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

Prayer for Lent
Lord, your commandment of love is so simple and so challenging.
Help me to let go of my pride, to be humble in my penance.
I want only to live the way you ask me to love, to love the way you ask me to live.
I ask this through your son, Jesus, who stands at my side today and always.
Amen

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

LENT IN ACTION - Daily Prayer.
Lent is a time to pray as an individual, as a family and as a faith community. Set aside time daily for your own personal prayer time. Pray as a family at meals. Bless one another as you leave your home in the morning and before you go to bed at night. One of the simplest and most natural gestures is to trace a cross on a loved one’s forehead. It speaks volumes to a young child when a parent gives him or her this sign of love and prayer.

“A day without prayer is like a sky without the sun, a garden without flowers.”
Blessed Pope John XXIII
Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

This term is extremely busy, staff have been sent, or will soon go, on a variety of Professional Development sessions that will enhance their teaching and learning. This year we are also investigating the implementation of Making Jesus Real (MJR) and strengthening our results in Numeracy. Data collated from standardised tests such as NAPLAN, PATR and PATM, plus teacher assessments has suggested that we would benefit from a whole school approach where language used is consistent across all year levels. If, for example, we use the Maths term, ‘Friends of 10’ in Pre-Primary, then we need to use this across the years so students commence each year with a solid framework upon which to build. The Western Australian Curriculum (WAC), which is the Australian Curriculum, has a broad range of subject specific terminology that we need to consistently expose our students to. This is especially relevant in Numeracy, but also across the curriculum.

NAPLAN results show very clearly how much we have improved against ‘similar schools’, therefore, we have decided to compare our improvement against WA Catholic Schools.

Two of our staff are currently investigating MJR and I have copied some of the information below for your information:

The Making Jesus Real programme is centred around the belief that we are the image of Jesus to all those people around us. We are His representatives and our actions should reflect His values. Jesus also made the comment that we are part of his family and that the way we treat others should be reflective of the way we would treat Jesus.

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Matthew 25: 40

The program is aligned with Religious Education programmes and Values Education programmes throughout Australia. It calls on students “to work for peace, justice and the promotion of the common good of society” (Good News for Living, 2005, p. 110). The National Framework for Values Education in Australian schools (2005) states that all schools should be "ensuring values are incorporated into school policies and teaching programmes across the key learning areas" (p. 3).

The values align perfectly with our school vision and motto of Faith and Trust:

- Showing care and compassion
- Trustworthiness
- Inclusion
- Respect
- Honesty
- Tolerance
- Understanding

Please join us tomorrow for our Merit and Worker of the Month Assembly, run by our new councillors.

**We have a public holiday on Monday and recommence on Tuesday.**

Please send in your responses regarding the sausage sizzle for our community Play for Life event on Friday, 6 March at 5pm. We also have our parent 1-2-3 MAGIC sessions commencing on Wednesday 18 March 9:00 - 11:30 am. This is a simple, parents-in-charge behaviour management program. A crèche is being provided during the sessions, however, we do need to know the numbers.

Could you please let your child/ren know prior to coming to school, the pick up arrangements for that day. Some of our little ones can be quite upset if they are confused. If you need to get an urgent message to your child/ren please contact the office prior to 2pm to ensure we can send the message to the classroom.

We do have some parents who have served in the Defence Forces and I am sharing the DVA link below which may be of use to you. My children came under the Defence Force Children Education Scheme, and while the benefits are small at primary school level, it certainly increases as they go to high school and further.


We sent out Project Compassion boxes last week, please place any spare change you have in the box during the Lenten period.

God Bless.

Joy Ketteringham - Principal
### COMING EVENTS

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**Saint Joseph’s Catholic Primary School is having a FAMILY FUN NIGHT and you’re invited!**

**When:** Friday 6 March 2015  
**Where:** School Oval  
**Time:** P&F Sausage Sizzle will commence at 5.00pm. Activities will commence at 5.45pm.  
**RSVP:** By tomorrow, Friday 27 February. Forms were sent home with eldest child earlier this week.

The P&F Association will be providing a sausage sizzle on the night.

- Sausage sizzle will cost $2 each
- Cans of cooldrink will cost $1

There will also be tasty, hot doughnuts on sale for a special after dinner treat. If you are able to assist in the cooking or serving on the night please advise the school office.

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**BOOKCLUB ORDERS ARE DUE BACK ON FRIDAY 13 March 2015**

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The figure above illustrates the main focus of YCDI’s educational programs; namely the social and emotional characteristics of students (The Five Foundations) and supporting Habits of the Mind (Ways of Thinking). All young people need to achieve the objectives which appear at the top of the triangle.
SCHOOL NURSE

“Kindy and some Pre-Primary parents will soon receive or have already received a School Entry Health Assessment form in your child’s bag. Please fill this in and return it to school as soon as possible. See the school office if you need an extra form.

The Community Health Nurse will look for possible problems that are easier to treat if spotted early. If there might be a problem, the Nurse will ring you to talk about what you need to do next.

The checks are simple, quick and easy, and include:

• vision (seeing), hearing and ear health
• development (growing, moving and learning)
• things the teacher and nurse have noticed

Any other problems you are worried about (you can write these on the form)

Interesting fact:
One child in every four is overweight when they start Kindy!

If you tick (✓) the BMI box on the health form, the Nurse will also measure your child’s height and weight, and work out his or her body mass index (BMI).

If necessary, the Nurse can help you and your family find simple ways to change your child’s (or family’s) lifestyle, such as more active play and less screen time, walking to school, smaller food portions and fewer treats.

Pinjarra Netball Association AGM

The Association will be holding its AGM at 4:30pm on Wednesday, 25 February at the Murray Recreation Centre.

All members of the community welcome.

For more information, please call 0412 126 766.