



# ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

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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  
WHADJUK PEOPLE

### ST MARY OF THE CROSS

*We have much for which to be thankful.*



### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

*'Let us humbly ask Christ  
To open our eyes  
That we may see his presence  
In our Eucharistic community  
And our world.'*

**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS:** These will be held on Monday and Tuesday next week. Times may vary from class to class and each teacher should have sent a note making times available for these meetings.



**CONGRATULATIONS:** To all our boys and girls who participated in the Interschool Swimming Carnival taking the trophy for the third year in a row. It was a wonderful team effort with great support from students, parents and grandparents. Thank you to all who assisted with training and to Mrs Eoannidis who puts so much effort into the organisation of the event.

**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY:** This Friday March 31 Year 2 Gold will be presenting the assembly and their item. Parents are welcome to join us from 8.50am in the undercover area.





**STAFFING:** Mrs Helen Petch will be taking Maternity Leave from the end of this term. We wish her all the best for the arrival of her new child. We welcome back from Maternity Leave Mrs Dani Scott who will be the Kindy Blue Teacher from the commencement of term 3.

**CHILD PROTECTION ALERT:** On Saturday 25 March, a female Year 12 student was waiting at a bus stop on Sevenoaks Street after studying at the Cannington Library when she was approached by a man in a black Mitsubishi Lancer and offered a lift. The subsequent behaviour of the man raised serious concerns and the matter has been referred to the police. At school we will go over child safety behaviour with the students but we would also encourage you to have a conversation with your children at home.



In light of this incident, I urge all students to take care when going to and from school, and to report anything suspicious to parents, school and the police – call 131 444 or the local station to report an incident to police (and only use 000 in an emergency) or 1800 333 000 to reach Crime Stoppers.

Here are some simple suggestions to help your child stay safe. Please ask your child to:

- Always travel in company
- Walk on the right hand side of the road so you face oncoming traffic
- Wherever possible, leave space between yourself and the roadway
- Stay in areas that are well lit
- Stay in view – avoid going into areas that are hidden from view (such as parkland bush or behind shopping centres) and plan trips to avoid such locations
- Be alert – earphones and headphones can reduce your awareness considerably
- If you have a mobile phone, have it turned on and ready to dial an emergency number
- If a passing car stops nearby never get too close
- Do not hesitate to run from a situation in which you feel at risk
- Provide this advice to brothers and sisters, especially if younger
- Report suspicious behaviour to parents, school and the police;
- if you can get it safely, try to photograph or remember the number plate of the car
- report numbers plates of cars and the clothing or distinguishing features of individuals to police.



To get the latest community safety information from police, visit WA Police on Facebook [www.facebook.com/WA.Police](http://www.facebook.com/WA.Police) or online at [www.police.wa.gov.au](http://www.police.wa.gov.au).

**TERM DATES:** The last day of term for students is Friday 7 April. Students return to school the day after ANZAC Day Wednesday 26 April.

God Bless  
Peter Yensch  
Principal

#### **ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RE**

***Lenten Act: Come before a crucifix and reflect on Jesus' ultimate sacrifice for our salvation.***



**EUCARIST PARENT MEETING:** Thank you to all those parents who attended last night's Parent Meeting. It is important for your children to see the support you are giving to them receiving this beautiful Sacrament. If you were unable to attend please contact Father Peter.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS ASSEMBLY:** Please lock into your calendar our Stations of The Cross Assembly which will be Friday 7 April. Year Six Gold will be leading us in this very reverent service.

I have to say a huge Thank You to Mrs Kate Piccolo who has just made us new outfits for the Stations of The Cross Assembly. They look fantastic and the children will really look the part. What a huge effort.

Kaye Savage-Morton  
Assistant Principal RE

**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS:** Winter Uniform is now available for purchase for all new students. The New Winter Sport Jacket and Track Pant has not arrived, it may be available by the last week of term 1. We still have a limited stock of Yellow Windcheaters for sport @ \$22.



The April School Holiday Openings: Thursday 20 April 2017 10am - 12noon  
Monday 24 April 2017 2.30pm - 4pm



**SACRAMENTAL CHOIR:** As part of our Sacramental Celebrations in joining with St Joseph's Parish Choir, we will be preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

As in previous years, we have had an amazing group of dedicated students willing to come along and rehearse with the adult choir for these wonderful celebrations. We invite students from Years 2 – 6 to come along.

Rehearsals will commence on 24 April and will be held in St Joseph's Church on Monday nights from 7pm – 8pm. It would be wonderful to keep this unique tradition and see as many students come along to support their fellow students. For further information call Jenny Palermo on 0439 949 675 or speak to Mrs Ward or Miss Della Posta.



**SOCIAL WORKER NEWS:**  
"Tidy" bedrooms

The mere mention of bedroom tidiness can cause parents to shriek in despair. If you're locked in a battle with a child over the state of his or her bedroom you're in a no-win situation. Children generally see bedrooms as their sanctuaries and strongly resent parental interference. These are places where they can hang posters on the walls, display memorabilia and keep junk on the floor. More often than not families can come to a rational agreement about bedroom tidiness by following a few common sense guidelines.

1. Bedrooms generally are not going to be spotless; children live in them. Adjust your standards to kid's ages and stage of development.
2. Determine the degree of untidiness you can tolerate. Mess beyond this agreed-upon point may mean you are unwilling to enter their rooms to kiss children goodnight or to put clean clothes in drawers.
3. Have two standards of neatness. One for everyday use and one for when a friend visits, which is higher.
4. Bedrooms are to be tidied well on a weekly basis. This will help prevent an outbreak of typhoid!
5. Untidy rooms have closed doors. That way you don't have to see them.
6. Young children need to help make beds, tidy rooms and keep floors clean. You may have to spend time doing this with them. This type of training pays you back in spades later on.
7. Determine the type of assistance you want to give older kids. Sometimes they can become overwhelmed by untidy bedrooms and need some guidance to get them started

Research shows that the state of bedrooms will reflect the child more than it does the parenting. Some kids can operate well around mess, while other like to keep their rooms tidy as doing so helps them feel in control. It helps to have guidelines rather than hard and fast rules when it comes to some of the tricky areas of working with kids. Bedroom neatness is just one of those areas to be a little flexible with, for the sake of your sanity and theirs.

Michael Grose [www.parentingideas.com.au](http://www.parentingideas.com.au)

### **P & F NEWS:**

**EASTER RAFFLE:** Friday is the last day for donations to our Easter Raffle. We would love anything to do with Easter, eg Chocolate, Easter Craft, hampers and baskets etc. Thank you to the Year 6 students who have arranged to collect the donations in the mornings at the P & F table in the Undercover Area. Thank you also to the children and parents who have already donated raffle prizes.



If you have not received tickets, you can find spares in Reception and also at the back of the newsletter. The tickets are 50c each.

Please place your completed tickets, making sure you complete all details, along with your exact money in an envelope place it in the P & F locked box in reception by this **Friday 31st March**.

The raffle will be drawn at the assembly on **Monday 3rd April**.



**FACEBOOK PAGE:** Are you on our School Facebook Page? Search for "St Joseph's Primary School Queens Park"

**P & F EMAILS:** If you wish to receive emails from us during the year, please send us an email at: [pandf@sjsqp.wa.edu.au](mailto: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. We will be asking for helpers to wrap Easter Raffles Prizes and also help out at the first Disco.

Please let us know if you are interested in helping at up coming events.

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS:** It is that time of year again, we have early bird sales for the 2017/2018 Entertainment Book. The books are \$70 each and have many great offers in them. You can purchase a book by following the link below:

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/8619m4>

You can also view the Entertainment Book by following the link to the virtual book below:



<https://online.flippingbook.com/view/866062/>

### **DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:**

Monday March 20 - Friday March 31 - Donations taken for Easter Raffle

Monday April 3 - Easter Raffle draw

Friday May 5 - Disco

Monday May 8 - P & F Meeting

Friday May 12 – Mother's Day Stall

Monday June 12 - P & F Meeting



School P & F Committee



## Interschool Swimming

Congratulations to St Joseph's Interschool Swim Team for winning another Interschool Swimming Carnival last Thursday. To win 3 Interschool Carnivals in a row is a huge achievement and one the school can be very proud of. I was so impressed by the student's dedication to train each week, despite some cold afternoons. They also listened to advice and gave it their all for every single race. Their wonderful victory was well deserved.

A big thank you to Bernard our amazing swim coach for his efforts early this term. Thank you to all St Joseph's Staff Members who helped with training each week. Thank you also to various other supportive staff members and parents for assisting with breakfast, trainings and carnival jobs. Again, an impressive team effort has contributed to the school's success.

### Congratulations to St Joseph's Individual Champions:

- Emily B – Year 6 Champion Girl
- Riley S – Year 6 Runner Up Boy
- Mahalia R – Year 5 Runner Up Girl
- Asha C – Year 4 Champion Girl

**Congratulations to Riley S for receiving a Championship medallion for 50m Butterfly and 100m Freestyle and Emily B for receiving a Championship medallion for 100m Freestyle.**

### Final scores:

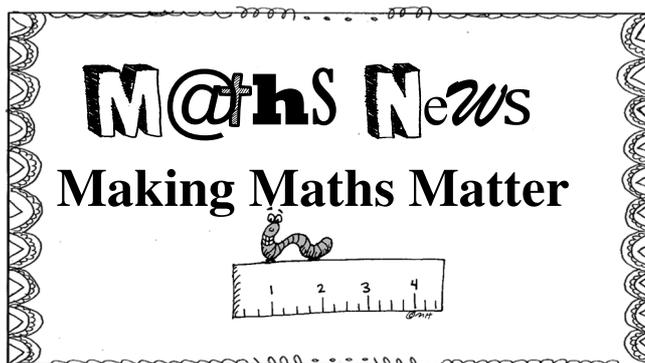
- 1<sup>st</sup> place – St Joseph's (779 points)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Notre Dame (644 points)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Sacred Heart (628 points)
- 4<sup>th</sup> place – St Munchin's (609 points)
- 5<sup>th</sup> place – St Emilie's (557 points)



Mrs Tennille Eoannidis  
Sport Teacher



# HELP!



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

### Do you know .....

What comes after a million, billion and trillion? A quadrillion, quintillion, sextillion, septillion, octillion, nonillion, decillion and undecillion.

### Mathletics Gold Certificates

Congratulations to the following winners...

Bailey R, Ryan S, Brian E, Josh N, Rome C and Emily E

Keep up the great work.

### Maths Competition News

The Australian Mathematics Trust (AMT) is conducting their yearly maths competition (AMC) on the Thursday July 27. Parent letters will be sent home in the first week of next term. We would like as many students as possible to participate. So, students, rise to the challenge and compete in the Australian Maths Competition this year. Do your school proud!



### This Week's Puzzle Problem

#### Junior

Egward Cadbery spent a fortnight painting 350 eggs for an Easter egg hunt. If he painted an equal number of eggs each day, how many did he paint in 3 days?



#### Senior

Bilbe Lindt purchased 152 packets of Easter eggs for distribution at the Easter fair. If each packet contained 22 eggs, how many eggs were given out at the fair?



### Week 7 Puzzle answers-

Senior- A = 27, B = 25, C = 18, D = 16, E = 14      Junior – 2 of each note

There was no junior puzzle winner. The senior winner was Sheryl M from 4G.

**Please remember to place your entries in the boxes in the front office. Good luck!**