1 The School

1.1 The School
St. Joseph’s is a Catholic Parish Primary School. We believe that:

- It is a Christ centred community which celebrates our Catholic faith.
- Each member of our community is acknowledged and nurtured in a unique, caring, respectful manner.
- It provides a solid foundation for holistic education which encourages an ongoing love of learning.
- It is a happy safe environment for all.

The School Motto is ‘All Things for God’.

1.2 Religious Education
At St. Joseph’s the sacramental program involved the preparation within the context of the Religious Education program. Parent meetings for each Sacrament were held in the evenings and a retreat/workshop day at school is held for the First Holy Communion children. Reception of the sacraments were held as parish celebrations. The number of candidates for each sacrament are: Confirmation 22, Holy Communion 28 and Reconciliation 18.

Masses were celebrated each fortnight and mark feast days and special occasions. The Sacrament of Reconciliation was celebrated for primary students each term. St. Joseph’s supports Project Compassion and St. Vincent de Paul. Anzac Day and Remembrance Day, National Reconciliation Day and special celebrations are held at school. Special school days include St. Joseph’s feast day and Mission Day. Special visits by invited guests include Bishop Hanna and Vianney College Seminarians.

1.3 The Arts
- Recorders – Years 2 – 4
- Eisteddfod – Whole School
- School Band
- School Choir

1.4 Sport
During 2005 St. Joseph’s students all participated in the Athletic Carnival and Year 3-6 children participated in Swimming and Cross Country Carnivals. Students who qualified progressed on to the Deanery and Diocesan carnivals. Students also participated in Diocesan Rugby League, Netball, Hockey, Aussie Rules and Cricket trials; as well as Gala Days for Netball, Aussie Rules, Rugby League and Rugby Union. Gymnastics lessons are held for all students from K-6 and teachers plan and implement the curriculum as per the NSW PDHPE syllabus.

1.5 General and Specific School Initiatives
- Kinder Parent Information Night
- Kinder Orientation – Term 4
- Kinder interviews and class visit
- Student Council
- Buddy System K/6, Yr 1/5

1.6 School Policies
The following policies are available at St. Joseph’s Primary School.
- Supervision Policy
- Duties Policy
- Wet Weather Policy
- Casual Teacher Policy
- Excursion Policy
- Emergency Evacuation Policy
- First Aid Policy
- Bookwork Evacuation Policy
- Homework Policy
- Reporting Policy
- Discipline Policy
- Serious Offences Policy
- Library Policy
- Computer Policy
2 Information on Key School Programs

2.1 Educational and Management Practice Evaluation – School Culture
During 2005 we reviewed our understanding and application of T.C.T.A. We had further inservicing of Global Citizens and Collaboration.

2.2 Curriculum Focus
- Implementation of the new Religious Education Syllabus ‘Sharing Our Story’.
- Development of Creative Arts Policy
- Implementation of MyInternet.

2.3 Programs to Support Learning
- Year 1 – Literacy Support
- Centacare Counsellor – assist students in need and teachers in dealing with individual needs of children in their class.

2.4 Equity Programs

2.5 Programs to Support Students
During 2005 teachers’ assistants were employed at St. Joseph’s to support students identified with special needs.

2.6 Student Achievement
- In 2004, Year 3 and 5 participated in the Basic Skills Test and Primary Writing Assessment.
- Year 6 participated in the Computer Assessment Task.
- Sena 1 – Year 1
- Sena 2 – Year 3
- Feedback from these activities provides the school with information on which to determine future learning and teaching programs.

2.7 Staff Achievement
Professional Development:
- Religious Education – Sharing our Story
- Creative Arts
- LLTC
- Training in CPR

3 School Renewal

3.1 Progress of the School Renewal Framework
A School Renewal Framework was prepared and evaluated. This process included consultation with the St. Joseph’s staff, School Council and P&F as well as CSO staff. The main items included:

Vision and Mission: Staff retreat and RE curriculum development.
Leadership and Administration: Student welfare, leadership and team work.
Policies Curricula and Programmes: Assessment and Reporting.
Facilities and Resources: Refinement of budget procedures. Resource management.

4 School Overview

4.1 School Enrolment and Attendance Profile
- 170 students enrolled at St. Joseph’s
- There are no students for whom regular attendance is a problem.
- Kinder – 21
- Year 1 – 27
- Year 2 – 20
- Year 3 – 28
- Year 4 – 28
- Year 5 – 22
- Year 6 - 24

4.2 Structure of Classes
St. Joseph’s is a single stream school, Kindergarten to Year 6.

4.3 Staffing
The teaching staff at St. Joseph’s school in 2005 consisted of teachers ranging from 45 years experience to three years experience. All staff held appropriate qualifications and teaching standards. Teachers continue to update and are willing to participate in quality professional development in accordance with the needs of the school.

Principal – Mr. Greg Reynolds
Assistant Principal and Year 1 – Mrs Anne Sweeney
Kindergarten - Mrs Megan Masterson
Year 2 – Mrs Elizabeth Edmonds/Mrs Josette Staples/Mrs Cathie Koetz
Year 3 - Ms. Gemma Hale
Year 4 – Mr. Paul Kennedy  
Year 5 – Ms. Kaye Curtis  
REC Release/Sport Coordinator – Mrs Anna Keough  
Religious Education Co-ordinator and Year 6 – Mrs Jan Berryman  
Library and AP Release – Mrs Robyn Lowrie  
Secretary – Mrs Cathy Gibbons  
Literacy Support – Mrs Louise Blanchard  
Special Needs Assistants – Mrs Cathy Boyton, Mrs Kathy Harpley, Mrs Kym Dixon  
Cleaner – Mrs Janelle McGuiness  
Tuckshop – Ms Shaleen Jalil

4.4 Parent Involvement and Participation
- St. Joseph’s School Council meets every month.
- The P&F meet every month. They are very active in fundraising under guidance of Mr. Andrew Tucker
- Tuckshop volunteers
- Help with Sports Carnivals
- Help in classrooms/library
- Help with excursions
- Volunteer to assist with maintenance projects.

4.5 Community Use of School Facilities
Term 1, 2005 Parish Centre has been used by Sisters of Charity, Alcoholics Anon., St. Vincent de Paul youth camp.

Visit by MS Representative and MS sufferer.  
Visit by Astronomy Scientist  
Visit by Gold Panning expert.

4.6 Financial Statement Summary
This data shown below is a summary of Diocese of Wagga School System income and expense and includes income and expense of all system schools.

The total income and expense of the school, that is included in the above, is shown below.
4.7 About This Report
This report was co-written by all staff of St. Joseph’s Primary School.