



Taya, Jayden and Charli deep in thought for their 'Genius Hour' projects.

Graduation Mass and Dinner

What a magnificent celebration it was yesterday, with our Graduation Mass and Dinner. The Year 6s have been a wonderful group of students, who have contributed so much to our great school. The students had quite a surprise when a limousine arrived to pick them up from the school to drive them to dinner. We wish these students well as they move on from Saint Josephs.

Project-Based Learning at Saint Joseph's

Back in 2004, Larry Page and Sergey Brin, the founders of Google, had an idea to try. They instigated '20% time' in the Google offices. All staff were to devote 20% of their time (one day per week) to work on any passion project they liked, with no accountability whatsoever. Interestingly, some of Google's most successful new concepts were developed during this '20% time'. They also found that their employees were more productive on the other four days, while enjoying greater job satisfaction.

Many schools, including ours, are trialling a similar idea, with 'Genius Hour'. For one hour a week, our Year 6 students have been allowed to work on a project totally of their own choosing- solving real-world problems that matter to them. I can't wait to see what some of these bright young minds produce.

While traditional, explicit teaching methods will always have a place at Saint Joseph's, we hope to increasingly explore more student-driven styles of learning, often called 'PBL' or 'Project-Based Learning' in 2019. Keep an eye on the newsletters and website next year for updates as we explore this exciting new way of learning.

Year 6 Assembly

Our Year 6 Class also look forward to presenting their final Assembly, as the very last thing they do at Saint Joseph's! Please join us in the Hall at 2.20pm next Friday 7th December for a very amusing and entertaining performance from Year 6!

End of Year Fun Day

On Wednesday 5th December, the students will enjoy our End of Year Fun Day. On this day, we will conduct a range of fun activities for the students to celebrate the end of the school year.

Students may wear free dress. Please note that we may arrange some water-play activities for the students, so please have them bring a towel and change of clothes. We will also provide the students with a sausage sizzle lunch for anyone who would like one.

Koomal Dreaming Incursion

On Tuesday 4th December, students will enjoy a special incursion, with some people from 'Koomal Dreaming' visiting the school to share their Aboriginal culture with each class. We look forward to this exciting opportunity.



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29 November 2018

Special Visitors- Sister Dora and Sister Francis

We enjoyed a very special visit on Monday from two Josephite sisters- Sister Dora and Sister Frances. Believe it or not, Sister Dora was teaching here when the school first opened in 1954! They very much enjoyed meeting the staff and students. We are very excited to invite them both back for another visit in 2019, to talk to our students and staff about the values of Mary MacKillop and the history and tradition of our great school.

Furniture for New Teachers

Our two new teachers, Miss Charlton and Miss Dallimore, are very excited to move to Pemberton during the Summer break. They are in need of furniture for their house- if you have any suitable items that you are happy to sell/loan to them, we would greatly appreciate your assistance- please let me know in the Office.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Wed 5	Staff Advent Liturgy 8.50am in Hall
Thur 6 Dec	Awards & Carols evening In the Mill Hall
Fri 7	Senior Citizens' Lunch at Camp School
Fri 7	Year 6 Assembly at 2.20pm in Hall. All welcome!

Carols in the Mill Hall – Change Venue

Please note that we have moved the Carols concert on 6th December into the Mill Hall. Due to Ollie being unwell and some logistical challenges in setting up the oval for this concert, we have had to make this decision. I am sure that the Mill Hall will provide a wonderful setting for this event and may be a welcome break from an outdoor concert, after using the oval for the last few years. We hope to return to an outdoor concert at some point in the future, possibly even next year.

The event will still begin at 6.30pm, with food served from 5.45pm. Please make sure that, for catering purposes, you return the slip in this newsletter to indicate your food order.

At the beginning of the Concert, students should sit in class groups at the front of the Mill Hall. After their performance, they return to sit in their class group, rather than sitting with their family. Please try to keep toddlers and other family members from moving up to the front where the students are sitting. Your assistance is appreciated.

Senior Citizens Lunch

Next Friday, 7th December, is the annual Senior Citizens Lunch, held once again at the Camp School. As in previous years, we encourage you to bring in donation items, which can be used as part of the raffles- there is a box in our front office where you can place your donated goods. We also will need some parents to assist with the wash up and pack up on the day- if you are able to assist, please let us know. All help is appreciated.

Take care,
Brett Wilkie

Classroom News...

K/P/1

Wow, we are nearly at the end of TERM 4! The past few weeks have been very busy in the K/P/1 classroom. The children have been exploring and playing rangers and vets between our outdoor bush land area and our indoor Vet Clinic. Many an injured native animal has required the care of our budding Rangers, Vet nurses and Veterinarians.

We've even had time to try our skills as bush cooks, while reading the ever popular "Wombat Stew". The general consensus among the students was that the outdoor bush stew was lots of fun to make and mix, our chocolate custard (mud) stew was the tastiest.

Over the weekend some magic Christmas elves came into the classroom and transformed our much-loved Vet Clinic into Santa's Workshop. There are now some students busily writing the wish lists for Santa and posting them to the elves in the workshop to create their dream toy for Christmas.

The children have also been busy learning the lines and actions for the items at this year's Christmas Concert. There is only one week until the show! We can't wait to see you all at the concert next Thursday night. The costumes are very basic, and a note will be in the children Communication Books today explaining these.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all our wonderful parents for their never-ending support at home and school. This year has been jam packed with learning, laughter and happy memories. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to get to know your children and share their learning journey with you. Have a wonderful and safe Christmas break.

God Bless. Pip, Ruth and Ronnie

Carols on the Oval 'food' reply slip

We are looking for families to let us know approximately how many of each of the following you would like. This will help us with the preparation. Please enter in quantity in the boxes.

Family name: _____

Hamburgers \$7

Sausage sizzle \$2

This is the quantity you would like.

Also available to purchase on the night will be:

Cool drink \$2.00 Water \$1.50 Juice box \$1.00 Tea/coffee \$2.00

Please simply cut out this order form and return it to the school by Monday 3 December

Office Hours

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

Library Books

ALL library books are to be returned to the school **before the end of term!**

Your assistance and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Suzanne Moynihan

Absentee Notes

Today, a number of families were sent home absentee notes for their child. To assist us – please complete with details, sign and return to the school office ASAP. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

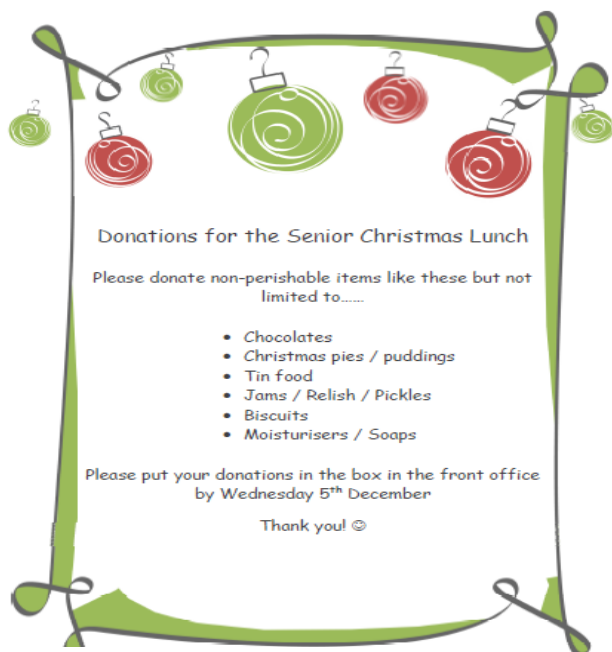
P & F News.....

Canteen Roster:

Tuesday 4 December

Kylie Bendotti

Note: there will be a restricted canteen menu for the last day of the school year!



Celebrating their birthday

Neva Kelly

Wednesday 5 December



Year 6

I can't believe how fast this school year has gone by. We have had an amazing year, full of amazing events that have sparked imagination, creativity, problem solving and learning. I am so proud to have been part of the Year 6s' final year at St Joes. I will have so many fond memories of each and every one of them that I will cherish forever.

For instance, Mia, your wonderful sense of humour always manages to make people smile at what's going on. I'll never forget your bright and bubbly personality and the way you treasure your family and friends. Just remember when you can't find the sunshine, be the sunshine. Jayden, your excitable and energetic personality always keeps me on my toes. I will always remember our funny banter and chats in the early morning. Don't count the days, make the day's count. Toby, your hilarious obsession with llamas always makes me laugh and I will never forget the countless times you made the whole class crack up with laughter at your performance in our class play. Never forget to be silly, be honest and be kind. Kameka, your kind and caring nature really goes a long way. Now every time I see a struggling insect or animal, I think of you and how you were always the first to come to the rescue. Cherish your creativity and let your imagination run wild. Dawn, your determined and compassionate personality is something to be admired. You have a way of pushing through limitations and adversity. Never let anyone dull your sparkle. James, I love your curiosity for things unknown to you. I'll always remember our meaningful and thought-provoking discussions during Religion. Remember, you're capable of overcoming any obstacle life throws your way, you just have to believe in yourself. Taya, your genuine kindness and developed understanding is so wonderful. Your ability to be a natural leader who just leads by example is so important. You've got this, now make it happen and don't ever doubt yourself. Kaas, I love the ability you have to spend countless hours drawing and using your imagination to inspire you. Never lose that. I will never forget the time you reached the very top whilst we were rock climbing on camp, keep that resilience going and know you can do it. Xander, your witty and clever personality always manages to exceed my expectations. You are insightful and intuitive beyond your years and I hope you will continue to nurture yourself with opportunities to grow. Be fearless in the pursuit of your dreams. Bella, your genuine and compassionate nature never goes unnoticed. I will always remember the shared joy and happiness in our class when you achieved 100% in a Maths test. Always remember how much potential you have, no one is you and that is your superpower. And finally, Charli, your ability to always be so positive and always look on the bright side of things is so valuable. You are a real jack of all trades, a real go-getter, and your passion for learning is always inspiring me. Your ability to dab is pretty impressive too!

Thank you to all of the Year 6's for an amazing year, I can't wait to finish it off with a bang with our Carols Concert performance and your final Year 6 Assembly. Thank you to all of the Year 6 parents, your support and assistance throughout this year has helped me learn and has allowed our class to enjoy so many different occasions. Finally, thank you to all of the staff at St Joseph's for your ongoing support and assistance with different events, the way you have gone out of your way to help this past year really speaks wonders of you all.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Miss Licari

St Joseph's School
cordially invites you to

CAROLS IN THE MILL HALL

Thursday 6 December

5.45pm Sausage sizzle

6.30pm Concert begins!

Pemberton Mill Hall, Brockman St



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.

Equine Program

The program running on the 5th Dec. There are some places still available.

Quilt EXHIBITION

The Manjimup Cherry Quilters are hosting an exhibition showcasing the work of artists in the Warren Blackwood Region at the Manjimup Art Gallery from 3rd-21st December 2018.

Please join us at the opening event on Monday 3rd December, 5.30pm-7.00pm to view the work and meet the artists

For further information contact Manjimup Art Gallery Corner of Rose & Mount Street P: 9771 2895

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- Understanding & interpreting body language
- Correlation between Mind/Body
- Listening and communication

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Parents/Carers will become more confident in their role as well as enhancing connection with their children/family.

Please contact Chris Scott to enrol on:

Tel: 0431627186 or Email: chris@horsevision.com.au

Please note: No horse experience is necessary but numbers are limited for these workshops!



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