



Having fun at our 'Little Joeys' Playgroup



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10 May 2018

Mother's Day

"When you look into your mother's eyes, you know that is the purest love you can find on this earth." - Mitch Albom

This Sunday, we look forward to honouring those incredible women in our lives who we call our mums. When I think of my own mum, it never ceases to amaze me how she can love her children so totally and unconditionally. Motherhood is the ultimate in sacrifice and selflessness; a mum will always put the needs of her children before her own.

At Saint Joseph's, we are so fortunate that we have students who are blessed with their own incredible mums. Thank you so much for all that you do in caring for these children and sending them to us so well-prepared for learning. From running the canteen, to looking after uniforms, to attending meetings and volunteering in class, so many of our mums do so much to make our school the amazing place that it is.

We have an opportunity to thank you in some small way this Friday, with our Mother's Day Liturgy and Morning Tea. Please join us in the Year 2/3 Classroom at 9.00am for the liturgy, then in the library straight after the liturgy for morning tea.

I wish all of the mums in our community a happy Mother's Day on Sunday. I hope that your children make you feel very spoilt!

NAPLAN Testing

As you may be aware, the NAPLAN testing for students in Year 3 and Year 5 will take place in Week 3 of this term. The testing schedule will be as follows:

- Tuesday May 15: Language Conventions Test and Writing Test
- Wednesday May 16: Reading Test
- Thursday May 17: Numeracy Test
- Friday May 18: Catch-up day, where students can sit tests they may have missed due to absenteeism earlier in the week.

All tests will take place in the morning session, to give our students the best chance of success.

NAPLAN testing can be an anxious time for students, parents and teachers alike. It is important to remember that while NAPLAN provides important data for schools and parents, it is just one of many sources of information used to assess student and school performance. You may find the following tips useful in ensuring that the NAPLAN week is as stress-free as possible for you and your child:

TIPS FOR NAPLAN WEEK

- Speak to your child about doing their best and trying hard. Focus on effort rather than the result.
- Don't turn NAPLAN into a bigger deal than it is. Be careful about the language you use when discussing NAPLAN with your child. If they are not worried about it, you don't need to be either.

- Keep things in perspective: while NAPLAN is a useful test, it is not as important as we often make it out to be.
- If your child is worried about the tests, don't dismiss their concerns. Listen to them and help them develop strategies to relax.
- Remember, the classroom teacher can be an invaluable source of assistance. If you or your child has any concerns about the tests, or the results achieved on the tests, make a time to speak to the classroom teacher.
- Ensure your child gets plenty of sleep before and during test week.
- Ensure your child eats a healthy breakfast on test mornings. Arrive at school in plenty of time. This may help ease anxiety.

I wish the students the best of luck for the NAPLAN testing next week.

Year 6 Confirmation

Please keep our Year 6 students, Toby, Xander, James, Kaas, Isabella, Mia & Kameka in your prayers, as they continue to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday. Thank you in advance to the families of the Year 4/5 Class, who will be organising the catering, with the Year 6 families decorating the Hall. It would be greatly appreciated if we could have as many of our Year 3-5 students in attendance as possible, to assist with the singing. The Mass begins at 10.30am.

P&F/Board Meetings

Please remember we have these meetings next Tuesday, 15 May. Times as follows:

P&F Meeting: 5.30pm Board Meeting: 7.00pm

New Strategic Direction for CEWA

Catholic Education Western Australia has begun a process of developing a new Strategic Direction for Catholic Education, for 2019-2021. Parents are welcome to have some input into this, via participation in a survey. For more details, please see the letter in today's newsletter from Debra Sayce, Executive Director of CEWA.

Winter Uniform

This term, students begin to wear their Winter Uniform please. While the first two weeks of term are a transition period for the uniform, it would be great to have all students in correct uniform by Week 3 of term please.

If you require uniform items, please speak to Jodie Omodei (Uniform Coordinator) or speak to Rose at our front desk.

WINTER UNIFORM (Term 2 and Term 3)



GIRLS

- Blue woollen school jumper with crest
 - Tartan pinafore/skirt
 - Blue short sleeved shirt
 - Navy blue tights
 - White ankle socks (if not wearing tights)
 - Black lace up school shoes.
- Black buckle girl's school shoes may be worn.

BOYS

- Long grey school pants
- Blue woollen school jumper with crest
- Blue short sleeved shirt
- Grey socks
- Black lace up school shoes



Take care, Brett Wilkie

Year 2/3

It is great to be back at school after the holidays. Term Two is generally the busiest term so as a class we have set ourselves individual goals to help us stay on track and get the most out of our days.

This coming Friday we will be holding a Mother's Day Liturgy in our classroom which we are super excited about and we really hope parents will be able to attend to join us in showing our appreciation and gratitude for mothers and all they do for us. Following the Liturgy there will be a lovely morning tea for the mothers with lots of goodies to treat themselves with.

In Week Three, the year three students will be completing NAPLAN assessments which we have been practising and becoming familiar with as a class. Because of this our routine next week may be a little disjointed, but the Year Twos and Threes are always so adaptable to changes and taking it all in their stride.

For an update in other areas, our Italian is stepping up a level and the students are learning more complex verb structures this term. They are absolutely loving this subject and look forward to it every week. In Religion, we are focusing on God as the Creator and with the Year Six Confirmation coming this Sunday, we have been discussing the Eucharist and how this can draw us closer to God. We are so looking forward to this event and hope everyone can be there to support our Year Sixes at this time.

God Bless. Mrs Mueller

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Fri 11 May Mother's Day liturgy in the Year 2/3 classroom at 9.00am

Fri 11 May Mother's Day morning tea in the library following the liturgy

Sun 13 May Year 6 Confirmation at 10.30am
Ascension of the Lord
Mother's Day

Mon 14 May 'Little Joey's 3-year-old program continues

Tues 15-Thurs 17 NAPLAN

Tues 15 May P&F Meeting 5.30pm
School Board Meeting 7.00pm

M J R Awards:

Year 6

Dawn Flick

For always being an empathetic and compassionate student. Dawn, I love the way you actively help others out and treat others with kindness. Keep it up Dawn!

Year 4/5

Lia Ellis

for being a responsible class member who shows initiative when cleaning the classroom. Thank you for always lending a helping hand.

Year 2/3

Jersey-Rose Cooper

For always conducting yourself in a responsible manner and always putting 100% into your school work. Well done!

K/P/1

Travis Richter

For your positive attitude to all your school work and very thoughtful goals you have set for this coming term.



Office hours

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

Term Two School Fees Accounts

Last week, our term two school fees accounts have been sent home. Payment is due by 31 May. Thank you.

Year 4/5

The Year 4/5 students have had a wonderful start to Term 2. In our class we have been busy learning figurative language devices such as spoonerisms, neologisms and personification and how they are used to make poetry and writing more interesting.

This week the students began researching Beatriz Milhazes' famous artwork and in the coming weeks they will have a go replicating aspects of her work using various techniques to create their own art pieces.

In health the students have read a book called Each Kindness which shows the need for empathy among one another. Empathy is a key focus of our class this term and the students have begun making their own kindness tree in the classroom. This tree will display ways the students have shown kindness and empathy towards one another both in the classroom and on the playground.

This week we have also been busy making our Mother's Day gifts. Happy Mother's Day to all our wonderful Mums, we hope you have a relaxing weekend.

A small reminder to please send your child's assessment book in ASAP as we begin preparing our assessments to be sent home in Week 5.

Enjoy your weekend! Miss Moynihan.

Celebrating their birthday

Cassandra Ebsary
Friday 11 May

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

Tuesday 15 May

Mary Lou Fox & Gaye Van Hazendonk

Tuesday 22 May

Lara Vesela & Kai Flanders

Community School Nurse Update

Welcome Back!

This term we will be commencing our School Entry Health Assessments for all Kindergarten children. These assessments include: Vision, Hearing, Growth (height, weight, BMI) and Oral Health. Early identification of physical, developmental and social wellbeing concerns has been shown to assist with school engagement and minimise the impact on learning. If your child is pre-primary age or older and has not had a School Entry Health Assessment that you're aware of or you are concerned about an area, please discuss this with your teacher or contact me on: 9777 0413 for more information.

In addition, we are also commencing the Year 10 Meningococcal ACWY program for all secondary students. If you haven't returned your consent form to the school yet, please do.

Remember, that there is a free meningococcal ACWY vaccine available for all children aged 2-5 years of age. This is available at your GP or alternatively, there are free immunisation clinics offered at your local hospital. Please ring: 9777 0400 to make an appointment today.

Finally, National Food Allergy Awareness Week starts on May 14 to the May 20. Check out the activities and information on the link: <https://www.foodallergyaware.com.au/>
Julia Green

**CONVERSATIONS with the BISHOP: ENCOURAGING YOUNG PEOPLE to MASS.**

You are invited to engage in a conversation with Bishop Gerard relating to ideas on how to encourage your children and grandchildren to rethink the value of Sunday Mass.

Saturday 12 May 9.30am to 3.30pm, in the Manjimup Parish Centre.

Registrations are essential. To register please contact Rebecca Ward on 9721 0518, or rebecca.ward@bunburycatholic.org.au

Attendees are asked to bring along a small plate of food to share for lunch please.



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Around town...



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Dear Parents

CECWA STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS 2019-2021: SURVEY NOW OPEN

The Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia (CECWA) has commenced an important process of developing the strategic direction for Catholic education in Western Australia from 2019 to 2021. This fundamental work will enable the CECWA to consolidate and communicate our key objectives for coming years.

It is the intent of the CECWA that the Strategic Directions 2019 – 2021 be developed through a consultative process with all Catholic school communities and include students, parents, staff, school board members and members of Parents and Friends groups. To this end, the CECWA has engaged Philomena Billington to facilitate the process. Philomena has extensive leadership experience in Catholic education throughout Australia, including her role as Director of Catholic Education in the Diocese of Sandhurst, and previously as a Catholic school principal in Western Australia.

The first phase of this consultation involves gathering feedback that will inform the draft Strategic Directions 2019 - 2021.

We would like to invite you to complete a survey to provide your valued input. Visit <https://connect.cewa.edu.au> to complete the survey, open for participation until Friday 11 May 2018. There is also a PDF version attached to this email should you wish to complete a hard copy.

We encourage you to share this link with parents and friends in your school community to encourage participation in the survey, and as a source of information about the Strategic Directions 2019 – 2021.

Should you have any queries or require further information, please contact Ainslie Perrigo, Strategy and Policy Advisor, on 6380 5130 or Ainslie.Perrigo@cewa.edu.au.

The CECWA is eager to listen to our community through this important process and I thank you in anticipation for your support in actively involving parents and friends in your community, and to help shape the future direction of Catholic education throughout Western Australia.

Yours sincerely

Dr Debra ~~Savce~~
Acting Executive Director

