



Jayden, Toby & Kaas at their MILO meeting!

Student Leadership- Year 6 Milo Meetings

This year, Miss Licari and I are working with our Year Six students on their leadership capabilities. A big focus so far has been to give these students a say in how we run our wonderful school. After all, some of these students have been coming to our school day after day for eight years now, so they are certainly qualified to give feedback on what is working well and what could be improved.

The first step was to have our Year Sixes complete a written survey, where they could tell us their thoughts and opinions on a range of different topics relating to their school experience. The good news is that most of their comments were extremely positive- it is clear that many have thoroughly enjoyed their time at St Josephs! However, the surveys also generated one or two ideas for how we could do some things differently.

To supplement the survey, we have now created a roster for 'Milo Meetings'. Every few weeks, three of our Year Six students are rostered on to come and visit Mr Wilkie's office for afternoon tea and an open and honest conversation on how the students are going with their leadership roles.

It is hoped that these conversations will generate more ideas for school improvement, while also creating a greater sense of ownership over the school amongst our students.

It is important that students understand that leadership is not something that's just given to them because they have reached Year Six age. Leadership roles need to be earned authentically- the skills of leadership need to be learned and practised, just like skills in other areas. Our Year Sixes will be doing a lot of work on their leadership skills this year. There is no reason why some of our younger students can't also make it a priority to start developing their leadership skills also.

You may wish to have your own conversations with your child about their leadership development. You may wish to try some of these simple steps at home to sow the seeds of leadership in your child

- Teach communication skills
- Encourage them to dream big
- Find positive role models
- Volunteer together
- Teach conflict resolution
- Allow them to experience success and failure
- Model perseverance
- Encourage teamwork
- Hone decision-making skills



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Compassion
Safety
Responsibility*

15 March 2018

Parent/Teacher Interviews

During Week 9 of this term (March 26th-29th), we will hold our Parent/Teacher Interviews. Each family is asked to book a 15-minute appointment to discuss your child's progress with the classroom teacher. Soon, your child will bring home a sheet where you are able to select preferences for a suitable day and time for your interview. Please return the sheet with your preferred time as soon as possible and no later than Tuesday 20th March. The sooner you return the form, the more likely it is that we can accommodate your preferred time.

3 Year-Old Kindy

Beginning in Term 2, we look forward to again running a 3 Year-Old Kindy program. We are hoping to make this more frequent than it has been in the past. We will communicate the details in relation to times and days in the coming weeks.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

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| Sat 17 Mar | St Patrick's Day
Manjimup Agricultural Show |
| Sun 18 Mar | 5 th Sunday of Lent |
| Mon 19 Mar | St Joseph's Day, liturgy
9am, followed by
welcome morning tea
Athletics events at PDHS |
| Tue 20 Mar | P&F Meeting 5.30pm
Board meeting 7.00pm |

Saint Joseph's Day and Welcome Morning Tea

Monday 19 March is a very special day for us, as we celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Joseph. The day will begin with a liturgy at 9.00am, run by our K/P/1 Class. Following this, students will participate in a range of St Joseph themed activities in mixed-age groups. A sausage sizzle lunch will be provided for all students who would like one

Following our liturgy, we will have a Welcome Morning Tea in the Hall, beginning at about 9.30am. All parents are most welcome to join us for this morning tea. It will be a great opportunity for our new parents to meet other parents or even for our existing parents to make some new friends. Tea and coffee will be provided, but please bring a plate of food to share.

Field Events Carnival @ PDHS

Also, on Monday 19 March, our students from Year 2-6 will participate in the Field Events component of the Athletics Carnival up at PDHS. Events will begin at 12.30pm- you are most welcome to join us. Students should wear sports uniform on this day please.

Stations of The Cross

As part of our Lenten preparations, our students from Year 4,5 & 6 will be leading the community in the Stations of the Cross on the evening of Wednesday 21 March. This will take place in the Church at 7.30pm.

Please join us for this special occasion if you can. I thank the students and teachers for all of the work that has gone into preparing this event.

P&F/Board Meeting

Next week, we will hold our second P&F and School Board Meetings for the year. These will be held on Tuesday 20 March at the following times:

P&F Meeting: 5.30pm

Board Meeting: 7.00pm

Pupil Free Days

Each year, schools designate five pupil-free days, where staff participate in professional development. We have now confirmed the dates for these days, which will be as follows:

Monday 30 April, Week 1 Term 2

Tuesday 5 June, Week 6 Term 2

Friday June 29, Week 9 Term 2

Monday 16 July, Week 1 Term 3

Monday 8 October, Week 1 Term 4

Code of Conduct

This week our focus is on Conduct Statement 2: 'You give priority to students' safety and well-being in all your behaviour and decision making'.

As parents, you can adhere to Conduct Statement 2 through the following examples:

- 1) Respectfully communicate with members of the school community including staff and other parents.
- 2) Attend parent information evenings and parent/teacher meetings when scheduled.
- 3) Read the school newsletter in order to be aware of what is happening in the school community.
- 4) Understand the importance of students' education continuing without interruption or disturbance and be mindful of this when booking holidays and trips away.
- 5) Welcome and learn from information relevant to the safety and well-being of your child.
- 6) Keep the school updated with current information about your child.
- 7) Be rational and realistic.

Uniform- White socks please

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform each day. If there is a reason why your child is in incorrect uniform, please give a note to your child's teacher explaining the situation. In particular, I have noticed a range of different socks being worn- socks should be WHITE please. I appreciate your assistance with this matter- we are very proud of our wonderful school and one way to show this is in the way we present ourselves in our uniform.

Take care,

Brett Wilkie

M J R Awards:

Year 6

Kaas Van Hazendonk

For always showing thanks and gratitude to friends and teachers. You always show appreciation which is a great trait to have. Keep it up Kaas!

Year 4/5

Isabella Ng

For having such beautiful manners in and out of the classroom. You are a wonderful role model to others. Keep it up!

Year 2/3

Marcus Pratt

For always using his beautiful manners around our classroom. It's so nice to hear the words 'thank you' being used!

K/P/1

Hannah Thomas

For always using beautiful manners and kind words to all her friends.



From Rose's desk...

Office hours

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

Karriholm Update**Holy Hour & Games Nights for Children**

Lots of fun and food and a time of prayer

10-12 Year Olds

Friday, 16 March, 6-9 pm at Karriholm
Includes pizza and a video clip. BYO snacks

6-9 Year Olds

Friday, 23 March at Karriholm, Either
3.30-5.30pm or 7-8.45pm

For more info for both - contact Br Robert 9776 1734/0449 036 314

P & F News.....

Canteen Roster:**Tuesday 20**

Melissa Church & Joo Kim Ebsary

Tuesday 27

Lisa Henderson & Kai Flanders

Easter Raffle

It's Easter raffle time! This is our first fundraising event for the year and we need your help!

We are seeking donations of Easter eggs etc. for prizes. Items can be dropped off at the school office.

Today, ticket books went home with your child. They are books of 20 tickets, the ticket cost is \$1 each.

We look forward to your support. P&F executive



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.



Around town...

Dementia Friendly

Communities

2018 Roadshow

Dementia in Your Community

Alzheimer's WA are visiting regional towns across Western Australia to talk to the community about how they can help their town to be a Dementia Friendly Community.

Join us to learn about dementia, and how you can help people living with dementia in the community to feel supported and valued on their dementia journey. Talks last for about an hour.

Roadshow Events

Tuesday, 6 March 2018, 10.00am
Mount Barker, Mount Barker Library
 Community Resource Centre
 Lowood Road, Mount Barker

Wednesday, 7 March 2018, 10.00am
Augusta, Augusta CRC
 66 Allnutt Terrace, Augusta

Friday, 9 & Saturday, 10 March 2018
Wagin, Wagin Woolorama
 Ballagin Street, Wagin

Monday, 12 March 2018, 10.00am
Esperance, Esperance Civic Centre
 Reception Room, Civic Centre
 Council Place, Esperance

Tuesday, 13 March 2018, 10.00am
Ravensthorpe, Ravensthorpe CRC
 28 Dunn Street, Ravensthorpe

Wednesday, 14 March 2018, 10.00am
Hyden, Hyden CRC
 40 Naughton Street, Hyden

Thursday, 15 March 2018, 10.00am
Lake Grace, Lake Grace CRC
 Absolon Street, Lake Grace

Monday, 19 March 2018, 10.00am
Katanning, Katanning Leisure Centre
 4 Pemble Street, Katanning

Tuesday, 20 March 2018, 10.00am
Brookton, Kalkarni Baptist Care
 Kalkarni - Lot 456 Whittington Street
 Brookton

Wednesday, 21 March 2018, 10.00am
Northcliffe, Northcliffe Family Centre
 Zamia Street, Northcliffe

Thursday, 22 March 2018, 10.00am
Pemberton, Pemberton CRC
 29 Brockman Street, Pemberton

Monday, 26 March 2018, 10.00am
Wongan, Wongan Hills CRC
 The Station, Lot 1 Wongan Road
 Wongan Hills

Tuesday, 27 March 2018, 10.00am
Wyalkatchem, Wyalkatchem CRC
 (AKA The Bushel)
 Lot 5700 Railway Tce, Wyalkatchem

Wednesday, 28 March 2018, 5.00pm
Denmark, Riverside Club
 3 Morgan Street, Denmark

Wednesday, 4 April 2018, 10.00am
Corrigin, Corrigin Senior Citizen's Centre
 Lynch Street, Corrigin

Light refreshments provided at all events.

For more information call us on **1300 66 77 88** or email
DFC@alzheimerswa.org.au or visit **alzheimerswa.org.au**

No registration required and
 all events are FREE to attend!



WA Country Health Service
 Department of Primary Industries and
 Regional Development

Self Defence for Young Women

Our next course is starting on Tuesdays 6 March and runs to 2 April from 4 – 5.15pm. It is free to members (membership to the Family Centre costs \$40 per semester and entitles the member to access any of our courses and groups), or \$20 for non-members. Please let me know if you require any further information, or to book any young women in who would like to attend. I can be contacted on 9771 1653, Tuesdays and Thursdays 9-3pm are the best times to catch me at the moment, though I am often in on Monday and Friday afternoons too.

Here is a link to our Facebook post for the self-defence course:

<https://www.facebook.com/ManjimupFamilyCentre/photos/rpp.170888286380269/1181330428669378/?type=3&theater>

We are also offering Tai Chi classes, again free to members, which run on Wednesdays from 4-5pm. These classes run all year, except over key holiday times, and are a great way of improving balance, fitness and mental calmness. Again, please call me if you would like any further information on these classes.

Ruth Phillips - Manjimup Family Centre

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