



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

ADVENT 1ST Candle – (Purple)

The PROPHECY Candle or Candle of Hope – We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God. (Romans 15:12-13)



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

*Lord God, only you can see into my heart and know
that under all the busy-ness of my life,
there is a deep longing
to make this Advent one that welcomes you
more deeply into my own life.*

*Help me to be a peacemaker this Advent
and to give special love to those
who disagree with me.*

*Give me the strength and courage
to forgive those who have hurt me.*

*Help me to free my heart
from anger and hurt.*

THANKSGIVING MASS: Next Wednesday December 6 we will be celebrating the school year through our Thanksgiving Mass at 9.00am in the church. This will be the last school mass for the year and my last opportunity to celebrate with the whole school. At the end of the mass there will be a farewell to Maureen Carter and myself in the church.



On Saturday evening Fr Peter and the School Board took Mrs Yensch and myself out for a farewell dinner. Over the past two weeks I have been presented with two very generous gifts from the P & F and the School Board on behalf of the school communities. I am extremely appreciative of the generosity shown to me and wish to thank all in the school community.

SCHOOL BANKING: I would like to thank Mel Griffiths for doing the school banking for the past eight years. Mel has been a tireless worker for the school with being Chair of the School Board and on the P & F Executive, Thank you.



GRADUATION LITURGY: The Year 6 children will be celebrating their Graduation Liturgy this evening. I'm sure it will be a beautiful celebration remembering the wonderful contribution this year level has made to the school.

YEAR 4 GOLD ASSEMBLY: Students of Year 4G Assembly will be presenting their assembly item this Friday 1 December and parents are welcome to join us.

CONDOLENCES: We would like to offer our condolences to Nick Miragliotta Year 5G, ex-student Leilani and their family as their grandfather passed away in hospital on Saturday and then their father passed away shortly after at home. These are dramatically sad circumstances and I'm sure all the community will be offering prayers of support for the family.



SCHOOL BOARD ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING: Please find attached minutes of last week's Board ACM.



FAREWELL: Mrs Eonnidias goes on parental leave for 12 months at the end of this week. We wish her all the best for the upcoming birth of her baby and thank her for the wonderful commitment she has made to Year 6 and the sports program over the years.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT: I would like to congratulate and thank all the hard working parents on the P & F Executive for organising such a fun evening on Friday night. Unfortunately I was unable to attend as I was at the Decommissioning Mass for retiring Principals but from all reports it was a great success. I'm sure all in the community would like to join me in thanking all the parents who helped organise Friday night.

God Bless
Peter Yensch
Principal



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RE:

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: All items for our St Vincent de Paul hampers will be collected this Friday.

Thank you for your support.

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

SOCIAL WORKER NEWS: Helping young children make a bright start to school www.parentingideas.com.au

Starting school, or returning after a long holiday break, is a major step in a child's educational journey. It is made easier when children are prepared for the transition.

Children's milestone events such as starting school always bring a mix of emotions for both children and parents, with excitement, anticipation and nervousness being the most common. If either you or your child is feeling anxious about the big event, then the following tips will help ease the tension and ensure your child makes the best possible start to their school life:

1. Be positive yourself about the year ahead

School starters generally take their cues from their parents so your attitude to school, your child's teacher and learning can set the scene for a positive year ahead. Be positive and confident that your child will fit in and succeed and you increase the likelihood that they will do so.

2. Tell them what to expect

One of the best ways to ease a child's anxiety is to provide information about what they can expect at school. Over the school holidays, reinforce what they have already learned about lining up, play areas, routines and other aspects of school they may have experienced during the transition program. In this way your child will be better prepared for what happens when real school starts.

3. Develop your child's independence skills

Children with age-appropriate self-sufficiency skills generally find starting school much easier than children who have always had everything done for them. In the months leading up to the start of school make sure your child knows: how to open and close their lunchbox; how to pack their bag or backpack; how to use the toilet independently; and how to pack away their belongings. Practise eating play lunch and school lunch with your child. Also help them develop the habit of packing up their toys, their dinner plates and their clothes. These simple habits soon become ingrained patterns that will help maximise your child's long-term success at school.

4. Explain what school expects from them

Let your child know that being at school requires some behaviours that may be very different from those required at home. For instance, there will most likely be different rules and routines. They will probably have to work with many more children, they may have to put up their hand to get a teacher's attention and they may have to wait their turn to be heard. Help them understand that in a classroom they may not be able to do things when they want to – which can come as a shock to some children. These lessons about fitting in will help your child adapt quickly to their new surroundings.

5. Teach social etiquette

School requires children to make friends with other children and also to work and play alongside others. Take the time to explain and role-play the social etiquette that will help your child succeed socially. "Jeremy, when you want to play with others you need to say, 'Excuse me! Can I join in your game?'" Another way for children to learn social etiquette is through play dates, family gatherings and family mealtimes. Also insist that your child shows good manners including using 'please' and 'thank you', which will aid their continued social development.

6. Familiarise them with the school environment

The scale of the physical environment of a school can be daunting for young children so consider spending some time at school during the holidays so they become familiar with the playground and the buildings. Also make the journey to and from school a number of times prior to the start of school so that they are comfortable when they go on the first day.

7. Develop a goodbye routine

Despite the best start to the school year there will always be those days when a child just doesn't want to go to school. Tears and tantrums are common for many school starters. It helps in these less-than-pleasant situations if you have a goodbye routine that includes a smile, a kiss and/or hug and leaving without looking back. If saying goodbye in the morning continues to be a struggle, seek the advice and help of your child's teacher.

8. Don't forget to develop a hello routine too!

Once school has finished some children just want to relax without talking about school, while others may unload about the events of the day. Follow their lead but regardless of whether your child opens up or closes down make sure they have some downtime so they can relax and unwind. If your child always presents a tale of woe about school ("I hate school. I'm not going back"), be patient and remember that children can be faulty observers and don't always see things as they really are. Help them look for the positive or good parts of their day by asking questions such as "What did you enjoy about today?"

At times of transition it's worth remembering that some children adapt to change far quicker than others. Some children adapt easily to new routines and new surroundings, while others may take many weeks to feel comfortable with going to school. If the latter is the case for your child, then patience, consistency and exposure to affirming parent networks may be the best allies that you and your child can have. Your child's teacher will also guide and reassure you, so talk to them if you feel the situation is not settling down.



ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, QUEENS PARK

SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes of Annual Community Meeting held on 20th November 2017

1. Opening of Meeting:

Meeting opened at 7pm with a prayer led by Father Peter.

2. Present: 54 attendees as per attendance register.

3. Apologies: Deb Dhillon, Jenny Palermo, Andrea Lewis and Kathleen Tay.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of last ACM Meeting on 21st November 2016:

Minutes were circulated to the school community last year with newsletter 37.

Accepted: Scott Shepherd **Seconded:** Andrea Handcock

5. Chairpersons Report: Welcome everyone to the 2017 Annual Community Meeting of St Joseph's School. On behalf of the School Board, I would like to thank you all for attending, and for showing your continued support.

This has been yet another successful year for the students, school, staff and community. The year began with an unexpected start, as we learnt that Peter Yensch, would be unable to commence the school year. We were grateful for all staff, who were able to accept different roles within the school, in particular Kaye-Savage Morton, who took on an Acting Principal Role. The school year was able to commence smoothly and Term 1 was met with minimal disruption.

As the use of Technologies and social media continue to grow both within and outside the school, the board believed Cyber Safety to be of high importance. The board sought Paul Litherland from Cyber Safety, to present a talk on Cyber issues. All staff and parents, and the senior children, had the opportunity to attend Paul's informative talk. The feedback from everyone was very positive, and hopefully we have the opportunity to have Paul return for future presentations.

Continuing with the technology, the board deliberated and researched for replacement laptops for both year 6 classes. After much discussion, the decision was approved to purchase new laptops, and these will be available for the year 6's beginning in 2018. The board also approved a WIFI upgrade, which has been completed. The school website was discussed and it was decided that it needed to be improved. The new website is now operational, and I personally believe it is fantastic.

The introduction of the St Norbert's College sibling discount, has been one that has been met with appreciation. The bond between St Norbert's and St Joseph's has always been strong, and this year St Norbert's introduced the sibling discount. This allows discounted fees for 2nd and 3rd siblings, regardless of which two schools the children attend. This has been a financial benefit to many families especially during these difficult economic times. So I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the parents, to thank Father Peter and St Norbert's for this program.

Other Items Addressed by the Board:

1. Changed exit through new gate on Treasure RD.
2. Shade covers and turf mats for Year 1, 2 and 3 courtyard area.
3. Board kept briefed on Leading Lights and changes from Cash to Accrual.
4. Looking at options to upgrade signage at the front of the building.
5. Enrolments remain very strong at a competitive time
6. Coolock Centre is progressing frustratingly slow.
7. The canteen has continued with changes, including: the new Mercy Café sign, introduction of the slushy machine, more tasting days and different menu options.

This year I had the responsibility and privilege of taking part in the Principal Appointment process. I along with 4 other panel members, were to take part in appointing a new Principal for St Joseph's School for 2018. The process was very interesting and rewarding. The school has a wonderful reputation, resulting in a high number of applicants. As a panel we met and discussed all potential candidates, deciding on four who were short-listed. After interviewing each applicant, we were pleased to appoint John Rose the new principal for 2018. We wish you all the best John, and we know you will be a wonderful addition to our school community.

This leads me to Peter Yensch. Peter has been the principal of St Joseph's School for the past 12 years. During this time, Peter's contributions have led to an unprecedented growth, and positive outcomes for the school. I cannot list all of Peter's achievements, as we know there are way too many to list, however, hopefully I can quickly touch on some major contributions, he has made to the school during his time here.

Firstly, the new build. Peter oversaw the rebuilding of the school which was a mammoth task on top of keeping the school running effectively during the extended time the build took. As a result, we have this wonderful school, which not only looks aesthetically pleasing, but is functional and has everything children and staff need.

Peter put a spotlight on Sport and assisted in coaching swimming and athletics, resulting in the school winning many Interschool competitions in recent years. However, it wasn't all about winning and he was known for his consistent encouragement and support of students and sport teachers. It was about student participation and school spirit, hopefully leading to a shield win.

Peter enabled St Joseph's to earn and maintain a reputation as a top Performing Arts primary school in the Catholic Schools Performing Arts Festival. He continually provided funding for resources, and allowed time for students to practise. The wonderful successes the students experienced, the school pride, and the trophies in the cabinet are a testament to the talent he fostered.

Peter always modelled Christian values in his dealings with staff and students and believes everyone deserves a second chance. He also shares his own faith with students, especially when discussing the rosary. He encouraged members of the Parish to conduct the Rosary each year for the whole school.

The children, staff and parents, always enjoyed his 'down to earth' approach and his ability to laugh at himself. His dancing ability, or lack of as he might say, had the school community in hysterics on more than one occasion. His enthusiasm for dressing up, whether it being in his favourite football team uniform or dance costume provided entertainment, and it is this side of Peter, that I think we all agree we are going to miss. As a leader you displayed the perfect balance of fun and laughs with the seriousness and responsibility your position required.

Other contributions include, the introduction of Edu-Dance, the purchasing of the Flags to represent all cultures within the school, the celebration of NAIDOC week, he built and fostered a great relationship with

St Norbert's, set up teams to share the responsibility among staff for the maintenance of the strong academic performance of the school, and much much more.

So Peter, on behalf of the Board, parents and students, we would like to say Thank you for all you have done, for St Joseph's School. Your contribution to the school will not be forgotten and you will always be remembered fondly in our hearts. We wish you all the best for the future!

On a personal note. This is my last meeting as the board Chair. I have thoroughly enjoyed my 6 years on the board. I have been very proud of the achievements the board has made, and being a part of the Principal Appointment Process and the appointment of both Deputy Principals, has been a highlight for me personally. I would like to thank the board members, both past and present, for all their support.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas.

Thank you.

Marisa Dawson

Chair - St Joseph's School Board

6. Principals Report:

PRINCIPAL'S 2017 ANNUAL

REPORT: The 2017 school year didn't quite start out as planned with me being absent for the first six weeks, however, I would like to thank Mrs Savage- Morton, who cut her holiday short to ensure a smooth start to the school year. I was pleased that Mr Kelly, and in fact all the staff, gave Kaye strong support at that time.

It was also the first time in decades that we commenced the school year without Mrs Byrnes, Mrs Carter and unfortunately an unwell, Mrs Menezes. Although their years of experience were missed, I would like to commend and congratulate all the staff on their dedication and hard work, ensuring a smooth transition for students into their new year levels. The qualities and work ethic of our staff is quite amazing including many of our recently employed staff.

At a time when enrolment in a number of schools is declining St Joseph's remains a school of choice. Applications and enrolments remain strong and the school has an outstanding name in the community. It is quite encouraging to hear the excitement on parents voices when they are offered a place for their child after being on the waiting list for a period of time.

Certainly our resources and facilities are of a high quality, however to add to this is the fact that we are extremely fortunate to have St Norbert College as our neighbour who through Fr Peter and until recently, Annette Morey are so generous in their support of our school. Few people would understand the value of this support to St Joseph's. Fr Peter has driven this close rapport between the two schools and is keen to see the close links continue through the appointment of Mr Harvey, as principal of St Norbert's College.

ANNUAL SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

LEARNING AND ENGAGEMENT 2017

This year there has been a real focus on using AITSL standards to provide feedback to teachers on their classroom practice. This has been carried out through classroom observation by Mrs Morton and also through shoulder to shoulder coaching by Mrs Hoyne, our newly appointed Literacy Coordinator. Mrs Hoyne has made a major contribution in supporting us to meet many of our school improvement goals.

We have continued to develop and document our whole school approach to literacy and track our continued success in spelling.

We have achieved our 2017 ASIP goals by striving to improve teaching practice, continuing to implement Leading Lights (Office 365), teachers grading writing tasks according to Brightpath, introducing a Data Wall and a whole school commitment to Reading Running Records. The Reading Resource room is all but finished.

One 2017 goal that was not met was to engage parents in the understanding of skills and strategies that are necessary for strong student comprehension achievement. This will be looked at more closely in 2018.

We continue to attain good results in our NAPLAN and once again achieved above the National Average in all 10 assessed areas.

Year 3	School 2016	School 2017	Australian
Reading	432.1	452.4	431.3
Writing	442.5	442.2	413.6
Spelling	443.5	439.5	416.2
Grammar and Punctuation	462.2	475	439.3
Numeracy	420.9	441.4	409.4

Year 5	School 2016	School 2017	Australian
Reading	503.2	507.6	505.6
Writing	513.9	487.0	472.5
Spelling	561.0	536.3	500.9
Grammar and Punctuation	576.6	545.8	499.3
Numeracy	543.2	518.1	493.8

Through analysis of our NAPLAN results and other data collected during the year, we set our **2018 Learning and Engagement Goals**. The goals are

1. Develop a school based reading comprehension strategy; scope and sequence.
2. Utilise peer teacher collaboration on the modelling of Explicit Teaching.
3. Increase and centralise science resources and re-evaluate science practices.
4. Improve student keyboard skills.
5. Identify a unified approach to communicate with parents in the Early Childhood setting.

Our Western Australia Bishops' Literacy Assessment continues to achieve above average results with the Year 5 cohort achieving an average of 61.1%percentage compared to the all school average of 56.5%.

2017 Accountability

The main initiative in 2017 was to ensure that all staff understood and signed off on the new Code of Conduct, which aligns itself with the TRB document on Teacher's Professional Boundaries. With child protection, an important focus in 2017, the school has implemented the Keeping Children Safe Program throughout the school. We were able to align this with the Protective Behaviours program that we already ran in the school for many years during term 3. We are fortunate that Christine Pittman has been accredited to train school staff in the Keeping Children Safe Program and is a knowledgeable source of information.

In preparation for the 2018 Audit we have maintained staff LEAD teams which have formalised a lot of data required for the Audit process.

We did plan a mental health retreat for staff in 2017 but it didn't go ahead. Unfortunately we were unable to find a suitable venue.

In 2018 under Accountability one of our priorities will be to ensure all staff are familiar with the new and current school based policies that have been updated for the Audit process. One goal prior to the Audit is to ensure all IEPs and CAPs are electronically maintained and up to date. The Audit will be carried out on May 24 and the school will subsequently respond to any identified areas of need before the end of the year.

2017 Discipleship

In 2017 we met two of our Discipleship goals with a greater understanding of the most recent Encyclical Letter, 'Laudato Si.' The staff attended professional development on the Encyclical and regular information from the Letter was shared through the newsletter. We also presented our first Catherine McAuley Award in recognition of the Mercy Sisters and their values. Unfortunately there has not been much progress on the Coolock Centre but there is still another meeting taking place next week.

Our goal for **2018 Discipleship** is to strengthen and deepen the staff's understanding and knowledge of faith in the areas of prayer, bible stories and contemporary issues facing Catholic teachers today. The school will also develop a new Evangelisation Plan with John Rose and the Leadership Team attending Professional Development on the General Directory For Catechesis.

The 2017 School Year

At the commencement of the 2016 school year I reminded the staff of our great heritage, as we entered our 101 years since the opening of St Joseph's Primary School. I spoke about the Mercy values that were incorporated into our school prayer. I invited staff to think about the pioneer sisters who first opened the school in atrocious conditions, travelling long distances and in unsuitable attire. The conditions were so poor that one of the sisters died of pneumonia, due to her work at the school.

I also invited the staff to look at the wonderful facilities and the wealth of resources that we had at the school and to think about the pioneer sisters whenever something didn't quite go their way. Maybe the air conditioning wasn't quite working or the Smartboard globe had burnt out or their desk was too small. I invited the staff to strive to make St Joseph's a giving community. Not just a community where we are employed but a community where we have the opportunity to contribute positively to the lives of the children who come here each day.

I can genuinely see the staff try their best to support the students by doing little extra things that make this a great school. A great school that not only has high demand for enrolment but also where teachers and assistants are keen to gain employment. Apart from what takes place in the classroom each day there are many other events that make me proud to be the Principal of St Joseph's. They include;

- Our Parish Sacramental Program is second to none, due largely to Fr Peter and the parish and school team that support him, including the combined parish school choir, the classroom teachers and the catechists. The celebrations of our Sacraments are the envy of many other parishes. The recent participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation by our parents was quite a significant moment and a great example for our children.
- We have, for a number of years, run our Year 6 Leadership Groups to further engage our students with all Year 6 children belonging to a group. Each year, 15 - 20 staff put their names down to be with these leadership groups. Time spent with the groups is usually the staffs own time.
- Every Tuesday several staff give up their lunch break to run the very successful gardening club, which has some very healthy produce.
- The Performing Arts continues to be a priority for our school with children successfully participating in Bible Reading, Monologues, Creative Dance, Liturgical Dance, Choir and Liturgical Choir. We are strongly supported by the St Norbert's music department who enter our instrumentalists and singers. Many of these performances require hours of preparation outside school time, which the staff do willingly. I am most appreciative of the six staff who gave up their Friday night to be back stage for the Creative Dance Performance at the Conference Centre. What was also impressive was the fact that 13 staff came along in the audience to support the children.
- Two to three times a week Mrs Pittman runs the lunch bunch out of her office for children to have a break from the playground. This is very successful and is supported by our school chaplain, Miss Palermo.
- Our NAIDOC celebrations this year were beautifully prepared and presented to our school community. This develops a real cultural awareness and reminds us of the traditional land owners on whose land we stand tonight.
- Several of our new staff have placed Science on the agenda the last two years by ensuring that we celebrate Science Week with children who are given the opportunity to participate in all types of experiments.
- The Australian Maths Competition goes from strength to strength with large numbers of children participating in it each year. Again well over 100 students participated this year.
- It is also difficult to overlook our sports program. Who thought that St Joseph's would become the school everyone wanted to beat. This year we had successes in swimming, cross-country and athletics. It was great to see over 90 students represent the school at the recent athletics carnival; however it is important that the focus remain on participation rather than winning. The yellow shirts and the yellow caps purchased by the P & F adds a great deal of pride to the school. This year there have been over 14 different staff involved in assisting the students train for the events.
- To add to the school success, just last Wednesday, 6 of our children won the first Interschool Spelling Competition for Year 5 and Year 6 students.
- The year 6 children also had a very successful camp, which they thoroughly deserve as they have been a wonderful group of children, however what really made me happy was the fact that 13 staff visited the camp over the week, many in their own time.
- I think a final example of staff giving that little extra for the children is the staff dance. Although it may be difficult to believe, we do rehearse for this, and it does require staff to come together on a Friday afternoon for 7 or 8 weeks between 3.30 and 4.00pm not to mention the time spent choreographing the dance. Although we do get some enjoyment from it, on most Friday afternoons it is the last thing we feel like doing.

Although the Mercy values may look a little different to 100 years ago the staff willingness to give, is very much alive and strong at St Joseph's.

I would also like to acknowledge others who work tirelessly for the children of our community. We have had an extremely active and successful P & F over the past few years with Dan as an outstanding President but he has had some great helpers and two of them are finishing this year, Katie and Sarah.

We have one person finishing on the School Board this year and that is our Chairperson, Marissa Dawson. Marissa has been on the School Board for 6 years and has seen considerable transition in the school over that period. Marissa spent quite a deal of time this year being part of the panel for the appointment of the new Principal, John Rose and the effort that goes into this process and the responsibility it carries cannot be underestimated. I thank Marissa for her Board leadership but also all the Board members for the contribution they make to the school.

When I see the contribution staff make to the school it is disappointing when we have to say goodbye to quality workers and quality people. Maureen Carter we will farewell after the Thanksgiving Mass. Georgia Laird and Liana Ottobrinio have each been with us for about the same amount of time and have both shown the school what dedicated and hardworking professionals they are. The speed with which they were picked up by other schools is a real indication of their talent. I know they leave a little reluctantly and we reluctantly say goodbye to them.

Due to some changes in funding arrangements, we no longer have an allocation for an Aboriginal Teacher Assistant and consequently Geri Martin will leave us at the end of the year. Geri is a quality person who has a lot to offer to the education system and will be missed. KathlynTay has been working in the Kindy for almost two years and as a trained teacher has done a lot of relief for the school as well. Kathlyn has been a maternity leave replacement and is leaving us to pursue her teaching career. We wish her all the best. Candice Learmonth has been assisting in the area of special needs this year and as we are losing some children Candice will also be finishing, however we hope to see her around the school in a number of capacities next year. Mr Smith will not be here at the start of next year for the first time in 41 years but would prefer not to be acknowledged. We also wish Tennille all the best for the upcoming birth of her new baby. Tennille has already made herself available to come and help with the organisation of our interschool carnivals next year.

In 2018 I believe the St Joseph's community is extremely fortunate to have Mr Rose joining the school as Principal. He is a person of high integrity who will take St Joseph's into the future over as Principal of St Joseph's

Finally I will have an opportunity to say farewell at the Thanksgiving Mass but in the mean time I wish you all a safe end to the year and thank you for being so supportive of me and making St Joseph's such a wonderful community to be a part of.

7. Confirmation of Board Membership:

With terms expiring for Marisa Dawson and Scott Shepherd, two positions were available. Scott Shepherd renominated for his position and a nomination for the final position was received from Sylvia Matchado.

The 2018 St Josephs School Board consists of:

Elisa Rangitoheriri - Continuing from 2016

Michael Saunders - Continuing from 2016

Scott Shepherd - Voted in for a further 2 year term

Yohan Vales de Menezes - Continuing from 2016

Jacob Delfos - Continuing from 2016

Sylvia Matchado - Voted in for her first 2 year term

Ex Officio Members:

Fr Peter Joseph - Parish Priest

John Rose - Principal

TBA - P&F Representative

Laura Giovinazzo - Parish Representative

Congratulations to all of our 2018 Board Members.

8. Close of meeting:

7.50pm.

P & F NEWS:

FAMILY NIGHT: A huge thankyou to everyone who helped to organize our Family Night. We are so thankful for all your amazing work.

We trust everyone enjoyed the night and wish everyone a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

Thank you to these businesses, from our school community, who have donated money towards the Family Fun Night for 2017.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated and has helped us in organizing a fun night. If you require any of the services they offer, please keep them in mind.

Bozzy Shade Blinds...

Enjo

Royalty Plumbing Gas and Electrical

Jim's Test and Tag

Loan Market Cannington

Skaffkit

Red and White Vending

Perth Outdoor Showers

Lupica Plumbing

Mobcube Mobile Phone & Tablet Repair

Jims Mowing WA

Queens Park Physiotherapy

Green Fingers

Protection Engineering

Belle Bomboniere

Central Lending Solutions

Pure Possibilities Business Consulting

PARENT INTERNET AWARENESS PRESENTATION

WEDNESDAY 14TH MARCH 2018 - 6:30PM TO 8:00PM

I am proud to announce that Paul Litherland, from Surf Online Safe will be attending St Josephs School on Wednesday the 14th of February 2018 to speak to our year 5 & 6 students on the subject of cyber safety. Paul comes highly recommended and has been presenting to many other schools within Australia over the past 6 years. He is one of Perth's leading presenters on this subject and as a former Western Australian Police Officer, can offer some great knowledge and experience to our students to help them better understand the risks of the online world. Paul will be presenting to our students on subjects such as Online Footprint and Digital Citizenship, Image Sharing, Social Networking, Cyber Bullying as well as mobile phone and tablet use. His student presentations are very informative and I have no doubt our students will benefit greatly from this education.

The school has also booked Paul for an evening parent presentation on that same day commencing at 6:30pm and concluding at approximately 8:00pm. We invite all our parents to attend this event. Paul's parent presentations are very informative and offer some great tips and tricks on how to keep our kids safe online, as well as how to stay one step ahead of them in the online world. Paul outlines the information he presented to our kids that day and how his session was received by the kids. Paul will also provide a comprehensive Q&A session.

All who have seen Paul present have been very impressed with his subject matter knowledge and presentation style.

Subjects include;

Social Networking : What our kids are using. Trends & Pitfalls.

Online Predators : Risks & Trends, protection methods.

Cyber Bullying : Detection, prevention & coping.

The Law : How it relates to us all.

Device Use : Phones, Tablets & PC's, Tips & Tricks.

Image Sharing : Statistics, Risks, Tips & Hints.

Ronan Kelly : Assistant Principal

COP TO CRUSADER

PAUL LITHERLAND - SURF ONLINE SAFE

F From 2009 to 2014, I was working within the Technology Crime Investigation Unit of the Western Australia Police, a division of Computer Crime. We dealt with issues ranging from people being ripped off on Ebay and Gumtree, to romance scams and hacking, right up to kids being groomed by online predators. It was a massive world of which even I did not realise was so out of control. The last 2 years of my career, I became increasingly frustrated with the lack of legislation or authority I had as a Police Officer to act on the concerns of the parents and educators who were contacting my office on a daily basis.



The majority of these calls were ended with the simple phrase, "Sorry, but it is not against the law." It was upsetting to respond in this way, but in reality, I had no choice. The internet has been around since 1995, yet legislation has failed (or refused) to catch up. As such, many schools, parents and kids themselves are being left to deal with such matters on their own. In my opinion, I thought this was simply unacceptable.

Whilst pressing our government for change, I soon realised education was massively needed here in WA. I felt that if I could get my message out to as many schools as possible, the risk our kids were being exposed to every day would hopefully reduce. In 2014, I therefore made the decision to retire from the WA Police to pursue my dream of educating kids and Surf Online Safe was born. Since then I have gone from visiting only 3 schools in my local area, to presenting to over 320 schools and organisations across Perth, including some of WA's most prestigious colleges. I look forward to becoming part of the St Joseph's School community and to presenting to your students, parents and teachers for years to come.

Paul Litherland - Owner, Surf Online Safe.