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VISION STATEMENT

We at St Joseph's Primary School Queens Park are a faith based community which strives to recognise and respond to the image of Christ in us all, as we grow through work and prayer.

THE ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL COMMUNITY ACKNOWLEDGES
THAT WE COME TOGETHER ON THE ANCESTRAL LANDS OF THE
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Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them bravely remembering whom you are trying to follow. Do not be afraid. Love one another, bear with one another, and let charity guide you all your life. God will reward you as only He can.



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

PARENT MEETINGS: Thank you for attending the Parent Meetings on Monday. If you were unable to attend please see your classroom teacher for their Parent book.



PAUL LITHERLAND: What a good response we had to our Paul Litherland talk. It was wonderful to see so many parents take up the opportunity of finding out just what they can do to protect their children in this fast paced Cyber world we live in. Thank you to all those parents who were able to attend.

SIBLING DISCOUNT PROGRAMME: Our joint venture with St Norbert College in trialling a Sibling Discount Programme between both schools is underway. Each family should have received a letter on Monday detailing the programme whereby we rank students at St Norbert's as Child 1 and or 2 and the siblings at St Joseph's as Child 2 or 3. The discount applies to the students attending St Joseph's. If you would like to take up this very generous offer you need to complete a form that you can obtain from Ms Dragon in the office. All forms must be returned by **Tuesday 28 February**. We thank St Norbert College for their support in offering this to our parents.



Kindergarten

KINDY ENROLMENTS: Interviews for 2018 Kindergarten will commence this term. Please ensure you have completed an enrolment form if your child is eligible to attend Kindergarten next year.

BEFORE SCHOOL SUPERVISION: We have noticed children being left at school very early. Supervision begins in the Undercover Area at 8.30am. Unless you can stay with your child they should not be at school before 8.30am. If you have work commitments, then please take advantage of the **OSH Club** within our school grounds. The staff at OSH Club can fully supervise your children both before and after school. Kindy and Pre-Primary children are delivered to the classroom and picked up again at the end of the day.

INTERSCHOOL CARNIVALS: After discussion with some staff and parents it has been decided that the only fair option for participation in an Interschool Carnival - Swimming and Athletics, is participation in the school carnival. Interschool Carnival teams will be selected from results achieved at the school carnival prior to an interschool event.

MERCY CAFÉ: When ordering online or in person please ensure you put the full class details on your child's lunch order eg: Mary Smith 6B. This saves so much time for our ladies and ensures that a child's lunch is delivered correctly. Have you had the chance to volunteer in the Café yet? Please help out for just 1 day a week or 1 day a fortnight. *"Many hands make light work."*



UNIFORM NEWS: The **new sport shorts** are now available to purchase at \$25.80 each. Please ensure that you bring your child in as the fitting of the new sport shorts is different from the old sport short.

SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS: The City of Canning Ranger and Community Safety Services have asked us to include a 'Safety Around Schools' flyer with this newsletter. The flyer advises parents of parking requirements around schools.

Yours in Christ

Kaye Savage-Morton



St Norbert College News:

OPEN DAY

Friday 10 March 2017

St Norbert College warmly invites prospective students and their parents to tour our excellent College, its contemporary facilities and extensive grounds. Tours will be conducted at 9.00am and 1.30pm.

Enrolments for Year 7 in 2019

We have commenced our enrolments for 2019. Application forms may be obtained by phoning the Enrolment Officer, Mrs Hughes on 9350 5433.

P & F NEWS: Thank you to the parents who attended the first P & F Meeting for 2017. We invite all parents of the school to attend our meetings held in the Staffroom once a month on Monday evenings at 7pm - dates are available on the school calendar.

If you wish to receive emails from us during the year, please send us an email at: pandf@sjsqp.wa.edu.au and we will add you to our mailing list.

The P & F are always looking for volunteers for upcoming events. Please let us know if you are interested in helping at upcoming events.

Dates for your Calendar

Monday 13th March - P & F Meeting at 7pm

Monday 3rd April - Easter Raffle draw

Friday 5th May - Disco

Friday 12th May – Mothers' Day Stall

SOCIAL WORKER NEWS: Teaching Children to Think before Acting



A child's immediate reaction to criticism or unkind words and actions can be inappropriate. Teaching children to respond to difficult situations with appropriate words and behaviours is difficult, but important for successful social interactions and relationships. This article includes strategies to help children think before acting.

1. Take a Time Out – Taking a break from a situation allows children to gather their thoughts before speaking or acting. Teach children to take time to think about a response. The time out can be as short as counting to ten, saying the alphabet, or removing themselves from the area for a few minutes. Taking a break to gather their thoughts and emotions is the initial step in responding appropriately to difficult situations.

2. Think about the Situation - Sometimes children misunderstand the jokes, comments, or actions of other people. Teach children to review situations and ask themselves questions. For example: Was the comment/action directed at me? Could it have been a joke? Is this person usually unkind or critical or could they be having a bad day? What did their body language say (i.e. Were they smiling as if joking? or Were they looking at someone else)? Was this person telling me about a rule or something to keep me safe?

3. Have a Strategy for Energy – If a child's response to difficult situations is to act out physically, create a safe and appropriate way for them to use their energy. Squeezing a small stress ball in their pocket can relieve energy and give children something to focus on while thinking about the situation. If they need to take a break, teach them to take a short walk (going to the restroom, returning books at the library, walking the dog at home), push on a wall, or bounce on a trampoline if available. These strategies are positive ways to use energy while giving children time to review the situation and think of an appropriate response.

4. Have a Phrase Ready - Teach children to excuse themselves or respond to difficult situations with a set line that allows them to address the situation initially while remaining calm. A simple, 'Excuse me,' or 'That wasn't very nice' are polite responses that allow the child to take a break, think about things, and determine an appropriate response to the situation. Discuss when and how to use the phrase. Also, take the time to practice this strategy so children are prepared when difficult situations arise.

5. Role Play - Model and practice responses to different situations with role play. Use examples of situations that may happen or already have happened. Practicing difficult situations when children are calm provides the opportunity to discuss options and consequences. Have children demonstrate the words and actions that are good responses to the situations. Example scenarios include: Someone cutting in line; Being called a name; Someone bumping the child; A friend making a joke; Someone saying something about the child's art work or how they play sports; A classmate taking something the child owns.

<http://www.sandbox-learning.com/>



HELPERS REQUIRED FOR THE FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

FRIDAY 3rd MARCH 2017

Venue: Aqualife Centre, East Victoria Park

Time: Senior Carnival (Years 4 – 6)

9.45am – 2.00pm

With so many events/stations being run on this day, parent assistance at this carnival would be greatly appreciated. Without your kind help this carnival will be unable to go ahead. If you are available to assist on this day could you please fill in the form below and hand it to Andrea Handcock in the office as soon as possible.

Thank you

Mrs Tennille Eoannidis and Miss Amy Williams.

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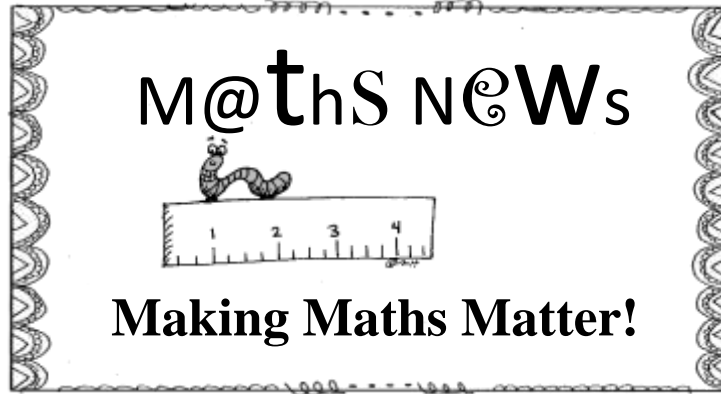
FRIDAY 3rd MARCH 2016

PARENT NAME: _____

STUDENT'S NAME/S:

CHILD'S YEAR GROUP/S:

HELP!



Although Mrs De Silva will be sadly missed, we would like to welcome Mrs. Nigli to our Maths team. We are super excited to have her join our school and share her wealth of knowledge with us!

Mrs Nigli is always willing to lend a helping hand to any parents and students who may need any assistance with anything MATHS!
She is available in the Maths room (located between 3G and 3B) on Mondays and Tuesdays 3.15pm – 3.30pm.

Mathletes of the Holidays

Congratulations to the following winners...
Valery (Kossy), Vihaga, Nelson, Jason and Shelley.
Keep up the great work.



MangaHigh News

Our school came 6th place in the January Maths challenge. This was outstanding news to receive and shows our students work hard, even in the holidays!

This Week's Puzzle Problem



Junior

On Valentine's Day, Flora the florist sold 22 bouquets of roses. Each bouquet had 4 roses in them and she charged \$5 for each rose. How much money did she earn in total?

Name

Class

Senior

Nadia has 48 bars of chocolates. She gave $\frac{1}{4}$ to her brother and decided to share the rest equally with 9 of her friends. How many chocolate bars will each friend get?

Name

Class

Note: Please don't forget to show your working out.



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

A huge thank you to all the parents who came to the Cyber Safety presentation by Paul Litherland on Monday evening. It was a most informative session and I hope you all got something from the evening. Please spread the word in terms of what you heard. A huge thank you to our teacher and EA volunteers who helped supervise the students during the session time. On Tuesday, Paul spoke to the Year Five and Six classes. The children participated very well in the session and thoroughly enjoyed it. Our Cyber Safety push within the school does not end here and we will continue to educate our children in this area.



Family Zone:

We had some people from a company called “Family Zone” attend the Parent information evening. They specialise in assisting parents in controlling internet use in the home and on any mobile devices used in your household. They are definitely worth a look and also have a very informative blog that keeps you up to date on the latest apps, websites and games that children are using and how to help protect your children. You can find them at <https://www.familyzone.com/au/> .

Religious Education:

Commitment masses: Please note that the Commitment Masses for First Eucharist and Confirmation take place over the weekend of the 26th and 27th of February. Mass times are as follows: Saturday evening at 6.30 p.m., Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. and again at 10:00a.m. If your child is receiving either of these Sacraments this year then you must take them to one of these masses and bring along the completed enrolment form. The enrolment forms will be sent home early next week. If you do not get to any of these masses and still wish to have your child complete the Sacraments through the school and parish then you will have to make an appointment to see Fr. Peter in your own time.

Ronan Kelly

Assistant Principal