



In Touch

5 February
Week 1

OUR FIRST DAY OF PRE PRIMARY!

A message from Mr Pardini...

Welcome back

What a surreal start to our school year! Amidst all the celebration of returning to school we have been hit with fire alerts. Firstly, it has been lovely to see all our students returning after a lovely summer break. I was so rapt to see everyone in their summer uniform all ready to take on another year. I guess I can say, well done to all parents for surviving the holidays!

Fire information

Thank you to all our families for their understanding and support of the recent bush fire alerts. There have been many offers of support coming through our school and we continue to send out our prayer intentions to all those affected, not only to the fire fighters who amaze us each day but to our families who have been directly affected. It is so nice to hear how our parents 'keep tabs' on one another and offer assistance.

May our thoughts and prayers reach you wherever you are at the moment.

Many parents have asked me will we relocate to another school if we are evacuated and when will this occur.

Please be assured that we are keeping ourselves in the loop. If any action is to be taken, you will be the first to be contacted. We are very fortunate with having only 48 students that we can disseminate information very quickly to everyone.

Welcome to St Joseph's

It is always so exciting when new people come into our school. We welcome four families and specifically six new students. We know you will love your time with us at St Joseph's.

- Marcus Pratt – Kindy
- Jairus Genogobis – Pre Primary
- Kayne Flick – Year 2
- Dawn Flick – Year 3
- Isabella Pratt – Year 3
- Jayden Coote – Year 3

This year we also welcome 'back' Mrs Moynihan who will be working two mornings a week in the Year 1/2 class with Miss Pedulla. It has been lovely to have you as part of our school again Suzanne.

Sports days

Sports uniform is to be worn on Monday and Friday from Year 1 to Yr 6.

Cancelled Parent evening

Apologies for the inconvenience but we have decided to cancel tonight's series of parent meetings in light of the hectic couple of days we have all had. I am sure you would prefer to remain with family at this point.

All class teachers have written up a class newsletter which will essentially cover a lot of the topics that were going to be discussed at these meetings. If you would like to meet with your class teacher to ask specific questions, please arrange a time to meet with them.

P.T.O.

WHAT'S COMING UP?	
Fri 6 Feb	Class letters
Sun 8 Feb	Year 5/6 camp commences -1.30pm
Fri 13 Feb	Year 5/6 camp Returns (4.30pm)
Tues 17 Feb	P&F / Board meeting
Wed 18 Feb	Ash Wednesday (10.00am mass)
	Early close 2.40pm
Thurs 19 Feb	Scitech Incursion

...but wait, there's more!

Timing of the day

This year, please note we have slightly altered the timing of our day. To keep our school in line with the recommended hours of instruction set by the Department, we will have the following times:

8.45am	Day begins
11.00am	Recess
11.20am	Recess concludes
12.50pm	Lunch
1.30pm	Lunch concludes
2.40pm	Early close*
3.05	End of the day

*A reminder early close falls every other week but does not commence until week 3.

Year 5/6 Camp

This week the 5/6 class got an insight into the upcoming camp experience which will see them travel to Perth. Over the course of the day I managed to speak with families regarding camp. If you have any further questions, please call the school. We are all set to depart this Sunday 8 February at 1.30pm outside the school.

In my absence next week on camp, please see Rose in the office or Mrs Temptra in Year 3/4 if you have any issues you wish to discuss.

Board / P&F meetings

We normally meet on the second Tuesday of each month. Please note however, this month our meetings will be held on Tuesday 17 February (which is the 3rd Tuesday of the month) due to camp.

A reminder that our meetings will commence at the following times:

- 5.30pm – P&F meeting
- 7.00pm – School Board meeting



The Year One class enjoying their new room as well as some new challenges. It has been a huge week for them!

Emergency forms

Next week these essential forms will be sent home to all families. It is a requirement that families fill in the forms and return them as soon as possible.

...and finally!

I hope you all have enjoyed a smooth transition into the school year.

Although I will be away next week on camp, remember, if you need to discuss anything with me, I would love to have you come in and chat.

I look forward to updating you all from camp central next week.

Take care everyone!

Carlo Pardini
Principal

Dear Parents

As we begin this school year, we are short of places on our School Board..

We would love someone to consider helping us out and becoming a member of the Board. I am sure the existing Board members would be only too happy to answer any questions you may have about what is involved.

We are also appealing to any Dads out there who may not have given any thought to putting their hand up.

If you think you can spare the time (one meeting a month!) to come and be involved with discussion about our school, please let us know. The meetings do not need to be lengthy in time but we do need a quorum to be able to make informed decisions. At present we have 5 Board members as well as myself and Father Robert. If we could have 1 more member, that would be sensational!

Who knows...you may actually love it!

Thank you for giving this some thought and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Carlo Pardini
Principal



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 Wednesday, Thursday & Friday. Suzanne Moynihan will be answering the telephones on Monday and Tuesday afternoon.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Tuesday 10th February:
Pip Ellis & Adamina Bendotti
Tuesday 17th February:
Lisa Beck & Jodie Omodei



Jan 2	Kayne Flick
Jan 24	Peter Chamoun
Feb 5	Lochlan Carr
Feb 8	Samuel Ebsuary
Feb 11	Joshua Ellis

P&F News...

CANTEEN SERVICE

Canteen has commenced thank you to Justine Little. A copy of the menu was sent home Monday this week. A parent roster for the operation of the canteen will go home shortly.

Please note start time is 10am until approx 1.10pm. It remains the responsibility of rostered parents to fill their duty if they are unable to attend.

We thank you in advance for your assistance, your children love having you there and the other children appreciate having the service.



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-kindergarten 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 Staddon.

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

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