**Week 3 Term 3, 2012**

**Friday 10th August**

Dear Parents & Carers,

We celebrated the feast of Saint Mary MacKillop on Wednesday with a beautiful Mass led by our Yr 5/6/7 class and Fr Frank. We were very impressed by our students' involvement in the Mass. They sang with tuneful voices and responded to the prayers with confidence and conviction. We will be attending Mass again next week to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary led by the Yr 3/4 students. On this special feast day we celebrate a special favour that God gave to Mary, our Queen. The Assumption means that Mary was taken up into heaven not only with her soul but also with her body. I hope you are able to join us at Mass to celebrate this very special feast day, which is one of only two holydays of obligation in addition to all the Sundays in the year.

Thank you to all the families who supported the Blue Light Disco last Friday and helped to raise money for our Broome Camp. It is wonderful to witness the community spirit that makes occasions like this such a great success. A very special thank you to the parents and police officers who volunteered their time to set up, run the disco and clean up at the end.

On Friday 17th August the Yr 1–7 students and staff will be going to St Joseph’s, Kununurra, to participate in a workshop and concert with Andrew Chinn, a respected composer and musician of liturgical music. The Kindy & PP children will be at school as normal and will need to be picked up at 12.30 as normal. He will be running choir workshops with the students which will culminate in a whole school concert at 1.00pm. We will be having lunch with the St Joseph’s children and then heading back to Wyndham. The buses should be back by 2.15. Please remember to pick up your child at 2.15 and not at 12.30. The regular bus will drop the students off at Guda Guda when we get back from Kununurra.

I hope you all have a calm and peaceful weekend.

God bless

Miss Andrea
Student of the Week
Week 1

Lazarus Edwards
Counting with decimals

Riley Moore
Great week

Jarmen Edwards
Task master

Keon Morgan
Writing his name

Year 5/6/7
Year 3/4
Year 1/2
K/PP

PATHS Kid of the Week
Promoting Alternative Thinking Skills

K-PP
PATHS Kid
TOR
Hart-
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Showing Leadership and Lovely Manners
Jason Carter
IT'S NOT OK TO STAY AWAY

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Royal Flying Doctors

Years 1 – 7 were treated to a First Aid session from 2 members of the Royal Flying Doctors on Thursday morning. Norm and Jackie focused on the problem of snake bite and discussed different snakes that are common to our area. They then taught the students how to bandage an arm in order to reduce the damage that snake venom can cause. The students were told to keep their arms straight and bandage them tightly. Jackie also spoke about the importance of staying still and as calm as possible. The students practiced bandaging and helping patients stay calm.

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Career Expo

The Year 3 – 7s attended a Career Expo at the District High School last Monday. The students were given presentations from some of the local services such as the Ambulance, Fire Brigade and the Police, and from businesses such as Argyle Mines and El Questro.

While the expo was a chance for the students to learn about occupations, it was also a chance to learn about the voluntary work that gets done in Wyndham.

While the whole day was a success, the students appeared to mostly enjoy the vehicles that they were invited to play on and explore. The army car, with a camouflage net was a hit, as was the fire truck with its loud speakers and sirens.

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Touch Rugby WA

The Years 3 - 7 classes were given the opportunity to try their hands at ‘Touch Rugby’ on Wednesday. Julian, the instructor, spoke about the flexibility and growing popularity of Touch Rugby. The students played a number of games that simulated some of the skills used in Touch Rugby, such as dodging, catching and throwing. Julian was particularly impressed with how well our students adapted to throwing the ball backwards and being able to stay ‘on side’. The session took place on the oval of St Joseph’s and was organised by the local recreation office.

The kids loved it!

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Year 5/6/7 Broome Camp Update

1 Week until Broome Camp!!!

DISCO - A big thankyou to Miss Natalie, Miss Zabby, the Blue Light Disco Assoc. and Mr Rex for organising for St Joseph’s to run the canteen last Friday. We raised almost $300 and a fun night of “shuffling” was had by all!!

CHOCOLATES - $1 each. 2nd batch now selling!!

WIN $100 - Buy a square on our money board for $2 for your chance to win $100. We will announce the winner at assembly when ALL squares are sold.

WE ARE STILL WAITING FOR A FEW MEDICAL FORMS, MONEY AND PERMISSION SLIPS PLEASE RETURN ASAP!

Well Done to everyone for raising money, so far we’ve raised... $2409.30

St Joseph’s School would like to thank

NGNOWAR-AERWAH ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

For their generous contribution of $300 towards our 2012 Year 5/6/7 Broome Camp. We enjoyed washing your cars with our visiting friends from St Augustine’s, Victoria.

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THERE IS A BOX AT COLES!!!
Look out for a blue painted box with our logo.

KEEP ON COLLECTING...

THANK YOU EVERYONE for bringing in your Coles vouchers. We have handed in 3150 vouchers to Miss Candice. Hand your vouchers into the canteen, office OR put them straight into the St Joseph’s Wyndham box at Coles!

LITTLE JOEYS PLAYGROUP

Come along and have some fun at Little Joeys Playgroup.
Each week we have a special activity, indoor and outdoor play, a healthy snack and story time.
Where: In the Kindy/Pre-Primary area At St Joseph’s School.
When: Every Friday from 10am until 12pm. (except school holidays)
For more information contact Amanda on 0447 791 186

Active Games

Help your child make their own mini bean bag for throwing, catching, kicking and balancing. Simply sew two small squares of material together, about 10cm wide. Before you sew up the final side, fill bag with sand or dried lentils, which cost about $1 bag from the supermarket. Sew up securely & your child is ready to play foot bag or balancing games with their new toy!

Or, if you’re not into ‘making’ things, buy a hackysack from a cheap shop for $2-$3. They’re loads of fun & you can kick them around both outdoors as well as indoors safely. See who can keep their hackysack up in the air the longest!

THANKYOU for your cooperation in keeping dogs at home during the school day for the welfare and safety of our students. It is imperative that NO dogs are allowed on school property any time.

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