HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!

A message from Mr Pardini...

Can you believe that Term 1 is complete? There has been a lot ‘packed’ into 9 weeks!

Condolences
On behalf of the St Joseph’s School community we extend our condolences to Mike and Glen Ebsary and their families on the sad passing of their Mum and Grandmother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Thank you
Over the past month, while Mrs Moyle has been on leave the front office has been kept efficient by a number of ladies. Thank you to Michelle Williams, Susan Moltoni and Ronnie McRae for ensuring the central hub of our school kept ‘ticking along’ nicely. We may be only small but at times it gets very busy at the front desk. Well done everyone!

Easter raffle
Our thanks again to the P&F who organized yet another successful Easter raffle. Without the support of parents who donate the chocolate prizes and buy the tickets, this event could not take place. Well done everyone.

Assessment Books
Please check in your child’s bag for this week’s new instalment of assessments. The holidays is a great time to go over the contents.

Winter uniform
Many of you have ordered your winter uniform items for the start of Term 2. A reminder that the shirts to be worn are long sleeve and not short sleeve. Please ensure you have the correct shirt for the commencement of term as well as navy blue socks (for the boys) and navy blue tights for the girls. Thank you.

Pupil free days
Please note that the start of next term, there will be two PD days at the start of the term (Monday 20 and Tuesday 21 April). School will resume on Wednesday 22 April.

Caritas Missions
Thanks to all the work from the staff and students to make this year’s Caritas mission appeal a huge success. Our small school raised over $300. We will forward the money to Caritas who will distribute the funds to the support centres in Vanuatu.

Parish Shed Party
Thank you to those school families who supported the annual Parish Shed Party through your presence.

Term 2 planner
Please find enclosed a Term 2 planner for you to ‘stick on your fridge’. I look forward to another busy term. If any of the dates change, we will let you know in advance.

Year 4/5/6
Please take the time to read the letter enclosed with this newsletter regarding the change of class structure / groupings for next term. We will endeavour to run this transition as smoothly as possible.

Happy Holidays
May everyone in our great school community enjoy the benefit of the upcoming holidays. I know all the parents will look forward to somewhat more ‘relaxed’ mornings without the need to madly organise lunches, bags, homework and ‘sleepy children!’

If you are travelling anywhere, please journey safe and may you and yours enjoy all the blessings of Easter. Have a fabulous holiday surrounded by many family and friends.

Take care everyone and see you again on Wednesday 22 April.

Carlo Pardini
Principal

WHAT’S COMING UP?

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Classroom news!

✦ Kindy/Pre Primary
The Pre-primaries presented a lovely liturgy this morning to parents and peers with wonderful help from their year 4,5,6 buddies. We enjoyed our special morning tea treat afterwards with our Mums and Nannas and then extra play with our big buddies. Thank you to everyone who brought in their coins for our Caritas fundraising activity.

Today the children will bring home their portfolio of work completed over the term. We feel very proud of how the children have worked and all that they have achieved this term in Kindy and Pre-primary.

We hope you have a wonderful Easter break and look forward to seeing you again next term!

✦ Year 3/4
What an amazing term it has been! We have written, drawn, reported, investigated, spoken, danced, solved and read our way through an exhausting Term One and it is well and truly time for the holidays.

We say a farewell (from class) to our Year Fours as they head next door to continue their education with the 'bigger kids'. To Joshua, Kate, Josie and Jordan, you are a BRILLIANT group of individuals who have made our class so lovely and vibrant! We are so glad you are only going next door so we will still get to see you everyday as you walk past!

Thank you to everyone who supported the "Lolly Guessing" competition. We raised just over $70 for this fantastic cause and we know the money will be put to good use.

Have a wonderful Easter break everyone!

✦ Year 1/2
Wow! I can’t believe it is the end of term one already.

Well done to the year 1/2 students for their efforts this morning in their assembly. They did a fantastic job! I hope you all have a wonderful Easter and happy holidays.

✦ Year 5/6
When students start commenting on how fast the term has flown you know it’s not just the teachers who are getting old!

The last week has seen our class on the road. Last Friday the year sixes attended the GRIP conference in Bunbury, which was centred around good leadership. The day was a very long one, starting with a 6:30am start! Thank you to all the family members who helped students in preparation for this enormous day, it was very appreciated.

Tuesday saw the whole class back on the road again (I’m sure there’s a song somewhere in there) and off to the Bunbury cathedral for the Holy Week Chrism Mass. Thank you to Madison and Anthony for taking up the gifts during the Mass. Later that day back in Pemberton the 5/6 class hosted the Stations of the Cross at the Sacred Heart Church; It was a beautiful, holy and prayerful remembrance of Jesus’ last hours.

Next term we welcome the Year 4 students into our class which now has a nice ring to it being Year 4/5/6. We are so excited to have you join with us.

What a busy couple of days (and term in general!) Thank you to all our families who have supported the students this term.

Have a lovely Easter and we look forward to seeing you again in
From the office...

**Office Hours**

Mrs Moyle will return from her Long Service Leave next term and will be in the office for her usual 4 days.

The front office will be open on Monday 20 April.

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**CHURCH ALTAR SERVERS**

Easter Sunday  Daniel

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

28 April  Morina Pratt & Ruth Kelly

5 May  Paula Della Franca & Maggie Chamoun

6 April  Maxx Della Franca

9 April  Isabella Pratt

21 April  Sophia Baticci

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A note from the P&F Executive...

**Easter raffle**

A huge thank you to both Lara Vesley and Ruth Kelly for preparing the Easter raffle prizes. With the fantastic donations from our families, we managed to have 14 prizes on offer. Congratulations to all our prize winners:

Anthony Thexton  Helen Smith  Jayatha Angunna Gamage
Erin Smith  Xander Omodei  Gia Kelly
Jonty Barnsby  Batticci Family  Jairus Genegobis
James Fox  Beck Family  Kieran Conway
Kameka Flanders  Carr Family

**Next meeting**

Remember, you are always welcome to come along to our meetings and be a part of the fundraising and social scene of our school. Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday 12 May. Please join us at 5.00pm on this day in the staffroom. We would love to have you come even if this will be your first time!

**Fundraising ideas!**

We are committed to helping out with the school improvement focus of new playground equipment and redesigned spaces. Already the P&F have put aside some money from the very successful ‘bike-a-thon’ held last year. We need your help, so if you have a great idea to fundraise (or would be happy to organise a venture), please let us know. You can see any of the staff or one of the executive (Helen Smith, Sonia Barnsby, Lara Vesley or Amanda Keough).

Happy Easter to all our families!

P&F Executive

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**Around Town...**

**PEMBERTON PLAYGROUP**

Pemberton Playgroup will be running every Thursday morning from 9.30 to 11.30 in our centre opposite Post Office, starting 23 April.

**YOUTH ZONE**

**Calling all Year 6s and 7s!**

The Youth Zone is opening on March 27th from 4pm to 8pm. For enquiries see Megan Allen
Other events...

In June we will be receiving exchange students from Europe, South America, New Zealand and the US. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 2 or 10 months. As we plan for their arrival, we are keen to hear from suitable families who might be interested to host a student.

Host families come in all shapes and sizes, backgrounds and ages.

All students have at least basic levels of English, would attend a school in your local area and live the life of a local. Our group of students are very creative and mature, and lead active lives in their home country. The profiles also reveal a talented group of ‘chefs’ keen to show off their culinary skills.

Hosting an exchange student can be a truly rewarding experience. It allows a family to experience a foreign culture first hand, be exposed to a new language and pass on a bit of our own culture. They might even make a friend for life!

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit organisation registered with the New Zealand Ministry of Education. You can find out more about our organisation by visiting www.studentexchange.org.au or call our office on 1300 135 331.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sandra Harders
Hosting Coordinator

Congratulations Kate Thexton on receiving our MJR award….and of course, Joseph the Bear! We hope you enjoy your stay with the Kate and her family over the holiday period Joseph!