



### HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR 6 ASSEMBLY

#### Taking Responsibility- How to Stop Your Child From 'Blame-Shifting'

*"It wasn't my fault" and "he made me do it"*- sound familiar? As parents (and teachers), these are phrases we hear from children frequently. We must help children learn to take responsibility for their actions, both because it's right and because it helps teach them cause and effect. A lesson that will serve them well for life.

It's a fact of human nature: no one likes to be wrong. We don't want to get in trouble. We don't want to face negative consequences. We want the easy way out.

Essentially, blame shifting happens when children blame others or external circumstances for their behaviour. Whether they did something wrong, failed to do something right, or feel a certain way, they are reluctant to own up to their own part or responsibility. They shift the burden of blame and/or action on others.

*"He started it!"*

*"She was there with me!"*

*"I can't help it."*

Ultimately, kids don't want to displease their parents or teachers. They want us to be happy, not angry. But it's human nature to test boundaries and try new things, even if those are forbidden. Because they love us, don't want to get in trouble and

prefer the path of least resistance, they will often try to blame shift.

While you shouldn't be alarmed when this happens, it's something you should most definitely try to assist your child to address.

By reminding your child they own their choices, emotions and decisions, you are actually empowering them to change their situations. Those who feel that 'life happens to them' do not set and meet goals. They feel at the mercy of life. They feel robbed if luck doesn't go their way. Instead of working harder and persevering, they blame life or fate for their situation. Hope you find some of the suggestions below to be useful.

#### How to discourage blame shifting:

- Hold each child accountable for their actions, not the one who 'started it.'
- Notice when your child fails to take responsibility for their actions and gently remind them where the responsibilities lay.
- Require your kids to follow through with what they start.
- Help your children own age appropriate tasks and chores by enforcing consequences if they go undone.
- Help your kids learn to problem solve and ask questions when they feel powerless.
- Discourage self-pity by having them think outside themselves.
- Don't become the referee.

#### Opening Term Mass

Please add to your calendars our Opening Term Mass in the first week of Term 4, Wednesday 10th October at 10.00am.

Our Year 2/3 Class will be leading us in this Mass. All are welcome; it should be a great opportunity to join together in prayer before a busy term ahead.

#### BookWeek Dress-Up Parade

Please note that Saint Joseph's will be celebrating BookWeek quite early next term; Week 2 in fact! The Book Fair (where students are able to purchase books) will begin on Tuesday 16th October, with our Dress Up Parade being held on Thursday 18th October. You might like to start thinking up ideas over the holidays as to which book character your child will dress up as. Keep an eye on the Newsletter for further details on BookWeek.

#### WHAT'S COMING UP?

<b>Fri 21 Sept</b>	Last day of term 3 Assessment books go home
<b>Mon 8 Oct</b>	PUPIL FREE DAY
<b>TUE 9 Oct</b>	First day of Term 4 for students
<b>Wed 10</b>	Year 2/3 Mass at 10am



*"Strength through Christ"*

*Respect  
Compassion  
Safety  
Responsibility*

*20 September 2018*

### Assessment Books

This Friday, your child will bring home their Assessment Book, featuring a range of recent assessment tasks. There will also be a sheet in the book giving you an indication of how your child is going with their work habits. Please take the time to look through these books with your child and write a constructive comment in the space provided. Please ensure these books are returned at the beginning of Term 4.

### Year 6 Assembly

We enjoyed a thoroughly entertaining Assembly presented by Year 6 on Friday last week. What a talented group of performers! So much work had gone into their very humorous take on the classic 'Cinderella' story. Thank you to Miss Licari and the Year 6 Class.

### Vinnies- A Message from Dawn Flick and Jayden Coote

The Year 6 Class have organised a donation box for St Vincent de Paul (Vinnies). The box will be located in the Hall. You may like to donate toys, clothing, books and other useful items. We will organise for the donations to be taken to Vinnies Shop in Manjimup. So please be generous and donate if you can.

### Dawn Flick and Jayden Coote

### Happy Holidays

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students for their hard work this term. It has been a wonderful term with many great achievements. I wish all of our families a restful and happy school holiday break. Don't forget, the first day for students in Term 4 is Tuesday 9th October.

Take care, Brett Wilkie

## Classroom News...

### K/P/1

Wow! WEEK 10 how the term has flown. As the term rapidly comes to a close we have had a chance to look back over a term full of different learning and activities within the school.

The students have had an opportunity to reflect on what they have enjoyed over the term. Top of the list was Options closely followed by reading lots of Alison Lester stories or Father's Day breakfast and school Disco were also held in very fond memories.

This term the children have had a wide range of opportunities to explore a range of different imaginative play throughout the term, either in our ever-changing dramatic play areas, habitat boxes with animals & plants from different habitats around the world or the Go Go Breakfast Bar. It has been wonderful to see the many different positive ways the children interacted and supported each other while learning and exploring these different areas of our classroom.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the wonderful parents in the classroom for their ongoing support either with assisting and supporting your children at home with homework by attending the many different events that have taken place throughout the term or simply making sure your child is well rested with a healthy yummy lunch packed ready to help them learn every day. Your hard work and support is greatly appreciated by us all and helps continue to provide a positive supportive learning environment for all our students to learn in.

Have a lovely well-earned holiday we look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready to go for our final term of 2019 in two weeks' time.

### Congratulations Sebastian! - Joseph the Bear Winner

Congratulations to Seb Van der Putten, our latest recipient of Joseph the Bear! Seb quietly, but authentically carries out many acts of kindness around our school. Well done Seb; you are a worthy winner indeed.



### M J R Awards:

#### Year 6

#### Taya Hartnett

For always making decisions and choices that demonstrate good behaviour. Your attitude is always, friendly, bubbly and kind. Keep up the wonderful attitude!

#### K/P/1

#### Neva Kelly

For making excellent choices during work times and play times. You follow the rules and help others to also make better choices. Well done!



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**Office hours**

Lisa Ebsary will be in the office on Friday.  
The school office reopens on Monday 8 October.

**ABSENTEE NOTES**

Last week, a number of families were sent home absentee notes for their child's absences.

We now ask that the families returned the completed and signed forms to the school – it is a regulatory requirement that we have written notes for all your child's absences.

**Return signed and completed forms asap.** Thank you!

**OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS**

Children and parents are asked to return ALL library books tomorrow (Friday). Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Suzanne Moynihan

**YEAR 6**

Term 3 sure has flown by fast! This Term the Year 6s have made steady progress in all fields at school, we have been engaging in lots of extra activities including swimming lessons, options, the winter sports carnival, TREE speeches, our Year 6 assembly and much more!

This Term has offered the Year 6's many opportunities to engage in activities that encourage them to work outside of our school environment – such as Vinnies work, spreading of woodchips in our front school garden and performing our class play "Cinderella Bigfoot" at the Old Folks home. These different activities allowed the Year 6's to start helping others who are in need of help and to start considering charity work more and more.

Congratulations to all the Year 6's on your performance in the play, I know a lot of effort, time and preparation went into this play, so well done. Also, thank you to everyone who managed to come along and support us, it was greatly appreciated. We hope you enjoyed it! Have a great break and rest up ready for Term 4!

Miss Licari



**St Joseph's School are now offering a recycle drop off point for phones, batteries and ink cartridges. Families are welcome to recycle these products in the marked boxes which are located in the library.**

P & F News.....

**Canteen Roster:**

**Tuesday 9 October**

Ruth Kelly & Kisane Hartnett

**Tuesday 16 October**

Jodie Omodei & Serena

Abraham

**Celebrating their birthday**

**Xavier De Campo**

Wednesday 26 September



**Altar Server**  
**23 September**  
**Isabella**



Hon. Liza Harvey

MLA

Deputy Leader of the Opposition:  
Shadow Minister for Transport; Planning;  
Lands  
Member for Scarborough

From Manjimup to Parliament

**2018 Anne McKay Address**  
An initiative of the Rotary Club of Manjimup and the Shire of Manjimup

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Friday 19 October 2018</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>Doors open 5.30pm for 6.00pm start</b> (A light supper & networking to conclude event)
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>Town Hall, Manjimup</b>
<b>Cost:</b>	<b>FREE</b>

Bookings can be made via:  
Text to Irene on: 0411 463 910  
or  
Email: [secretary@manjimuprotary.org.au](mailto:secretary@manjimuprotary.org.au)

Manjimup-Bridgetown Times

## Recycle Drop Off Point

You can drop these tech-related items off here for diversion from landfill to recycling via our three recycling partners:

Handheld batteries	Printer cartridges	Old mobile phones
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>single use batteries</li> <li>rechargeable batteries</li> <li>hand tool batteries</li> <li>camera batteries</li> <li>all shapes and sizes</li> <li>not vehicle batteries</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>all types of ink cartridges</li> <li>laser cartridges</li> <li>all types of toner bottles</li> <li>fuser &amp; drum units</li> <li>print heads</li> <li>toner waste hoppers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>all types of mobile phone</li> <li>phone batteries &amp; chargers</li> <li>connector leads &amp; cables</li> <li>all other phone accessories</li> <li>wireless USB mobile devices</li> <li>not pagers, not MP3 players</li> </ul>

These tech-related items all contain metals (and other materials) which could be very damaging if allowed to leach into the local environment from our landfill.

On the other hand, these metals and materials are reusable resources which have a high value if recovered for manufacturing industries.

And reusing our resources reduces the need to extract more raw materials from the earth.

It's an easy choice, isn't it!

For more information you can contact the Shire of Manjimup Waste Management Officer on 9771 7743 or by email to [info@manjimup.wa.gov.au](mailto:info@manjimup.wa.gov.au)

**VACSWIM OCTOBER 2018**

Enrol your children in swimming lessons during the October school holidays.

Choose from two programs:

## 9 Days

Tuesday 25 September  
to Friday 5 October  
40 minute lessons

Prices from \$13 per child or  
\$35 for a family of three or more  
(plus pool entry).

Enrolments close Sunday 19 August.

## 5 Days

Monday 1 October  
to Friday 5 October  
35 minute lessons

Prices from \$7 per child or  
\$18 for a family of three or more  
(plus pool entry).

Enrolments close Sunday 26 August.

**Enrol now.** Visit [education.wa.edu.au/swimming](http://education.wa.edu.au/swimming) or call 9402 6412.

**POTTERY CLASSES**

Commencing 19  
September to 5  
December  
Wednesday nights: 6.00  
– 9.00pm  
Saturday afternoons  
10.00am to 4.00pm  
12 weeks @ \$200  
Beginners to advanced  
potters  
Hand building + wheel  
throwing  
For more information  
and to book call:  
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Marilyn: 0408 910 219

**QUINNINUP 2018  
FAMILY FUN AND MARKET DAY**

SUNDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER  
10AM - 3PM



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OR 9773 1282

**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.

For more info: contact Jodi Johnston on 0428996741 or email:

[johnnos1@westnet.com.au](mailto:johnnos1@westnet.com.au)

**NATURE  
PLAYGROUP  
SPRING  
WELCOME**

Stellar  Violets

FRIDAY  
21ST SEPTEMBER  
9:00 - 11:00

21 MIDDLESEX ROAD  
MANJIMUP

\$10/FAMILY ENTRY, DRINKS, CAKE  
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL  
[NATUREPLAY@STELLARVIOLETS.ORG](mailto:NATUREPLAY@STELLARVIOLETS.ORG)

**Manjimup Bluegrass & Old Time Music  
Weekend 2018.**

Tickets for the concert available through:

<https://mbotmw2016.iwannaticket.com.au/event/new-macedon-rangers-with-jeremy-marcotte-manjimup-sept-22nd-MTYxNDA>

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