Reflection
A positive attitude causes a chain reaction of positive thoughts, events and outcomes. It is a catalyst and it sparks extraordinary results. *Wade Boggs*

Welcome
I would like to welcome all staff and students back for another year and hope everyone had a relaxing break. A special welcome is extended to all the new families at Holy Rosary and to the children who are beginning their school journey this year for the first time. A warm welcome is also extended to new and returning staff, Miss Therese Arnold – Year 3/4 teacher, Miss Kylie Clancy – Year 2 teacher, Ms Sheri Martin – ATA in Pre-Primary, Ms Bridey Eggleton and Mrs Jenny Palladino – working with various students and classes across the school.

Attached to this newsletter is a welcome letter from the Executive Director of Catholic Education Western Australia, Dr Tim McDonald.

Commissioning Mass and Whole School Mass
Please join us in celebrating the following important masses: Sunday, 7th February ‘Staff Commissioning Mass’ at 9am and Wednesday, 10th February ‘Whole School Mass’ at 8am.

Reminder School Board AGM
The Catholic Education Commission of WA requires that all Catholic schools hold an Annual School Community Meeting. The purpose of the meeting is for the School Board to report to the Community on the overall management of the school. Where necessary, elections take place at this meeting to fill any vacancies for the coming year. This meeting will be held on **Wednesday 24th February, at 4.30pm in the staff room**. If you are interested in nominating someone for the School Board, please leave their name at the office.

Functions of the School Board
• Planning for the present and future operation of the school.
• Providing membership on selection panels for the employment of staff to the school.
• Passing on information about the school and about Catholic Education to persons and organisations in the community.
• Liaising in all matters relating to the financial management of the school with persons and organisations in the local Catholic community.
• Managing all finances associated with the school.
• Advising the Principal with respect to school policy that has financial implications.

Criteria for Membership of the Board
• Possession of special skills that will be an asset to the Board
• A deep interest in the welfare of all students and staff
• A desire to give service to the Catholic community
• A keenness to promote Catholic schooling
• An ability to work co-operatively and constructively with all other members of the Board
• A sufficiency of time to devote to Board duties

Contact Details
Please contact the office as soon as possible if you have changed any of your contact details so that we can update our records.
Term Calendar
Term 1 calendar is included in this newsletter. Please refer to it often to keep informed of what is happening in the school. Also note that some dates that appear may change due to circumstances beyond our control.

2016 Professional Development Days
In line with Catholic Education policy, Kimberley schools have seven professional development days during the year. On top of this, Catholic schools are granted one extra day’s leave in recognition of their commitment to Church activities. To assist with your planning the following days are student free days:

Term 1: 28 January, 29 January, 1 February
Term 2: 26 April, 7 June (Catholic School Day, please note 6 June is a public holiday)
Term 3: 18 July, 22 August
Term 4: 10 October

Out of the Mouth of Babes
A little girl was playing when it began to rain really heavily, as she was running into the house for shelter there was a large flash of lightning - she rushed into the kitchen to her mum and exclaimed, "Mummy, Mummy, God just took my picture!"

Enjoy the coming weekend

Rob Palladino
Principal

Dates to Remember
Sunday 7th February  Staff Commissioning Mass at 9am
Monday 8th February  P&F AGM at 2.30pm
Wednesday 10th FebruaryWhole School Mass at 8am
Wednesday 24th FebruarySchool Board AGM at 4.30pm in the staff room

Merit Awards
The following children will receive Merit Awards at Friday's assembly at 1.45 pm. Parents are welcome to attend our assemblies.

Year 2  Christian Woodward, Pearl Newman-Martin
Year 4/5 Juwaan Skinner, Miniam

P&F News
Our Parents and Friends AGM is Monday 8th February (next Monday) at 2.30pm after school. We would love to have more members in our P&F association and we have some committee positions currently open that need filling. Please consider coming along to find out more!

The P&F plays a primary role in friend-raising and fund-raising. The objectives of the P&F are to:

- foster positive collaboration between parents, principal, teachers and the parish in order to build a positive school community;
- assist in the provision of resources, facilities and amenities for the school through fundraising and community events; and
- encourage parental participation in school activities to help them enjoy the exciting experience of their child’s formal school years.

There are about 10 copies left of our Holy Rosary School Yearbook for 2015. This unique year book is made up of class photos, quotes and work from each class, photos of events and visitors, messages from leadership and staff, and lots of fun photos! If you missed out on buying a copy last year we are selling the remaining copies for $15 each.

Newsletter Incentive
Please ask your child to return the Newsletter Incentive acknowledgement slip as it gives them an opportunity to win a prize.

I have received and read my child ____________________________ newsletter.

Parent / Caregiver signature: ____________________________