



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

Holy Week – *The week that changed the world continues to change our lives.*

CARITAS

Caritas Australia is guided by the Principles of Catholic Social Teaching
CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME– *We believe care for the earth's resources is vital for the common good of all people.*



PRINCIPALS REPORT:

HOLY WEEK: This is the week that changed our lives. I always find the frailty of human kind amazing during this time. Last Sunday people praised Jesus as our King but within a few days many of the same people are asking for his crucifixion. Thank you Jesus for dying for us and allowing us eternal life. May we remember the true meaning of Easter and become closer to God during the Easter break.



EASTER RAFFLE: On Monday at our morning assembly the school had their Easter Raffle. It was pleasing to see most families had purchased tickets for the raffle draws. Thanks to the families for supplying so many Easter eggs. I would like to thank Cathy Turner and the whole P & F for coordinating this fundraising event.



SOCCER CUP: Last Friday we had the conclusion of our Soccer Cup. It was excellent to see the sportsmanship and skills of all students. Congratulations to the Crocs for winning. I would like to thank Mr Kelly for giving up many recess and lunchtimes to umpire all games and coordinate the event. Well done to Mahalia and Jake for their sportsmanship trophies they received for their positive attitude throughout the tournament.

EASTER TUESDAY: A reminder there will be no school on Easter Tuesday and students will return on Wednesday April 4. Have a lovely Easter break with your families.

God Bless
John Rose
Principal



ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS RE:



HOLY WEEK: We started Holy Week this week reminding children that Sunday was Palm Sunday and that in the time of Jesus people went from saying 'Hosanna' and praising Jesus to shouting 'Crucify Him'. A timely reminder to not follow the crowd but do what is truly right. At school we will send the students on their Easter break after a moving assembly on the Stations of the Cross. This week is the lead up to the events that form the basis of our religion. Once again I strongly encourage our whole community to attend the Stations which will be held on the Grassy Knoll at 9am on Thursday. Parents and Friends please sit on the steps of the Flag Pole area.

RECONCILIATION: Over Monday and Tuesday our students in Years 4-6 attended Reconciliation with Father Peter. This is another step in preparing not only for the sad events of Good Friday but the joyous resurrection on Easter Sunday. A huge Thank You to Father Peter for the hours he spent listening to our children.

In Faith
Kaye Savage-Morton
Assistant Principal RE



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL ADMIN:

PAUL LITHERLAND: On March 14 Cyber Safety guru Paul Litherland came to speak to our Year 5 students about staying safe online. It was a very engaging presentation that was thoroughly enjoyed by the children. Paul explained many things to the students regarding keeping your information safe, using social networking sites, internet scams and much more. We will continue to reinforce these important issues with the children at school. The parent session held that evening was a very informative hour and a half and I would like to thank those parents who came along to learn more about how to keep their children safe online.

SYNERGY SOLAR SCHOOLS CHALLENGE: On Thursday March 22 I took four Year 6 students to the Synergy Solar Schools Challenge at Rossmoyne Senior High. The competition is run every year between Perth Schools. Students are given a small kit with some basic electronic equipment and they have to put the kit together to make a solar car and then race it against the other schools. We had practiced for a few weeks before the competition and the children had figured out how to get the most out of their car by angling the solar panel towards the sun using a Styrofoam cup cut at an angle. Unfortunately, on the day the sun was blocked out by cloud and we had to use a battery pack instead of the solar panel. This changed the nature of the race but the students adapted well and built a very fast car. They won a couple of heats but were unlucky not to advance to the finals. Venuja, Amani, Joseph and Juneyong represented the school very well and proudly wore our interschool shirts throughout the day. They can be very proud of their efforts and were keen to pass on their learnings to future groups. I am hoping that we can enter this competition every year from now on. It is a great opportunity for students from our school to engage in STEM activities.

SOCCER MCSOCCERFACE CUP: Over the past few weeks, we ran the Soccer McSoccerface soccer competitions for students from Years 4 to 6. The students had been eagerly requesting the competitions return since the very first day of school. We ran off the competition over a period of just over three weeks. All students got to play at least three games and really played hard while showing great sportsmanship. I thoroughly enjoyed the competition again this year and had great fun watching the students participate. We have very sporty children at our school, but most importantly, our students show great respect towards one another and towards their teachers when taking part. It is a pleasure to work at such a great school. The students are now requesting a basketball and netball tournament so watch this space!

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN: We used our Earn and Learn vouchers to purchase some STEM resources for our school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents who contributed to this, the resources will enhance our school in the coming months.

Have a great long weekend
Ronan Kelly
Assistant Principal



INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

A squad of 31 students from Years 4 – 6 will be representing St Joseph’s School in the Interschool Swimming Carnival next Thursday April 5 2018 at the Aqualife Centre in East Victoria Park.

I am very proud to see the progress these students have made over the past few weeks. These students have been training extremely hard for the Interschool Carnival and we wish them all the very best!

Children need to be at school no later than 8.45am for a 9.00am bus departure. The carnival will commence at 9.30am sharp and conclude at approximately 2.00pm.

Below is a list of items the children will need to be wearing and will need to bring on the day:

- Dress: Sports uniform (Interschool shirt) & jumper
- Girls – one piece bathers
- Boys – speedos or skins preferred (no board shorts if possible)
- School hat and sunscreen
- Other: School bag with towel & thongs
- Goggles
- Recess and lunch
- Water bottle

Good luck boys and girls!

Mr Jamie Burns

SOCIAL WORKER NEWS:

CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND BELONGING

WHAT IS CULTURAL DIVERSITY? Cultural diversity refers to people who identify with particular groups based on their birthplace, ethnicity, language, values, beliefs or world views. This does not mean that everyone from a particular cultural group will hold exactly the same values or do things in the same way.

Australia is one of the world's most culturally diverse societies. The latest Census data shows that nearly half (49 per cent) of Australians have either been born overseas or have one or both parents who have been born overseas. It also showed that in 2016, there were over 300 separately identified languages spoken in Australian homes. At school, if not earlier in life, it is likely that children and their families will have contact with children and families from many different cultural backgrounds.

CREATING A SENSE OF BELONGING ACROSS CULTURES

We all learn to communicate and understand our world through sharing language, customs, behaviours, beliefs and values. Our cultural experiences and values shape the way we see ourselves and what we think is important. Cultural perspectives influence how we care for and understand children and how we educate them.

Creating a sense of belonging across cultures means building a positive sense of community for everyone, where people learn to understand and appreciate others' values, experiences and beliefs, so that together we can build a caring and accepting society that supports mental health and wellbeing.

When children learn about diversity, it allows them to appreciate and respect the differences in others, as well as learn more about their own identity. Helping children connect across cultures, and develop relationships requires good communication and flexibility to support children's wellbeing. Families can contribute to creating an inclusive and supportive environment for all children, which helps children to understand, appreciate and respect differences between others.

Ways that families can promote cultural diversity:

- be a role-model for children by displaying inclusive and respectful behaviour
- remember that not everyone from a particular cultural group will hold exactly the same values or do things in the same way
- identify your own culture by sharing cultural practices or stories. This will help children identify similarities in others, as well as differences
- expand your own understanding of different cultures and their customs
- teach kids about positive cultural difference early on. Help kids to value diversity early in life, and look for opportunities to teach them to value cultural difference. Show them how to appreciate such differences, perhaps saying, "Isn't the lady's colourful scarf beautiful?"
- make connections with people in your community from diverse cultural backgrounds
- don't be afraid to talk frankly with your kids about racism. No one has all the answers all the time, but being open about these issues is important.

<https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families/enewsletter/cultural-diversity-and-belonging>

SCHOOL P & F NEWS:

EASTER RAFFLE DRAW:

A huge thank you to everyone who donated for our Easter Raffle. We would also like to say a big thank you to the Year 6 students who collected the donations each morning and the parents who helped wrap the prizes and co-ordinate the raffle. Your help is much appreciated. Congratulations to the students below who won prizes:

KB	Duke T	Ethan S	
KG	Lucas R	Kyle S	
PPB	ConnorW	Vanessa J	
PPG	Samira B	Danish	
1B	Gia V	Cole L	
1G	Lilly F	Sarah F	
2B	Yashika S	Emery M	
2G	Dash	Alexis M	
3B	Valent W	Isabella F	
3G	Yash	Annabelle H	
4B	Levi T	Albert J	
4G	Jordan G	Jordan G	
5B	Tyson S	Avah GT	
5G	Jake I	Sheryl M	
6B	Syunei L	Shayla J	
6G	Sienna H	Lance M	Joseph A
2nd Grand Prize	Katriel R		
1st Grand Prize	Tanyian V		



COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS: Please continue to collect vouchers for the Coles Sports for Schools Program. There is a box in the Undercover Area and another one in the Kindy / Pre-Primary Area.

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.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS: It is that time of the year again, pre-orders are now available for the 2018/2019 Entertainment Books. The books are \$70 each and have many great offers in them. You can purchase a book by following the link below:

The pre-order page is <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/8619m4>

The virtual book link <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/584870/>

