



**Peter and the Year 5/6 Class doing their first-aid training**

### Project Compassion at Saint Joseph's

Recently, your child should have brought home a small money box for 'Project Compassion'. Project Compassion is the annual Lenten fundraiser for Caritas, a Catholic agency for international aid.

Last week, all students watched a video, showing an example of a village in Africa that has been helped through the Project Compassion appeal. A twelve-year-old girl from the village walks to a crocodile-infested river each morning, to fill and carry a heavy water bottle back to her village; a 14km round trip! Caritas was able to equip the village with a solar powered water pump, meaning that the community has running water for the first time. I encourage you to visit the Project Compassion website to see the full details of this inspiring story.

I was very impressed with the empathetic response of our students to this video. I encourage you as a family to donate what you can into your Project Compassion box- every coin counts. Whenever you are ready, please return the money box to the school and we will ensure that the money is passed on to Caritas.

### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Fundraiser

On Tuesday next week, 5th March, we will celebrate Shrove Tuesday with a pancake fundraiser. At recess, pancakes will be for sale for students to purchase- 50c per pancake or 3 for \$1,

so please encourage your child to bring some loose change. All money raised will go to Project Compassion's Lent Appeal.

If you can spare some time on that morning to assist with cooking pancakes, please let us know asap. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

### Ash Wednesday Mass

On Wednesday 6th March, at 10.00am, our Year 4 Class will lead the community in Mass for Ash Wednesday. All are welcome to join us to celebrate this Mass to signal the beginning of the season of Lent.

### Athletics Training and Carnival

The Athletics Carnival will again be in Term One this year (Friday 5th April) at PDHS and will follow a similar format to last year. We will hold three upcoming training sessions for students (Y2-6), where they will travel by bus to PDHS.

There won't be a permission note for this, as it is covered by the General Permission Note that all families signed at the beginning of the year. Sessions will be:

Thursday 7th March 1.40-2.40pm  
Thursday 21st March 1.40-2.40pm  
Thursday 28th March 1.40-2.40pm

I look forward to seeing the students training hard for this year's carnival.



PEMBERTON  
"Strength through Christ"

*Respect  
Compassion  
Safety  
Responsibility*

*28 February 2019*

### Sundowner- Save the Date

The P&F are in the process of organising a social event for parents and students. Please add the afternoon/evening of Friday 29th March into your calendars. I am hoping that this sundowner will be a great opportunity for parents to socialise together and celebrate a successful start to another school year. Keep an eye on the next few newsletters for more details.

### Little Joeys Playgroup

We will again be running our 'Little Joeys' Playgroup each Monday morning, with the first session being Monday 18th March. Mrs Kelly will be our playgroup teacher this year. We look forward to hopefully attracting some new families to our school. Please encourage anyone from the community who may be interested to get in touch with us. The playgroup is open to any children who turn three in the 2019 calendar year.

### WHAT'S COMING UP?

<b>Mon 4 Mar</b>	Labour Day public holiday
<b>Tues 5</b>	Shrove Tuesday – pancake fundraiser for Caritas
<b>Wed 6</b>	Ash Wednesday Mass 10am Whole School Mass – Year 4 running
<b>Fri 8</b>	Assessment books go home

### New Train for K/P/1-Busy Bee

I am very grateful to Clare and Marty Sebire, who have created a very special 'timber train' for our K/P/1 play area. The train is very similar to the one in the image above. We need to transport it from the Sebire's property near Quininup to our school using utes and/or trailers. It will then need some finishing touches (installation, sanding etc). I am hoping that we might be able to get a group of parents together for a Busy Bee to get this job done. Students would be most welcome to get involved also. Please let me know if you are able to assist. I have pencilled in a Saturday or Sunday afternoon on one of the last two weekends in March. If you are able to help, please let me know which day/weekend you would prefer.

We can potentially organise a BBQ and drinks following our hard work to celebrate this exciting new addition to our playground.



### School Fees

All families will have recently received a notice regarding 2019 school fees. It is now a requirement that we state the entire annual fee amount at the beginning of the year. Please note that it is perfectly okay to pay your school fees in instalments, as in previous years. You are not required to pay the full amount up front, although you are welcome to do so if that suits you. If you have any questions at all about the payment of fees, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us in the office.

### 'Crunch N Sip' Update

In recent years, Saint Joes has been an official 'Crunch n Sip' school, meaning part of our daily routine was stopping for a 5-10-minute break in our morning session for students to eat some fruit/veg and sip some water. When this was implemented, the session from the beginning of the day until recess was longer (130 minutes compared to the current 110 minutes). Due to this, we have decided not to officially be a Crunch n Sip school in 2019. Having said this, each teacher will obviously take into account the needs of their students and will allow students to eat and drink as required to maximise their ability to learn. Thank you to all of our families for ensuring that students eat a healthy and filling breakfast each morning- it really is critical to their ability to concentrate and learn.

### Congratulations Sienna, Samuel and Gaia

Congratulations to Sienna Vesela, Samuel Ebsary and Gaia Kelly, the first of our Year 6 students to submit a letter or application for a student leadership role. I was very impressed with the mature manner in which Sienna, Samuel and Gaia handled the application process, so it was a pleasure to award them with their student leader badges this week.



### Sacraments- Dates for 2019

Please add the following dates to your calendars:

- First Communion (Year 4)  
Sunday 23rd June
- Reconciliation (Year 3)  
Wednesday 18th Sept
- Confirmation (Year 6)  
Sunday 20th October

### NAPLAN Online 2019

Students in Year 3 and 5 should have brought home this week some information about NAPLAN 2019, which will be conducted online for the first time. If you have any questions, or didn't receive the information, please let me know.

### Mr Wilkie Away

Please note that I will be away from the 28th February, for a period of two weeks or so, as we prepare for the imminent arrival of our new baby. I am sure that our talented and committed staff will have no trouble keeping the school ticking over in my absence. I am very happy for parents to contact me via email ([brett.wilkie@cewa.edu.au](mailto:brett.wilkie@cewa.edu.au)) during the period of my absence, should there be anything I can assist you with. God Bless,

Brett Wilkie

## P & F News.....

### Canteen Roster:

**Tuesday 5**

Vanessa Roche

**Tuesday 12**

Katherine Kingston

### Celebrating their birthday

**Gaia Kelly**

Monday 4 March

**Felicity Abraham**

Tuesday 5 March



## Classroom News...

### Year 4

In year 4, we have started the year off being super busy. In our History unit, we have started looking at the First Fleet journey. We did a bit of research and found out where the First Fleet came from, and where they ended up. We got some string and plotted on our big carpet mat the journey they took. We're very excited to keep researching and finding out more about the First Fleet.

We have also loved using QR codes to help us find information. We use the iPads to scan a code, and it takes us straight to all the information we need. We have been using these in a range of different subjects. It's been an exciting first 4 weeks, and we are looking forward to the next 6.

Miss Dallimore



### Year 2/3

During our HASS studies, the Year 2/3s have been jetting off to various countries to discover how and why different cultures celebrate. So far, we have identified and recreated the origin of Chinese New Year using props and iPads. We have also researched how to celebrate Chinese New Year. Our favourite element of this celebration is that each child receives a red envelope filled with money and sweets from their parents and grandparents.

At the end of the Chinese New Year celebrations, a festival is held filled with fireworks, lanterns and dragon dancing parades. In order to honour this celebration, our class created our own Chinese dragon during our Art lessons. We have had a lot of fun during the past 4 weeks and cannot wait to see where our adventures will take us next.

Miss Charlton



### Office Hours

The office will be open on Friday this week and Wednesday & Thursday next week.



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**Caritas Fundraising for Project Compassion**

As we near Lent for 2019 we take the time to not only think about what Lenten sacrifice we may personally make, but also how we can help those in need around the world.

This year's Project Compassion fundraising activities are a little different from previous years. We will have two main fundraising events for all students to participate in over two different days.

1. Pancakes for Project Compassion: On Shrove Tuesday the 5th March (next Tuesday) we will be selling pancakes at recess for all students. Pancakes will cost 50c for one or \$1 for three. There will be two topping choices: Maple Syrup or Lemon and Sugar.
2. Water Carrying Challenge: On Tuesday March 19th in the morning students will participate in a Water Carrying Lap Challenge, to help students develop some understanding of what it may be like for children and families in some third world countries who need to walk long distances to get safe drinking water.

The children will participate in a "water carrying lap-athon" around the school oval.

There will be an Early Childhood and Upper primary circuit on the oval. Students will need to walk carrying a container of water (relative to their age and size) either on their head or in their arms around the oval for as many laps as they can in the designated time.

A sponsorship form is enclosed in today's "In Touch" for you and your child to begin finding sponsors.



**St Joseph's Primary School**

is proud to offer a 3 year old playgroup

**Little Joeys**



A weekly program for children turning 3 in 2019, held in our Early Childhood Centre

Commencing: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March  
9am (every Monday during school term)  
It's free – all welcome



Please call our office on 9776 1180 to enrol your child or request more information

[www.stjoespemberton.wa.edu.au](http://www.stjoespemberton.wa.edu.au)



Southernners Football Club Presents

**EAGLES 2018 PREMIERSHIP PLAYERS**



**Dom Sheed  
Mark Hutchings  
Josh Kennedy  
Will Schofield**

**Family Friendly Event**

**\*\*STRICTLY - NO UNSUPERVISED CHILDREN\*\***

When: Sunday, 17th March 2019, Commencing at 10.30am

Where: Pemberton Sports Club, 1 Club Road, Pemberton

Details: Entry is \$20.00 per adult, Children 15 and under FREE

Members, Guests & Visitors Welcome

Merchandise Auctions

Marron Raffle

Kids Activities

Music by Ian Camus

BBQ Available

Photo & Autograph Opportunities

Bouncy Castle

Entry Fee Paid at the Door

Contact Nicole - 0408 468 835

For more information