



### OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS – PRAY FOR US.

#### Our Lady, Help of Christians

May is a month traditionally devoted to Mary. Therefore, at our 'Gathering' this week, the Year 6's led the students in a decade of the Rosary. It is really important that we continue to teach and emphasise these traditional prayer experiences.

Friday is the Feast Day of "Our Lady, Help of Christians". This Feast Day has been celebrated in Australia since 1844, but the history of this day dates back to the start of the 1800's, at a time when Napoleon Bonaparte had jailed Pope Pius VI (who also died in jail). And later, when Pope Pius VII was elected, he too was jailed by Bonaparte, who kept him prisoner at Fontainebleau.

The Pope vowed to God that if he were restored to the Roman See, he would institute a special feast in honour of Mary. The military eventually forced Bonaparte to release the Pope and on 24th May 1814, Pius VII returned in triumph to Rome. Twelve months later the Pope decreed that the Feast of Our Lady Mary, Help of Christians be kept on 24<sup>th</sup> May.

The infant church in Australia had a special reason for turning to Mary. No priests were sent to the colony in its early days and Mass was not allowed except for one brief year until 1820. It was largely the Rosary in those early days that kept the faith alive.

The Australian Catholic community remained faithful to Mary and Australia was the first nation to choose her under the title, "Mary Help of Christians" as principle Patroness. Australia also became the first country to have a cathedral dedicated in Our Lady, Mary's name. St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney was dedicated in her honour by the Irish pioneer priest, Fr John Therry who arrived in Sydney in 1820. Perhaps we could all find time to say a special prayer to Mary tomorrow.

#### Year 2 / 3 Assembly

Tomorrow, we also look forward to the Year 2/3 Assembly at 9.00am in the Hall. I know these students have been putting lots of effort into their rehearsals and I am sure their Assembly will be very entertaining indeed! All are welcome to join us for this event.

#### School Facebook Page

I am very excited to announce that we now have an active Facebook page for our school! Thank you to Miss Dallimore, who has overseen this for us. Please check it out when you can - we are hoping it will become a great source of information and highlights to showcase our wonderful school. Please note that any comments must be positive in nature. If you have any concerns about anything school-related, please speak to me or the relevant staff member directly and never through Facebook.



*Respect  
Compassion  
Safety  
Responsibility*

*23rd May 2019*

#### First Holy Communion Parent Workshop

Please note that our First Communion Parent Workshop is on Wednesday, 29th May. All Year 4 children who are doing First Communion this year should be in attendance, with at least one parent please. The Workshop will be in our school library, beginning at 6.15pm. Please keep our First Holy Communion candidates in your prayers.

#### First Holy Communion - Catering and Decoration of Hall

Please keep an eye out in the coming days for a note, asking each family to contribute a plate of food for the celebration that follows First Holy Communion on Sunday the 23rd June. Parents from the Year 2/3 Class will be responsible for coordinating the catering, while Year 4 parents are responsible for the decorating of the Hall. First Holy Communion is a wonderful opportunity for our whole community to celebrate together, so we certainly appreciate your support and willingness to assist.

#### Pupil Free Day

Please make sure that you have added the upcoming Pupil Free day to your calendar - there will be no school on Friday 31st May. Hope your family enjoys an extended long-weekend break.

### Compliance Audit

On Tuesday, we have our Compliance Audit- an audit that occurs periodically, where an auditor visits the school for a day to ensure that we are meeting all the Registration Standards for schools in Australia. As part of this process, the auditor would like to have a brief conversation with a selection of parents. If you are available to meet with the auditor between 2.30 and 3.00pm on Tuesday, as part of a group of parents, please let us know in the office. Your support is appreciated

### Piano in the Library

I am very pleased to say that the old piano, which has been living down near the canteen for several years, has been moved up to the library (Mr Kelly and I think our backs are mostly still intact). We have had it tuned and it is ready to be used. We are hoping that by having it in a more prominent location in the library, we can encourage students and staff who have an interest in music to play it from time to time.

### Long Service Leave

This week, Rose begins a month of well-deserved long service leave. During this time, Mrs. Lisa Ebsary will be looking after the office. We wish Rose all the best for her travels and we look forward to her safe return.

God Bless,  
Brett Wilkie

## Classroom News...

### Kindy/Pre-Primary & Year 1

This term we have been having lots of fun investigating our 'big question'... what make a toy, a toy? We began with the children showing their peers their favourite toy from home which they then described and illustrated. We have had a lot of interesting discussion while exploring the different examples of toys in our Inquiry Corner. The children have noticed that toys are made from different materials and are suited to specific age groups. We will soon be wondering how toys have changed over time and will explore some toys our parents and grandparents used to play with. We will also wonder and compare toys from other cultures.

In maths the children have been noticing patterns everywhere! They are getting clever at creating their own interesting patterns using shapes, colours, sounds and each other! Ordinal number has also been one of number focus with the students participating in different races, sorting stories into order and finding out what comes after 3rd or before 9th. The Year Ones have been busy developing their addition strategies especially counting on and splitting numbers into two to find out the different ways we can make numbers. We are looking forward to beginning to learn more about numbers to 20 and some subtraction strategies over the coming weeks.

### Year 5/6

In Year 5/6 the students have been focusing heavily on writing some great persuasive texts! They have been learning how to begin their writing with really strong leads and how to give the reader the WOW factor straight away. It has been fantastic to see all the children put such effort into their writing and they are producing some great pieces.

In other areas, the students have been learning about the Magna Carta. They are able to give some awesome facts on this document and how it has shaped democracy today.

The students are showing such a great attitude to their learning and it makes our classroom a super fun place to be.



Come along and see the extraordinary talent we have here at St Joe's.

Our creative students have put together an amazing show and are excited to reveal all.

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June in the hall at 2pm.**

All are warmly welcome 😊

### WHAT'S COMING UP?

Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 First Holy Communion Workshop at 10am @ 6.15pm
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup>	Yr. 6 Transition Day at Kearnan College
Frid 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Western Australia Day <b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>



### Altar Server

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June  
**Isabella**

## From Rose's desk...

### Office Hours:

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

## P & F News.....

### Canteen Roster:

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Maggie Chamoun & Katerina Gibbs

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Serena Abraham & Barbara Della Franca



### Winter Uniform

Please students should now be wearing Winter Uniform.

If you require uniform items, please contact our Uniform Co-Ordinator, Jodie Omodei (0427 718 986) or speak to Lisa or Brett in the office.

### WINTER UNIFORM (Term 2 and Term 3)



#### GIRLS

- Blue woollen school jumper with crest
- Tartan pinafore/skirt
- Blue short sleeved shirt
- Navy blue tights
- White ankle socks (if not wearing tights)
- Black lace up school shoes.  
Black buckle girl's school shoes may be worn.

#### BOYS

- Long grey school pants
- Blue woollen school jumper with crest
- Blue short sleeved shirt
- Grey socks
- Black lace up school shoes



## Community News

### Bedwetting Program Information for Parents



#### About the Bedwetting Program

The WA Country Health Service Bedwetting Program helps children between the ages of 5½ and 17 years who wet the bed more than twice a week. This is a common problem which can be treated.

The Bedwetting Program runs over 6 – 8 weeks, with specialised support provided by a community health nurse. The nurse meets fortnightly with the parent and child to help achieve night-time dryness. Children learn to take responsibility for staying dry at night, with support and praise from their parents.

#### What to expect

Families need to attend weekly appointments for 6 – 8 weeks, and use the mat and alarm system as instructed by the nurse. The child commits to being responsible for drinking a healthy amount of water, setting the alarm, waking up, changing sheets and keeping a record of their progress. Children learn to wake up to a full bladder and to take responsibility for their behaviour.

The parent's role is to support, praise and encourage.

#### Getting started

The Bedwetting Program requires parents and child to be ready to commit to the Program. Success *depends on the child being ready and motivated to stay dry.*

The first step is to make an appointment with a doctor for a check-up and referral. *Families cannot be considered for the program until the referral form is returned.*

When the referral form has been completed by the doctor, parents can make phone **9772 5258** to be put on the waitlist for their first appointment at the Warren Health Service.

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#### Other help and information

- Australian Continence Foundation – [professional information](#)
- Raising Children's Network - [www.raisingchildren.net.au](http://www.raisingchildren.net.au)



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Sunday afternoon 2.30pm

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Lisa on 041 229 8861

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