Our Vision

We at St Joseph’s Catholic School Pinjarra, seek to create a God centred environment where each school community member is nurtured spiritually, academically, socially and physically.

St Augustine
Patron Saint of Pinjarra Catholic Parish
Feast Day 28th August

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.
Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy.
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy.
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy.
Amen

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

It was lovely to see all the wonderful book characters on parade during our special Book Week Assembly yesterday, a huge amount of effort was put in by parents and students towards the creation of their costumes. I would especially like to thank Mrs Dryden for organising the parade, the councillors for the wonderful way they encouraged each student to name the character and book the costume came from, Mrs Lee for donating the class prizes and all the staff who helped out on the day. Despite earlier technical issues, we all managed to hear and see each student’s creation. Earlier in the week the Year Two class walked across to the Murray Library where they listened to an author, Norma McDonald. Again, thank you to our parents who helped with the supervision on this day.

The next few weeks will be busy, please check your calendar for Class Assemblies, Merit Assemblies, Masses and Sports Carnival dates.

This year seems to be flying by and we are constantly looking for volunteers. The canteen, in particular, is desperate for help and I am worried that if we do not get enough of a response, we may have to reconsider our options. If you are interested in becoming a member of the School Board and /or the P&F next year please contact the office.
As the weather continues to keep us inside, I thought I would share with you our concerns regarding social media:

**Social networking – be Cybersmart!**

Many of us use the internet for a variety of purposes: to research school projects, play games and for social networking.

Social networking is the interaction with others through the use of an online service, platform or website that enables users to build social networks with people with shared interests, activities, backgrounds or real-life connections. For example – your family may have a Facebook page that allows you to connect with friends and family overseas, sharing photos and stories with loved ones you are not always able to see. Or your child may be involved in an after-school sports club, such as hockey or football, and use the club’s website to post photos from games or for fundraising projects.

Unfortunately, sometimes social networking sites, such as Club Penguin, Facebook, Instagram and Game Centre are used by people for less innocent reasons or to actively cause harm to others (such as cyberbullying or online grooming).

We all need to take responsibility for the safety of our children, especially when they are using the internet and social media. The school is currently investigating different learning initiatives to increase awareness and safety within the school and develop an appreciation for our roles and responsibilities as ‘digital citizens’. In partnership with you as parents, we hope that together we can reinforce these ideas in both the school and home environment.

With that in mind, we have put together some guidelines for you as parents to use at home:

1. Be aware of how your child uses the internet – and explore it with them.
2. Discuss with your child the kinds of sites that are ok to explore and those that are not.
3. Check the age restrictions for social networking sites – most mainstream sites such as Facebook and Instagram require the user to be 13 years or older.
4. Remind your child to be careful when making new friends online –
   a. People are not always who they say they are, or the age they say they are – beware of strangers.
   b. Your child should never arrange to meet an online friend unless they have discussed it with you first.
   c. Your child should think before accepting a friend request from an adult they are not related to – even if they see them every day (for example, a teacher).
   d. Your child should check with you first if they are unsure about a friend request.
5. Encourage your child to talk to you about anything that concerns them on the internet, or any questions they may have about using it.

The school’s policies on Information and Communication Technology are available on the website, or you can request a copy from the ladies in Administration. Should you have any questions about the school’s policies on the use of social media, or concerns you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me.

The school will continue to keep parents updated on this matter in the future, and any new initiatives being implemented at the school. In addition, more information and resources are available through the Government’s Cybersmart website: cybersmart.gov.au – including a Parents’ Guide to Online Safety.

God Bless and be kind to one other.

Joy Ketteringham - Principal
COMING EVENTS

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**Seasons for Growth – A program learning to live with loss and change**

St Joseph’s offers the ‘Seasons for Growth’ program to help our students who have had major changes occur in their lives. We recognise that when major changes such as death, separation, divorce and other related circumstances occur, it may affect students. Learning to manage these changes effectively can help them through these difficult times.

The program is facilitated in small groups and is based on research which highlights the importance of social support and the need to practice coping skills. The program also focuses on managing feelings, building self-esteem, problem-solving, decision making, effective communication and the importance of support networks.

Detailed information can be found on the school website. Children are only able to participate in the program every two years. Interested parents/guardians should contact the school office by Friday 29th August 2014.

Georgina Elphinstone – St Joseph’s Seasons for Growth, Site Coordinator

**THANKYOU!** On behalf of the student councillors, myself, our parents Mr Nairn and Mrs Williams, we would like to thank everyone who donated and bought cupcakes for our ‘Cupcakes for Cancer’ fundraiser.

It was an awesome effort with a massive amount of $548.50 being raised. It was no small feat. I would like to personally thank the student councillors who gave up their recess and lunch to man the stall, you are amazing!

Thank you all again and we hope you support our next fundraiser which is a free dress day called ‘Colour for Cancer’ to be held on Friday 12th September.

Thank you and God bless,

Mrs Lee
(Student Council co-ordinator)

Please read page 4 of this newsletter for a Readings Cinema movie fundraiser coming up on 21st September.

**VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR THE CANTEEN**

Please contact the school if you can spare a little time on a Monday or Friday to help in the school canteen.

Help is required in the mornings to assist with preparing the children’s lunch orders.

If volunteers are not forthcoming then the school will need to assess if the canteen can continue to operate.

**LOST PROPERTY** - A number of items have found their way into lost property. If not claimed they will be donated to the St Vincent de Paul Shop.

Swimming goggles
Blue watch
Necklace
Black shoulder bag containing items inside

Bookclub orders due Friday 5th September
Enquiry into the Catholic Faith (RCIA)
The next gathering is Monday 25th August at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

SCHOOL BUS SERVICES – If your child is planning on using School Bus Services in 2015 for the first time, or you already use the services but are changing schools, you need to register online by 31st August 2014. Information brochures containing eligibility criteria are available at the school office or you can visit www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au or call 9326 2625 to check for eligibility.

MOVIE FUNDRAISER - Help raise money of cancer research by coming to the movies on 21st September at 3pm at the Mandurah Readings Cinema. “The Boxtrolls” is an animated adventure movie suitable for 4-12 yr olds. All tickets are only $12 and available by calling Amy on 0407 367 383

Murray/Mandurah Riding for Disabled volunteer information training day - Saturday, 30th August commencing 8:30am at Fairbridge Heritage Village, Pinjarra.

Light Lunch & Morning Tea will be provided (This is a free event) Phone Belinda 0412 023 580 Registration required for catering

Murray Leisure Centre Disco - Friday 22nd August 2014 ‘Wacky Hair Theme’
Pre Primary - Year 2 Year 3 - Year 7
5pm - 6:15pm $6.00 per child 6:30pm - 9pm $6.50 per child

Pinjarra Cricket Club’s Registration Days for all age groups will be Saturday 23rd August and Saturday 30th August from 10:00am – 2:00pm at Pinjarra Junction Shopping Centre. For further information please contact:
Jenny Gorman 0400 158 331 jenmargorman@bigpond.com or
Craig Morgan 0438788481 mortsa@optusnet.com.au

VACSWIM OCTOBER PROGRAM - Enrolments for the October programs opened on 1 August 2014. For further information and online enrolment please visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming

menALIVE Men’s Weekend: 13-14 September at Mandurah Catholic College
Enquiries: Michael Phillips 9581 2213 or 0434 851 641

Peel Volunteer Resource Centre are running two fantastic workshops on the 28th August around volunteering.
Email: admin@peelvolunteer.org.au Ph: 9581 1187

Catholic Agricultural College Bindoon - Open Day
Saturday 6th September, 2014 10.00 am - 3.00 pm
For further information please contact the Registrar on 9576 5500 or visit the website at www.cacbindoon.wa.edu.au

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish and Primary School, Hilton Is turning 60
To mark this occasion, you are invited to attend celebrations on Sunday 21st Sept 2014
For information please contact the Celebrations Committee Parish 9314 7733 or School 9337 7066