
All exams will begin after Homeroom and as per usual school regulations. All students must report to Homeroom in the morning. All exams are 90 minutes long, with 10 minutes reading time.

**Friday Exams**
Meet and move into relevant rooms (students to be informed nearer the dates) at 9.00 am. Exam commences at 9.05 am, scheduled to finish at 10.45 am. Therefore, the Friday exams replace the standard Period 1 and 2 classes.

**Monday and Tuesday Exams**
Meet and move into relevant rooms (students to be informed nearer the dates) at 9.00 am. Exam commences at 9.05 am, scheduled to finish at 10.45 am. The second exam will commence after recess. Meet and move into the assigned room at 11.15 am, ready to start at 11.20 am. These exams are scheduled to finish at 1:00 pm. Therefore, on Monday and Tuesday, exams replace the standard Period 1 to 4 classes.

On each of the days, students are expected to be at school for the entire day, and are expected to be in full winter uniform at all times.

**Exam Venues**
The Year 8 exams are occurring in classrooms at the Secondary Campus and the Year 9 exams have been allocated to the PB Kirby Centre.

I would encourage students, parents and guardians to mark the relevant dates on a calendar and begin to plan accordingly. As the academic program and growth of our students is important, please continue to keep these dates in mind when planning appointments or possible time away from school. It is in the best interest of your child to fully participate in the exam process at the same time as other students.

**Exam Tips**
By now all Years 8 and 9 students should be well into exam preparation and revision. Background notes should have been completed, key diagrams drawn and annotated, terminology defined... no, you haven’t done this yet, sounds like a task for this weekend, yes that does say weekend.

Next week, all students need to set aside some solid time for reviewing their materials for the 5 core subjects that will be examined. Reviewing, needs to be an active process. Do not simply look over the chapters in your book and hope that it will just be absorbed in, as you are reading, make notes, summarise, highlight, redefine, write it in your own words - will need to be able to remember and apply these concepts in a 90 minutes assessment.

You also need to begin to physically prepare. Do you have all the right equipment; pens, pencils, coloured pencils, eraser, sharpener, highlighters, calculator, ruler, protractor and anything else specific for all of the exams? Now is the time to be organised, not on the morning of your exam.

Practice is the best process for revision, go back over past work, or even past chapter questions, can you answer them, do you know what depth is required, do you know what the key words mean?

There are key words that are used for all assessments and exams, do you know what they mean and what you are expected to do, if you are asked to list, define, develop, investigate, predict or Justify, are they all clear to you?

Another point to consider is, to share your thoughts and have conversations with other students about your subjects. Yes, I know perhaps a little weird, but you speak to your friends about everything else, maybe it is the right time to begin to discuss topics from your subjects. Do you have a small group of friends that you could work with or to have on call to share exam preparation techniques or notes or even solutions to questions?

Use all your resources wisely, one of those are the other students that you have been sitting in class with the whole year. Maybe set yourself a chapter or part of one section of your text book and each person in your study group researches a topic, creates a question and the answer, then share it around, test each other, can you answer these questions.

With exams just around the corner, now is the time to ramp up the time and effort into demonstrating what you have learnt this year, with the right preparation perhaps completing and then receiving the marked exam results back may be a refreshing, pleasant surprise.

Mark Gargano
Curriculum Coordinator
Teaching and Learning Yrs 5-10

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**Our Students**

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

Northam RSL Women’s Auxiliary Fashion Parade
The Northam RSL Women’s Auxiliary are holding a High Tea/ Rockmans Fashion Parade on September 22, 2013 at 1.45pm in the Northam Memorial Hall, Fitzgerald Street, Northam. Tickets available from Donna Prytulak, phone 0409 290 972.

Northam Netball Association Finals
This weekend, Northam Netball Association finals campaign commences. All games will be played at the Northam Recreation Centre. Finals Fixtures are as follows:

- **Juniors**
  - 2nd Semi Final: 3.30pm - Strikers v Toodyay Court 3
  - 1st Semi Final: 2.00pm - Djindas v Zappaz Court 3

- **Seniors**
  - 2nd Semi Final: 3.30pm - Jetz v Australs Court 1
  - 1st Semi Final: 2.00pm - Tigers v Nissan Court 1

Preliminary Final – Thursday, September 12 at 6.30pm and the Grand Final – Saturday, September 21, Juniors 1.00pm, Seniors at 2.30pm followed by presentations, including Country Week presentations all to be held at the Northam Recreation Centre. Enquiries can be directed to President Leanne Hunt on 0407 310 402.
Community Movie Night
Bridgeley Community Centre will be hosting a Free public screening of the powerful and multi award winning documentary ‘Absent’ on Thursday, September 12 at 7.00pm. Donations may be made to Dads4Kids. Snacks and drinks will be available to purchase.

This documentary highlights the important role of fathers and what happens when they go missing and is an emotional journey that reveals the universal impacts of fatherlessness while providing hope for a better future for women and men alike. The film draws on the heartfelt stories of Metallica frontman James Hetfield, the late world champion boxer Johnny Tapia, Wild at Heart author John Eldredge, renowned author Richard Rohr, fitness model Robin Decker, prostitutes, vulnerable youth and many more.

“The film shows that fatherlessness and the father wound is a universal problem across our planet but, through stories from people such as James Hetfield and others, we begin to create understanding of the issue - and with understanding, you can begin to create change,” said Hunt (Absent Producer).

Australian research papers show a strong association between absence of a father and poor academic achievement, low self-esteem, criminal behaviour, delinquency, substance use and abuse, social, sexual and psychological problems, depression, and suicidal behaviour.

This is an issue that affects us all, as parents, teacher, grandparents and professionals. This documentary provides great insight that can help us make a better world for our children and future generations.

Northam Inclusive Holiday Program
The very successful Northam Inclusive Holiday Program will be returning this October!! As part of the program, a number of clubs will be running FREE activities including:
- T-shirt design & printing with PCYC
- Wheels & rollers with PCYC
- Cricket with Northam Cricket Association
- Multi-sports day with PCYC and Recreation Centre
- Gymnastics with Northam Gymnastics Club
- Mosaics with PCYC
- Drama with YARTS Theatre School and Northam Theatre Group
- Movies with PCYC
- Lawn Bowls with Northam Bowls Club
- Little Athletics with Northam Little Athletics Club
- Basketball with PCYC and the Recreation Centre
- Touch Rugby with PCYC
- Hip Hop workshop with PCYC

The Northam Inclusive Holiday Program steering committee has been working hard to ensure the program is bigger and more diverse than ever. Please register to take part in this exciting, local holiday program by contacting Ellie on 0400 907 420 or at northaminclusive@gmail.com

End of School Term Disco
The Northam PCYC is hosting an End of Term Primary Disco on Friday, September 20, 2013 for students aged 4 to 12 years of age. The Disco will run from 5.30-8.30pm. Entry is $3 per child. For information, please contact 9622 2220.

Red Cross Blood Donor Drive
The Blood Service Donormobile is returning to Northam this September. This valuable community service provides colleagues, family and friends, with an easy and convenient way to save lives through blood donation.

You are invited to roll up your sleeves and help us collect the 27,000 blood donations required each week in order to meet the everyday care of Western Australians in need. Blood donation takes one hour and every donation can save three lives.

The van will be located on the corner of Fitzgerald Street and Beavis Avenue, opposite Shire of Northam Library:
Thursday, September 26 12.30pm – 7.00pm
Friday, September 27 8.30am – 3.30pm

Call 13 14 95 to reserve an appointment. For more information, visit donateblood.com.au.

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 9 Mia Gustak
         Tues Sept 10 Patricia O’Neill
         Wed Sept 11 Robbie Bleas
         Thurs Sept 12 Janine Martin
         Fri Sept 13 Eliza Dymnicki

Secondary
Mon 9 Gail Pattinson-Oakes
      Tues 10 Jenny Lambert
      Wed 11
      Thurs 12 Melissa Hepburn
      Fri 13

Term Three - Assistance Sought
Assistance is sought from families 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.

Carmel Moore
Primary - 9621 3525
Sue Lucy
Secondary - 9621 3552

Uniform Shop Hours
Mondays - 2.30pm to 4.00pm
Tuesdays - 2.30pm to 4.00pm
TO: The Principals
All Schools

FROM: Diana Alteri
Team Leader, Religious Education and Faith Formation

SUBJECT: POPE FRANCIS DECLARES DAY OF PEACE AND PENITENCE

DATE: 5 September 2013

You may be aware that in his Angelus audience on Sunday, September 1, 2013, Pope Francis addressed a topic on the minds of many in this month of Our Lady of Sorrows: the continuing civil war in Syria, and the possibility of U.S. intervention. Below is an excerpt of a translation prepared by Vatican Radio:

“There are so many conflicts in this world which cause me great suffering and worry, but in these days my heart is deeply wounded in particular by what is happening in Syria and anguished by the dramatic developments which are looming. I appeal strongly for peace, an appeal which arises from the deep within me. How much suffering, how much devastation, how much pain has the use of arms carried in its wake in that martyred country, especially among civilians and the unarmed! I think of many children [who] will not see the light of the future! With utmost firmness I condemn the use of chemical weapons: I tell you that those terrible images from recent days are burned into my mind and heart. There is a judgment of God and of history upon our actions which are inescapable!

To this end, brothers and sisters, I have decided to proclaim for the whole Church on 7 September next, the vigil of the birth of Mary, Queen of Peace, a day of fasting and prayer for peace in Syria, the Middle East, and throughout the world, and I also invite each person, including our fellow Christians, followers of other religions and all men of good will, to participate, in whatever way they can, in this initiative.

On 7 September, in Saint Peter’s Square, here, from 19:00 until 24:00 we will gather in prayer and in a spirit of penance, invoking God’s great gift of peace upon the beloved nation of Syria and upon each situation of conflict and violence around the world. Humanity needs to see these gestures of peace and to hear words of hope and peace! I ask all the local churches, in addition to fasting, that they gather to pray for this intention.”

Please try to spread the message to your school community as far as possible before the weekend. If you do not have the opportunity at this late stage you might want to gather for prayer and raise awareness for the need for peace in the world at some other time in the month of September.
Catholic education is seeking a statement from both major parties on their education policies and how they will affect the 735,000 students educated in the 1706 Catholic schools across Australia. Both major parties have been asked the six questions below. Their responses will be provided in the near future.

**Policy Questions**

1. How will your policy support parents to choose the education they want for their children and ensure religious freedom for Catholic schools is preserved?

2. How will your policy affect the ability of Catholic education systems and schools to distribute funding according to locally-identified needs?

3. How will your policy deliver additional government funding to support student needs and ensure funding keeps pace with the real cost of educating a child?

4. How will your policy support the needs of students with particular disadvantage, students with disability and other special needs to receive funding to meet their needs, regardless of the school they attend?

5. What government funding for the capital needs of Catholic schools do you have planned? Does this funding recognise Catholic education’s support of disadvantaged communities and willingness to establish in new growth areas?

6. How will your policy deliver funding certainty for schools?

Catholic education will continue to work with all parties in the Parliament to ensure that Catholic schools have the resources to support the needs of all students.
UNDERSTANDING THE FACTS ON FUNDING FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

For over 180 years, Catholic schools have educated children in Australia. Today, Catholic schools enrol 735,000 students in 1,706 schools across Australia.

Both major parties have committed to increases in school funding over the next four years. It is important to understand the facts on funding for Catholic schools.

One-in-five Australian students currently attend a Catholic school.

Catholic schools have a strong social justice mission to form well-rounded individuals who make a positive contribution to their local communities.

A strong Catholic education system contributes to a strong Australian community.

All governments provide important funding for Catholic schools along with families who contribute to the costs of Catholic education through fees and fundraising.

According to the Australian Government’s My School website, Catholic students receive, on average, 20 per cent less government funding than students in government schools.

Even when parent fees are taken into consideration, Catholic schools operate with an average of 10 per cent less recurrent funding than government schools.

Even with fewer resources per student, the Australian Catholic school system is amongst the best in the world, compared to Shanghai, Finland and Singapore on international tests, for student performance across all socioeconomic backgrounds.

Catholic schools save the taxpayer $2.2 billion each year which helps take the pressure off government schools.