



## NEWSLETTER NO 34 WEEK 5 TERM 4 NOVEMBER 8 2017

### 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 Vincent de Paul

*Make it a practice to judge persons and things in the most favourable light at all times and under all circumstances.*



### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

*You have one Father, your Father in heaven;  
You have one teacher; the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Kindergarten  
Orientation



**KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION:** Last Friday we had the orientation for 2018 Kindy Children. We have a great group of existing families and new families commencing next year. **I would like to thank the parents who helped to serve morning tea and also those who brought in a plate of food. Your help was greatly appreciated.**

**KINDERGARTEN TO PRE-PRIMARY ORIENTATION:** There will be two brief meetings for Kindy parents next week commencing at 2.45pm in PPG. The Gold class will have their session on Wednesday 15 Nov and the Blue class will have their session on Thursday 16 Nov. Kindy children will be looked after in the kindy room until the meeting is finished and Pre-primary children can be collected from the PPB class.

**PRE-PRIMARY SPORTS CARNIVAL:** This will be held this Friday 10 November commencing at 9.15am on the school oval. Parents are welcome to come and encourage their children. After the sports events, parents are welcome to share in morning tea in front of the classrooms.



**P & F MEETING:** Parents are invited to attend the next P & F Meeting on Monday of next week. **This meeting will be held in the library commencing at the earlier time of 6.00pm.**

**AGM**  
Annual General Meeting

**P & F AGM:** The P & F will be looking for a number of new parents to form the executive in 2018. We have had a very strong P & F over the past years and with a new Principal at the school in 2018 it would be great to see new parents nominate for the Executive so that the good work of the P & F continues. If you are interested in nominating for a position please contact the office via phone or email.

We do have enough nominations for the **School Board** in 2018, however if you would like to know more about this role you can speak to me through the office.

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT:** This wonderful family night is fast approaching. Please keep Friday November 24 free to enjoy the company of your school community.



**2018 ENROLMENTS:** I'm pleased that classes are full for 2018, however we do have children on the waiting list so if you are intending to leave the school this year could you please notify the office.

There are still some vacancies for the Pre-Kindy in 2018.

**STAFFING 2018:** Several teachers will be leaving at the end of the school year and teachers for some year levels are still to be determined. I hope to have this finalized over the next 2 to 3 weeks.

**PARENTAL LEAVE:** Mrs Tarle's last day in the classroom was last Friday. Although she hopes to be in the school the next couple of days, she will be taking parental leave from the end of this week. We wish her all the best for the upcoming arrival of her baby. We welcome Mrs Ryan to 2 Blue for the remainder of the year on Thursdays and Fridays.

Mrs Menezes will be continuing her leave through to the end of the year and Mrs Fernandes will continue in Year 5 Gold. Mrs Menezes popped into the school on Monday and is starting to make a recovery.

God Bless  
Peter Yensch  
Principal

#### **ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RE**

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL HAMPERS:** Once again a huge thank you must go out to all our families donating to the Christmas Hampers. We will be able to put together some excellent hampers for those in our community that need it most! It is wonderful to see Social Justice in action. If you feel you can do more to help those in need please read the next paragraph.



**JOIN THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY VOLUNTEER FAMILY:** St Vincent de Paul Society is seeking people to join their volunteer team. Your efforts will help to support their good works, such as the provision of bedding, clothing and food to those experiencing hardship, and providing shelter for the homeless. In turn, you can enjoy a range of benefits proven to be associated with volunteering, such as an increase in well-being, happiness, health and longevity! There are number of diverse, interesting and stimulating roles available, at a range of locations, on a range of different time commitments. To name a few, you could try your hand at sorting material donations, providing customer service in our retail stores, assisting truck drivers to collect donations, assembling furniture and helping with store displays. To find out more or to express your interest, call Sarah on 6323 7531 or email [sarah.ledger@svdpwa.org.au](mailto:sarah.ledger@svdpwa.org.au)

In Faith  
Kaye Savage-Morton  
Assistant Principal RE

**VOLUNTEER**



**TERM 4 SCHOOL FEES:** All accounts must be settled by next week unless you have a repayment plan with the school. Should you be experiencing any financial difficulties you can contact me at the office to arrange a repayment schedule.

Thank you to all families who have settled their accounts. Reminder statements will be sent home next week.

Georgia Dragon  
Accounts

## SOCIAL WORKER NEWS:



### Words to avoid if you want cooperation from your children.

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

There are five very common words that invite resistance rather than co-operation, from children who may be termed (whether rightly or wrongly) 'strong-willed', 'stubborn' or 'know their mind'. These words to avoid are:

Must: "You must be on time!"

Never: "You should never be rude to your teacher."

Always: "You should always clean your teeth before bed."

You: "You need to go to bed now!"

Don't: "Don't yell at your brother."



Here's an explanation and some alternatives as well:

'Must', 'Never' and 'Always' are absolute terms which invite resistance from those children and young people who do not like to be told what to do. If you have more than one child there is a good chance you have one of these. Instead, replace absolute language with moderate alternatives that don't back kids into a corner:

"Please be on time" rather than "You must be on time."

"It's best to be polite to your teacher" rather than "You should never be rude to your teacher."

"Clean your teeth before bed" rather than "You should always clean your teeth before bed."

'You': Instead of telling your child what to do, let your child know what *you* will do. It's a subtle but powerful shift. For example:

"I'm saying good night now" rather than "Go to bed now."

"I'll put the meal on the table when it's set" rather than "Set the table!"

"I'm driving you to school at 8.30" rather than "Get ready by 8.30."



NB: You need to follow through if this is to be an effective use of language.

'Don't': Avoid ending an instruction on a negative as it only drives the negative behaviour deeper into the sub-conscious mind of your child. Saying "Don't yell at your brother" will ensure that your child will keep yelling again and again. Instead say the behaviour you'd like in positive terms. For example:

"Speak quietly to your brother" rather than "Don't yell at your brother."

If you can't eradicate "Don't" then develop the habit of ending on a positive. For example:

"Don't yell at your brother. Speak quietly."

Your choice of words, and how they are delivered makes a huge difference in terms of getting co-operation from more challenging kids. Some parents believe that their kids should always do as they say so their language is peppered with absolutes and negatives, which invites resistance from some kids. Family-life continues to be a battle between these parents and their children. If this is the case for you then maybe your attitude as well as your language needs a little tweak and review.



**SAVE THE DATE: WEDNESDAY MARCH 14 2018:** Paul Litherland from Surf Online Safe will visit our school once again in 2018 for a cyber safety information session with our students and with parents and other community members. The feedback from this year's parent session was very positive. Paul covered many aspects of child safety on the internet and gave our parents concrete tips and advice on internet use for kids. The information session with the students will take place during the school day. The parent session will take place that evening at a time to be confirmed, most likely 6.30pm. It usually runs for about an hour and a half to two hours and is well worth the time. Please put this date in your calendar and spread the word.



**SCREEN TIME SURVEY:** Recently in the computer lab I did a short survey of our students in Year 4, 5 and 6 to find out more about how they use the internet in their spare time. The results of the survey will help me adapt and plan my internet awareness lessons according to the information gathered. It makes for very interesting reading. Here are some interesting snippets of data from the survey:

- The majority of students in our school use devices to access the internet every day.
- More than half of the students who answered the survey said they use the internet for between 1 and 3 hours a day.
- Over 85% of the students are using some form of social media.
- Less than 12% said that they had been the victim of Cyber Bullying.
- Almost half (42%) of the students surveyed said they have chatted with someone online that they didn't know in real life.
- Over half (55%) of students said they had seen something online that made them feel uncomfortable.
- Almost half of the students surveyed have their own mobile phone.

In response to the results of the survey, I have spent a lot of my lessons this term reviewing Cyber Safety with these classes. Overall, our students are very sensible when using the internet at school. We will continue to educate them in this area.

**NEW YEAR 6 LAPTOPS:** The time has come to upgrade the laptops we use in Year 6. The current fleet is now over 4 years old and will be passed down to Year 5 for 2018. After much research, discussion and deliberation, we have purchased a brand new fleet of ACER laptops that can also transform into a tablet. These will arrive before the end of this year and will be ready for service in 2018. We are very excited about this and believe that these devices will serve us well for the next few years.

Regards,  
Ronan Kelly.  
AP Admin.



## P & F NEWS:

### FAMILY NIGHT FOOD ORDERS: IT'S TIME TO PRE-ORDER YOUR FAMILY NIGHT BBQ MEALS!



This year the P & F will be offering you the ability to pre-order your sausage sizzle and hamburgers online using TRYBOOKING using your credit card!

Just use the link below to order your meals and drinks, print the tickets off at the end of your transaction and bring them to the family night! There is a 30c per order charge so make sure you use the option to order more than one item to save on this fee.

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=326044>

You can also order using the paper order form using cash coming out this week. Pre-orders close **November 17**. Hard copies are available from Reception.

**DONATIONS FROM BUSINESSES IN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY:** This year, the P & F are also seeking donations of \$25 from Businesses associated with our School community to go towards our Family Night. These donations will help to pay for things such as lighting towers and bouncy castles. If you would like to donate to the Family Night, please contact our **P & F President, Daniel Nancarrow** by email on: [manager@royaltyplumbing.com.au](mailto:manager@royaltyplumbing.com.au) and he will be able to assist you. **Please note the last day for donations is Friday November 11.**

In appreciation of your donation, we will provide a list of businesses who have supported this night which will be displayed on the School Facebook Page, in the Newsletter and your logo will be displayed on a Sponsors Board at the Family Night.

**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** and brought 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 brought to the hall the morning of the Family Night- **Friday November 24.**

Cupcakes (multiple donations needed)  
Mini toffees  
Mini brownies  
Toffee apples  
Tiny Teddy Milky Way cars  
Rocky Road (no nuts)  
Jelly Slice  
Butterfly Cupcakes  
Honey Joys

Chocolate crackles  
Cake Pops  
Canolis  
Muffins  
Large cookies  
Slices of any types



**FAMILY NIGHT - JAR STALL & LUCKY DIP DONATIONS:** **The Family night is fast approaching and once again we are appealing to your generosity to donate items for the lucky dip and jar stall. Items such as hair ties, stationery, lollies, craft, vouchers and match box cars 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.**

Important Dates for your Calendar

**Monday November 13 - P & F Meeting 6pm**

**Monday November 20 - P & F AGM 6pm**

**Friday November 24 - Family Night**

## ST JOSEPH'S END OF YEAR FAMILY NIGHT

Friday 24th November 2017 4:30 pm – 8:30 pm  
FREE activities for kids: face painting, colouring in, obstacle course, ball games  
from 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm *as well as:*

Prints Charming Photo Booth (New Gold coin donations – instant prints)

Christie's Creations

Mobcube Mobile Phone & Tablet Repair

Deluxe Hair Scrunchies

Popcorn, Fairy floss and Cake Stall

Bouncy castles (\$2 donation for unlimited turns)

Novelties, Lucky dips and Jar Stall (\$3 a go)

Beautiful Christmas hampers to be raffled

Student performances around 7:30pm

Carols at 8:00 pm

Raffle drawn at 8:30 pm

Place your order for Hotdogs and/or Hamburgers with a drink prior to the night to ensure you don't miss out (You can (1) use the order form below and bring the correct change in an envelope to the P & F mail box OR

(2) Pay using your credit card via <https://www.trybooking.com/326044>)

**PRE-ORDERS must be in by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

We are still looking for volunteers to help out on the night, please email the P and F on [pandf@sjsqp.wa.edu.au](mailto:pandf@sjsqp.wa.edu.au) if you can lend a hand.

Remember this event is held for the children to have a fun evening out, volunteers will help make this night a success!!

### St Joseph's End of Year Family Night

#### Pre-order form for food

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child(ren)'s name and Class(es): \_\_\_\_\_

	QTY	Amount per item	TOTAL
Hotdog ONLY		\$3	
Hotdog and can of drink		\$5	
Hamburger ONLY		\$7	
Hamburger and can of drink		\$9	
<b>Total amount enclosed</b>			

Please complete and place order form with **CORRECT CHANGE** in a sealed envelope in the **LOCKED P&F BOX IN FRONT OFFICE ONLY** by Friday November 17.

Your food/drink tickets will be available for collection at the entrance to the Family Night. If you have booked via Trybooking (<https://www.trybooking.com/326044>), please print or show your electronic receipt at the food table to pick up your order.