Prayer For Mercy

Lord Jesus, Your love conquers every fear and breaks the power of hatred and prejudice. Flood my heart with Your mercy and compassion, that I may treat my neighbour with the same favour and kindness which you have shown to me.

Lord Jesus, may I see as You see, may Your words be my words, and may my Love for You be never ending.

(Taken from the Laudate App)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the newsletter for this week.

I would like to introduce you to our MJR (Making Jesus Real) prayer. ‘Lord, today I offer you my work play, joys, laughs and disappointment’. Simple in word but powerful in intent. This has been a prayer I have enjoyed introducing to our students and one that I hope they engage with through their words and actions in their journey to live with ‘Jesus in your own heart’. As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, MJR continues to take on a real focus in our school. Please see the section further into the newsletter titled ‘MJR focus for the week’ that highlights our own individual capacity to live in the example of Jesus.

This week I enjoyed my first St Josephs’ Merit Award Assembly. An array of recognition was lauded upon our recipients - exceptional attitude and energy, qualities such as humility, perseverance, kindness, friendliness; wonderful achievements in learning. I was impressed by the quality of the student’s efforts and the positiveness of their thinking. These are great times to celebrate our successes and I know this will be a time I look forward to every fortnight. Well done to all of the recipients of awards.

Another thing that I have quickly come to enjoy is mornings in our school. Each day as I move around the school before lessons start I witness how St Joseph’s ‘comes alive’. Children, parents and extended family quickly arrive at school via the various entry points and the school soon becomes a vibrant and engaging community.

Regarding morning routine, please be aware of the supervision requirements in the morning. As students arrive they are to drop off their bags and then move to the undercover area. Once there, they are asked to sit and wait, preparing them for the day ahead. This is generally a quiet time. No running on the paths, no playing on oval or the playground. From 8:30am students are asked to move off to class. Please remind your children of this routine in the morning.

Taking into account the safety of everyone, if you park across the road from the school please take care when crossing George Street with your children. Darting between the buses and traffic puts children and others at risk. We ask that you cross at the traffic lights at Pinjarra Road, which is the safest option for crossing such a busy street. The neighbouring service station is not to be used for parking.

CONTINUED OVERLEAF
ASH WEDNESDAY MASS
Last Wednesday students from Year One to Year Six joined parishioners to celebrate Ash Wednesday Mass. In our church calendar this traditionally marks the beginning of Lent, a time for us to prepare for Easter and reflect on our relationship with Jesus. Pope Francis encourages followers to see it as a ‘time to draw nearer to Christ’. The opportunity to bring service and love to others through kindness and giving, can and should be a focus for all.

Regarding the Mass, thankyou on many levels. To Father Noel for his guidance and ministry; our parishioners for sharing this time with us; our altar servers, readers and special ministers for their service; and to Mrs Ripley for preparing our Mass. A huge ‘well done’ must go to our students for their attendance. The respect and reverence shown throughout the Mass was outstanding and the participation in the responses and hymn singing was outstanding.

PARENT NIGHT
This week we had our Parent Information Evening. I would like to recognise the efforts that our teachers put into preparing these sessions and their endeavour to give quality information to parents. Thankyou to parents and caregivers for the support and recognition given to our staff for their work. I know the staff value your support greatly.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP
I would like to commend all of the Year Six students who nominated themselves for school leadership positions this year. I had the pleasure of listening to the speeches and was impressed, not only by the delivery of them, but more so by the message behind them.

Congratulations to our student leaders for 2016.

COMMITTEE
President - Te Uluaki Poasa
Vice President - Brayden King
Secretary - Tessa Liddington
Treasurer - Timothy Bolt

CAPTAINS
Murray - Thomas Barton, Amelia Mathews
MacKillop - Oscar Jones, Will Backshall
Peel - Tate Catherall, Gracy Firkins

COUNCILLORS - Cambell Tulloch, Meer Wal

I look forward to witnessing the example of these students in providing genuine and welcoming leadership within our school.

SWIMMING LESSONS
Just a reminder that Swimming lessons start next week for students from Pre-primary to Year Six.

LESSON TIMES
Year 1 & Year 3: 11.15am - 11.55am
PP & Year 2: 12.00pm - 12.40pm
Year 5 & Year 6: 12.45pm - 1.25pm
Year 4: 1.30pm - 2.10pm

COMMISSIONING MASS
This Sunday, February 21 is the Commissioning Mass for staff, School Board and our P&F. It will take place in the St Augustine’s Parish. It would be wonderful to see as many families attend the 10am Mass to show their support for all concerned.

CONTINUED OVERLEAF
Things definitely continue to be busy within our school. Combine this with significantly warmer weather and things can become a challenge for our temperament and wellbeing. The need to care becomes apparent, so never underestimate the value of the little things we can do for each other. I hope the week ahead is a good one for you all. In the motto of St Josephs, as a community let us aspire to grow in Faith and Trust in all aspects of our lives.

Stay safe and may God’s blessing be with you.

Darrin Croft
PRINCIPAL

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UPCOMING EVENTS

| THURSDAY   | 18/02 | 5pm  | Board Meeting |
|           |       | 6.30pm | P&F Meeting   |
| FRIDAY    | 19/02 | 8.45am | Year 3 Assembly |
|           |       | 6pm   | Stations of the Cross at St Augustine’s Parish Church |
| SUNDAY    | 21/02 | 10am  | Commissioning Mass for Board, P&F and Teaching Staff at St Augustine’s, Pinjarra |
| MONDAY    | 22/02 |       | Swimming Pre Primary — Year 6 |
| TUESDAY   | 23/02 | 3pm   | Swimming Pre Primary — Year 6 |
|           |       |       | After School Sports (For those enrolled) |
| WEDNESDAY | 24/02 |       | Swimming Pre Primary — Year 6 |
| THURSDAY  | 25/02 |       | Swimming Pre Primary — Year 6 |
| FRIDAY    | 26/02 | 8.45am | Merit and Worker of the Month Assembly |
|           |       |       | Swimming Pre Primary — Year 6 |

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Uniform Shop is located in the Convent building towards the back of the school. The shop opens on Mondays 1:30pm-2:30pm during the school term. It is not open during school holidays.

PARENT VOLUNTEER SESSION

-Expressions of Interest-

St Joseph’s will be offering a session to interested parents and caregivers. The session will be based around information on what is required and expected of you as a volunteer in our school.

If you are interested in attending, please place your expression of Interest with the Office on 9530 5500 as soon as possible.

The date for the session will be confirmed after numbers are known.

CANTEEN ROSTER

| FRIDAY   | 19/02 | Everlyn Slattery | Cakes: Robyn Gordon |
|         |       | Adele Hawser    | Cakes: Tara Ilich   |
| MONDAY  | 22/02 | Amy Williams    | Cakes: Janet Conte  |
| FRIDAY  | 26/02 |                |                    |