Prayer of Thanksgiving
Vienna Cobb Anderson

God of all blessings, source of all life, giver of all grace:

We thank you for the gift of life:
for the breath that sustains life,
for the food of this earth that nurtures life,
for the love of family and friends without which there would be no life.

We thank you for the mystery of creation:
for the beauty that the eye can see,
for the joy that the ear may hear,
for the unknown that we cannot behold filling the universe with wonder,
for the expanse of space that draws us beyond the definitions of our selves.

We thank you for setting us in communities:
for families who nurture our becoming,
for friends who love us by choice,
for companions at work,
for strangers who welcome us into their midst,
for people from other lands who call us to grow in understanding,
for children who lighten our moments with delight,
for the unborn, who offer us hope for the future.

We thank you for this day:
for life and one more day to love,
for opportunity and one more day to work for justice and peace,
for neighbours and one more person to love and by whom be loved,
for your grace and one more experience of your presence,
for your promise:
to be with us,
to be our God,
and to give salvation.

For these, and all blessings,
we give you thanks, eternal, loving God,
through Jesus Christ we pray.

Amen.
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is hard to believe, but this will be my second last newsletter for the year. Preparing for the AGM has reinforced what a busy and productive year it has been. We are blessed that the St Joseph School community is able to work so diligently and collaboratively with all members to ensure the best possible outcomes for all our students.

This term our Year Four, Five and Six classes have attended Wednesday Parish Mass at St Augustine’s and it has been a pleasure to see the maturity and reverence displayed by all the students.

A huge thank you to our P&F who organised the disco last week – it was very well attended and I can personally confirm the sausage sizzles were delicious!

Recently a Kath Walker Early Childhood Learning representative visited our Early Childhood classes to review our implementation of investigative play. The hard work our teachers and education assistants have done to support investigative play has not gone unnoticed. We were recommended as a school to visit, in order to help other schools commencing this approach. Next week staff from St Joseph’s Moora will be visiting our Early Childhood area to see it in action. Well done to our lovely, amazing and wonderful Early Childhood Team!

I must also commend our Year Three to Six Teachers and Specialists, who have continued to support the development of our students in their Contemporary Learning as they integrate digital learning with traditional methods.

I am writing this prior to our AGM tonight, during which we will announce staffing and fee information for 2016. Unfortunately, if you can’t attend the meeting (6pm tonight), you will have to wait a little longer to find out staffing details!

A reminder that P&F nominations are still open for 2016, please fill out and return your form to the office as soon as possible. The school couldn’t function without all our volunteers and joining the P&F is one way of offering service in a gentle and fun way.

Please check the planner in this newsletter and also on the web as it is going to be extremely busy the next few weeks. Some of the events are:

- St Vincent De Paul Christmas Hamper collections
- AGM 6pm tonight in the Library – followed by light refreshments
- Year Six Assembly 8:45am tomorrow, Friday 27 November
- Parent Volunteer Morning Tea tomorrow (after assembly), Friday 27 November
- Combined Parish and School Sausage Sizzle and Concert Tuesday 8 December - School Oval

As we move into the busy season of celebration with family and friends please use the next four weeks of Advent as a time of prayer in preparation and anticipation for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

Many Blessings to you to all.

Joy Ketteringham
PRINCIPAL
# COMING EVENTS

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## ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Please remember to send in non-perishable food or grocery items for the St Vincent De Paul Society who are participating in the 2015 Mandurah Regional Community Christmas Appeal.

Collection boxes are in each classroom.

## CYBERSAFETY AND YOUR CHILD

In the process of delivering the Virtual Classrooms Activities in 2015, the Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner has become aware of two Apps that are causing quite some concern in school communities. These Apps are **Animal Jam** and **Subway Surfer**. One of the main concerns with these Apps is that they contain an in-built global chat facility. This facility enables anyone in the world to make contact with users of the Apps. The potential for children to be exposed to scams, grooming and cyberbullying is substantial.

The Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner maintains an excellent resource page that assists parents to better understand these Apps amongst a range of others.


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End of Year School Concert 2015

Date: Tuesday 8 December 2015
Theme: Australian Christmas
Time: 4.30 Sausage Sizzle
      5.15 Concert begins
      6.00 Awards Ceremony
      7.00 Finish
Venue: St Joseph’s School Oval
What to bring: Comfy outdoor chair

What are Students wearing for the Concert?
PINJARRA SENIOR
HIGH SCHOOL
ENROLMENTS DUE
NOW FOR 2016

For more information and enrolment forms please visit the school office, located at 16 McLarty Road, Pinjarra or phone 95317000.

Information Session for parents of incoming students:
Children’s Speech and Language

When: Tuesday 1st of December
Time: 3-3.45pm

Where: St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School
(Kindergarten Classroom)

Come along to an interactive information session on speech and language development for children aged between 3-5 years. Topics will include:

- Speech and language development milestones.
- What to do if you are concerned with your child’s speech and language development.
- Top tips to enhance speech and language development.

Presented by Curtin University Student Speech Pathologist, Bronute Ranford and supported by Speech Pathologist Lydia Timms
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AUTISM-FRIENDLY PERFORMANCE

BOOK NOW
THURSDAY 11 FEBRUARY, 4PM • CROWN THEATRE, PERTH

MURRAY COMMUNITY

2015 Christmas Celebration & Carols
5:00PM-8:30PM
EDENVALE HOMESTEAD, PINJARRA

- ROVING ENTERTAINMENT
- TWILIGHT MARKETS AND FOOD STALLS
- CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES, LASER TAG, CLIMBING WALL, MONSTERRAIL ARENA
- LIVE MUSIC
- SANTA CLAUS AND HIS HELPERS 6:00PM - 7:30PM
- CAROLS AT EDENVALE HOMESTEAD 6:30PM - 8:30PM

DON'T FORGET A PICNIC RUG!

Merry Christmas!
HEALING SERVICE

with internationally renowned

FR JOHN REA SM

Fr John Rea is a Marist Priest from New Zealand who has been ordained for 59 years, and is a Preacher of Missions and Retreats.

Father Rea has been involved in the Healing Ministry for over 40 years.

You are invited to experience the healing of Jesus through the ministry of Fr Rea at a Healing Service on

SATURDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2015, commencing at 6:30pm

at St Augustine’s Catholic Church, Pinjarra

The evening will conclude with a shared ‘Cuppa’ in the Parish Centre

For any enquiries, please contact Fr Wayne Bendotti:
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