



**"WE ARE ONE"**

## IMPORTANT DATES

### • ASSEMBLY

12:15pm

Friday in the Library

ALL WELCOME

### • AGM & BOARD MEETING

21st February 5pm

# St Joseph's Wyndham

TERM 1, WEEK 3

18TH FEBRUARY, 2013

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## From the Principal - Ms Naomi



Dear Families,

### NATIONAL APOLOGY DAY

On Wednesday was National Apology Day. At our Mass on Wednesday we prayed for our community and our nation. This year marks the fifth anniversary of the formal apology made on 13 February 2008 to the Stolen Generations. It is a reminder of how our nation can come together to overcome injustices of the past and look towards a happy and peaceful future.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

In an age of comfort and materialism it is easy to enjoy all the comforts of life without reflection and thanks. Lent is a time when we can take stock of our lives, look inside our heart to re-assess our values and our priorities. Our Ash Wednesday Mass was a reverend and fitting beginning to Lent. It was a gentle reminder that we are social beings and should take time to look out for each other and help those who need help, especially family, the elderly, the lonely the sick and the over-burdened.

### LEADERS COMMISSIONING

Today we had a special assembly to commission our Yr 7's as leaders in our school, and to acknowledge the leadership council and the work they will do in 2013. The assembly was followed by a shared lunch for students, families and school staff. We are very proud of our the St Joseph's student leadership group and look forward to their input during the year.

### PARENT-TEACHER INFORMATION SESSION

Today we had our Parent Information afternoon. Thank you to the parents and carers who attended. It is very important that the students see parents and teachers working together. If any parents could not attend due to the change in arrangements, please take the time to visit the classroom and introduce yourself to your child's teacher next time you are at school.

### GROW the MUSIC

Once again we welcome the GROW music group to town. GROW the MUSIC has been working with our senior students. The Yr 7's are learning drumming, the Yr 5 & 6 are having music appreciation lessons and our beautiful choir are rehearsing for the community Concert. The first GROW the MUSIC Community Concert for 2013 is on Thursday 28th February beginning at 5pm. Any community group who would like to do an item for the concert are welcome to. Please contact Emily at the Music Café. GROW the MUSIC Café is open on Wednesday and Thursday nights from 6.30 – 8.30pm at the Music Café – just outside of town. Wednesday night is kids night and Thursday night is family jam night. All are welcome. This is an alcohol free program.

### STUDENTS AND STAFF

This week I have had the privilege of spending some teaching time in the classrooms. I am very happy to have spent time with the students and to know them all a little better. I am very happy with the work the students are doing, and very proud of the way the

students are taking responsibility for their education by regular attendance and trying to listen to the teachers at all times. I am equally as proud to be working with a such dedicated group of staff who always have the interests for the students learning as their priority, and would like to thank the staff for their commitment to the students and the school.

On Friday we farewelled Ms Edith Thompson as she takes 6 months maternity leave. We wish Edith a good rest before her baby is born, all the best, and look forward to meeting the new addition in the near future. Today we welcome Miss Kaitlyn Egan to the staff. Miss Kaitlyn will be joining us for a few months while Miss Edith is away.

### LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, March 4th is a public holiday. The following Monday, March 11th is a pupil free day for St Joseph's. The staff will be attending a Spelling Professional Development day in Kununurra.

### HEAD LICE

Please be vigilant in checking your children for head lice. They seem to be around again.

### AGM

The St Joseph's School Board Annual General Meeting is on February 21st at 5.00pm in the school library. All are welcome to attend.

Ms Naomi Martin.

*Prayer of the Week*

Lord, infuse in our hearts the light of Your Divine Wisdom and open the eyes of our mind that we may understand the teachings of Your Gospel. Instill in us also the comfort of Your commandments, so that we may lead a spiritual life, both thinking and doing everything right. For You, God, are the enlightenment of our souls and bodies. AMEN

### To the Wyndham Community-

*The St Joseph's school prayers and thoughts are with you as we together grieve the sad loss of our relative and friend. Yours Sincerely. Naomi Martin.*

# Student of the Week Awards



Kindy–Brayden Jennings  
Following words left to  
right



Yr 1/2– William Corpus  
On Task



Yr 3/4– Deklan Garcia  
Class Leadership



Yr 5/6/7– Jaiden Blythe  
Good Choices



*Stewart Dryden*

## PATHS Kid of the Week

**CAUGHT BEING GOOD**  
Looking out for Little Kids



**KINDY PATHS**  
*Kid of the Week:*  
**TOR HART-IIDA**

## **MISS ZABBY - COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER**

If your child is absent please feel free to msg me on my new school phone -

**0488 453 377.**

I am also available on email:  
[birch.zabby@sjwyndham.wa.edu.au](mailto:birch.zabby@sjwyndham.wa.edu.au)

It would be great if you could let the school know before school starts for that day or bring in the note at the end of the newsletter the next day. **THANKS**



## **LIBRARY**

***Our Library is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at lunchtime!!!***

## **CANTEEN CORNER AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

***with Miss Hannah***

***Please consider Centrepay if you are not already signed up.***

***Direct Debit is also available, please come into the office and we will give you the information for you to set it up through your bank or on online banking.***



***Mr Damien and Mr Danny***



***Active After School Sports is on:***

***Wednesday  
and  
Thursday***

## **LITERACY TIPS**

***With Miss Kylie***



***When talking about the alphabet with your child use both the letter name and letter sound***

***ie. "Yes that is the letter 'B' (as in bee) and it's sound is 'b'***

***OR***

***"The letter that makes the sound 'b' is 'B' "***

**HAPPY READING!**



# **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

Are you ready for digital TV?

On 25 June 2013 analog TV will be permanently switched off across Regional and Remote Western Australia and free-to-air TV will be broadcast in digital-only.

To continue watching free-to-air TV, households will need to ensure their TVs can receive the digital services. Households can choose to connect a set-top box or digital recorder to an analog TV or upgrade to a digital TV with a built-in digital tuner.

Practical and financial assistance is available to help people get ready for digital-only free-to-air TV. The Household Assistance Scheme and the Satellite Subsidy Scheme both allow eligible people across the switchover region to have digital ready equipment installed in their homes. The Household Assistance Scheme also provides in-home aftercare support for 12 months.

Households unable to receive adequate terrestrial digital TV reception from terrestrial transmitters can apply to access the Viewer Access Satellite Television (VAST) service.

To find out more about digital switchover, including how to access local help and information about assistance schemes, visit the Digital Ready website at [www.digitalready.gov.au](http://www.digitalready.gov.au) or call the Digital Ready Information Line on 1800 20 10 13.

## **SCHOOL BASED IMMUNISATION PROGRAM MOVED TO YEAR 8**

The school-based immunisation program, previously offered to Year 7 students in primary school, will be delivered to Year 8 students commencing in 2014.

The 2013 school-based immunisation program will focus on all male students in Years 8, 9 and 10. These students will be offered the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine series to protect them against developing a range of cancers and diseases. If your son is eligible for this vaccine, you will receive information and a consent form via your son's school bag in the first term of 2013.

If your child is either male or female and in Year 7 in 2013, they will receive their school immunisations in 2014 when they are in Year 8.

Please be assured that all children will be provided an opportunity to access the school-based vaccines during the program shift to Year 8.

If you require further information, please contact your School Health Nurse on 91610226, or the Kimberley Population Health Immunisation Co-ordinator on 91941643 during office hours.

## **After School Choir**

Ms Emily and Ms Caroline are joining our community again with the program called GROW the Music. Ms Emily and Ms Caroline will be working with our senior students and working towards a concert. The concert is scheduled for Friday 1st March in the evening for all the students participating in the program. More information regarding the concert will be given at a later date.

The St Joseph's School Choir will resume rehearsals afterschool on **TUESDAYS (IN FEBRUARY)** from  
**2.20pm – 3.20pm**  
**Week 2-12th Feb, Week3-19th Feb and**  
**Week 4-26th Feb**

**BOOKCLUB**

**is due:**

**BOOKCLUB**

**FRIDAY 22nd of**  
**February**  
**to Miss Shirley**  
**or your**  
**class teacher**



## **ABSENCE NOTE - ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL WYNDHAM**

Please be aware that \_\_\_\_\_

Is/was away from school on \_\_\_/\_\_\_/13 due to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_