



Annie running the popcorn stall- Sarah and Jayden are happy

Year 6 Confirmation

Please note a couple of important events for Confirmation candidates: Confirmation Workshop:

- Tuesday 1st May 6.30pm. For parents and students.
- Confirmation Retreat: Wednesday 2 May, 9.00am-12.00pm. For students only.
- Confirmation Mass: Sunday 13 May, 10.30am

Service Learning at St Joseph's

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others". Mahatma Gandhi

At Saint Joseph's we strive to make Christian Service an essential component of each child's experience at school. Jesus calls us all to serve others- we should seek opportunities to assist those in need, without expecting anything in return.

In our modern society, it is not difficult to become aware of the many millions of people all over the world who are suffering poverty and hardship. In support of the Catholic charity 'Caritas Australia', each class recently ran a fundraiser at school, where a considerable amount of money was raised and presented at our Easter Assembly.

Thank you to all of our families for supporting this fundraising- we are sure that it will make a significant difference in the life of someone in need! However, we also need to be mindful that there are people closer to home who are in need too. Throughout the year, we will seek opportunities for our students to be involved in acts of service right here in Pemberton!

The interesting thing about 'service' is that there is significant evidence that through helping others, each of us benefits also. Some of these proven benefits include:

- Living longer- it is proven that people who volunteer in their communities live longer on average than those who do not.
- 'Service' is contagious- it is proven that people are more likely to do things for others after witnessing someone else carry out an act of service.
- Increased happiness- there is a proven link between 'service' and increased personal happiness and mental wellbeing.
- Improved physical healthbelieve it or not, people who are involved in volunteering have lower blood pressure on average than those who do not. It is also thought to reduce symptoms experienced in people suffering from chronic pain.
- Improved academic performance- One recent study of teenagers showed that those involved in community service showed greater progress in their academic grades.
- Increased self-esteem- Studies prove that volunteering enhances an individual's sense of purpose and identity.

Perhaps over the upcoming school holidays, your family might be able to find an opportunity to work together on a community service project. Hopefully, you will experience some of these benefits yourself!

Interschool Athletics Carnival

Tomorrow, our students from Year 1-6 will travel to PDHS to participate in our Interschool Athletics Carnival.

Events will begin at 10.00am. The students have done a considerable amount of training and I thank Mr Kelly for the work that he has put into preparing our students. While I hope that our students can perform to the best of their ability, I also look forward to seeing them enjoy the day while showing the great sense of sportsmanship and school spirit for which St Joseph's is renowned. I hope to see you there ready to cheer on our athletes.

Take care. Brett Wilkie

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Fri 6	Interschool sports
Sat 7	Parish Shed Mass & BB0 Mass at 6pm
Sun 8	2 nd Sunday of Easter

Year 6

This upcoming week the Year 6's will be focussing on expectations. This means that they will be practising the expectations that teachers have of them during class. This is going to better prepare them for the rest of the year and for high school next year.

They will also be revisiting some challenging words and spelling rules that they have faced throughout the last 9 weeks.

This will ensure that they have properly learnt the spelling rule and words before moving on. The Year 6's also have had a very busy few weeks with preparations for Confirmation going on. They will be looking into and choosing a saint, as well as learning the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Also, a friendly reminder that we have our Interschool Athletics Carnival on this Friday.

Have a lovely rest of the week. Miss Licari

Year 4/5

I hope you all had a wonderful long Easter break and as we draw closer to the end of a very busy term I would like to encourage the year 4/5 students to continue working very hard. I am very proud of all the hard work and effort all students have been putting into producing some amazing work over the past 10 weeks.

At the beginning of Term 2, the year 4/5 students will be leading our ANZAC Day service. Parents please keep an eye out for a note coming home about this next week.

Next Friday assessment books will go home, please make sure you have sent your child's back ASAP along with their library books.

Enjoy your weekend, see you at the Shed Party!

Miss Moynihan

Altar Server Sunday 8 April James

Year 2/3

I'm hoping that everyone had an amazing Easter filled with family and lots of chocolate! We did some lovely Easter activities in class, which included egg decorating, a Buona Pasqua Italian card to a member of our family, we made beautiful little baskets decorated with two of our favourite scenes from the Easter story and we also had a class Easter egg hunt around the school, which we loved!

K/P/1

What a busy and exciting lead up we have had to the Easter break. The students enthusiastically sold ALL of their popcorn for Caritas. Awesome job guys! We also recalled The First Easter story to fully understand the true meaning of Easter.

Upon returning to school the children have written some very detailed recounts of the fun adventures they had over the Easter Break and have continued to explore and identify different feelings and emotions by looking at people's body language.

After all their training with the Year 2/3 class the Year Ones are looking forward to the Interschool Sports Carnival this coming Friday. Can't wait to see you there!

GO ST JOES!!

Caritas – Project Compassion

Thank you to the students and families for your great support of our Caritas — Project Compassion fundraiser.

We raised the great total of \$272.90 which will go towards Caritas projects worldwide.

Once again, thank you everyone for your great support!



Office hours

The school office will be open on Friday this week and Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday next week.

Term One School Fees Accounts

Today, a term one fees reminder statement was sent home. We ask that fees be paid by Thursday 12 April. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Absentee Notes

Today, a number of absentee notes have been sent home. To assist is in maintaining our records you are asked to complete, sign and return these notes to the school office. If you can return them by **Wednesday 11 April** it would be appreciated.



Parish News......

Parish Shed Mass & BBQ

Saturday 7 April

Bendotti Shed, North Pemberton Road

- Mass at 6.00pm
 - Auction
 - ➤ BBQ dinner
- Chocolate wheel
 - > Kids games

Everyone welcome!

This is the Parish's main fundraiser for the year.

Celebrating their birthday

Isabella Pratt Tuesday 9 April



P & F News.....

Canteen Roster:

Tuesday 10 April Kirby Bendotti

Tuesday 1 May
Kisane Hartnett & Kiara Bendotti

Easter Raffle Results

Thank you to every family for their great support of our Easter Raffle through donation of goods and the purchase of tickets.

Thanks to your great support we raised: \$539.00!

A truly great effort! Winners were:

Seb Van der Putten Emma Moynihan
Colin Knight Omodei Family
Kelly Family Shelby Bendotti
Ellis Family Windberg Family
William Beck Mia Bendotti

Travis Richter

PEMBERTON NETBALL JUNIOR REGISTRATIONS:

Monday 9 April 3.30 to 5.30 Pemberton Sports Club

Grades 7 to 11

Contact Tania 0457 760 097 for more Information

(Facebook page: Pemberton Netball

Association





St Joseph's Primary School

is proud to offer a 3 year old playgroup



A weekly program for children turning 3 in 2018, held in our Early Childhood Centre

Monday: 9am (every week during school term)
It's free – all welcome







Please call our office on 9776 1180 to enrol your child or request more information

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