



In Touch

6 February
Week 1

OUR FIRST DAY!

A message from Mr Pardini...

Happy holidays

What can I say except welcome back to all our St Joes family! I have heard stories of travels to exotic locations, summer days spent by the beach and lots of days with no packed lunches, homework or uniform. Whatever you experienced over the summer break – I hope you are now refreshed and ready for 2014!

Last year I tried very hard to keep my 'In Touch' article short and sweet...I think I can safely say that this week I am going to fail miserably as there is lots and lots to tell you. So make a cuppa, put your feet up and let me tell you all about our great school this term.

Welcome to St Joseph's

It is always so exciting when new people come into our school. We welcome four new families and specifically six new students and two new staff members. I hope the start of your St Joseph's journey has been enjoyable. Welcome....

Mrs Susan Moltoni – Admin officer
Mrs Heidi Tempra – Year 2/3 teacher

Amelie and Charli Windberg (PP & Yr 2)
Dane and Kameka Flanders (PP & Yr 2)
Kieran Conway (Yr 5)
Erin Smith (Yr 5)

Term planner

Included with this In Touch is the Term 1 planner. Please pin it to your fridge as your friendly reminder of all that is coming up this term. If there are any changes, we will try very hard to inform you in due course.

Parent evening

Please come along to the first 'official' event for this year – Parent night. At this evening, you will hear from your child's teacher who will go through the 'nitty gritty' aspects of the classroom program. This is your opportunity to support the teacher and ask questions which you have not had the chance to ask.

Here is how the night will unfold:

5.00pm – K/PP/1
5.30pm – Year 2/3
6.00pm – Year 4/5
6.30pm – Year 6/7

We will provide some nibbles for those

of you who need to wait (and may be getting hungry) in between talks. Finally, this night is for parents only – believe me, it can be very boring for children so please do try to keep them at home if possible! Thank you.

What has happened to the siren?

Most of you may be wondering why the loud siren (which used to scare the living daylights out of me every time) has gone. Well, let's just say it has been decommissioned for the time being as we trial other options.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Fri 7 Feb	Class newsletters
Wed 12 Feb	Early close
	Parent teacher night
Tues 18 Feb	P&F / Board meeting
Wed 19 Feb	4/5 class Mass
Sun 23 Feb	Yr7 campers depart
Wed 26 Feb	Early close
Friday 28 Feb	Year 7 camp return
	Years 4-6 Yallingup
	MAZE excursion

I told you I had lots to say!

Year 7 Camp

Yesterday the Year Seven class got an insight into the upcoming camp experience which will see them travel to Perth. Please read through the information carefully. All your questions will be well and truly answered at the Parent evening on Wednesday 12 February.

Class newsletters

You may notice on the term planner the class newsletters at the end of this week and week six. In these weeks (twice a term) the teachers are creating a simple newsletter which is to inform you of the happenings in the class. In these weeks, this section of the In Touch will not have the classroom write ups. As always, I would love your feedback on these.

Board / P&F meetings

We normally meet on the second Tuesday of each month. Please note however, this month our meetings will be held on Tuesday 18 February (which is the 3rd Tuesday of the month).

A reminder that our meetings will commence at the following times:

- 5.30pm – P&F meeting
- 7.30pm – School Board meeting

Sports days

Sports days this year will be every Monday and Friday for the whole school. On these days, please ensure your child is wearing the correct sports uniform.

Uniform update

It was really impressive to see children arriving to school with the correct uniform on. Please note that Kerry has white ankle socks for sale in the uniform shop. Please see Kerry if you require some as there are lots of different styles (and sizes) out there. The socks we carry are the right length. Thank you for your support of our uniform policy.



The Year One class had their first formal Maths lesson. Here they are working in their new maths book.

Bus and car bays

Many of you have commented on the new line markings. It is nice to actually be able to see some definition between bays. Please ensure the bus bays are kept clear at drop off and pick up times. Thank you for helping make the road congestion a little less chaotic by parking in the appropriate bay.

...and finally!

I hope you all have enjoyed a smooth transition into the school year. Please remember, if you need to discuss anything with me, I would love to have you come in and chat. Have a great week everyone!

Carlo Pardini
Principal

Dear Parents

As we begin this school year, we are desperately short of places on the P&F committee. Of prime importance is the role of President. This potentially means that all the coordination of events at this stage will be left to 2 or 3 people!

*We write to you all, appealing for someone to consider either a position as **President or Secretary** and hopefully take up an active role this year. The existing committee is only a phone call away and would happily assist you with any queries you may have.*

We are also appealing to any Dads out there who may not have given any thought to putting their hand up.

We have talked about the future of the St Joseph's P&F committee which currently has parents who are in their final year(s) of being parents here at school. In order to think of long term succession planning – we are especially asking families in the younger grades to consider helping out.

Who knows...you may actually love it!

Thank you for giving this some thought and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sonia Barnsby
P&F Vice President

Carlo Pardini
Principal



From Susan's desk...

We have sent home forms today to update your Family information.

These need to be completed at the start of each year for every child. We appreciate your help to return these by the 18 February.

Just a note to say that the In Touch will now be sent home each Thursday afternoon.

Office Hours:

The office will be open on Monday, Thursday & Friday.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Tuesday 11th February:
Marilou Fox & Justine Little
Tuesday 18th February:
Melinda Arnold & Serena Abraham



Jan 24	Peter Chamoun
Feb 5	Lochlan Carr
Feb 8	Samuel Ebsuary
Feb 10	Charlie Leaning
Feb 11	Joshua Ellis

P&F News...

CANTEEN SERVICE

Canteen will commence 11 February. We have provided a copy of Menu and Roster for 2014 where each family is listed.

Please note start time is 10am until approx 1pm. It remains the responsibility of rostered parents to fill their duty if they are unable to attend.

We thank you in advance for your assistance, your children love having you there and the other children appreciate having the service.



P & F EXECUTIVE

Around Town...

PEMBERTON HILL HALL

MILL HALL BUSY BEE
HELP SUPPORT OUR LOCAL HERITAGE
ALL PEOPLE WELCOME AND APPRECIATED
HALL AND SURROUNDING GARDENS CLEAN UP
SATURDAY 8TH OF FEBRUARY
8AM
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CAPEL
17th March, 2-5pm

MARGARET RIVER
21st March, 2-5pm

AUGUSTA
22nd March, 10am-1pm

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