



Enthusiastic Students on Day 1!

Welcome Back for 2019

It is with great excitement that I welcome you back for another school year at Saint Joe's! I hope that all of our families had a wonderful break over summer.

2019 promises to be another exhilarating year, filled with learning, friendship and fun. I am sure that all of our students, teachers and parents are just as enthusiastic as I am about 2019!

How to Ensure Your Child Makes a Good Start to a New School Year

While I am confident that most of our students were looking forward to school returning, no doubt for some there was some anxiety associated with beginning a new school year. Below are some tips that may help your child settle in to the new school year quickly and successfully.

- 1. Sleep for school.** Setting up a regular bedtime and wake-up routine will maximise your child's ability to learn effectively. Well-rested children are also likely to feel more comfortable in managing the busy school days ahead. As a guide, many experts recommend that primary school-aged children require around 10 hours of quality sleep a night.
- 2. Be a positive parent.** If your child is feeling a bit anxious about going back to school, keep a positive attitude.

Recall the fun and exciting events, field trips, projects, and so on from years past, and show excitement about the opportunities for learning new things in the upcoming year.

- 3. Walk through it.** Remind your child (especially younger ones) of the school day routines in advance so that they feel more confident.
- 4. Be prepared.** Try to make sure that your child has all of those school supplies and equipment that they will need.
- 5. Talk it out.** Asking your child about school is important. It shows him that you value his education. Try to avoid general questions, like "How was your day?" These will most likely produce one-word answers. Instead, be specific.
- 6. Keep your eyes (and ears) open.** If your child's eating or sleeping habits have changed drastically, it may be a sign that he's having difficulty adjusting to his new grade.
- 7. Connect.** Communicating with your child's teacher on a regular basis is an essential part of caring for her education. Teachers can alert you to any emotional, social, or academic difficulties they perceive in your child at school. The same works in reverse:

notify teachers about changes that might affect your child's behaviour in school. Some examples are illness, the death of a family member, a recent move, or a parent getting a new job

Condolences to the Ng Family

"The right to weep must not be denied. Even Jesus was deeply moved and profoundly troubled by the bereavement of a family he loved. We can, instead, draw from the simple and powerful witness of many families who have known how to grasp, in the difficult passage of death, also the safe passage offered by the Lord, crucified and risen, with his irrevocable promise of the resurrection of the dead. The work of God's love is stronger than the work of death. We must seek to be 'accomplices' to that love, with our faith. ... Death was defeated by Jesus on the cross. Jesus will restore all of us to our families."

--Pope Francis, General audience, St. Peter's Square, June 17, 2015

As you may be aware, we had some sad news on the weekend, with the passing of Ronald Ng. The Ng family have had a long association with our school and Ron was such a beloved member of our school and parish communities, as well as being very active in the wider Pemberton community.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Bella, Helen and the whole Ng family during this difficult time. As a school community, I have every confidence that we will together offer the Ng family the emotional and practical support that they will need in the coming weeks and months. If your child is upset or worried, please do let us know, as we can assist in accessing appropriate counselling services.



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7 February 2019

Welcome- New Students and Teachers



New students, clockwise from bottom left: Emi, Kelvin, Adrienne, Rhiannon, Shannon, Niamh, Meg

We have been thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to get to know some new members of our school community this week. We would like to welcome our new Kindy students: Kelvin Stirling, Emilia Della Franca, Niamh Fuge and Meg Wilkie. We also welcome Shannon Gibbs (Year 1), Adrienne Gibbs (Year 4) and Rhiannon Gibbs (Year 6). Please help us make these students (and their parents) feel very welcome.



But that's not all- we also welcome two new teachers to our school. Miss Teagan Dallimore (Year 4) and Miss Millie Charlton (Year 2/3) are both off to a fantastic start already. If you see them around the school, please introduce yourself.

Welcome Father Edwin

We also have a new priest beginning this year- Father Edwin Ocho. All of us at Saint Joe's extend a warm welcome to you, Father Edwin and we hope that you enjoy many happy years leading our Sacred Heart Parish.

Get Well Soon Ollie

Ollie, our long-time groundskeeper, is continuing his recovery and rehab process- please keep him in your prayers. We hope that he is able to return in some capacity in the future, but he still has a significant rehab process to go through. We have made temporary arrangements to have our grounds looked after during Ollie's absence. Please be understanding that with Ollie away over Summer, we did fall behind on some of our maintenance, but we should now start to make good progress again.

Term Calendar

Term 1 is full of many exciting activities and events, so please take some time to look through our latest Term Calendar and add all of the important dates to your diaries. Our Term Calendar was sent home at the end of 2018 and is also available on our website.

Timing of the School Day

There has been a slight change to the structure of the school day in 2019, with recess to begin 10 minutes earlier. Timing of the day is as follows:

- 8.50 School Day commences
- 10.40-11.00 Recess
- 12.50-1.30 Lunch
- 3.05 School Day concludes

Class Newsletters

On Monday, your child should bring home their first Class Newsletter of 2019. Please check their bag for this, as it will contain some very useful information.

Parent Information Evening

On Thursday 14th February, please join us here at the school for our Parent Information Evening. At least one parent should attend these sessions please, as there will be essential information shared by each classroom teacher. The times will be as follows:

5.30pm	Mr Wilkie's welcome in the library (all families)
5.50pm	K/P/1
6.10pm	Year 2/3
6.30pm	Year 4/5
6.50pm	Year 6

If you have some spare time at any stage on the evening, please feel free to enjoy some nibbles and a drink in the library.

2019 Commissioning Mass

On Sunday 17th March, we celebrate our Opening School Mass at 8.30am. We encourage all families to attend this Mass so that we can pray as a whole school community for a safe and prosperous school year ahead. This Mass also provides us an opportunity for the commissioning of those people who are taking on new roles in our school community this year.

Chicken Pox

We did have a report this week of a student with chicken pox. Please be vigilant in monitoring your children and keep them home if you think there is a possibility of any contagious condition.

Kearnan College Enrolments 2020

If you are considering enrolling your child in Kearnan College for 2020, please keep in mind that Mr Jason Meynell, Principal, is more than happy to meet with you and/or to arrange a tour of the school for you. If you have decided to enrol your child at Kearnan, I encourage you to submit enrolment forms as soon as possible to assist Kearnan with their future planning.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Mon 11	Class newsletters go home
Thurs 14	Parent night from 5.30pm
Wed 20	P&F meeting 5.30pm School Board meeting 7pm

Piano Lessons

Deanne Ventris is again offering piano tuition for students in 2019. If you are interested, please contact Deanne: 0428 302 782 or pembuser@westnet.com.au

Uniform

Our Uniform coordinator for 2019 will again be Mrs Jodie Omodei. For uniform requirements, please get in touch with Jodie directly, (0427 718 986) or contact us at the front desk.

Please note that children will need to wear Sports Uniform on Thursdays and Fridays in 2019. It would be greatly appreciated if you could ensure that your child has a school hat, as during Term 1 we have a No Hat, No Play policy.

God Bless,

Brett Wilkie

Office Hours

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

Health Card Concessions

Holders of current health care concession cards are asked to bring in a copy of the card. Eligible holders are entitled to a tuition fee discount on their school fees.

If they can be brought in by **Friday 15 February**, it would be appreciated.

Health Care Plan Form etc.

Today, each family received an envelope with a number of forms that need to be checked, completed and returned to the school office.

Your support in completing and returning to the school office by **Monday 18 February** is appreciated.

P & F News.....**Canteen**

Canteen duty roster – we are currently preparing the roster for the 2019 year. With our current student numbers we have decided to only roster one parent per week on, thus it will reduce the number of times you will be on.

The exception to this is for new families in the school who will have to learn the system.

REMINDER – if you are unable to work on Tuesdays please advise Rose by **Monday 11 February** otherwise your name will be included on the roster.

Thank you

Kylie Bendotti – canteen coordinator

Canteen Roster:

Tuesday 12

Lisa Henderson

Tuesday 19

TBA

Celebrating their birthday

Samuel Ebsary

Friday 8 February

**SUMMER UNIFORM (Term 1 and Term 4)**

	GIRLS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer dress • Brown school sandals or black leather shoes with white ankle socks • Hat with school crest
	BOYS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grey school shorts • Blue short sleeved shirt • Brown school sandals or black leather shoes with white ankle socks • Hat with school crest

SPORTS UNIFORM (All year round)

	GIRLS AND BOYS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black airflow shorts • Blue polo shirt with school logo • Blue polo fleece windcheater • Blue tracksuit pants • White ankle socks • Hat with school crest (Terms 1 and 4) • Joggers.
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Library Assistant - Casual F190023
Commencing February 2019
\$34.75 per hour (inclusive of casual loading)

The Position

The Shire of Manjimup is seeking a highly efficient and effective individual to undertake various services within the Shire's libraries.

This role includes:

- Delivering rhyme time and story time activities with children under the age of five years;
- Representing the Library and its services in a professional, courteous and effective manner;
- Delivering high quality and efficient library services;
- Assisting readers with inquiries in person, by phone or email;
- Assisting in accurately processing all library materials on a computerised system;
- Maintaining returned books, shelf order and the physical appearance of the library;
- Processing inter library loans to and from other libraries;
- Processing inbound and outward mail; and
- Cleaning of library including moping, dusting and emptying of bins.

The Person

To be successful in this role you will need:

- Previous experience in a library environment or similar.
- Highly developed interpersonal skills including the ability to operate in a team environment.
- Experience in providing high quality customer service in a client-focussed environment.
- Highly developed computer literacy skills and a demonstrated ability to learn new systems and processes.
- A current Working with Children Check or willingness to obtain.
- Highly developed verbal and written communication skills.
- Good time management and organisational skills.
- Relevant tertiary qualifications/experience in the Early Childhood Education sector (desirable).

To Apply

What are you waiting for? Jump on to www.manjimup.wa.gov.au for all the information about the position and how to apply. You can also find information on the Shire of Manjimup and the benefits of the local community.

For further information, please contact Paula Orr, Acting Human Resources Manager by phone (08) 9771 7751 or email paula.orr@manjimup.wa.gov.au

Closing Date: 5.00pm Wednesday 13 February 2019