Dear Parents and Students

It has been great getting to know your children over the first couple of weeks and it is very pleasing to see that they have settled in well to their new routines and beginning to create some fabulous work. The learning journey for 2017 has begun and I look forward to seeing your child’s progress throughout the year. We extend a warm welcome to our three year olds who have commenced this year. We welcome Elly and her parents Shea and Beau, Parker and her mum Isabella, Tyler and his mum Ebony and Phoenix who joins Dakota and Alaska already here at St Joseph’s.

This Friday, all of our staff and the staff from St Mary’s School in Merredin will celebrate the Annual Commissioning Mass of Catholic Staff at Our Lady of Montserrat Parish. Staff members new to the Perth Archdiocese will be commissioned at the end of Mass.

This Monday, February 20th I will be in Perth attending the first Leader’s Forum for 2017. Presentations will include Leading Lights and we also have the opportunity to attend several workshops that will provide examples of current and proposed practices leading us into the future.

Next Friday, we are joining with the students of Moorine Rock and Southern Cross for our Annual Swimming Carnival. I hear via the grapevine that St Joes are fabulous cheerers so I look forward to hearing all the fabulous chants and support for our wonderful team.

Next Saturday at 6pm is the Sacramental Commitment Mass for all students receiving a Sacrament this year. Joeross will be receiving the Eucharist this year. It would be lovely to have as many families as possible attend Mass to support Joeross and his family.

Enjoy your weekend.

Rika Andres - Principal
Hi everyone! My name is Mrs Zoe O’Malley, and I am so excited to be teaching your children Science and HASS this year. I am travelling from Merredin each Thursday and am pleased to share with you some of our amazing activities for Term One!

Science:
This term, our focus is on Biological Sciences. Each class will be involved in a variety of experiments, including making grass-heads, watching seeds grow, and creating our own school vegetable patch. We will also be doing some cooking and making popcorn. We are learning what living things need to survive and discovering just how different living things can be.

HASS (Humanities and Social Sciences):
This term, our focus is on History. The K/PP and Year 1/2 classes are learning all about different family dynamics. We have constructed family trees and investigated the similarities and differences between families in different cultures.

The Year 3-6 class has focused on Australian History, beginning with Aboriginal culture, and moving onto European Exploration. Students have completed mapping activities and other research tasks.

If you have any questions or would like any further information about anything in Science and HASS, please do not hesitate to contact me at St Joseph’s School on a Thursday.

Thank you.
Mrs Zoe O’Malley

UPDATE TO SCHOOL TIMETABLE

PARENTS PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING SPORT AND DANCE TIMES

SPORT
K - 2      TUESDAYS
Years 3 - 6  FRIDAYS

DANCE
Years 1 - 6  WEDNESDAYS

Please make sure students are wearing sports uniform and suitable footwear on these days. Thank you.

STUDENT AWARDS

On Friday, 10th February 2017, St Joseph’s held its first Merit Assembly for the year. Congratulations to all of our Award winners who are pictured below (full details on back page of newsletter).

A special congratulations must go to Mackenzie Crafter who is our Student Leader for 2017. Well deserved.

Congratulations to Victoria and Daniel Toms on the safe arrival of their beautiful new baby boy ‘Jai’.

Best wishes from St Joseph’s Staff and Students.
**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

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**Easter Fundraising:**  
The P&F Association will be running a Cadbury Chocolates Fundraiser in time for Easter. Two boxes per family have been ordered. If you are able to sell your two boxes your family will be put into a draw for the Easter raffle. More information will be forwarded to families within the coming weeks.

**P&F Minutes:**  
If you are interested in receiving P&F Minutes please register your details at the school office.

**Uniforms:**  
Are you interested in purchasing a school blue winter jacket for your children? If so please contact our Uniform Coordinator Jenna McShane on 0458 482 958 to register your interest.

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Thank you Chauvonne Shipard for the wonderful pavlovas you made for us. We are very spoilt. You are amazing. Thank you from the St Joseph’s School Staff.

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**TERM ONE 2017  
ALTAR SERVING ROSTER**

If you are unable to Altar Serve on your allocated roster, please swap with someone.

Sat 19th February  Taine & Kasey Kings  
Sun 20th February  Volunteers  
Sat 25th February  Fraser Della Bosca  
Sun 26th February  Volunteers

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**Liturgic Corner**

The Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network is the new name in 2017 for the Apostleship of Prayer.  
It is an international apostolic service entrusted by the Pope to the Jesuits. It has at its heart the devotion to the Heart of Christ, a heart open to all the concerns that face humanity.

Pope Francis has taken a keen personal interest in the network. Praying for the Holy Father’s intentions helps us to look outside of ourselves and open our hearts – in other words, to become apostolic, to become those 'Missionary Disciples' that Pope Francis always encourages us to be.

Responding to Pope Francis’ call for this prayer movement, the Australian Province of the Society of Jesus has put together a 48-page prayer resource booklet which is available in hard copy and electronically.

The book includes the Way of the Heart – a nine-step journey of prayer and reflection, intentions of the Holy Father for each month from January to December, including tearable pages that can be carried as prayer cards or bookmarks; a range of different Morning Offerings for each month; and other prayer reflections to assist in finding daily solace with God.

PDF versions of the booklet can be freely downloaded at the following link: Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network e-book.

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**Thank You**

O God, I thank You for this day of life  
for eyes to see the sky  
for ears to hear the birds  
for feet to walk amidst the trees  
for hands to pick the flowers from the earth  
for a sense of smell to breathe in the sweet perfumes of nature  
for a mind to think about and appreciate the magic of everyday miracles  
for a spirit to swell in joy at Your mighty presence everywhere.
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. Do not make lunch orders at the shop.

PLEASE ALSO WRITE ST JOSEPH’S SCHOOL ON THE LUNCH BAG.

Thank You.

SOUTHERN CROSS TENNIS CLUB
JUNIOR COACHING
Southern Cross Tennis Club will be conducting a Junior Tennis program in February/March 2017 running for 5 weeks.

Dates are Wednesday 22nd February 2017, commencing at 3:30pm for registration. Subsequent dates are 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd March commencing at 4:00pm.

Please wear a hat and bring your own water bottle. If you have a tennis racket please bring that along, otherwise the club has rackets available for use.

Junior tennis is for children aged 5 and up. The child must be turning 5 during this calendar year to participate.

Fees:
$20 per child
$50 for 3 children
$60 for 4 plus children
If you require more information, please contact Pauline Eiffler on 0419 963 418.

We look forward to seeing you there.

STUDENT AWARD WINNERS
WEEK 2, TERM 1
Congratulations to the following students

MERIT AWARDS
Years K/PP - Saxon Loader
Years 1/2 - Denym McDonald
Years 3-6 - Brooke Loader

CHOOSE RESPECT AWARDS
Years K/PP - Alyssa Carlson
Years 1/2 - Sienna Loader
Years 3-6 - Mackenzie Crafter

BLUE RIBBON AWARD
Joeross Lendio

Keep up the great work!

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

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