



Toby and Sienna at the TREE Talks Competition

Father's Day Breakfast and Liturgy

Attention all fathers and father-figures! You are invited to join us for a special morning on Friday 31st August, here at the school. You are most welcome to enjoy a complimentary breakfast with your son or daughter from 8.00am, before joining us in the K/P/1 classroom for a very special liturgy at 9.00am. If Dad can't make it, children are welcome to bring a grandparent, uncle or another special person. Hope to see you there!

Father's Day

With Father's Day almost upon us, I've been thinking lately about the essential role that dads play in their own families and in society. Recently, a range of dads, from those who are a week into the job, to those who have been doing it for decades, were asked the following question: What does fatherhood mean to you?

Here is what they said:

- "Always being there for my son, no matter what. Oh, and letting him do things Mum doesn't let him do."
- "Being a father is a huge responsibility. For people like myself who never worried about much of anything, that goes out the window when a tiny little baby is born. To watch your baby cry or be in pain is like sticking a knife in your heart. I wait for a little smile or wink every minute of the day."

After five hours straight of holding her cause she won't stop crying and my arm is throbbing, it is more than worth it."

- "Trying to set an example for my children with humour, dedication, kindness and love, for themselves and others. Being loving, understanding, non-judgmental, open to change. Believing that all things are possible is important to know and live."
- "Responsibility. And joy!"
- "Being a teacher, friend and guide. But mostly you just make it up as you go."
- "Responsibility is the first thing that pops in my mind. Also change... fear... providing... guilt — that I didn't spend as much time with them as I should have because they grow up so quick... Happiness... paranoia, happiness... did I already say that?"

They were then asked a follow-up question: What's the best part about it?

- "This right here — snuggling with my boy."
- "The best thing is everything. It is the most exhausting exhilarating exciting experience in the world."
- "Spending time with my children and watching them achieve and mature."
- "Having her sleep on my chest."
- "Being reminded of childhood and the fun and silly games you used to play."

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"Strength through Christ"

*Respect
Compassion
Safety
Responsibility*

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Finally having something to be passionate about and looking forward to helping my daughter in any way I can."

- "Watching them grow and become little men and little women and just being proud of their accomplishments as they're growing from point A to point B. Thankfulness that I was able to guide them and be a better person for them. Learning is one of the biggest words I think of. Learning what love really is."

We are so lucky at Saint Joseph's that so many of our students have amazing fathers and father-figures, who do so much to help shape these children into the wonderful people they are. I hope all of the Dads in our community enjoy a wonderful Father's Day on Sunday! Thank you for everything you do.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Fri 31	Father's Day breakfast 8am Father's Day liturgy 9am in K/P/1 room
Sun 2 Sept	Father's Day
Wed 5	Homework Club at 8am Reconciliation Mass 10am

TREE Talks Competition

Last Thursday, our school was proudly represented by Charli Windberg, Toby Ebsary, Mia Bendotti, Gaia Kelly, Sienna Vesela, William Beck and Amelie Windberg at the annual TREE Talks Competition in Bridgetown. We were competing against the other three Catholic schools from our region. Each student prepared and delivered a speech on a topic of their choice and I am very proud to say that our students displayed such poise and confidence on the day. It was clear that so much work had gone into preparing and rehearsing these speeches.

I would like to congratulate each of these students, but especially Sienna Vesela, who achieved third place in the Year 5 category. Thank you very much to Miss Moynihan and Miss Licari for coordinating this event with their classes.

Winter Sport Carnival

The weather was kind to us on Friday for our much-anticipated Winter Sports Carnival. I was very happy with the spirit in which the students competed, and the day was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Each of our teams performed impressively, finishing near the top in each sport. A huge thank you must be extended to Mr. Kelly, who put an enormous amount of work into organising this carnival.

Reconciliation

On Wednesday September 5th, our Year 3 students will make the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Thank you to Mrs Mueller for all of your work in preparing these students. Please keep them in your prayers. You are most welcome to join us for Mass on this day at 10.00am. Year 3 students will then stay back after Mass to make their Reconciliation. Certificates will be presented at the Y4/5 Assembly on Friday September 7th.

Year 4/5 Assembly

I am sure that you will be very entertained if you are able to join us for the Year 4/5 Assembly on Friday September at 2.30pm in the Year 4/5 classroom. All are most welcome to join us for this exciting event.

Take care,

Brett Wilkie

Primary Winter Sports Carnival Results

Below are the results from Friday's Winter Carnival. The day was fantastic with all students having a wonderful time competing for their schools.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank a number of people who were involved in the carnival to help make the day so successful. The first (and I believe most important) is the students of St Josephs, their behaviour was exceptional. I was told by our coaches and staff that they were very proud to be working with such a wonderful group of children who were able to represent the school maturely and with such positive sportsmanship.

Our coaches, Mrs Kelly Cabassi and Mrs Morina Pratt we would have been lost without your commitment and expertise. The children looked forward to training with you every week and I appreciate the time you have given up to work with them.

Our umpires and helpers on the day. Thanks for your time and helping to keep the children on time and organised.

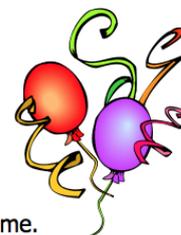
A big thanks to Ollie Olson and Mr Wilkie for helping to set up goals, mark out pitches, construct shade tents and set up hockey courts Thursday afternoon and early Friday morning. It was also these same few who stayed behind to help pack it all away at the end of the day. A can't thank you enough.

A reminder to any students who have not yet returned their uniform, please give it to Mr Kelly, clean, ASAP.

	Netball	Soccer	Hockey
1 st	Northcliffe	PDHS 1	Northcliffe
2 nd	PDHS 1	PDHS 2	St Josephs A
3 rd	St Josephs	St Josephs	St Josephs B
4 th	PDHS 2	Walpole	PDHS 2
5 th	Nannup Tigers	Nannup A	Nannup
6 th	Walpole	Nannup B	PDHS 1
7 th		Northcliffe	



Options Showcase



Staff and students would like to invite you to the St Joe's Option Showcase. We would love you to see and hear about all the new skills and knowledge that our groups have been learning this term through our much-loved Options Programme. Each group will be busy working on their presentation over the next couple of weeks and will be very keen to share this with their parents, staff and peers.

When: Tuesday 11th September starting at 1.30pm.

Where: KPP1 classroom

Afterwards, please join us for a light afternoon tea in the library.

Office hours

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

ABSENTEE NOTES

Last week, a number of families were sent home absentee notes for their child's absences. Thank you to the families who have returned the forms to date.

We now ask that the families who have not returned the forms to date please do so – it is a regulatory requirement that we have written notes for your child's absences. **Return signed and completed forms by Monday 27 August.** Thank you!

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

Tuesday 4 September

Lisa Henderson & Marilou Fox

Tuesday 11 September

Adamina Bendotti & Gaye Van Hazendonk

Around town...

QUINNINUP 2018
FAMILY FUN AND MARKET DAY
SUNDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER
10AM - 3PM

FACE PAINTING
 CLIMBING WALL MARKET
FREE ENTRY
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
 MARKET STALLS
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Toby Ebsary
 Friday 31 August

**MANJIMUP JUNIOR CRICKET 2018/2019 SEASON**

Commences Term 4:

Register online by 20 September at:

<https://playcricket.com.au>

- Club finder – enter MANJIMUP & select Manjimup Junior Cricket Club
- Select Junior cricket / Junior Blaster or Master Blaster
- then choose either 14's & under or WBCA Yr 9/10 form
- Register - Choose skip cricket ID info & you'll find your child's name will come up if previously played once you put name & DOB in, otherwise enter new details.

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An Interview With...Mrs Ellis



Our Year 6 students have been given the task of conducting some staff interviews for our newsletter, so that the community might find out a little more about some of the wonderful staff members here at St. Joseph's. The students were in charge of compiling a suitable list of questions. This week, Dawn Flick and Xander Omodei conducted an interview with Pip Ellis, one of our wonderful K/P/1 teachers.

1) *Why do you think you were hired to work at St. Joseph's?*

I'm not really sure. I suppose I answered all of the questions correctly. I do remember that Father Holmes was on the interview panel- he took me aside and he said that it was really important for me to get into a really small community and could I do that? I told him I definitely could; I play sport and I would definitely get involved in a small community. He was pretty happy about that. And I think I've done that- I'm still here after 25 years!

2) *Please tell us about your professional history; where have you worked aside from Saint Joseph's and what roles have you had?*

I've been at Saint Joseph's most of my teaching career, but I did in the early days, after Uni, teach in Bunbury at Withers Primary School. I did a term in Baldivis and Busselton- it was really lovely in Busselton. We went to Christmas Island a few years ago and did some relief teaching over there and that was really interesting as it was very multicultural, which we don't really have down here, so I really enjoyed that. I've done other jobs- worked at Ernie's and in Canada I once worked in a post office.

3) *What professional qualifications do you have? Are you studying anything at the moment or do you plan to in the future?*

I have my teaching degree of course. I went back a few years ago and did a Graduate Diploma in Applied Science: Computer Studies. So, I'm four-year trained. Also a few years ago, I did a librarian's course, which I've never used. That's about it, I don't think I'll be doing any other study.

4) *What do you enjoy most about working at St. Joseph's?*

Definitely the kids. The small classes are great, as you get to know all the kids really well. Probably the most gorgeous thing is teaching kids of the kids I've already taught a long time ago, so they've brought their kids back to Saint Joseph's, which is really nice.

5) *What are your interests in life outside of St. Joseph's?*

When I have time, I like to get into my garden. I do some craft, like sewing and crochet. I don't really like cooking much. I do lots of things with the kids. I love going to Dunsborough- Dunsborough is my favourite spot to visit.

6) *What do you enjoy about working with early childhood students?*

I think they are just gorgeous. They are very cute and they are very funny. I love watching them learn. When they first come to us, they can't really do much, but then their learning progresses so quickly, so it's really rewarding.

7) *You and your children have been part of Saint Joe's for a long time. How has the school changed in that time?*

The numbers have dropped unfortunately. At one stage we got up to 100 children, so it's definitely become a bit smaller. Some of the new buildings and resources that we have now are amazing compared to when I first came. We've had some great staff and principals come and go.