FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the newsletter for this week.

SWIMMING LESSONS - Swimming comes to a close this week. I must say, the manner in which the students have applied themselves to these lessons has been exceptional. Well done also to the whole school community on the adjustments made to ‘normal school’ life. A thank you must also go to our staff for the flexibility shown during these two weeks of amended routines, as well as for the outstanding duty of care shown to our students over this time.

YEAR THREE ASSEMBLY - Year Three presented our first assembly for the year. If it was a movie, they would all have been walking the red carpet and winning Oscars over in Hollywood. Well done to Miss Flatt and the students on their performance. Brilliant acting, singing, reading, dancing, costumes...everything! The biggest ‘winner’ for me was the message. Through their presentation of the story ‘CHURKENDOOSE’, they reminded us all, so eloquently, of the value of diversity and the need for love and respect for all people no matter their culture, status or beliefs. Well done Year Three. Long live the ‘churkendoose’ in all of us!
YEAR OF MERCY - “Year of Large Heartedness”
Last week I had the pleasure of listening to a presentation from the Executive Director of Catholic Education, Dr Tim McDonald and The Most Reverend Timothy Costelloe, Archbishop of Perth. Both gentlemen clearly articulated the many vital and key messages in and around what makes Catholic School Education so important. In its simplicity, our schools need to be filled with a compassion and love of God, present in the image and spirit of Jesus. With 2016 being the ‘Year of Mercy’, Monsignor Keating presented another, more tangible angle on how to view this. The ‘Year of Mercy’ should be viewed as the Year of ‘Large Heartedness.’ In our actions and behaviours we should all endeavour to be large hearted in all that we do. If we could all proactively aspire to this, the influence on our society would be significant.

STUDENT COUNCILLORS - In a previous newsletter we recognised our Year Six school leaders for 2016. I would like to introduce the remaining students that provide leadership within our school. A special congratulations and best wishes goes to the following students in their role as a class councillor:
Year 4 – Rani Romeo and Jaimee Jardine
Year 5 – Billy Marsiske and Aaliyah Hunter

NAPLAN - Is the acronym The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy. Student from Years Three, Five, Seven and Nine complete this annual, government based assessment program in all schools across Australia. This week parents from these classes were sent an information brochure detailing principles of the program. This testing will take place early in Term Two. Should you need any further clarification or explanation then please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs Ripley, myself or your child’s class teacher.

BEFORE SCHOOL - Parents and students are reminded that before school the playground is out of bounds. Assistance to respect this rule would be most appreciated.

IPADS - Please be reminded that iPads are a privilege for our Year Four to Six students to enjoy in their learning. Under our ICT policy, these devices are not to be played/accessed before or after school, whilst on school grounds. They are to remain in school bags until students are allowed into their classrooms at 8:30am, and then when the day concludes they are to be put into school bags for the trip home.

MJR focus - Jesus gave us the ultimate example of human kindness. Our Making Jesus Real (MJR) focus this week (see insert) reminds us to continue in our quest to be welcoming. It is as simple as giving someone a smile, helping out, speaking to others. We need to aim to look at things positively, getting into the ‘heart room’ and avoiding at all costs letting the dispositions of nastiness and negativity into our lives. Through MJR we are aiming to make St Joseph’s a school that is reflective of all the Gospel values, huge in welcoming actions and ultimately free of negative and nasty behaviours. Our Tip of the week reminds us of the type of behaviours and attitudes that WE DO NOT want in our school. Peter Mitchell (Mitch) the creator of MJR reminds us that attitude is the key... you are in charge of your attitude to life’. Nastiness is not a habit, it’s a choice. In our daily encounters, let us make the right choices so we can become more like Jesus.
UP AND COMING EVENTS: A few events to be mindful of in the next few weeks:

Play 4 Life family fun evening will be held on Friday 11 March, on the school oval. Correspondence has been sent home regarding this. We would love to see our families well represented on this evening, enjoying St Joseph’s community, being physical and having fun. The P& F will have a sausage sizzle and drinks available for purchase on the night.

The annual swimming carnival will be held on Thursday 10 March, at the Murray Leisure Centre. Mrs Gundry has been putting a lot of energy into the planning for this day. I know she is keen for volunteers so please, if you are able, offer your assistance.

There will be no school for students on Monday, 14 March. This will be a PUPIL FREE DAY with teachers having a day of learning and professional development.

Have a wonderful week, and in the motto of St Joseph’s, 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

MJR WEEKLY FOCUS

Making Jesus Real comes at you at 360 degrees. Don’t leave Jesus as a person in History, connect with his message everyday living out your religion in all that you say and do.

MAKE EVERYDAY AN MJR DAY!

Always aim to be a WESTy by being a happy chappy/chicky who is welcoming, encouraging, sorry and thankful. The opposite is an EASTy and is something we DON'T want to be:
- E excluding
- A argumentative
- S sulks
- T talkback

By being an EASTy, you can show signs of being a Nastie Pastie.

A Nastie Pastie is:
- A moaner and a groaner
- Negative (thoughts and actions)
- Always complaining—"This is boring!"
- Putting people down and can’t be bothered
- Not having a go or gives in easily
- Having poor people skills and body language
- Making wrong choices, using angry words/speech
- A poor attitude—"Do I have to?"
### UPCOMING EVENTS

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### EGG-STRAVAGANZA!

Don’t forget our Easter Raffle is on again!

Families are asked to send in a donation of eggs or chocolates for the raffle. The more donated, the more prizes there will be to win! Raffle tickets are due back by Friday 18 March. If you need more tickets, please ask at the office. All funds raised will go to CARITAS, an Australian and International Catholic Aid Organisation. Raffle will be drawn on Thursday 24 March.

### CANTEEN ROSTER

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WANT TO PLAY NETBALL?

Pinjarra Netball Association

Registrations Now Open
1st March to 31st March 2016

Register online via:
My.netball.com.au
All players will need to create a log in
(turn over for detailed instructions)

Registration days:
At Murray Leisure Centre
3:15pm to 6:00pm Tuesday 8th March 2016
3:15pm to 7:00pm Wednesday 9th March 2016
Come and meet the committee
and enjoy a Sausage Sizzle

For help or information:
Email Tracey at mbirchey@hotmail.com

Online Registration Instructions
Web Address: my.netball.com.au

Step 1: Fill out the find a club field
FIND A CLUB

Step 2: Select green register icon
REGISTER

Step 3: From the drop down box select
the age group that your child
will be participating in.

Step 4: Complete details of child and
select Find Me.
Scroll down and select Create new record.

SUMMER MOVIE NIGHTS
FREE OUTDOOR MOVIES
The Shire of Murray, Austin Lakes Estate, Coolup
Progress Association, Furnissdale Tennis Club and
Murray District Rangers Soccer Club invite you to
attend a free, summer outdoor movie experience.
Come along to support your local community groups
and enjoy a family friendly movie at the same time!

INSIDE OUT (PG)*
Saturday 27 February, 2016 6:00pm – 9:00pm
Coolup Kick About Space, Murray Street, Coolup

ODDBALL (G)*
Friday 4 March, 2016, 6:00pm – 9:00pm
Masonic Lodge, 16 Furnissdale Road, Furnissdale

MINIONS (PG)*
FAMILY BIKE FUN AND PEDAL POWER MOVIE NIGHT
Saturday 12 March, 2016 5:00pm – 9:00pm
Adventurescape, Inlet Blvd South Yunderup

BYO picnic blankets, beanbags and chairs.
Refreshments available to purchase.

www.murray.wa.gov.au
mailbag@murray.wa.gov.au

*Subject to availability.