



PANCAKE 'SHROVE' TUESDAY

In Touch

19 February
Week 3

A message from Mr Pardini...

Hats

This week we have all had a reminder about our policy of 'no hat, no play'. Please note that if your child does not have a hat in Term 1 or 4, they will be required to sit outside the hall during recess and lunch.

Making Jesus Real (MJR)

Did you know we will be having an MJR award at St Joseph's? Everyone in our school community (students, staff and parents) can nominate someone for being a positive MJR person and remembering to make others feel welcome. Nomination forms are in the office near the beautiful gold box. Next week, Joseph our school bear will make his new home at our school and he will spend time in every MJR award winner's home for that period. He is very excited!!!!!!

Shrove Tuesday

What better way than to see in the season of lent than using up all the dry ingredients in the house to make pancakes. The classes all had some yummy pancakes to eat on Tuesday for Shrove Tuesday. Well done everyone!

School Start Time

Please remember our school day commences at **8.45am**. We are starting some spelling programs at this time and it will assist the smooth running of the program if ALL children arrive at school on time. Thank you for your assistance.

NAPLAN

The Year 3 and Year 5 students were given a brochure today which is for parents whose children are sitting the NAPLAN this year. This brochure should answer all your questions about this assessment which is set to take place on Tuesday 12 May – Thursday 14 May.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Mass signifies the start of the Lenten season. Great to see so many parents and parishioners join us today.

ICT Policy

Many of you will have signed our computer use agreement which is in place for all students when they use any electronic device at school. If you would like to read the policy please visit our website at:

www.stjoespemberton.wa.edu.au

Basketball courts

The basketball court down by the church is often used after school hours as it is a public space. In recent months the amount of rubbish and anti-social behaviour down at this court has been on the increase. Even the St Vinnie's clothes bin has been removed as it was being filled with rubbish. Please assist us to report any vandalism you may witness. The police have been notified and will be also keeping an eye on this area but I do ask for your vigilance also.

Take care everyone!

Carlo Pardini

Principal

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Sun 22 Feb	1 st Sunday of Lent
Thurs 26 Feb	SciTech Incursion
Sat 28 March	Annual Parish Shed Mass and BBQ

Class News

Kindy/Pre-Primary

We have made tigers and puzzles, and popcorn and pizzas this week to help us learn the sounds t and p. We have continued exploring all the amazing gifts God has given us including our sense of touch, sight, smell, taste and hearing.

We have also continued our investigation into the types of food the ants in our playground like to eat. We discovered they like tomato sauce and watermelon, but loved the honey the best.

Outside we have been enjoying our new climbing frames and are learning some tricky gross motor skills during our obstacle course activities.

Thank you to the parents who have put their names on our help roster. We will be putting a copy of the final roster in your child's communication book soon and look forward to having you assist in our little class!

Year 1/2

We have been so busy in Year 1/2 this week. One of the exciting things we got to do was make potato people. We created different looks for all our people. Take a look at some of our wonderful creations.

The Year 3/4 cooking up a storm for our 'Shrove' Tuesday pancake morning>

YEAR 3/4

We are continuing to plough along with our work - Spelling Mastery has commenced and we are well and truly making our way through our Stepping Stones modules. Tuesday was an exciting day as we ate delicious pancakes as we learnt about the significance of Shrove Tuesday. Did you know that in France and the USA it is known as 'Grease Tuesday' or 'Fat Tuesday'. We are not sure if we would have eaten as many had we known that! We are also still reading our class novel, The tale of Despereaux, where we are anxiously waiting to find out the reaction from Despereaux's Dad as he has now learnt that Despereaux has revealed the number one secret that should never be revealed to humans, that he can talk!

Have a good week



YEAR 5/6

After camp week, we were all very happy to catch up on some much needed sleep. It was a massive week and left us with many great memories. Thank you again to Mrs Bendotti who came along and helped us – you were worth your weight in gold! This week we continue to work on our Religion theme of God's vocation. We are talking about all the ways we can help other people in the community through our work.

Next week we will begin class buddies with the Pre Primaries. We wrote to them today to introduce ourselves. We will start next Wednesday at 10.30am with a story and perhaps a quick play outside. The class are really looking forward to Wednesday!

A reminder to all our parents, all children in Year 5/6 need to attend the Commissioning Mass on Sunday March 8th at 10.30am. At this Mass Leaders badges will be handed out.

The class have been really vigilant when it comes to wearing a hat during play time. Keep it up everyone!

Have a great weekend everyone!

From Rose's desk...

HEALTH CARE CARD APPLICATIONS

Families who currently hold a health care card are eligible for school fees concession. Application forms can be picked up from the school office. Please return completed form, together with copy of your card to the school office by **Monday 23 February**.

Office Hours:

This coming week the office will be open on Friday Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Emergency forms

Last week, these essential forms have been sent home to all families. It is a requirement that families fill in the forms and return them as soon as possible.

Thank you for assistance and understanding.



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P&F News...

CANTEEN ROSTER

Tuesday 24th February:
Sonia Barnsby & Marylou Fox

Tuesday 3rd March:
Vanessa Roche & Justine Little

Meeting Report

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend Tuesday's first meeting for the 2015 year.

Enclosed with today's 'In Touch' is our special events timeline and also an expression of interest form for our parent class representatives.

Thank you in anticipation of your support of our P&F.

P&F Executive



MANJIMUP MOVIES

Around Town...

RHYME TIME

Rhyme Time will be held at the Pemberton Library at **10am Wednesdays** (during school terms).

This is for babies, toddler and pre-Kindy children. Bring your little ones along to our free, fun rhyme time session! We sing songs and nursery rhymes, share a story and you can choose to stay at the end for an enjoyable, easy craft activity

Rhyme Time will commence on 18 February at 10am.

The program is run by local volunteer mother of three, Samantha Staden.

For enquiries please call Sherril at the Pemberton Library on 9776 1311.



Next Screening:

**Ein Freund von Mir – Germany 2006
(A Friend of Mine)**

Outrageous, zany, romantic comedy

Monday 23 February 6.30pm – The Meeting Place

Transportable Building at back of Manjimup Community Centre, access to car park from Bath Street



Are you wondering whether or not to put up your hand to join the P&F Association/Parent Group? Wondering what the benefit to your child might be?

Significant research over the past 40 years shows clearly and consistently that if you are involved/engaged in your child's education that the benefits will include:

- Improved school readiness
- Higher academic achievement
- Higher graduation rates
- Greater ability for your child to self-regulate their behaviour
- Better social skills
- Enhanced student wellbeing
- More consistent completion of homework
- Better transitions to high school and beyond
- More realistic planning for the future
- Better attitude towards school
- Better attendance
- Higher retention rates



Hopefully you will agree that even one of these outcomes is worthwhile attending a meeting for. Come along and help to build a positive, vibrant community at your school and watch your child reap the benefits!



Presidents, secretaries, treasurers and members of WA Sport & Recreation Clubs are invited to attend a short workshop about KidSport.

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The Western Australia Department of Sport and Recreation (DSR) invite you to attend a short refresher workshop about KidSport and its future, how your club can get more involved, the benefits to your club and community.

You will have the chance to ask questions to Paul Goodley, Project Leader for KidSport with the Department of Sport and Recreation, and see how KidSport can benefit your club and make your club more accessible to under 18's. You will also be able to find out more about referral agents and local government.

Date: Thursday 5th March
Location: Pemberton Sports Club
Time: 6pm - 8pm
Cost: Free with light refreshments provided
RSVP: By Monday 2nd March to Katie Drummond, Club Development Officer
 For Sport & Recreation on 9771 7797 / 0419 707 882 or
 Katie.drummond@manjrup.wa.gov.au
 Places are limited so sign up now!

KidSport enables Western Australian children to participate in community sport and recreation, no matter their financial circumstances. Eligible youth aged 5-18 years can apply for financial assistance to contribute towards club fees. While the primary objective of KidSport is to ensure all Western Australian children can participate in sport and recreation clubs, its secondary objective is to engage these children and their families in the community.



Government of Western Australia
 Department of Sport and Recreation



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