



# 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**

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*Technoscience, when well directed, can produce important means of improving the quality of human life, from useful domestic appliances to great transportation systems, bridges, buildings and public spaces. It can also produce art and enable men and women immersed in the material world to "leap" into the world of beauty. Who can deny the beauty of an aircraft or a skyscraper? Valuable works of art and music now make use of new technologies. So, in the beauty intended by the one who uses new technical instruments and in the contemplation of such beauty, a quantum leap occurs, resulting in a fulfilment which is uniquely human. [103]*



## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

*In God's wisdom, He frequently  
Chooses to meet our needs  
By showing us His love  
Through the hands  
And hearts of others.  
J Hayford*

**LAST DAY OF TERM:** The last day of term for students is Thursday 21 September. Students return to school on Monday 9 October.



**GRANDPARENTS AND FRIENDS MERCY DAY MASS:** Grandparents and friends are invited to our Mercy Day Mass on Thursday September 21 at 9.00am at St Joseph's Church. Prior to Mass our Liturgical Dancers will present their dance from the recent Performing Arts Festival. After Mass our guests will be invited to the St Norbert College, O'Reilly Centre where some of our recent performers from the Festival will present their items. Guests will then be invited back to the Parish Hall for morning tea.

**We would ask that parents provide a plate of food for morning tea. It would also be great if we had some volunteers to help set up morning tea and assist with cleaning up afterwards. Please complete the attached form or email [admin.sjsgp@cewa.edu.au](mailto:admin.sjsgp@cewa.edu.au) if you can help or provide a plate of food. Food can be dropped in the Parish Hall on the day. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.**

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Name-----I can bring a plate / or help at the Grandparents Day Morning

Tea, please circle which one you are able to assist with. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL:** Thank you to parents and staff for the hard work at the Athletics Carnival and helping to make it a success. The children participated with enthusiasm and sportsmanship. I would like to thank Mrs Eoannidis for the time, planning and preparing for the carnival and the effort that she puts into it. A big thank you to Mr Vagg for his setting up and to Mrs Ieraci and her helpers in the canteen for preparing lunches and morning tea.



**ST NORBERT'S COLLEGE SUPPORT:** I would like to thank Mr Simon Harvey and St Norbert's staff for allowing us the use of their oval last Friday and Wednesday for our Athletics Carnival. We will also be using the O'Reilly Centre for our concert on Mercy Day. I appreciate how generous they are with their facilities and how much support they continue to provide for our school.

**SCHOOL DISCO:** This will be held by the P & F for all students this Friday September 15. The junior disco will be 5.45 -7.15 pm and the senior disco will be 7.30pm-9.00pm. Young children attending the junior disco should be accompanied by a parent. Please pick your child up from the side entrance at the end of the disco. This needs to be done promptly so organisers have time to clean the hall. Please note that children will not be able to leave the hall so parents **MUST** come to the door to collect them. Entry is \$5 per student.



**SCHOOL UNIFORM:** We have a **no hat no play** policy at St Joseph's. All students are required to have a St Joseph's Navy blue school hat which is to be worn at recess, lunch and whenever the student is outside.



**P & F MEETING:** Thank you to the parents who attended Monday evening's meeting. They have made some very generous donations to the school this year on behalf of the parents and for the benefit of the students. They are also very supportive of the Year 6 students assisting with the purchase of their leavers shirts and subsidising the cost of the Year 6 camp.

A number of the P & F will be finishing at the end of the year after many years of service. In Term 4, we will be looking for new members. Please consider if you would like to become involved in this capacity. Please contact me through the office or an existing P & F member if you would like to know more about the role.

On Friday November 24 we will once again be holding our Family Fun Night. On the night, there will be a giant raffle and the P & F would love to accept any donation from parents or from local businesses the parents attend. Please let us know if you can help. Donations could be as simple as a bottle of wine.

We would like to clear all outstanding chocolate money by the end of this term. Please try to return money owing by Thursday 21 September.

Please note that the next P & F Meeting is the first week of Term 4 and will be held on **Tuesday 10 October at 7.00pm.**

God Bless  
Peter Yensch  
Principal

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RE

**SOCIAL JUSTICE:** This week we sent a cheque for \$346 to Catholic Missions. This was money raised by the Year 1 students in their 25 days of Kindness and the Social Justice Leadership group selling 'Guess the Lollies.' We say a heartfelt Thank You to all the students and community members who donated to this very worthy cause. It is wonderful to see Social Justice in action.



**YEAR 6 MASS:** The Year 6 classes celebrated a beautiful Mass this morning. Thank you to all those who celebrated with us.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Parents who were unable to attend the Parent Input evening need to make a time to see me to get their Parent Pack. Please do so soon as I am only available on Mondays and Tuesdays.

In Faith

Kaye Savage-Morton

Assistant Principal RE



## SOCIAL WORKER NEWS:

**“NOT IN FRONT OF THE CHILDREN – A NEW TAKE ON AN OLD MESSAGE”.**

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



The things parents say in front of their children have wide-ranging effects on their learning, confidence and behaviour.

Children usually reflect the explanatory style of their primary parent by the age of eight. So, for instance, if a parent is an habitual pessimist there's every chance that their kids will pick up and convey the same 'woe is me' way of viewing the world from an early age. As parents, this means we need to be really mindful of how we present the world to our kids.

Kids take their cues from parents as trusted adults. But it's not just with optimism or pessimism that we need to be careful about our messaging. Kids take their cues from their parents as they work out how to behave and belong in all sorts of ways. Tell a child he has a learning difficulty and he'll believe it. Tell a child she has a behaviour problem and she will believe that. Tell them they are no good at maths and the message will more than likely stick. And why not? Children look at parents as wise, trusted adults who know a thing or two about the world. Even adolescents, who are renowned for wanting to challenge the authority and world view of their parents, still use their parents as significant reference points.

Parents who talk down about other people – including teachers, friends and family members – in the vicinity of their children are teaching those kids to devalue those same people. Even when we vent about someone else out of sheer frustration we are shaping our children's views about those people.

For all these reasons, as parents we need to be so careful about the messages we give out.

Take the case of an 11-year-old girl refusing point blank to work for a teacher as her mother had said that the teacher's expectations were unreasonable. Miss 11 cited her mother's views when she refused to get to work saying, "My mum says I've got a problem with learning. She says you need to take it easy on me but you don't. I don't have to do your work!"

This type of entrenched view is very difficult for a teacher to encounter without ridiculing the parents and the young person. However stories like this, often quite subtle are more common than most people think. They reinforce the notion that parents need to be mindful of what they say in front of their children, whether that be about the child's abilities, their teachers or anyone else.

Negative views can easily shut down kids' learning. Some children are quicker than others to latch on to even a skerrick of their parents' negativity as an excuse either not to work or to lower the expectations of others.

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

**DISCO:** The Disco will be held this **Friday September 15** in the Hall. There will be novelties, drinks and snacks available to purchase.



**Junior Disco** 5.45pm – 7.15pm (PP – Year 3)

**Senior Disco** 7.30pm – 9.00pm (Year 4 – 6)

If you are available to help out at either of the discos, please email us [pandf@sjsqp.wa.edu.au](mailto:pandf@sjsqp.wa.edu.au) as soon as possible.

**CADBURY CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISING:** Please return the funds (\$50 total) in the envelope supplied, with your **child's name and class clearly marked** to the P & F locked box in reception. The money is due back to school by **Thursday September 21**. Thank you to everyone who has already returned their fundraising money. Families who opted out of receiving a box of chocolates, but chose to donate \$20 to the P & F will receive an email shortly regarding those donations. Thank you for your support.



**EARN AND LEARN:** Please continue to place stickers in the box at school or there are boxes located at Woolworths Cannington and Bentley with our School name on them. Earn and Learn will finish on **19 September 2017**. Thank you for supporting this program.

**FUN RUN PRIZES:** The Fun Run prizes will be distributed by the end of this term. Thank you to the parents who are currently sorting and organising the prizes for each student.

**STALLS AT FAMILY NIGHT:** If you are interested in holding a stall at this year's Family Night, please contact the P & F by email [pandf@sjsqp.wa.edu.au](mailto:pandf@sjsqp.wa.edu.au).

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

Friday September 15 - Disco #2

Tuesday October 10 - P & F Meeting

Friday November 24 - Family Night



## **FACTION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

Congratulations to all of the boys and girls who tried their best in the School Faction Athletics Carnival. The children's level of involvement, their display of sportsmanship and excellent team work was outstanding and very pleasing to see.

The hard work by staff and parents contributed to a very successful day. Thank you to Maria and her team in the canteen for providing us with a yummy hamburger lunch. Also, thank you to those wonderful staff members and students who helped with early morning set up, place giving and result recording throughout the day.

The final results and champions are listed below.

Mrs Tennille Eoannidis.

## **FACTION PLACINGS**

<b>PLACING</b>	<b>FACTION</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
1 <sup>ST</sup>	Blue	2647
2 <sup>ND</sup>	Green	2509
3 <sup>RD</sup>	Gold	2469
4 <sup>TH</sup>	Red	2462

## **CHAMPIONS**

<b>Year 4 Runner Up Boy</b> Saxon B	<b>Year 4 Runner Up Girl</b> Airi M
<b>Year 4 Champion Boy</b> Declan P	<b>Year 4 Champion Girl</b> Chanumi W
<b>Year 5 Runner Up Boy</b> Jake C	<b>Year 5 Runner Up Girl</b> Kimberley S
<b>Year 5 Champion Boy</b> Kane I	<b>Year 5 Champion Girl</b> Sienna H
<b>Year 6 Runner Up Boy</b> Kevin S	<b>Year 6 Runner Up Girl</b> Montana S
<b>Year 6 Champion Boy</b> John B	<b>Year 6 Champion Girl</b> Ciera P