Dear Lord,
in this Holy season of prayer and song and laughter, we praise
you for the great wonders you have sent to us, for the shining
star and angel's song, for infant's cry in the manger.  We praise
you for the Word made flesh in a little Child.  We behold his
glory, and are bathed in its radiance.  Instill in me to want to
follow you and humble my heart so as to be a true witness to
your love.   Amen

Thanksgiving Mass
The Thanksgiving Mass was celebrated at St Joseph's Church
last Friday with students from Kindergarten to Year 10 involved
in the celebration.  Thank you to Father Pavol and Father
Emmanuel for a beautiful Mass and for being an inspiration to
the students on their faith journey.  Thank you to Mr Izzard, Mrs
Lucy and Miss Dempsey for organising the special Mass to
celebrate the end of our school year.  The music ministry was
excellent thanks to Mrs O'Meara and Mrs Palmer.  It was great
to see students actively involved in celebrating their faith and
giving witness to the Gospel.  Thank you staff and members of
our School Community who attended the Mass.

School Captains for 2014
Congratulations to the new School Captains who received their
badges that were blessed as part of the Thanksgiving Mass on
Friday.  The Captains of 2013 are to be commended for their
exemplary attitude and hard work in their roles this year.  Thank
you to Mrs O'Meara and Mr Sinclair for their guidance with the
School Captains.  We are very proud of their leadership at St
Joseph’s School.

Primary
Head Girl  Audrey Carroll
Head Boy    Nicolas Egerton-Warburton
Captains   Alison Burges
           Rainer Knipe
           Jelena Manuel
           Johnathon Naughton
           Francis Nguyen
           Bridget Phoenix
           James Sarre
           Kiara Simons

Monday  Dec  16  Staff PD Days
Tuesday Dec  17  Staff PD Days
Wednesday Dec 18 Staff PD Days
Thursday Dec 19 Staff PD Days
Friday Dec 20 Office Closes @ 11.00am, Staff Mass @ 12 noon
Monday Jan  20 Office Opens @ 9.00am
Tuesday Jan  28 Uniform Shop Open ~ 9.00am-1.00pm
Thursday Jan 30 Staff Commence
Monday Feb  3  2014 School Year commences for students
It was a delight to see students and staff dance the night away. May the learning that the Graduates received at St Joseph’s School take them forward to the next phase in their lives.

**Kindy Pre-Primary Assembly**

Thank you to the Early Years Team who organised their classes to present some very enjoyable Christmas items at their special end of year assembly in the St Marcellin Performing Arts Centre on Monday morning. It was a joy to witness the excitement in the students when their received their certificates and books. Thank you parents and grand-parents for your support and attendance.

**2014 Staff End of Year Reports, BRLA and WAMSE**

End of Year Reports will be posted on Friday, December 13. Students who sat The Bishops’ Religious Literacy Assessment (BRLA) in Years 3, 5 and 9 will also receive their results. Students in Years 5, 7 and 9 will receive a report from Western Australian Monitoring Standards in Education (WAMSE).

**Calendar for K-10 Students 2014**

Term One: Monday, February 3 – Friday, April 11 (10 weeks)
Term Two: Tuesday, April 29 – Thursday, July 3 (10 weeks)
Term Three: Monday, July 21 – Friday, September 26 (10 weeks)
Term Four: Tuesday, October 14 – Friday, December 12 (9 weeks)
Final Day for K-10 Students is Friday, December 12.

**Student Free Days 2014**

Term One: Thursday, January 30, Friday, January 31.
Term Two: Monday, April 28, Friday, July 4.
Term Three: Monday, September 1, Tuesday, September 2.
Term Four: Monday, October 13.

**Yours in Christ,**

**Kevin Sheehy**

**Principal**

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**Our Faith**

**Christmas Nativity Play for Children**

We are having a Nativity Play during the Christmas Eve Mass at 5.00pm in St Joseph’s Church Northam. We will be having practice sessions in the Church which your child will need to attend. The last date is Thursday, December 19 at 3.30-4.30pm.

Children who will be participating in the Nativity Play on Tuesday, December 24 will need to be at Church no later than 4.15pm to allow time to dress in costumes and have a final practice.

**Our Students**

**Year 7 Small Business Week**

During this past week, the Year 7 Small Business students set up and ran stalls during each lunch break. Students had to work together to plan their product; produce, advertise and then sell this product. We were provided with a wonderful range of activities and goodies throughout the week. Thank you to our staff and students who supported the Small Businesses and to those students who participated, well done! We ended up raising $1700 in profit which will go to St Joseph's Care Christmas appeal.

**Dominic Izzard**

**Secondary Teacher**

**Secondary News**

Well done to all our students, after a hard-working, successful end to the 2013 academic year! Once you receive your final...
report, please actually look at it. This will be the first step, then review the information that is provided. The data will be a summary of this year's results and efforts. As much as the report is a legal statement for your parents and guardians, it is a document for you, the student, as it shows you your grade, where you placed and your attitudes, behaviours, organisation and homework proficiency.

If this year really was a success for you, this is what the report will show. If you know that your results have not been up to standard, then there should be no surprises, no shocks to you or anyone else looking at your report.

Do not get angry, get even. How might you do this? After relaxing over the holidays and before you come back to school, examine areas for improvement and make a set of goals. What would I like to improve and how am I going to do this?

Making a mistake is fine, as long as we are going to learn something from it. Get even by coming back to school next year, enthused, energised and with targets in mind. How are you going to improve? Aiming to be the best version of you that you can be.

To our departing Year 10 students, remember what you have learnt, know the skills you have developed, that you have a fantastic foundation. Senior secondary will build upon this base, so work hard and the fruits of this hard work will pay off. “Go, and with what you have and will receive do all the good that you can”

Mark Gargano
Curriculum Coordinator
Teaching & Learning Years 5-10

Active After School
Active After School Rugby and Fun & Fitness provided some great fun and activity for our students in Term 4! Our joint wind-up and water play was very popular with all who attended! Thank you to Mr Dominic Izzard, Mrs Carole Stephen and Ms Ellie Press who assisted this term. Look out for our swimming and hockey activities that are being planned for Term 1, 2014!

Ali Hince
AASC Coordinator

Our Community

Flame Ministries Congress

Carols By Candlelight
Come along on Saturday, December 14, to join in the Northam Carols By Candlelight. This will be held at the Northam Recreation Centre this year, commencing at 7.00pm. Free show bags will be handed out. BBQ sausage sizzle, hamburgers, slushies, soft drinks and coffee will all be available to purchase with the BBQ starting at 6.00pm. All proceeds from the night will go towards School Chaplaincy. We would love to see you all there!

Avon Valley Christmas Carnival
The annual Christmas Carnival is being held on Sunday December 15 at the Northam Recreation Centre from 3.00-7.00pm. There will be heaps of free activities, games, craft and an indoor market to pick up last minute gifts. Be sure to visit Santa in his grotto and watch his grand entrance at 4pm.

Food will be on sale with free Mocktails by Roadwise. Rides at only $5 for all rides, all afternoon with children 3 and under free. For more information, please contact Jennifer Russell on 9622 6150 or email events@northam.wa.gov.au

Try Something New in Northam!
Seven clubs are set to open their doors to run skill development sessions throughout the January school holidays as part of the Northam Inclusive Holiday Program. The Inclusive Holiday Program is a multi-activity initiative which aims to give all people an opportunity to try new things, meet new people and to become more involved in their community through engaging in a number of activities offered by local clubs.

All sessions are 100% free of charge and activities will cater for people of all ages and abilities. To register please email northaminclusive@gmail.com or call the Recreation Centre at 9622 5153.

Holiday Study Program
Academic Task Force offer a holiday study program which is run in January 2014. Students will gain an overview of the syllabus for their courses of study and preview the components of their designated course, which will give them a head start, providing them with notes and preparation for topics in each course. Students will also be taught study skills and given an essay writing program to learn about essay structures that can be adapted across all subjects.

To enrol in the course which is offered on two campuses, Churchlands SHS and Rossmoyne SHS, over January 16 to 29, 2014 please contact Academic Task Force, 9314 9500, email: learn@academictaskforce.com.au or visit our website: www.academictaskforce.com.au

Avon Youth January 2014 Holiday Program
Avon Youth are holding a Holiday program will run over the last two weeks of January 2014. The first week is a Northam-based activity week. The second week will be a five day camp. Two nights in Walpole and two nights in Albany. Number restriction applies for the camp. Open for students aged 12years-17years. Free of charge! All food, travel and accommodation catered for. To register, contact Anna McCullough, HousingYouth Officer, Avon Youth Community and Family Services Inc., 9622 2612, mobile: 0459 260 005 or website: www.avonyouth.org.au
2013 Presentation Night Award Winners

I am pleased to announce the following students who have worked to the best of their ability throughout 2013 and were awarded a prize at our Annual Presentation Night on December 4:

Our Primary Campus Award winners were:

Year 1
- Lily Parker (Christian Fellowship)
- Thomas Davey
- Pacey Knipe (Christian Fellowship)
- Jessica Lee
- Matthew Johnson (Outstanding Academic)
- Skye Dymnicki
- Aiden O’Driscoll (Outstanding Application)
- Jessica Wood
- Warwick Leask (Most Improved)
- Elissajane Thompson

Year 2
- Hamish Neill (Christian Fellowship)
- Meaghan Ashworth
- Emily Irvine (Outstanding Academic)
- Darcy Clarke
- Hunter Colfer (Outstanding Application)
- Abi Parker
- Jorgina Keane (Most Improved)
- Amy Thornton

Year 3
- Brianna Trenaman (Christian Fellowship)
- Jonti Kennedy
- Tess Lawrence (Outstanding Academic)
- Liam Clarke
- Brendan Smith (Outstanding Application)
- Ruby Smith
- Ryan Prater (Most Improved)
- Jack Wilding

Year 3/4
- Tessa Mills (Christian Fellowship)
- Campbell Horsburgh
- Lineese Naughton (Outstanding Academic)
- Haig MacTaggart
- Jack Watters (Outstanding Application)
- Georgia Stewart
- Shaun Lawler (Most Improved)
- Gerard O’Driscoll

Year 4/5
- Madison Stewart (Christian Fellowship)
- Deanne Ashman
- Nicolas Egerton-Warburton (Outstanding Academic)
- James Sarre
- Jelena Manuel (Outstanding Application)
- Alison Burges
- Jonathan Ryan (Most Improved)
- Amy Galluccio

Year 5/6
- Isabella Crees (Christian Fellowship)
- Shari Dimasi
- Lachlan Stewart (Outstanding Academic)
- Kye Blease
- Kiara Simons (Outstanding Application)
- Rainer Knipe
- Molly Burrow (Most Improved)
- Thomas Wilding

Year 6
- Jake Fudge (Christian Fellowship)
- Shilana Brockman
- Kana Moulton (Outstanding Academic)
- Alaina Rule
- Tahlia Brown (Outstanding Application)
- Ben Prater
- Samuel Palmer (Most Improved)
- Nikki Martin

Year 6 Special Awards were presented to:
- Jarred Patmore (Citizenship Award)
- Suzanna O’Driscoll (Northam Lions Club School & Community Award)
- Kirwan MacTaggart (Male Sports Achievement Award)
- Kate Boulbbee (Female Sports Achievement Award)
- Matthew Clarke & Maddison-Jayne Sumpton (Science Awards)

Our Secondary Campus Award winners were:

Year 7
- Leilani Dunkerton (Religious Education, Food, Indonesian & Visual Art)
- Jasper Knipe (Mathematics)
- Belinda Johnson (English)
- Finn Knipe (Science & Small Business)
- Lewis Good (Society & Environment)
- Connor Kimberley (CAD/Computing)
- Jessie Osborne (Drama Studies)
- Kaden Elliott (Physical Education)
- Austin Smith (Workshop Skills)

Year 8
- Meg Lawrence (Religious Education, English, Mathematics, Science, Society & Environment & Food For Health)
- Star Brewster (Art, Drama & Indonesian)
- Keely Rule (Computing)
- Megan Ashman (Materials)
- Renae Robertson (Physical Education)
- Codey Martin (Woodwork)

Year 9
- Michelle Watson (Religious Education)
- Justine Jolliffe (English, Mathematics, Science, Society & Environment)
- Lachlan Dunkerton (Mathematics & Physical Education)
- Michael Daintith (Science)
- Ethan Combi (Society & Environment)
- Jessica Ryan (Art)
- Jaxon O’Driscoll (Building & Construction)
- Riley Redmond (Digital Media)
- Rachael Hampton (Drama)
- Pipi Hema (Food & Nutrition)
- Jean Claude Streek (Outdoor Education)
- Ryan West (Woodwork)

Special awards for were presented for the following categories:

Most Improved Student -
- Year 7 Liam Colfer
- Year 8 Zac Casey
- Year 9 Kyle Van Beek
- Year 10 Ashlee Ducat

Outstanding Application -
- Year 7 Belinda Johnson
- Year 8 Keely Rule
- Year 9 Brie Runckles
- Year 10 Jessica Douglas

Leadership -
- Year 7 Kaden Elliott
- Year 8 Emma O’Driscoll
- Year 9 Kyle Van Beek
- Year 10 Pipi Hema

Citizenship -
- Year 7 RSL Citizenship Award
- Year 8 ‘Leigh Brookes Award’
- Year 9 ’Steve & Kay Chan Award’
- Year 10 ‘Shire of Northam Award’

Endeavour in Study & Sport
- Renae Robertson
- Sportsperson of the Year
- Renae Robertson
- Caltex Best All-Rounder
- Lachlan Dunkerton
- DUX
- Year 7 Leliani Dunkerton
- Year 8 Meg Lawrence
- Year 9 Justine Jolliffe
- Year 10 Lexie Morris

We congratulate Jessica Douglas and Kieran Kocis who were named as recipients of Scholarships to La Salle College. Well done, Jessica and Kieran!

Kevin Sheehy
St Joseph's School Northam ~ Staff 2014

Primary Campus

Head of Primary: Mrs Julie Booth
RE Coordinator: Miss Miranda Dempsey
PreKindergarten: Mrs Jessica Morris
Kindergarten: Mrs Jessica Morris
Kindy/Pre Primary: Mrs Kathy Pollard
Pre Primary: Miss Melissa Dodsley
Year 1: Mrs Rebecca Clarke & Mrs Alicia Roe
Year 1/2: Mrs Laura Connolly & Mrs Alicia Roe
Year 2: Mrs Helmi Leyden
Year 3: Mrs Renae Mason
Year 3/4: Mrs Renee Marasco
Year 4: Mrs Michelle Izzard
Year 4/5: Miss Tanya Czernowski [& Primary PE Coordinator]
Year 5/6: Mr Lloyd Reidy
Year 6: Mrs Cheryl O'Meara
Reading Recovery: Mrs Julie Booth
LOTE: Mr David Selvam
PE: Mr Ben Myers
Art: Mr Peter McMillan
Librarian: Mr Murray Brennan
Support: Mrs Catherine Ledger & Mrs Rhonda Oliver
Library Assistants: Mrs Helen French, Mrs Katie Stewart
Education Assistants: Miss Kylie Dymnicki, Mrs Margaret Fraser, Miss Alison Hince, Mrs Michelle James, Mrs Alison Jones, Mrs Debra Palmer, Mrs Donna Pirihi, Ms Ellie Press, Mrs Carole Stephen, Ms Deanna Willis
Canteen: Mrs Carmel Moore
Uniform Shop: Mrs Michelle James
ICT Manager: Mr Michael Burke
Admin: Mr Stephen Johnson [Business Manager], Mrs Jocelyn Spadaccini, Mrs Marie Chomiak

Secondary Campus

Head of Secondary: Mrs Caroline Parnham
RE Coordinator: Miss Miranda Dempsey
Year 4-10 Curriculum Coordinator: Mr Mark Gargano
Year 7/8 Coordinator: Miss Bianca Madrigal [& Secondary PE Coordinator]
Year 9/10 Coordinator: Mr Ryan Sinclair [& Secondary Mathematics Coordinator]
Teaching Staff: Mr John Bulich, Mrs Rebecca Doughty, Miss Lucie Lombardini, Miss Bianca Madrigal, Mr Ben Myers, Mr Lachlan Patterson, Mr David Selvam [LOTE], Mr Leon Temby, Mr Daniel Vernede, Mrs Jennifer Wright
Laboratory Technician: Mrs Shona Holland
Education Assistants: Miss Melissa Riley, Miss Yasim Roebourne, Mrs Carole Teasdale
Canteen: Mrs Sue Lucy [% Liturgy Coordinator]
ICT Manager: Mr Michael Burke
Admin: Mrs Jenny Stevenson

Principal ~ St Joseph's School: Mrs Carmen Cox
St Joseph’s Parish Northam

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve:
Northam: 5.00pm Children’s Mass [Nativity Play]
9.00pm Vigil
Cunderdin: 6.00pm
Toodyay: 8.00pm

Christmas Day:
Northam: 8.00am
Bakers Hill: 9.30am

Sacrament of Penance:
Northam Saturdays 11.30am-12.00pm
Toodyay Saturdays 4.40-4.55pm
Northam December 19 - 6.30pm 2nd rite of Reconciliation

Criminal and Sue would like to extend a sincere and heartfelt Thank You to all our mums, dads, grans and family members who have offered assistance throughout 2013. We have made lots of children happy with all the meals and snacks prepared fresh each day and your ongoing support has ensured we can continue to do this.

We look forward to seeing many of you again in 2014!
Wishing you all a safe, happy and Holy Christmas Season.

Dear Parents
Over the past week you would have seen many media reports about the Abbott Government’s withdrawal from the previously agreed funding model known as the Better Schools Plan.

I am very pleased to advise you that on December 2, the Prime Minister reversed his stance on this issue and has now given a commitment to deliver funding certainty for Catholic schools over the next four years.

This announcement delivers certainty for our system both in terms of the total amount of Federal funds available and the manner in which it is delivered. It will ensure that all of our schools are able to plan appropriately over the short to medium term to support the current and future needs of students and staff.

I commend the Federal Government for their commitment to improving educational outcomes for all students across the country.

Yours sincerely

Dr Tim McDonald
Director of Catholic Education in WA

St Joseph’s School
Crunch’nMunch Canteen

Canteen Thanks
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Wishing you all a safe, happy and Holy Christmas Season.

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

2014 Holiday Hours
TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2014
~ 9.00AM TO 1.00PM