Welcome
This week the Year 5 class welcomed Taya Hartnett. Welcome Taya and we hope your first few weeks at St Joseph’s are enjoyable and you settle in well. With the start of week three ‘already’ as I look back on what we have commenced, I am super proud of the staff for their efforts to make things begin so solidly. Thank you!

Ash Wednesday Mass
Thank you to the 2/3 class for hosting our first Mass on Wednesday. We look forward to meeting once again in the church for Ash Wednesday Mass on the 1st March at 10.00 led by the Year 5/6 class.

Parent evening
I would like to say a huge thank you to our parents for coming along last Thursday to listen to the class teachers – I think this was by far our best turn out! Remember if you wish to see your child’s teacher, please make the time to meet up with them. At this evening I spoke about how this year I am looking for all parents to support our class times and be ‘on time’ to school. Lessons commence at 8.50am. This does not mean arriving at this time, but 5 -10 minutes prior so you child has time to get settled. Doors to all classes open at 8.30am. This year I am sure you all may get tired of me saying this, but I am really looking forward to seeing what a difference arriving to school on time makes to your child’s learning.

Uniform policy
Included with this newsletter is an updated uniform policy which reflects the changes we made last year. All children are to wear the light blue short sleeve shirt all year round. We no longer sell long sleeve shirts. Also, boys socks have been changed to grey under their winter uniform trouser (previously it was navy blue).

Letter from Bishop Holohan
Included with this newsletter is a letter from Bishop Holohan who is the Bishop of our Diocese, about the recent Royal Commission.

Jairus receives ‘Joseph the Bear’
Congratulations Jairus for showing compassion and your lovely smile at school. Jairus was presented with Joseph the Bear at Mass yesterday. Well done Jairus!

Opening School Mass
We look forward to all our school families joining us on Sunday 19 March at 8.30am Mass in the church.

Canteen changes
At Tuesday’s P&F meeting the committee discussed ‘bringing back’ morning tea on canteen days. Commencing in a couple of weeks, we are asking one mum on canteen roster to supply a cake on their day which will be sold at recess to the students.

Bon voyage Mrs Moyle
You will all no doubt be very envious of Mrs Moyle as she ‘flits off’ to Venice next week to visit family. In Rose’s absence whilst on LSL for 3 weeks, the office will be covered by Lisa Ebsary. Please note however, the office will not be occupied this coming Monday 20 or Friday 24.

Rose will return to school on Monday 13 March – have a wonderful time Rose in Bell’Italia!

WHAT’S COMING UP?

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PBS update
Each fortnight a new section will appear in our newsletter informing parents of the focus area we have in our school in regards to the PBS (Positive Behaviour in Schools) program. This section is simply to inform you of what we are currently focusing on.

Every Monday morning the whole school (all children and all staff) gather together to go over this focus in a 10 minute assembly. All the children hear the same message which is a really powerful way of communicating consistency across the school. With the teachers taking turns to lead the assembly sometimes they read stories related to the focus, choose students to act out scenarios or simply discuss the topic.

As I indicated at the parent night last week, I am really looking to all our parents to support the messages we deliver at school, so here’s your chance! When you see the focus are for PBS, take the opportunity to ask your child about it. They also carry out lessons in class related to the theme. In our PBS section, we will endeavour to take some snapshots of this work.

NAPLAN brochure
Parents of children in Years 3 and 5 today have also received an information flyer about the NAPLAN program.

Father Robert
This week the Year 2/3 class welcomed Father Robert into their class following Mass. Father will be spending some time with the class who hosts Mass to see what they are doing in their class. Thank you Father for your time with us...the children love having you see their learning!

Super 9s with Mr Omodei
Thank you to Justin Omodei who together with Mr Kelly is running a series of super 9s AFL football skills sessions each Friday with Year 4/5/6. Justin has written up a piece (included in this newsletter) about the program – thank you Justin for your time.

P&F meeting
Our next P&F meeting will be in week 8 – Tuesday 21 March at 5.30pm. Please come along and invest in our fundraising and social calendars.

Camp
I know the year 6 class are counting down the days until they head to the ‘big smoke’ with Miss Pedulla and myself for camp. The Year 5s from Miss Pedulla’s class will be well and truly looked after by Mrs Mazzarolo and Miss Moynihan. In the event you have any queries please refer any them to Mrs Mazzarolo who will be the teacher in charge for the week.

The Year 6 class will return on Friday 24 in the late afternoon. We will be in touch with all parents along the way to ensure we all meet up at the right time. I would also like to thank the P&F committee who once again has given $100 per child to the school to subsidise the cost of camp. Thank you very much to our wonderful P&F!

School fees
School fees have been sent home this week with all families. Please note that bundled in amongst the fees are also the books which we are using in our maths and English programs. These books are not normally distributed to newsagents so we buy them on your behalf. Once you purchase the book, it will last for the entire year and remains here at school for maths and English lessons.

In regards to school fees in general, I encourage anyone who has received their fees (and had a quiet panic attack at the costs) to come and see me – I know this may be a hard thing to do, but I won’t know if you don’t see me.

Have a great weekend
Have a ‘sunny’ weekend everyone and I look forward to sending an update through next week from our camp.

Carlo Pardini
Principal
AFL9s Football Competition – from Justin Omodei

AFL is the only major sport played in Australia that was created in Australia. It was first started in 1858 and was influenced by a traditional Aboriginal game called ‘Marngrook’.

AFL has a colourful history and quickly became known as the ‘game of the people’. This year we see the advent of the national Women’s AFL which is sure to making it an even more interesting year of football.

AFL is an important part of the Australian culture and likewise, the Southerners Football Club is part of the culture of our home towns Pemberton and Northcliffe. It is the most successful club in the association and was established back in 1959.

AFL 9’s is a hybrid or modified game of AFL developed to make it very safe for players while still being very much like the real game. Anyone can play and enjoy this game as shown by the Toolman Cup competition held at the Pemberton Oval during the last 2 summers. I want you all to remember a few key words today which is what this game is all about. FUN, FITNESS and RESPECT. No –one gets left behind and we all help each other!

Exercises-
- Familiarity with ball.
- Basic skills; kicking, handballing
- Rest, Basic Rules
- Short game, ‘Rob the Nest’
Around town...

Pemberton Public Library
Rhyme & Story Time
(During school terms)
10am—11am Wednesday’s

These sessions are suitable for babies to five year olds
Parents and carers, please bring your little ones along for some fun at the library, where we will...

- Sing songs and Nursery Rhymes
- Share books at Story Time
- Do a simple craft activity

These sessions are free and all are welcome.
Hope to see you there!

WOMEN IN BUSINESS NETWORKING BREAKFAST

Join us for a fabulous morning of networking and find out what is happening in your region.

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When: Monday 20th February 2017
Time: 7:30am - 9:00am
Where: Savannah Coffee Lounge & Cafe, Bridgetown
Cost: $35.00 (includes breakfast)
RSVP: Wednesday 15th February 2017