



Another wonderful Father's Day Breakfast

PBS at Saint Joes (Positive Behaviour in Schools)

If a child doesn't know how to read, we teach.
 If a child doesn't know how to swim, we teach.
 If a child doesn't know how to multiply, we teach.
 If a child doesn't know how to drive, we teach.
 If a child doesn't know how to behave, we... teach?
 ...punish?
 Why can't we finish the last sentence as automatically as we do the others?

I know I am biased, but you might have noticed how our students at Saint Joes are (generally) very well behaved, with a clear understanding of what is expected of them. Now, this is partly due to them being great kids from great families- we are lucky to have them. However, I believe it is also due to our implementation of the 'PBS Program' (Positive Behaviour in Schools) over the last few years.

The idea behind PBS is that instead of punishing misbehaviour, we need to make sure we have explicitly taught desirable behaviours, made our expectations clear and rewarded students who do behave appropriately.

You may have seen posters like this throughout the school grounds:



We aim to communicate the correct procedures and expectations of our students as explicitly as possible, in all areas of our school. We refer to these posters frequently,



*Respect
 Compassion
 Safety
 Responsibility*

5 September 2019

as a reminder of the behaviours that help to create an orderly environment where all students can learn and enjoy their friendships.

We also refer often to our '4 Pillars' of PBS- respect, compassion, safety and responsibility. We teach our students practical ways to demonstrate these pillars and seek opportunities to reward our students when they act accordingly.

Now, it's important to note that we don't avoid punishment altogether- it's just that punishment is more of a last resort, after we have ensured we have taught and modelled the desirable behaviour. I encourage you as parents to ask your students about the 4 Pillars at Saint Joes- you might even want to run your own version of PBS at home!

Father's Day Breakfast and Liturgy

What a brilliant morning we had last Friday with our Father's Day breakfast and liturgy. Our students are so fortunate to have great male role models in their lives and it is always a special treat to have so many of our dads, grandads and special men gathered together on the one morning. For more photo highlights, check out our Facebook page.

A huge thank you to Kirby Bendotti, for coordinating the breakfast and to all of the other generous mums who assisted. Well done and thank you also to Mrs Kelly, Mrs Ellis, Mrs McRae and the KP1 Class for the beautiful Father's Day Liturgy they presented.

Mum's Night Out

Not to be outdone, our mums can look forward to a special night out on Friday the 13th September. Hopefully your child brought home your invitation this week. For further details, or to RSVP, please contact Sarah Wilkie on 0410 605 321.

School Board/P&F Meetings

We have our next School Board and P&F Meetings next Tuesday, 10th September. P&F Meeting begins at 5.30pm and the School Board Meeting at 7.00pm.

School Climate Surveys

Please remember that the School Climate Surveys need to be complete by Monday 9th September. Thanks to all of those families who have already completed the survey- it helps us to gather some data on how we can try to continually improve our school into the future.

School Disco and Social Night for Parents- Save the Date

Due to popular demand, we will hold a Disco for students and Social Night for parents here at the school on Friday 20th September. This event was so well enjoyed last year, we thought we would hold it again. Please save the date- more details will be forthcoming.

Author Workshop- Kelly Canby



All of our students enjoyed a trip to PDHS this week, for a workshop with talented author and illustrator, Kelly Canby. I am sure that these workshops helped to further develop a love of writing and literature in our students.

Year 5/6 Assembly

All are welcome to join us tomorrow, on Friday 6th September, at 2.20pm, for what promises to be a highly entertaining Y5/6 Assembly. This will take place in the Year 5/6 Classroom.

Confirmation Parent Workshop

Just a reminder that for families with a Year 6 student receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, we have a Parent Workshop on Wednesday 11th September at 4.30pm. All students receiving the Sacrament should attend, with at least one parent please.

God Bless,

Brett Wilkie



Congratulations to our Joseph the Bear Winner

Joshua Ebsary

For being a person who always makes you feel welcome and happy. You greet everyone with a cheerful smile and their name. You bring the 'W' in WESTie alive every day.

Congratulations to all our MJR Award Winners



Kindy / PP / Year 1 Niamh Fuge

For always including your friends in your games. You are welcoming and fair to all your classmates. Well done!

Years 2 /3 Neva Kelly

For always demonstrating the pillar of responsibility. You consistently listen to what is being asked of you and do it straight away! Thank you for your hard work!

Year 4 Felicity Abraham

For consistently displaying the four pillars of our school. I see this not only in the classroom but out on the playground too. You should be proud of yourself. Keep up this great attitude!

Years 5/6 Peter Chamoun

For always showing wonderful manners to your teachers. You use very respectful behaviour when speaking and listening to staff.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Fri 6 Year 5/6 assembly at 2.20pm in classroom

Tues 10 P&F meeting at 5.30pm
School Board meeting at 7.00pm

Wed 11 Year 4 class Mass and reconciliation, 10am

Fri 13 Primary Winter Sports Carnival

Classroom News...

Year 5/6

In Year 5/6 we have been so busy in preparation for the TREE speeches and also for our assembly that it seems like the time is flying by!

The speeches, which are to be held in week 9 at Kearnan College, have been coming along well, even though it feels like we have been working on them for a very long time. It is nice to see all the students hard work paying off. They have taken feedback and used it effectively to enhance their writing and create some really interesting information reports. The students have shown real dedication to their reports and I am very proud of the effort they have put in.

Our assembly is to be held this Friday afternoon and is another activity the students have been putting their best effort into. Due to some of our Year 6 students participating in the Sacrament of Confirmation early in Term 4, we are making this the focus for our assembly item. So please come along to watch the students as they portray some amazing superheroes and sing their hearts out.

Mrs Mueller

K/P/1

After wrapping up our inquiry learning about the Aboriginal culture where we investigated the big question, 'What is special to the Aboriginal people of Australia?' we moved our attention to a very important person in our lives – our dad! The children enjoyed sharing stories about dads and imagined the type of superhero that their dad would be. They wrote some entertaining alliteration sentences and painted beautiful portraits of their dads.

Last Friday, after our Big Breakfast for Dads, the class presented a very moving Liturgy dedicated to all fathers, past and present. Afterwards our dads, a mum and a couple of siblings, were treated to some fun activities in our classroom where they created amazing box constructions, clever 3D shapes, delicious biscuits for Smoko, flattering painting of Mum and dressed up for some cool photographic portraits!

Currently the class is developing their own inquiry pathway to follow next through much discussion and investigation. Inspired by a wild bee home brought to school by the Kelly family, our learning focus may have something to do with the conservation of animals and caring for our environment. We'll keep you posted!



From Rose's desk...

Office Hours:

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

Celebrating their birthday

Saturday 7 September

Elyssa Brown

Monday 9 September

Sienna Vesela



We hope you have a great day

P & F News.....

Canteen Roster:

Tues 10 Gaye Van Hazendonk & Morina Pratt

Tues 17 Kiara Bendotti



Caritas Fundraiser (bee hotels)- To continue raising money for Caritas to build a water pump we are building bee hotels to sell and raise money, but we need the materials. If you have some of the following things lying around it would be very much appreciated if you could kindly donate them.

- Tin cans between 10 and 15 cm long
- Bamboo
- Timber off cuts (non-treated)
- Outdoor paint



BLOOM
Girls this one is for YOU

CREATIVE WORKSHOPS
FRIDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER,
4:00-6:00
- KOKADAMA
(INCLUDES SUCCULENT)
\$ 5.00 PER WORKSHOP
NORTHCLIFFE FAMILY
AND COMMUNITY
CENTRE

In Northcliffe and nearby towns, live so many amazing young girls and ladies. Often different schools, employment or social circles don't allow the time or opportunity to interact with each other. *Bloom* is the perfect "once a term" chance to get together, be creative and hang out as a community of girls and women. We are so pleased our gorgeous youth worker, Maegan will be facilitating the afternoon and giving a helping hand. Fruit, tea and coffee is provided.

Parent Workshop Alcohol and Other Drugs

Do you feel ill-equipped to talk with your children about alcohol and other drugs?

Did you know parents are the greatest influence on their children?



Amy Coombe
Keynote speaker

Amy Coombe is a National Inspirational Speaker and has been featured on Channel Seven, Channel Ten, The Project and ABC South West. Amy will speak on the importance that the family and the parent/child relationship plays as a strong protective factor for young people. Amy speaks from the heart & presents with humour, emotion and honesty.



Tim Jones
1st Class Officer, Manjimup Police

Tim will give an overview of the risks and issues they see facing youth in Manjimup. Tim will also speak about the proactive policing approach.

For further information please contact the Shire of Manjimup on 9771 7777.



Dr Sarah Youngson
Youth Doctor and Chair of Blackwood Youth Action Inc.

Sarah will present to parents on concerns about their child's use of alcohol or other drugs, behaviours or physical indicators that may be a sign of use, and the relationship between mental health and alcohol and other drugs. Sarah will also speak on how families can access local services and how their GP may be able to assist.

Where: Manjimup Community Wellness Centre,
1 Edwards Road Manjimup
Time: 6.30pm - 8.00pm
Date: Tuesday 10 Sept 2019

Light supper provided.

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