Dear Parents and Students

On behalf of all the staff I would like to wish a warm welcome to all our families for the 2017 Year. We are sure that the year will bring us many fond memories, fabulous learning opportunities and great friendships. We extend a warm welcome to our new staff members Talia Roose, Jade Alaga and Zoe O’Malley. We pray that your journey here at St Joseph’s is full of faith, hope and love.

I would like to personally introduce myself by giving you a bit of background information. I am married to Paul, and have been for the past 28 years. Paul is a FIFO from Granny Smith Mines out in Laverton. I have two children, Tahvia, 26 who is an Actuary and Dylan, 23 who is a Boilermaker. I was born in Albany, however, have grown up in Perth and lived there most of my life. My parents are immigrants from Belgium and have been in Australia for the past 52 years. I look forward to getting to know each and everyone one of you as the year goes on.

Our first term promises to be a busy one commencing with the Beginning of Year Mass on Monday 6th February 2017, at 9:00am. We invite all parents, families, friends and parishioners to attend this special occasion.

Please label all articles of clothing for your child - thank you.

Sports Day: Tuesday is sports day for Kindy to Year 2 students. Friday is sports day for Year 3 to Year 6 students. Please ensure your child is wearing the appropriate footwear and sports uniform on this day.

Dance Day: Dance is held every Friday. Please ensure your child is wearing their sports uniform on this day.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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2017 has seen a number of staff changes to St Joseph’s School.

We would like to welcome to St Joseph’s School Mrs Zoe O’Malley our Science & HASS Teacher, Year 1/2 Teacher Miss Jade Alaga, our new Principal Mrs Rika Andres and Kindy/Pre-Primary Teacher Miss Talia Roose.

PARENT/TEACHER ‘MEET & GREET’ AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE

On Wednesday 8th February 2017, parents are invited to School at 3:30pm for a Parent/Teacher ‘Meet and Greet’.

Teachers will be making a short information presentation for each classroom, starting with the Kindy/Pre-Primary, and then moving on to the other classrooms.

The ‘meet and greet’ will be a great opportunity for our new teachers to introduce themselves and for all of our teachers to outline their classroom practices for 2017.

Following the classroom presentations, St Joseph’s will be providing a sausage sizzle for everyone to enjoy.

For catering purposes, it would be greatly appreciated if all families could advise the number of people, including students, who will be attending the sausage sizzle.

A permission slip will be provided to your children, please return this slip to your child’s classroom teacher by no later than Monday 6th February 2017. Thank you.

WANTED FOR OUR KINDY/PRE-PRIMARY ROOM

The Kindy/Pre-Primary Room are looking for empty boxes and plastic jars.

We would love for you to bring them in to School for the students to use.

Thank you.
Miss Roose and Mrs Pearce.

WANTED FOR OUR YEAR 3 - 6 CLASSROOM

The Year 3 - 6 classroom is looking for recyclable items, ie. toilet rolls, cereal boxes, etc.

If you have any of these items, could they please be brought into School for the students to use.

Thank you.
Miss Reeve.
**New Technology**

**Digital Technologies at St Joseph’s School**

As part of the new digital technologies curriculum, students at St Joseph’s have had fun playing with a variety of new technologies.

Many thanks to our P&F Association who kindly donated funds to go towards the purchase of a Little Bits Steam Set. The students have thoroughly enjoyed using the set.

Students have been able to explore making a variety of items including: a self-driving vehicle, an art machine, a throwing arm, a security device and so much more which teaches them many skills which are vital for the future.

Below is a photo of what one of our student’s has created - a self-driving vehicle.

**Liturgy Corner**

**February 2nd - Presentation of the Lord**

Today the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus. The Feast of the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple is also known as the Feast of the Encounter: the Liturgy says at the beginning that Jesus goes to meet his people. Thus, this is the encounter between Jesus and his people, when Mary and Joseph brought their child to the Temple in Jerusalem; the first encounter between Jesus and his people, represented by Simeon and Anna, took place.

It was also the first encounter within the history of the people, a meeting between the young and the old: the young were Mary and Joseph with their infant son and the old were Simeon and Anna, two people who often went to the Temple.

In the Catholic Church, the Presentation is the fourth Joyful Mystery of the Rosary.

**Prayer**

Lord Jesus, we ask for Your help as we begin this new school year.

Allow us to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before us.

Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.

Open our heart and mind to new friends and new teachers.

Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with our studies and courage to accept new opportunities.

Help us to be attentive to one another and let us experience Your presence in our new friends. Jesus, inspire us to do our best this year!

Amen

**Parish News**

Our Lady of Montserrat Parish
Ph: Southern Cross 9049 1049
Kalgoorlie 9021 2100
E-mail: kalgoorlie@perthcatholic.org.au

Weekend Mass Times
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 8.30am
Fr. Matthew and Fr. Andrew

*Core Values ~ We work collaboratively to create a joyful learning environment ~ We demonstrate equality and fairness between all*
UNIFORM SHOP 2017
Uniforms can be ordered by contacting Jenna McShane on 0458 482 958.
Orders with payment can be left at the School front office.
Thank you

LUNCH ORDERS
Request from Southern Cross Coffee Lounge & Deli
To avoid confusion, could all parents making a lunch order for their child please leave the lunch order in the basket provided at School. Please do not go directly to the Coffee Lounge to order.

JUNIOR JOEYS
Every Thursday between 8:30 - 10:30am.
All parents and children aged between 0 - 4 years are welcome to attend.
Junior Joeys is a great opportunity for parents and children to play and learn together.
PLEASE CONTACT CHAUVONNE SHIPARD ON 0404 276 667 OR STEPHANIE SMYLIE ON 0459 144 474 TO LET THEM KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
Issue 1 of Scholastic Book Club will be due on Wednesday 8th February 2017. Please hand orders and payment to Mrs Pearce in the Kindy/Pre-Primary classroom. If paying by credit card, you do not need to bring the order form to school, as you order the books online with payment. If you have any enquiries, please don’t hesitate to contact me.
Many thanks.
Petrina Pearce

14th January - Sienna Evans
17th January - Lucy Collins
26th January - Miss Reeve
2nd February - Mrs Maddock
10th February - Marcus Smylie

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Happy Birthday Mrs Maddock for today!