



ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

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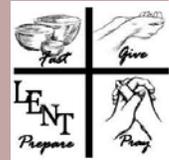
VISION STATEMENT

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**

LENT

"Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy"
Pope Francis



CARITAS

Caritas Australia is guided by the Principles of Catholic Social Teaching
PARTICIPATION – We believe that every person can be the architect of change in their own life.



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

St Joseph Feast Day: On Monday March 19, our school will honour our Patron Saint, St Joseph. The school will celebrate the day with a whole school Mass from 9am. It would be great to see many parents attend Mass to celebrate our Saint. Following mass students will have the opportunity to watch a movie in the school hall. All students are allowed to wear their sports uniform on this day and are allowed to bring a cushion to sit on, if they wish, during the movie.

Swimming: Last Friday, St Joseph's held their 2018 swimming carnival. It was a fantastic day which was blessed by beautiful weather and saw green faction being victorious for the first time in many years. It was pleasing to see the sportsmanship shown by all students throughout the day. Thanks to Mr Burns who did a tremendous job in coordinating and running this excellent carnival.



Paul Litherland: Tonight Paul Litherland, renowned cybersafety expert, will run an important information session for parents from 6.30pm in the school hall. I would strongly suggest a parent from each family attend this important session to be further informed about our ever changing digital world.

Harmony Day: On Wednesday March 21 our school will celebrate Harmony Day to celebrate the many rich and diverse cultures within our school and country. Students are asked to wear an outfit from their 'mother' country or wear green & gold for Australia or orange for Harmony Day.

**God Bless
John Rose
Principal**

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RE:

Parent Input Meetings:

Confirmation is on this **Tuesday March 20** at 7.15pm in the Performing Arts Room. At least one parent is expected to attend.

Eucharist is on **Tuesday March 27** at 7.15pm in the Performing Arts Room.

Both evenings are for Parent Information and are NOT for the children.

Project Compassion Boxes: Thank you to the many families who have returned their Project Compassion boxes. Each Thursday, the Social Justice Leadership Team visit classes to collect them. They have already had one big counting session. All boxes need to be returned in the week following the Easter Break. This will ensure we can send off our donation as soon as possible and the money can be put towards helping those who need it most.

In Faith
Kaye Savage-Morton
Assistant Principal RE



Harmony Day Wed March 21

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds belong to this nation and enrich it.

On Harmony Day, we invite students to celebrate our cultural diversity in several ways.

- We encourage students to wear a national costume of their cultural heritage, but if that is not possible then they can wear orange clothes, (the colour of Harmony Day), or green and gold clothes to represent Australia.
- There will be a class parade where the children will get the opportunity to show and explain their costumes.
- Students will also be invited to sign our school Harmony Wall.
- Throughout the day the children will be participating in cultural awareness activities to help promote inclusivity.

We hope you all enjoy Harmony Day!
St. Joseph's Peer Support Group

SOCIAL WORKER NEWS:

When kids experience problems at school www.parentingideas.com.au

Despite the best of intentions, things do go wrong at school. Most kids experience learning difficulties from time to time, and conflict and peer rejection are a normal part of school life. The developmental nature of childhood means that there will always be some turbulence, particularly around key transition ages. During these times young people frequently experience a dip in their learning as well as significant relationship difficulties. Kids will often come home from school with grievances, and call on their parents for assistance. Your approach as a parent when your child has difficulty at school can make a huge difference to their resilience and to their future relationships with teachers and peers. This includes not only any advice you may give and the way you give it, but also the way you approach the school, if that becomes necessary. Here's a seven point checklist to help you stay focused, positive and be effective if your child experiences difficulty at school.

1. Be empathetic first: Kids, like adults, like to vent. They will often benefit simply from having told their side of a story to a trusted source. Often they just want their parents to understand what's happening, so your first response should be an empathetic one. That is, your child should feel you have listened to them, understood them and taken them seriously. "That's awful. I'd be upset too if someone stole my lunch/called me a mean name/left me out etc." is the sort of response kids want to hear when they are genuinely upset. This "reframing" of their experience can in itself be empowering and reassuring.

2. Stay calm and take your time: It's natural as a parent to want to protect or defend your children, particularly when you think that they have come in for some unfair or poor treatment. But acting when you are full of emotion is not always smart as emotions make us prone to over-reaction and jumping to all sorts of possibly incorrect conclusions. Rather than getting on the phone straight away, take your time to think through how you might assist your child. Time generally provides greater perspective, which will likely lead to a better response from you.

3. Get the all facts: Getting the facts about the situation can be really tricky. Kids are faulty observers and often only see one side of a story when there's a problem with a teacher or a fellow student. They sometimes can't see that perhaps they may have contributed inadvertently to a dispute at school, or perhaps said/did something that may have upset someone. It's your job to help your child or young person process what happened in an incident, so that all the facts emerge and you can fully understand their place in any problem. Keep asking questions to enable the complete story to unfold.

4. Assess whether to go to school or not: Often problems can be dealt with at home, simply by talking through an issue and giving kids some common sense tips to help them cope. However, if your child has a recurring problem that he can't solve himself, or you think adult intervention may be needed to sort out a relationship issue with a teacher or peer, then consider meeting with your child's teacher.

5. Use the right channels if you take the issue to school: Approach the school calmly, going through the school office or directly to your child's teacher if that is the usual protocol. If you have already established a relationship with the teacher concerned, then it's often easier to approach them directly. Using social media for such communications is not helpful.

6. Look for solutions rather than blame: State the problem as you see it and view your child's teacher as an ally, not a foe. "I'm really worried about Jeremy. He's been acting strangely lately and I need some help" is the type of approach that will elicit a helpful response. Talk about your concerns and keep the discussion focused firmly on what's best for your child. Listen to your teacher's viewpoint, valuing a different perspective.

7. Stay in touch: Be realistic with your expectations, remembering that some problems can't be solved to your satisfaction, nor will they be resolved straight away. Be prepared to work alongside your child's teacher over the long-term, which means maintaining positive communication with each other.

Parenting is easy when things are going well, but can be testing when your children struggle or experience difficulty. Stepping back and taking a long-term, reflective view is often the best approach when your child experiences difficulty at school.

St Joseph's Faction Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all of the boys and girls for their participation in Friday's Faction Swimming Carnival. It was great to see students performing to the best of their ability and cheering and supporting their team members, while also having fun. I would like to thank all of the teachers and parent helpers for their hard work and much needed assistance on the day!

Thank you also to Gail Bowden for coaching the students on Wednesday and Friday mornings – I know they have learnt a lot! Thank you to the staff members who also assisted Gail at training.

Mr Jamie Burns



Faction Results:

1st Green 836 points

2nd Red 823 points

3rd Gold 632 points

4th Blue 578 points



Individual Results

<p><u>Year Four Girls</u></p> <p>Runner Up – Elarni G</p> <p>Champions – Ayesha L & Edyn R</p>	<p><u>Year Four Boys</u></p> <p>Runner Up – James B</p> <p>Champion – Joel D</p>
<p><u>Year Five Girls</u></p> <p>Runner Up – Airi M</p> <p>Champion – Asha C</p>	<p><u>Year Five Boys</u></p> <p>Runner Up – Cameron R</p> <p>Champion – Tyson S</p>
<p><u>Year Six Girls</u></p> <p>Runner Up – Sienna B</p> <p>Champion – Tatum C</p>	<p><u>Year Six Boys</u></p> <p>Runner Up – Connor T</p> <p>Champion – Jake C</p>





UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform shop now has all winter uniforms available for purchase.

Reminder that the Uniform Shop opening hours are:

Monday - 2pm to 3:30pm

Thursday - 8:30am to 11:30am

P & F NEWS:



COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS: The School has registered for the Coles Sports for Schools Program. There is a box in the Undercover Area and another one in the Kindy / Pre-primary Area. We are unable to get additional boxes at the neighbouring Coles Supermarkets, so collect the vouchers from your friends and relatives and place them in the school's boxes.

EASTER RAFFLE 2018: We have started collecting donations for the Easter raffle. Many thanks to the families who have already donated. We will continue to collect them from 8.15am at the P & F table in the Undercover Area until Friday March 23. Each child should have also received a hard copy of the raffle tickets to bring home. Please place the sold tickets with the correct change in a sealed envelope, labelled with your child's name and class, and drop it off in the P & F locked box at reception.

A copy of the raffle tickets is attached to this newsletter should you need more tickets.



HELP WANTED: We are looking for some helpers to help us wrap the Easter Raffle prizes on Friday March 23. Please email us at: pandf.sjsqp@cewa.edu.au if you are able to help.

FACEBOOK PAGE: Are you on our School Facebook Page? Search for "St Josephs Primary School Queens Park". Current members are encouraged to search for this page as changes to Facebook settings have prevented members getting notifications. It would also help if members like a post so that, again, you are sent notifications of new posts.

P & F MEETING: Our next meeting will be on Monday May 7 at 7pm in the staff room. We would love to see new faces and have your input.

OTHER DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

Monday March 26 - Easter Raffle draw

Friday May 11 - Mothers' Day stall

Friday May 25 - Disco





St Norbert College Scholarships

Applications are invited for the St Frederick Middle School Academic Scholarship. The scholarship is available for students entering Year 7 in 2019 for full or 50% tuition fees for years 7 through to Year 9. A selection test for Year 6 students who have applied, will be conducted at St Norbert College on Saturday 19 May between 9.30am and 12 noon.

Applications and details are available by phoning the College on 9350 5433 or visiting our website www.norbert.wa.edu.au. You may also apply online via the link provide on our website. Applications close on Friday 6 April 2018.

