Dear Parents, Children and Friends,

HOLY WEEK
This week is Holy Week, one of the most important weeks of the year as Catholic people. The events we celebrate at Easter happened a long time ago. In another very real sense, they are the basis of our day-to-day experiences. The Gospels outline Jesus’ life story and we all share the broad outline of that story, this being: He was like us in all things, sin excepted. The rich symbols of Easter bridge the gap of over 2,000 years to remind us of the meaning of Jesus in our day to day lives. Like Jesus, we fear the pain that faithfulness to God may demand.

THE WITNESS
I was among the crowd
Who followed Jesus up the hill-
I watched the soldiers nail Him to His cross…
And I saw Mary weeping when they crucified her son,
I viewed firsthand the anguish of her loss…
I was one of many who looked up into His eyes,
Expected to see nothing there but grief…
But when His gentle gaze met mine,
It struck me like a blow
That this man was no ordinary thief…
I stood by and listened as He gasped His final words-
I heard no blame or anger in His voice…. Instead, He cried, “Forgive them!”
And then suddenly I knew that He was hanging there by His own choice.
I will never know for certain
What He whispered at the end,
When all his agony was finally through…
But I believe, with all my heart, I heard the Saviour say,
“My child, I lived and now I die for you…”

BJ Hoff

The core of the Easter message is that out of death comes LIFE, life to the full. The grace of the Stations of the Cross Prayer Reflection held in the Kamballie Grandstand on Thursday at 2.15pm will assist us to enter into this mystery. I would like to invite our parents, parishioners and friends to our Holy Week Prayer Reflection.

ST JOSEPH’S WINS INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Last Friday our Interschool Swimming Team took part in the Eastern Goldfield’s Combined Schools Interschool Swimming Carnival. I was absolutely delighted to see our children receive the winners’ shield, our first since 2012. The determination and sportsmanship every student displayed was faultless. We congratulate Samara Hansen for being awarded Champion Girl for Year Five. Congratulation to Michael Irving, Runner up Champion Boy for Year Five and Riley Cook, Runner up Champion Boy for Year Four. Congratulations girls and boys, we are very proud of you all!

I thank the large group of parents who took time out of their busy schedules to support the team at the carnival and to those generous parents who assisted on the day. Finally, I would like to acknowledge the hard work of Miss Kelly Woolley, especially her belief in, and encouragement of, the entire team.

ST JOSEPH’S “BRAVES” WINS JUNIOR T-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP
Congratulations to the St Joseph’s “Braves” T-Ball Team who won the grand final on Saturday and were awarded the 2015 Kalgoorlie-Boulder Junior T-Ball trophy. Congratulations also to Riley Cook for being voted MVP. Well done boys and girls, we are very proud of your efforts.
2015 SCHOOLS BASKETBALL CHALLENGE
St Joseph’s has been invited to participate in the 2015 Schools Basketball Challenge that runs until July 25th.

On the weekend, two of our talented teams played an exhibition match in the lead up to the Giants v Wolves game. Both teams showed great skills, determination and focus. It was wonderful to see so many of our families down at the stadium supporting the children.

Early next term, Miss Woolley will be inviting interested students to take part in the trials to select the team that will represent St Joseph’s School during the competition. Stay tuned for further details.

FREE DRESS DAY
Today our students are invited to take part in Free Dress Day for a gold coin donation. Funds raised will support our Year Six children as they prepare to embark on camp early next term.

EASTER RAFFLE
Our annual Easter Raffle will be drawn at a short assembly on Thursday at 12.30pm. Thank you again to our generous families for donating the Easter eggs in support of our P&F.

TERM TWO UNIFORM
Winter is just around the corner and our students will begin wearing their winter uniform on Monday 20th April, the first day back to school. May I remind all parents that our uniform policy must be strictly adhered to. Whilst I realise some parents “shop around” and source alternative items, such as socks and tracksuit pants from local stores, the items purchased must meet school uniform regulations and policy, as sold by the uniform shop. I have attached the Uniform Policy to this newsletter for your convenience.

Here are a few reminders for your holiday shopping:

Track suit pants:
- Must be black in colour and in the open leg style (i.e. no closed cuffs)
- Must have an elasticated waist
- Must be free from emblems and motifs

School Shoes with Formal Uniform:
- Boys: Must be in the “Clarks” style and lace up. Black sneaker/joggers are not acceptable.
- Girls: Must be in the “Clarks” or “Mary Jane” style. Black sneaker/joggers/ballet flats are not acceptable.

From term two, and due to safety reasons as sanctioned by the School Board, girls will no longer be able to wear a ring or bracelet to school.

The uniform shop will be open on Monday 20th April (8.15 - 9am) and normal times on Tuesday (8.15 - 9am) and Thursday (2.45 - 3.30pm) for your convenience.

WHAT A TERM IT HAS BEEN!
I would like to thank the staff, parents and students for all of their efforts this term. It has been a very busy term and we have achieved a great deal. I have been impressed with the enthusiasm and commitment to learning displayed by our students and their ability to adapt and strive to meet the teacher’s expectation of them over the term. I encourage all of our students to continue to strive for success in all areas to be the best person they can be.

Thank you to all our parents who in many different ways have supported the school over the first term. Your efforts and contributions are highly valued. I encourage you to continue to support and be actively involved in decision making through the P&F and other opportunities that arise.

Thank you to our staff who have worked tirelessly for our children throughout the term. Much has been asked of them and, as always, they have risen to the challenge. I can honestly say that I am proud of the way all teaching and non-teaching staff commit themselves to their jobs in a wholehearted way. Thank you one and all for your efforts and enjoy the well-earned holiday.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our families a very happy and Holy Easter and holiday break and look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready to learn in your winter uniform on Monday 20th April, the first day of term two. Please be mindful that Friday 24th April has been set aside as a Professional Development Day for staff and, as such, will be a Pupil Free Day for our students.

May God bless our school and those within it.

Miranda Swann
Principal
MATHEMATICS ASSESSMENT INTERVIEWS
Over the second half of this term, classroom teachers from Years One to Six have been administering the Mathematics Assessment Interview (MAI). This assessment tool consists of appropriate hands-on assessment tasks where students demonstrate mathematical understanding and preferred strategies for solving increasingly complex tasks. Teachers are provided with specific data, as well as the opportunity to observe a student’s problem solving strategies. Teachers will use this data to develop programmes that cater for the needs of each learner. The MAI also provides Growth Point Activities which are fantastic for targeting the specific need of a particular student.

THREE-WAY INTERVIEWS
Our Three-Way Interviews commenced yesterday and will continue throughout the week. These interviews provide students with the opportunity to share their thoughts, as the learner, about how they are progressing. Students share a number of work samples, discuss their celebrations and set goals for Term Two. I hope that you and your child find/have found this a rewarding process.

NAPLAN
This year students in Years Three and Five will sit for various National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests from Tuesday 12th May until Thursday 14th May. The tests will be Language Conventions, including spelling, plus Writing on 12th May, Reading on 13th May and finally Numeracy on 14th May. I will provide more information regarding NAPLAN testing at our school in the newsletter closer to the date. If you have any questions regarding NAPLAN testing, please see your child’s class teacher.

I wish you a happy and Holy Easter.

Mr Luke Shaw
Assistant Principal – Curriculum

EDUCATION IN FAITH

We hold the death of the Lord deep in our hearts
Living, now we remain with Jesus, the Christ.
Once we were people afraid, lost in the night.
Then by your cross we were saved; dead became living, life from your giving.
Something which we have known, something we’ve touched, what we have seen with our eyes: this we have heard; life-giving Word.
He chose to give of himself, became our bread.
Broken, that we might live.
Love beyond love, pain for our pain.

Easter is a time for us to remember the ultimate sacrifice that Jesus made for us. But at this time, as we go into the holidays and prepare to spend time with our loved ones, it is important for us to remember those less fortunate than ourselves.

What can you sacrifice to enrich the lives of others? What can you do to benefit those who have not been as blessed with life’s riches as we have? How can you continue Jesus’ legacy of love and selfless giving?

Please keep these thoughts in mind as you celebrate the Easter season surrounded by your loved ones. Have a safe and happy holiday.

Miss Renita Bodsworth
Pre-Primary Teacher
PARISH NEWS

Second Rite of Reconciliation
Tuesday 24th March at 6pm
St Mary’s Kalgoorlie

Holy Week/Easter Mass Times

Holy Thursday 2nd April 2015
2:30pm Stations of the Cross
All Hallows Boulder
St Mary’s Kalgoorlie

6pm Mass
All Hallows Boulder
St John Vianney Kambalda

8pm Mass
St Mary’s Kalgoorlie

Passion of the Lord 3rd April 2015
10am Stations of the Cross
St Barbara’s Square (Hannan St) to St Mary’s Kalgoorlie

All Hallows Boulder
St John Vianney Kambalda
St Mary’s Coolgardie

3pm The Passion of the Lord
St Mary’s Kalgoorlie
All Hallows Boulder
Saint Vianney Kambalda

Holy Saturday Vigil 4th April 2015
6pm Mass
St Mary’s Coolgardie

6:30pm Easter Vigil Mass
St Mary’s Kalgoorlie

Easter Sunday Mass 5th April 2015
8am & 5:30pm All Hallows
10am St Mary’s Kalgoorlie
9am St John Vianney Kambalda
12:30pm St Joseph’s Norseman

CHOIR PRACTICE
Choir practice is every Wednesday at 6.30pm at St Mary’s Kalgoorlie. New members are always welcome.

SPORTS NEWS

Wow what a fabulous week!

We had a great time learning all the funky dances with Scott from Humphrey's dance. I was really pleased to see so many students showcase their dances at Thursday's disco. We watched "the Eagle Rock", "Agadoo", "the Slosh" as well as many more Hip Hop dances. Well done to Adjoa (Year 5) and Bryden Western (Year 4) who both won a medal for their efforts in one of the trickiest Hip Hop dances taught that week.

And if that wasn’t enough we had a splash at the schools Interschool swimming carnival. I was proud of all the students efforts as well as the behaviour and sportsmanship shown by all. Congratulations to:
Riley Cook (Year 4) Runner-up Champion Boy
Michael Irving (Year 5) Runner-up Champion Boy
Samara Hansen (Year 5) Champion Girl.

We had a nerve racking wait for the results but St Joseph's came out on top in the Interschool Pool B Swimming Champions for 2015!

A huge congratulations to all the students who took part and a thank you to Mrs Swann for the extra swimming sessions.

Miss Kelly Woolley
Sports Teacher

2015 MOTHER’S DAY CLASSIC
WALK OR RUN FOR BREAST CANCER RESEARCH

MOTIVATION DETERMINATION INSPIRATION
SUNDAY 10 MAY 2015
4km walk or 8km run
Kalgoorlie Golf Course
KALGOORLIE WA

Registrations now open
mothersdayclassic.com.au
SCHOOL FEES
Term One fee payments are now overdue. We ask that families, not on a direct debit, finalise their Term One accounts immediately.

If you are paying your school fees in full the due date is Tuesday, 31st March. If payment presents a difficulty please contact the Principal.

LIBRARY BOOKS
Please return all library books before the end of term.

We are looking for parent helpers to assist in a variety of roles in the library. Please see Chantal in the Library if you are able to assist.

COOKBOOKS FOR SALE
Stuck for dinner ideas? Looking for lunchbox inspiration? Then look no further! Our cookbooks are available for purchase for $20 each from the office. You can also see one of our friendly P&F members who will be happy to assist you.

KISS AND GO ZONE
Please remember you must not leave your car in this area to pick up your children before or after school. This is for flow through traffic only.

30 FOR 30
Does your child have a birthday coming up or any special occasions? Don’t have the time to make cakes? Celebrate in style with home made cup cakes designed by the canteen.

30 decorated cup cakes for $30!!!
We need one week notice.

Please place your orders with Marie at the canteen.

P & F
P&F are collecting jars up to 200ml in size. Please see one of your friendly P&F members if you have any to donate.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS
Tuesday
8.15am - 9.00am
Thursday
2.45pm - 3.30pm
Extra opening hours
Monday 20th April
(1st day of Term 2)
8.15am - 9.00am

Have you seen our new “New Balance” sport shoes?
Come down, have a look and grab yourself a bargain.
Sizes 11-5 available in black or white.

Zip jumpers, Sports Shirts and Hats will be back in stock shortly.
EASTER RAFFLE
We would love some volunteers to help us make the prizes and to help with the raffle on the day.

Once again thank-you for your support!

ST JOSEPH’S VOLUNTEER CARD
Our new ‘St Joseph’s Volunteer Cards’ are available from the office! Grab yourself a card, collect 10 ‘MAD’ stamps on your family card by helping out at school or at a P&F event, and go into a draw to win either $500, $300 or $200 off your school fees!!

UNIFORM SHOP
We have school suitable black and white runners available for sale from the Uniform Shop at just $30 a pair, which is half the retail price! We also have hair scrunchies (made from our summer and winter dress material) available from the uniform shop for just $1.

COOKBOOK
Our stunning school cook book, filled with tried & trusted recipes, is available from the office for just $20 each. They are a wonderful keepsake of our school as well as a beautiful gift. We would love some volunteers to help run a cook book stall at school, either at pick up or drop off times - only for 20-30mins - on any day that suits.

VOLUNTEERS WE NEED YOU!!
Got some time to spare? (and a MAD card that needs filling!)
We are searching for some wonderful volunteers for the following activities:

Thursday 7th May - Mothers’ Day Stall at School
Friday 22nd May - Disco (afternoon for setup and evening for the event)
Sunday 7th June - Car Boot Sale and Sausage Sizzle

GLASS JARS
We are seeking donations of any glass jars with lids, 200ml or less in size!

**NEW TIME FOR P&F MEETINGS IN TERM TWO**

As of next term the P&F meetings will be held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 2pm.
NEXT MEETING: Monday 11th May at 2pm

Please feel free to contact either Elana Scanlon or Megan Murphy if you would like to be involved but cannot attend the meetings. We would love to hear from you!

Elana Scanlon
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Megan Murphy
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We have been extremely busy in Pre-primary this term! We have been working especially hard on our phonics; blending and segmenting sounds in words and learning new phonemes and digraphs. We have been practicing representing sounds in words when writing and using this to produce some amazing independent recount writing! It has been a fantastic first term and we can’t wait to come back fresh and eager after our holidays to start term two!
RESILIENCE

Young children who are resilient can calm down soon after being extremely upset (down, worried, angry) without needing the immediate help of an adult. They can also control their behaviour (not fighting, returning to work or play within a reasonable period of time) when they become extremely upset.

EXAMPLES OF RESILIENT BEHAVIOUR IN YOUR CHILD

1. Stays calm and does not fight with a friend who will not share.
2. Stays calm and does not fight when someone says something mean to them.
3. Stays calm and does not fight and seeks help from a parent or teacher when pushed by a sibling or friend.
4. Calms down within a reasonable period of time when they think someone has acted unfairly towards them.
5. Stays calm and does not worry too much when he/she misses the bus and has to wait to be picked up.
6. Stays calm and does not get upset when he/she is not the best at something. He/She still does his/her best.

WAYS TO PRAISE YOUR CHILD FOR RESILIENT BEHAVIOUR

1. “I can see that even though you are a bit nervous, you are going to try to do it anyway.”
2. “Even though you are finding this hard, you are not getting too upset about it.”
3. “I can see you are making the right choice not to fight.”
4. “Good for you, you didn’t let yourself get too angry.”

TEACH YOUR CHILD THE FOLLOWING RESILIENT THINKING

1. When upset, it is good to find someone to talk to.
2. When upset, it is good to find something fun to do.
3. When upset, it is good to think “calm down” take three breaths “everything will be ok”.

PRACTICAL THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP YOUR CHILD BECOME RESILIENT (CALM, DOWN WHEN EXTREMELY UPSET)

• Accept that it is normal and healthy for your child to experience negative emotions.
• Provide your child with words to describe his/her own feelings as well as your own feelings (I see you are feeling……., I am ……..that you did…..)
• Teach your child to say to themselves “calm down” and take three breaths before doing something he/she finds frightening or when he/she is angry or upset.
• Discuss with your child the importance of finding an adult to talk to when he/she has bad feelings. This could be a parent or a teacher.
• Teach your child to think of all the positives when he or she gets upset or angry (especially when a friend calls them a name.)
• Explain that if they are excluded from a game by a group of people they can find something fun to do with others. (The situation is never too bad, that it can’t be resolved.)
Grooming for both girls and boys

Hair should be neat and tidy, and should not reflect the extremes of any current fashions. Hair must be trimmed above the eyebrows and be kept free of the face. If below the collar, it must be tied back with an elastic band, ribbon or scrunchie in the school colours - yellow and green.

It would be impossible to list all the styles and colours that would be inappropriate. Here we ask parents to support the school. While some tips and colour may be added it must enhance the natural colours of the hair. Colours like pink etc., would see the child sent to the office where they will await their parents to collect them and rectify the problem before their return to school. Again with hair styles the same is true; cuts of short on side and long or standing up on top, in the Mohawk style, will almost certainly be viewed as extreme. As is braiding and beading in the traditional Bali style.

Jewellery for both girls and boys

No jewellery may be worn other than a functional watch, a cross and chain. A maximum of one piercing per ear is acceptable with plain gold or silver sleepers or studs. Facial piercing is unacceptable and would see the child sent to the office where they will await their parents to collect them and rectify the problem before their return to school.

PARENTS MUST ENSURE ALL JEWELLERY BE REMOVED WHEN PARTICIPATING IN TEAM SPORTS.

GIRLS
Summer (Term 1 & 4)
Fawn/green/white checked dress with crest on left side. Brown flat school sandals or black school shoes in the “Clarks” or “Mary Jane” style, with lemon or white socks. (Surf/reef sandals or black joggers are not acceptable.) The knitted V neck jumper is the only jumper to be worn with the formal summer uniform.

Winter (Term 2 & 3)
Navy/green check box pleated skirt, lemon blouse (crest on left pocket), green jumper, lemon socks or white socks or navy tights, black school shoes in the “Clarks” or “Mary Jane” style. (Boots and black runners are not acceptable.) The knitted V neck jumper is the only jumper to be worn with the formal winter uniform.

BOYS
Summer (Term 1 & 4)
Grey shorts and grey shirt (crest on pocket) as sold in the uniform shop, and brown sandals or black “Clarks” style lace up school shoes (not runner style), with mid-calf length grey socks. Surf/reef type sandals are not acceptable. The knitted V neck jumper is the only jumper to be worn with the formal summer uniform.
Winter (Term 2 & 3)  
Grey trousers or shorts and grey shirt (crest on pocket) as sold in the uniform shop, black "Clarks" style lace up school shoes (not boots or runner style), with mid-calf length grey socks. Sandals are only an option when school shorts are worn. The knitted V neck jumper is the only jumper to be worn with the formal winter uniform.

Sports  
Black unisex shorts, as sold by the uniform shop, (free from emblems and not in the basketball style), and green polo shirt, white ankle socks or school ankle socks, and low-cut, predominantly black or white joggers, without fluoro laces or soles. Black tracksuit pants in winter in the open leg style, as sold in the uniform shop (free from emblems and with an elasticated waist). Faction polo shirts are to be worn for special sporting events only. Zip up sports jacket.

PLEASE NOTE:  
The sports jacket is **NOT** permitted to be worn with the formal summer or winter uniform.

PRE PRIMARY  
The sports uniform is compulsory for all students.

NAIL POLISH  
Is not to be worn by students in Pre Primary – Year Six.

SCHOOL HAT  
It is mandatory for the children to wear the school hat. The school has a 'no school hat, no sun' policy. Pre Primary children are to have a school hat.

GLOVES & SCARF  
On cold days children may wear a scarf and/or gloves but the colour must be only black.

WINDBREAKERS  
The school has available for order fleece lined windbreaker jackets that may be worn with, but not instead of, the knitted V neck jumper on cold days. The windbreaker may be worn with the sport uniform.

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**ST. JOSEPH’S SCHOOL UNIFORM CARD**

Name of Child: ___________________ Date of Issue: ___________________

Your attention is drawn to the following article of clothing, which does not form part of the SCHOOL UNIFORM.

( ) SKIRT (Box pleat style)  ( ) SHOES  ( ) JOGGERS  ( ) JUMPER  
( ) RIBBONS  ( ) BLOUSE  ( ) SOCKS  ( ) JEWELLERY  
( ) SPORTS UNIFORM  ( ) OTHER ______________________

Class Teacher: _______________ Parent Signature: _______________

Parents/guardians please sign this card to show it has been presented to you and return it to school tomorrow.