



# 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

*Put your trust in Him and following His example, always act humbly, graciously and in good faith.*



### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

*'A quiet morning with a loving God  
Puts the events of the upcoming day  
Into proper perspective.'  
Janette Oke*



**CHANGE OF SCHOOL TIMES:** Currently teachers at St Joseph's have more contact time with the students than what is expected under the Teachers Workloads Policy. There is one slight change that we will be making for the 2018 school year. There will now be a warning bell at 8.45am but teachers do not have to commence their teaching day until 8.50am. I will keep you informed if there are any other changes.

**GRADUATION LITURGY:** This will be held in St Joseph's Church next Wednesday November 29 commencing at 7.00pm. This is the major and prayerful farewell to the Year 6 students and it would be wonderful to see as many parents and family members there as possible.



**STAFF CLASS LISTS 2018:** Please see attached the current staff placements for 2018. This can be subject to change into the new year.

**P & F ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** I would like to thank the people who were nominated and were elected to positions on the school P & F Executive. Retiring from the Executive are Katie Nancarrow and Sarah Cooper. They have worked tirelessly for the school and their efforts will be missed. The new Executives are President Cathy Turner, Vice President Dan Nancarrow, Treasurer Travis Dawson, Secretary Wendy Chan She Ping Delfos, Executive members are Natalie Bates and Theresa Catalano.



**SCHOOL BOARD ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING:** This meeting took place on Monday evening with the Treasurer's Report, Chairperson's Report and Principal's Report being presented. Marisa Dawson has stood down from her position on the Board after serving the maximum of 6 years. We are greatly appreciative of Marisa and all the Board Members for their contribution to the planning of the school resources and finances. Minutes of the meeting will go out with next week's newsletter and will also be posted on the school website. The School Board Membership for 2018 are Chairperson Elisa Rangitoheri, Treasurer Michael Saunders, Secretary Sylvia Matchado, Parish Representative Fr Peter, Parish Representative Laura Giovinazzo, Principal John Rose, Members Jacob Delfos, Yohan Vales de Menezes and Scott Shepherd.



**SWIMMING LESSONS:** These commenced on Monday and have made a smooth start. Children tend to get tired as the lessons progress so be prepared for them to come home a little more worn out and unsettled over the next two weeks.

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT:** It looks like the weather will be great for the Family Fun Evening. At Monday's Assembly I went through a few expectations of children's behaviour. We want the children to have fun but also to be safe. There are still some common sense rules for them to follow, including no rough games and staying on the oval side of the school unless going to the toilet. Children must be accompanied by a parent if they wish to attend as staff are not on duty on the night. I will be attending a Principal's Mass on Friday evening celebrated by the Archbishop, where they farewell retiring Principals and unfortunately will not be able to attend the Family Fun Night.



**PRE-KINDY ORIENTATION:** There will be a short Orientation for parents and children who are enrolled in the Pre-Kindy for 2018. This will be held tomorrow at 2.15pm in the Pre-Kindy.

God bless  
Peter Yensch  
Principal



#### ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RE

**SACRAMENTAL DATES for 2018:** The Sacramental Dates for 2018 have been confirmed. Confirmation and Eucharist are always aligned with important Feast Days of the Church.

Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on the Feast of Pentecost – **Saturday May 19 2018.**

Sacrament of Eucharist will be celebrated on the Feast of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – **Saturday June 2 2018.**

Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on **Tuesday October 23.**



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL HAMPER COLLECTION:** All the food and Christmas items for our amazing hampers will be collected on **Friday December 1.**

Please have all donations to your class by Wednesday November 29 so the Social Justice Group can get the HUGE amount of donations into the office. Once again I have to say the biggest thank you to you all. Your generosity is astounding and it warms my heart to see how we as a community are going to make Christmas a little more special for so many people in need.

In Faith  
Kaye Savage-Morton  
Assistant Principal RE

**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS:** January School Holiday Opening Times are:

**Monday January 22 2018 3.00pm – 5.00pm**

**Monday January 29 2018 2.00pm – 3.30pm**

**Mrs Kelly**



## P & F NEWS:

**FAMILY NIGHT - THIS FRIDAY NIGHT:** Don't forget the Family Night this Friday November 24. We hope to see everyone there and trust you will enjoy the evening.

**CAKE STALL DONATIONS NEEDED - FAMILY NIGHT:** We require the following donations of small cakes and treats for our Family Night. Please contact Natalie at [nbates@iinet.net.au](mailto:nbates@iinet.net.au) if you are able to assist with donations. All items need to be **nut free**, in THROW AWAY CONTAINERS/PLATES.

If all items can be in small pieces, they will be sold for 50c each.

We require them to be taken to the hall the morning of the Family Night- **Friday November 24.**

Cupcakes (need more donations)

Mini toffees

Toffee apples

Tiny Teddy Milky Way cars

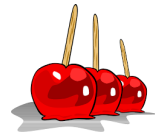
Jelly slice

Cake Pops

Muffins

Large Cookies

Slices of any kinds



**FAMILY NIGHT - LUCKY DIP DONATIONS AND RAFFLE PRIZES:** If all donations can be handed to the P & F by this Thursday it would be greatly appreciated. A huge Thankyou to everyone who has donated.

Items such as **hair ties, match box cars, colour-in books, marbles, art and craft, stickers, stationery, lollies, vouchers, christmas foods etc** have worked well in the past.

Collection for these items has started and is carried out every Thursday and Friday morning before school at the P & F table.

Every donation will receive a raffle ticket to win an ice cream voucher from the school Canteen.

Weekly draw will be carried out at Assembly on Monday mornings.

**P & F AGM:** Thank you to everyone who attended the P & F AGM and congratulations to everyone who was appointed to the P & F Executive Committee.

## SOCIAL WORKER NEWS:

**Fifteen ways to love your child confidently (continued)**

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



8. Let them teach you something. When was the last time you asked your child to teach you how to do something? Kids who see themselves as strugglers can get a boost in confidence when they teach their parents how to do something that they are good at.

9. Encourage your child to be a generalist. The years before adolescence have traditionally been seen as a period when children explore various activities and develop a variety of interests. Essentially it's the time to be a generalist. Specialisation best happens from around fourteen years of age when young people start to define their identity ('I'm into music!' 'I'm a sports nut!') by the activities they pursue. Children now seem to specialise at a much younger age, which can limit the options available to them later on.

Encourage your child to try a variety of different activities to build a broad base of competencies and interests that will serve him well in the teenage years.

10. Problem solve together. While kids need a chance to resolve some of their everyday problems – such as managing pesky siblings, dealing with strict teachers and sharing a workspace at school with peers they don't like- by themselves, they can also benefit from sitting down with a parent and working their way through problems together. All the aforementioned problems (and many more besides) could be workshopped so that kids get the benefit of your wisdom, without you solving their problems for them.

11. Encourage assertion. Kids generally resolve relationship problems with friends and siblings in three ways – through accommodation, aggression or assertion. Accommodating the needs of a friend or sibling is admirable but some kids give way too much because they don't know how to stand up for themselves. Some children will use aggression and other high power strategies to get their own way. Encourage your child to be assertive and ask for what they want rather than give way all the time or be aggressive. Assertiveness is as much about strong body language as it is about the words they use. So encourage them to practise standing up straight, using a strong voice and making eye contact when they say to a sibling or friend, "No. I don't want you to borrow that."

12. Help them see beyond the label. A child who defines himself as being stupid because he struggles academically benefits from parents who lovingly point out that there is more to a life than schoolwork. Help him see the strengths that they have in other areas of life such as making friends; success at leisure activities and the personal qualities that he or she displays such as loyalty, patience and persistence. Help children see past labels that they can place on themselves.

13. Cue confidence not anxiety. Situation: A parent saying to her primary school-aged child prior to going on a class excursion, "You're not going to be anxious are you?" If the child wasn't anxious already she was likely to be after her mother planted the idea in her head. Children generally take their cues about how they should see events from their parents. We need to be very careful about what we say to children particularly when they go into new or unfamiliar activities. Better to cue a child to be courageous with a statement such as "Now's the time be brave."

14. Turn the volume down on the media news. There's no doubt we live in a fearful world that reduces children's propensity to take the sensible risks that they need to develop. The media with its twenty-four-hour news cycle has a lot to answer for. Consider how much News your children are exposed to via television and radio particularly in the pre-school and early primary school years. Kids at these ages are faulty processors of information and can be adversely influenced by News events that occur across the world. Fear defeats confidence and inflates anxiety and tension.

15. Help your child rationalise, rather than exaggerate their worries. Children and teenagers can easily jump to conclusions and catastrophise ("I'm hopeless!"), blaming themselves when they experience difficulties. Help your child work through their difficulties so they can rationalise and find solutions. Challenge their self-talk and help them see that a situation probably isn't as bad as they are making out. By calling out their propensity to catastrophise you'll be teaching a valuable lesson in staying calm rather than letting their emotions get the better of them.

Building children's resilience and confidence is a basic parenting task. It always has been and always will be. Some kids need more of a focus on resilience and confidence-building than others. Best to take your cues from your kids and look for strategies that stretch them rather than restrict them or keep them dependent on you.

STAFF LIST 2018

Principal	Mr John Rose
Assistant Principal RE	Mrs Kaye Savage-Morton
Assistant Principal Admin	Mr Ronan Kelly
Pre-Kindy	Miss Celeste Della Posta (Tue,Thu)
Teacher Assistant	Mrs Jenny Tesch (Tue,Thu)
Kindergarten BLUE	Mrs Helen Petch(Maternity Leave-T1)
Kindergarten GOLD	Ms Rebecca Bowen (Mon-Fri)
Teacher Assistants	Mrs Carmen Garcia (Mon-Fri)
	Miss Demi Allen (Mon, Wed & Fri)
	Mrs Aleisha Powell (Tue & Thur)
Pre-Primary BLUE	Mrs Andrea Lewis
Teacher Assistant	Ms Peta Eldridge
Pre-Primary GOLD	Mrs Katrina Malcolm
Teacher Assistant	Ms Sandra Rouse
Year 1BLUE	Miss Melissa Stamp
Year 1GOLD	Miss Samantha Inkster
Teacher Assistant	Mrs Pauline Cvejic (Tue-Wed)
Year 2BLUE	Mrs Danielle Scott (Mon-Wed)/Mrs Gemma Tsang (Thu-Fri)
Year 2GOLD	Miss Danielle Devereux
Year 3BLUE	Mrs Molly Fernandes
Year 3GOLD	Mrs Tania Valenti
Year 4BLUE	Mrs Fran Drummond-Hay
Year 4GOLD	Mrs Aoife Cooksley (Mon-Thu)
	Mrs Rose McGrath (Fri)
Year 5BLUE	Miss Mary Coates
Year 5GOLD	Mrs Judyline Vales de Menezes
Year 6BLUE	Mrs Kaye Savage-Morton/Mr Jamie Burns (Mon-Tue)
Year 6GOLD	Mr Vladimir Alonzo
Library	Mrs Terri Herrington (Mon-Thu)
Library Assistant	Mrs Pauline Cvejic (Mon,Thu)
Information Technology	Mr Ronan Kelly
	Mrs Liz Rowles (Wed/Thu)
Performing Arts	Miss Celeste Della Posta (Mon,Wed,Fri)
Italian	Mrs Bruna Fiorentino (Mon,Tue)
Sport	Mr Jamie Burns (Wed-Fri)
Numeracy Support T/Assistant	Mrs Vanessa Nigli
Literacy Support	Mrs Viv Ward (Wed-Fri)
Literacy Coordinator	Mrs Annemarie Hoyne (Mon-Wed)
Ed Support Teacher Assistants	Mrs Lynda Beadle
	Mrs Jacqui Spurgeon (Mon-Wed)
	Mrs Jenny Palermo (Thu-Fri)
Special Needs Assistants	Mrs Dorothy Rodrigues (Mon, Wed, Fri)
	Mrs Jenny Tesch
	Miss Demi Allen (Tue & Thur)
Social Worker	Mrs Christine Pittman (Tue,Wed,Fri)
School Chaplain	Miss Olivia Palermo
Administration	Mrs Andrea Handcock
	Ms Georgia Dragon
Groundsman	Mr Peter Vagg
	Mr Peiter Vagg Jr
Canteen	Mrs Maria Ieraci (Mon, Wed-Fri)/Mrs Yuli Parkin (Tue)
Uniform Shop	Mrs Robyn Kelly (Tue,Thu)
Cleaners	Mr Irsan Midjaja/Mrs Ong Hok Sin