Dear Parents, Friends, Students and Staff of St Joseph’s School,

Reflection: This is the last newsletter for Term 1, time has positively flown by. I’m feeling reflective as I write this newsletter. From my surprise early start to the amazing gala event that was our 70th Anniversary celebration, squeeze in the meeting of staff, students, family and community members, throw in teaching and learning, in amongst swimming lessons, Sacramental preparation, Easter preparations and celebrations, working with and getting to know Fr Jay and the Parish community... The list goes on and on, however one thing remains constant; that is the wonderful sense of community and goodwill present within our school. I feel very blessed to be a part of St Joseph’s School community and I look forward to us all continuing to work together for the benefit of our students.

School Uniform Pride: I have been pleased with the respect and pride students have shown in wearing their school uniform. When we respect our uniform, we respect our school, each other and ourselves. Please encourage your child/children to polish their shoes and remind boys to ensure they tuck their shirts in.

Miss Fitzsimons: Miss Fitzsimons has been away the latter part of this term therefore we have had short term staff take on her Music and Phys. Ed. Classes. This has resulted in timetable disruptions, affecting both staff and students. I’ve been impressed with the resilience and adaptability of staff and students in weathering the changes. Thank you to Mrs Gallin for taking on Miss Fitzsimons’ class for the remainder of the school term.

Advertised School Positions: Recently the school advertised for a part-time administration assistant and full-time Year 5 teacher for semester 2, when Mrs Hodgson undertakes her well deserved long service leave. Both positions are temporary and will be filled during the upcoming holidays.

MJR: Peter Mitchell (Mitch), from Tasmania, will be visiting our school early next term to talk about a values programme called Making Jesus Real. We are lucky to have Mitch visit us and there’ll be a number of staff from other WA schools visiting us to watch Mitch work with one of our senior classes. I’m hoping he’ll be able to present a parent session from 2pm on Monday, 13th May. More information about this will be sent out in week 1 of next term.

Term 2 Start: Please note Term 2 start for students is Wednesday 8th May. Monday and Tuesday are staff professional development days. On the Monday staff will be attending an Information Technology Conference for the Peel region at MCC, whilst on Tuesday staff will be involved in a behaviour management information day.

Have a wonderful end of Term 1, I hope you all have a ‘fantabulous’ holiday and are able to enjoy quality family time together. Stay safe and I look forward to seeing you all ‘bright eyed and bushy tailed’ next term, on Wednesday May 8th.

God Bless,
Karmela Messineo - Principal
SCHOOL NEWS

End Of Term Mass and Farewell to Mr Faulkner
The Year 5 Class will be hosting an end of term Mass on Friday 19th April at 9am. During this Mass we will farewell Mr Faulkner and thank him for the 8 years of dedicated service he gave to our school. Parents and community members are all welcome. Following the Mass will be a morning tea.

Easter Raffle
The recent Easter Raffle raised $985.50. Many thanks to all families for generously contributing towards the raffle, Mrs Gallin for organising the tickets and to the P&F for putting together the wonderful prizes, there were about 40 prizes in total.

Winter Uniform Changeover
Winter Uniform will need to be worn by Week 3 of Term 2, allowing a changeover period of 2 weeks.

Did you know?...
- Holly (Y6/7) won the Easter Colouring Competition at the Waroona News. Her picture is going off to Perth to be included in the state competition.
- A lamb called Biscuit visited the Kindy and PP classes during Holy Week, Mrs Fuller kept calling it Cookie, “like the ones you eat.”
- Lachlan (Y1) always greets Mrs Messineo with a smile and asks how her day is.
- Fr Jay and Mrs Gallin generously re-donated their Easter raffle prizes.
- Keegan (Y5) went to Wagga Wagga to watch his big brother Robert, who is in the army, do his ‘March Out’.
- Last week, on Wednesday, the staff were dressed as fairies, just for fun.
- Mrs Della Franca and Mrs Messineo were trying hard to find ‘magic fix it dust’ to enable the school phones and computers to work.

Sneaky Test: If you have read this newsletter, please email me on the email at top of newsletter with the subject line of “Fantabulous” or send your child in with that message directly to me. Your child will earn a house token.

Why Reading Every Night Is Important
Students who read 20 minutes each day, read 3600 minutes in a school year which is about 1800000 words.
Students who read 5 minutes each day, read 900 minutes in a school year which is about 282000 words.
Students who read 1 minute each day, read for 180 minutes in a school year which is only about 8000 words.

By the end of Year 6 the student who reads for 20 minutes each night will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. The Student who reads for 5 minutes each night will have only read the equivalent of 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school… and in life? (Nagy & Herman, 1987)

Library News
There is no borrowing this week. All books have to be returned during next week in order for me to get the shelves ready for Term 2. Library bags will need to be washed over the holidays as they get dirty from every day use. Most students understand that books cost money but unfortunately some of those books are being returned water-damaged or with sticky marks on the cover. In the interests of hygiene I have to withdraw water-damaged books from the library system and throw them away.
I ask that parents be aware of how library books are being treated at home and when carried to and from school.

On a brighter note, next month is National Family Reading Month. Enjoy some reading over the holidays with your children.

Mrs Young

Farewell Mass and Morning Tea
You are invited to attend Mass and Morning tea to farewell Mr Matthew Faulkner
Time: 9.00am
At: The Church, followed by morning tea in the staffroom
On: Friday 19th April, 2013

St Mary Of The Cross
St Mary MacKillop

Time Capsule
If you would like to recover your item/s from the time capsule buried 25 years ago, please contact Mrs Della Franca in the school office.
Items not recovered will be sorted, some will be re-buried in the new time capsule and the rest will be archived.

Tea Towels and Anniversary Booklets
Available for sale from the school office.

“Patience, and God will reward you all the more in the end.”
St Mary Of The Cross
St Mary MacKillop