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Our successful 'Little Joeys' Playgroup for 3-Year-Olds continues on for another term, with sessions each Monday. Each time I visit these children, I am inspired by their genuine interest in learning and natural sense of curiosity.

Paulo Coelho once said that: *"A child can teach an adult three things: to be happy for no reason, to always be busy with something, and to know how to demand with all his might that which he desires."*

I believe that there are a number of other things that we can learn from young children also.

To See Everybody as Being Special

They see everybody through their innocent and beautiful eyes, and they see everybody as being special and unique and that's exactly what we all are; it's just that our lenses are too dirty, and we can no longer see reality as clearly as children do.

To Be Carefree

The moment we allow ourselves to let go of all our fears, all our doubts and regrets, the moment we allow ourselves to let go of all those things that no longer serve us, we will be able to go back to how we once were.

To Love Unconditionally

Learn to give without expecting anything in return, for that is what real and unconditional love is all

about, and that is what children can teach you.

To Give with an Open Heart

You know how children when they are very young they don't actually identify themselves with what we think they are, and when talking about themselves they usually do so in 3rd person: Dana's doll, Dana's dress, etc. They don't say my dress, my doll until parents teach them to do so. Before that happens, and before they start identifying things as being theirs, they give, and they share from the heart, everything with everyone and later on, we teach them to keep "their stuff" for themselves. This is a lesson we definitely need to learn from them, knowing that when: "One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly but comes to poverty." Prov. 11:24

To Always Speak Your Truth

Always speak your truth, say what's on your mind, say what you feel and what you believe in.

To Use More of Your Imagination

The world has plenty of information but not enough inspiration. No matter what you do, no matter who you are, no matter where you are, learn to use more of your imagination, because just like the great Albert Einstein said it: "Imagination is more important than knowledge.

For knowledge is limited, whereas imagination embraces the entire world, stimulating progress, giving birth to evolution. It is, strictly speaking, a real factor in scientific research."

Not to Worry about Tomorrow

Why worry about tomorrow when tomorrow is not here yet? You are here, now, at this moment. Just open your eyes and really see what happens to you and all around you. Notice the beauty that you are and notice how far you have come. No matter what your past looks like and no matter how scary the future may seem, if you chose to stop worrying and really focus on what is, you will realise that your worries were in vain.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Mon 30 Jul - PP – Year 7 swimming lessons in Manjimup

Fri 3 Aug Options program commences

Tue 7 Aug Options program commences

Fri 10 Aug Student disco & parent social evening

Homework Club

Each Wednesday morning, beginning in Week 3, 1 August, we will run a Homework Club here at the school from 8.00am. This was an initiative suggested by the staff, as a way of supporting students and their families in completing homework. Each week, a different staff member will supervise the children as they complete their weekly homework. I understand and appreciate that this will be problematic for students who catch the bus, but believe it is a worthwhile initiative if it can help even a small number of families in our community. Students wishing to participate should come to the front desk upon arrival at school and I can direct them to the appropriate room.

Library Books Going Missing

Unfortunately, this year we have seen an increase in the number of library books that have become lost or damaged, resulting in an unnecessary cost to the school. Borrowing library books can be an opportunity to help your children learn to be more responsible and organised, important skills for later life. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

Nature Playground

Here at Saint Joseph's, we are excited to embark on a new project- the next stage of developing our nature playgrounds! We are always searching for ways to make our play environments more stimulating for our students. We have some initial ideas but would love some more from the community. If you would like to help with the planning of our nature playgrounds, please contact myself or Rose in the office.

Winter Sports Training

Winter Sports Training sessions continue each Friday afternoon for Year 2-6 in the lead up to our Winter Sports Carnival on the 24 August. Students will compete in either hockey, soccer or netball. It is certainly not too late to put your hand up to assist with coaching or supervising these sessions. Any assistance is greatly appreciated.

Options Program

Later this term, we begin our 'Options' program. Each Tuesday afternoon, beginning on the 7 August, the students will have an opportunity to pursue a special interest in a mixed-age group. This year, we have an eclectic mix of offerings, from karate to cooking to pottery and much more. If you are able to assist in any way with the running of these 'Options' courses, please let us know. We would love to have parents and community members involved as much as possible.

Please note that that due to 'Options', Rose will be in the office most Tuesdays this term rather than taking that as her day off. Keep an eye on the Newsletter for details each week of which days Rose will be in the Office.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons begin next week; please make sure that you return the permission and enrolment forms tomorrow, if you haven't already. If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to contact myself or Rose in the office. I hope that your child/ren will enjoy these lessons, while learning essential new skills.

Note: *children are to wear their sports uniform during swimming week.*

Take care, Brett Wilkie

K/P/1

It was so lovely to welcome back our little class last week all refreshed, smiling and keen to share their holiday experiences. We are looking forward to another jam-packed term full of learning, new experiences and fun.

This term in Literacy we began our Alison Lester Author Study with the children enjoying a book about a noisy dog called Bigsy. Each week we will explore a book written and illustrated by this very talented author during our shared book sessions.

The children have enjoyed playing musical instruments this week and using them to accompany their singing and actions during the Bear Hunt Song. There were a couple of instruments in our music box that we were unfamiliar with, so we will be researching them and sharing our ideas using our digital technology skills. We hope you enjoyed your freshly dug potatoes last week. The children were very excited to harvest them with their Buddies.

In maths we have completed our units on money and data representation. Our next topics will be grouping, skip counting and using positional language – time for some Bee Bot fun! The children are also looking forward to some problem-solving investigation activities to consolidate the mathematical skills they have been learning.

Next week is swimming week (for Ps & 1s) and the children are very excited! Please review the swimming note carefully and note that children are to wear sports uniform every day and bring bathers to change into at school.

Classroom News...

Year 6

Welcome back to an exciting Term 3! This term has a lot in store for the Year 6's, ranging from Swimming Lessons and Options to TREE Speeches and Class Assemblies.

This recent week, the students have been working on their speeches for the TREE talks and perfecting and preparing PowerPoints to support these speeches. We have also been learning about length and converting between different types of measurement within Maths this week, moving into geometric and number patterns soon.

The students have also been participating in a few different music lessons that require them to recognise a beat and a rhythm. Finally, a big focus this term requires the Year 6's to work on their manners to others and to recognise when they are being impolite. These are very important life skills that will stick with them so please try and reinforce this at home if you can; it would be greatly appreciated.

Have a lovely rest of the week and enjoy the term!

Miss Licari

Office hours

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

FOR SALE!

166L fridge (only fridge, no freezer area). In good working order. Price \$150ono. See Rose or Brett to view.

Fotoworks School Photos – Sibling Portraits

Our school photos are scheduled for Wednesday 22 August.

Families have an opportunity to have siblings/family portraits taken. If you wish to have one done, please see Rose in the school office for an order form.

Also please note..... even if you do not wish to order any class or your child's photos you still need to return the order form.

Thank you!

P & F News.....**Canteen Roster:**

Tuesday 31 July

Kirby Bendotti

Tuesday 7 August

Kerry Marshall & Amanda Keough

Celebrating their birthday

Jayden Coote

Friday 27 July

**Around town...**

THE MANJIMUP Cherry Harmony FESTIVAL

QUIZ NIGHT

FRI 3RD AUG

MANJIMUP COUNTRY CLUB
Doors open 6:45pm for a 7:30pm start

\$10pp tables of 8
BYO Supper, licensed bar available (no BYO)
Tickets available from J & Co. Lifestyle
All proceeds go to The Manjimup Cherry Harmony Festival
Enquiries to Pam 0409 118 296 **Bookings Essential**

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Balingup Medieval Carnivale

TICKETS:
\$20 day/\$30 weekend.
Under 16 yrs free

25-26 August 2018

A woman in medieval attire and a man with blue face paint and a sword.

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