



Our 'Mathademic' team, who represented our school so proudly.

The Importance of Being a Dad Who Reads

I hope not to upset any of our amazing Saint Joe's mums with this article, but I would like to take this opportunity to highlight a 2015 study carried out at Harvard University. This study revealed that children benefit more from their father, rather than their mother, reading them bedtime stories. Dads, the research revealed, spark more "imaginative discussions" and are more instrumental to their children's language development because of the way they read to their kids. Admittedly, this was an American study, but I suspect a similar effect would exist in Australia.

Over the course of a year researching the impact that parents reading had upon their children, the study leader, Dr Elisabeth Duursma, found that girls in particular benefited more when read to by a male. "The impact is huge – particularly if dads start reading to kids under the age of two," explains Duursma. "Reading is seen as a female activity and kids seem to be more tuned in when their dad reads to them – it's special."

Hopefully, none of the boys at Saint Joe's perceive reading as something 'for girls'. I do know, however, that if boys see their dad reading at home (sometimes actual books, not only newspapers, form guides etc), they are going to be more likely to embrace and enjoy reading themselves. After all, while, yes, dads are supposed to protect, feed, and defend their children, they're also responsible for introducing their kids to the world around them. Books are remarkable tools for doing just that.

Unfortunately, a recent poll – of 1,000 mums and dads – by the charity Book Trust, found that only 13% of fathers are the main household reader. Worryingly, it seems that the younger the father, the less likely it is that they will enjoy reading to their children, with only 19% of dads under 25 saying they enjoy reading with their children- older age brackets polled higher.

So, yes, it is important for dads to read with the kids. But it's not because it's something we HAVE to do.



*Respect
Compassion
Safety
Responsibility*

31 October 2019

It's because, when we read with our kids, we have the chance to share some small part of ourselves with our children and that's an opportunity that no dad should miss.

Dads' Reading Day

So, as part of our BookWeek celebrations, all students are invited to bring in their dad (or grandad, uncle, older brother etc) for our Dads Reading Day on Friday 8th November. From around 8.45am-9.00am, all students can find a comfortable spot around the school to read with their special person. You might like to bring a favourite book from home or choose one from our school library. For those students who cannot bring a guest, they will spend some time reading with one of the teachers. Hope to see lots of special guests here for this exciting event!

Book Fair and Dress-Up Parade

Next week, our Book Fair is open from Tuesday until Friday. Some fantastic books are available for students or parents to purchase during the week. Students will go through with their class to create a wish list and can then purchase books themselves. Alternatively, parents are welcome to visit at any time to purchase books. Remember, Christmas will be here before you know it, so this could be a great opportunity to tick off a few gifts.

Then, on Thursday from 9.00am in our School Hall, we will hold our Book Week Dress-Up Parade. All students are encouraged to dress as a favourite book character and all parents and community members are most welcome to come along and enjoy the parade. Can't wait to see the creative outfits that our students come up with!

All Saints Day Mass

Thank you to Miss Dallimore and our Year 4 students for leading us in our All Saints Feast Day Mass so beautifully yesterday. It was a very prayerful and reverent occasion. Thanks also to Father Pat for saying Mass and to all parents who attended.

School Board/ P&F Positions 2020

We are now looking for interested candidates to be part of our School Board and P&F Executive for 2020.

For the School Board, no particular skills and expertise are required- just a genuine desire to help the school in all of our endeavours. There are two evening School Board meetings each term and the only requirement is that you attend these when you can.

Our P&F also meet twice a term. We need to appoint parents to the roles of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. While I'm sure that some of our incumbents will return to their roles, we certainly welcome new people who may wish to contribute by taking on one of these roles.

Please contact me in the office should you like any more information about the School Board or P&F, or to express your interest.

Mathademic

Congratulations to Shelby Bendotti, Charli Omodei, Sebastian Vesely, Amelie Windberg, Sienna Vesela and Gaia Kelly, who represented our school at the recent Mathademic competition in Manjimup. Several schools from our local region all entered teams to compete against each other in solving a series of maths problems and challenges. We were very proud of the way our students competed with determination, teamwork and sportsmanship.


'Administration of Schools' Platform

This week, as a school, we transitioned to a brand-new operating system called 'Administration of Schools', which, over time, will have many benefits for our school. You may notice that some of the accounts documents and other correspondence that is sent home may now look slightly different- this is due to this new AoS platform. If you have any questions or would like further information, please get in touch with us at the school.

Summer Uniform

As it is Term 4, students should now be in Summer Uniform. Please let us know in the office should you require any uniform items.

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

God Bless,
Brett Wilkie

Classroom News...

Year 4

In Year 4, we have been exploring how to code on our iPads. We planned and wrote stories using a storyboard. To bring these stories to life we have used the app Scratch, which lets us turn our stories into animations. We are able to control the characters and what they say and the backgrounds. It has been very exciting figuring out new things to make the characters do. We can't wait to see the final products.



Year 2/3

This term during our writing lessons the Year 2/3s have been learning how to write fixed versed poems. Over the past two weeks, they have discovered that there are many different types of poetry, all with different rules they must follow. They began investigating the rules of a Cinquain poem and attempted writing some of their own based on animals. Each attempt students made was more engaging and captivating than the last. Here are two examples of Cinquain poems written by members of the 2/3 class.

Orca

Fast, deadly
Hunting, breaching, swimming
Stalker of the Antarctic Ocean
Killer Whale
By Neva

Wombat

Brown, chubby
Burrowing, eating, sleeping
Sharp claws messily digging
their burrows
Nocturnal
By Sarah

From Rose's desk...

Office Hours:

The office will be attended Friday this week, Monday, Tuesday & Thursday next week. Thank you.

Bookfair

REMINDER – the Bookfair will commence on Tuesday 5 November. Please come in and support the school. The books will make great Christmas gifts for friends and family.

Can You Help?

We need to collect 12 large milo tins- preferably the 1kg value pack size, to make drums for our music sessions.

Please drop them into the K/P/1 class if you can help. Thanks!

SH Fax Machine

The school has a Brother Fax 2820 fax machine, in good working order that they no longer require. If you can make use of it or know someone who may need one, please contact the school office.

Price: donation

P & F News.....

Canteen Roster:

Tues 5 Kirby Bendotti

Tues 12 Ruth Kelly

Celebrating their birthday

Monday 4 November

Emilia Della Franca

Tuesday 12 November

Annie Abraham



We hope you have a great day

Congratulations to all our MJR Award Winners



Kindy / PP / Year 1 **Jesse Lin**

For trying his best during swimming lesson week, listening well to the teacher and being organised and independent with all his gear! Well done, Jesse.

Years 2 /3 **William Love**

For consistently demonstrating the pillar of Responsibility during swimming lessons. It was great to see you following our school expectations and helping the younger kids whenever you could. You are a great role model to your peers!

Year 4 **Adrienne Gibbs**

For being an encouraging class member. You are always looking out for the needs of others and doing what you can to help them. You are a pleasure to have in our class.

Years 5/6 **Sienna Vesela**

For using common sense to help out around the classroom. You always see things that need to be done and will act upon them often without being asked in a responsible manner.

Congratulations to our Joseph the Bear Winner

Isabella Ng

For always helping and encouraging others in class and on the playground.

You are a kind and gentle friend to EVERYONE!



WHAT'S COMING UP?

- Fri 1 All Saints Day
- Sat 2 All Souls Day
- Tues 5 – Fri 8 Bookfair – sales commence
- Thurs 7 Bookfair dress-up parade
- Mon 11 Remembrance Day assembly at 11am

Celebrating the 90th Birthday of the

Northcliffe Town Hall

Saturday 2nd November 2019

Old time dance

(Music by Campfire Country – Bridgetown)

Doors open at 7pm

\$25 per adult, \$12 High School children

Supper provided, licenced bar

Raffles, auctions, spot and door prizes

Tickets available from Northcliffe Visitor Centre and Post Office

All money raised goes to the Friends of the Northcliffe Town Hall for facilities, sound equipment, dishwasher and more great events!

Northcliffe Town Hall Market Day

Sunday 3rd Nov
9am - 1pm

BIG BREAKFAST
Handicrafts and Baskets
Lotions and potions
Woodwork and Furniture
Retro clothing
Bric a Brac and Books
Plenty of plants
Cakes, Coffee and more

Contact 0422 877 206 or nctownhall@gmail.com for more information or stall bookings

Book Fairs

Check-out these
**DINO-MITE
NEW BOOKS**

EVERY PUPIL MUST MAKE EARNING, LEARNING AND LITERACY RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL!

Date Week 4 4th - 8th Nov 2019 Place School Library
Time _____

CHOOSE FROM A HUGE SELECTION OF BOOKS AT THE FAIR!

SCHOLASTIC

Bookfair

Come in and see our huge range of books in our school fair.

Books make great gifts, and this is an opportunity to view and purchase books. Your support benefits the school directly through credit/cash for us to buy books for the library.

Country Hoedown Sundowner

Friday 1st Nov 5.30pm

FREE OF CHARGE. Hi Y'all. Throw on your boots and cowdy hat and come on down to the Centre. **Everyone welcome.** Looking forward to mingling with you and any newcomers or friends you bring along.

Live entertainment by **Campfire Country** throughout the evening.

Supper provided. BYO drinks

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2019 Melbourne Cup Luncheon

Enjoy the thrill of the Melbourne Cup Event with games, raffles and sweeps.

- Licensed venue (no BYO)
- Featuring a lunch buffet by Cilantro
- Fashion parade by Southern Belle
- Tables of 8

Manjimup Country Club	5 Nov 2019	Doors Open: 11am Commence: 11:30am
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TICKET PRICE: \$55*pp
(Includes champagne on arrival)

BOOK ONLINE AT
CHERRYFESTIVAL.COM.AU
Limited tickets so book early! (*Plus Booking Fee)

Enquiries: Franzine Karamities
Phone 0417 963 133

Cilantro Cafe

Southern Belle

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8 Days

Program 1
31 Dec - 10 January
45 minute lessons
Enrolments close 10 November

Program 2
13 - 24 January
35 minute lessons
Enrolments close 17 November

\$30 per child / \$20 concession
\$81 for a family of three or more /
\$54 concession
(plus pool entry).

10 Days

Short program
6 - 10 January
35 minute lessons
Enrolments close 10 November

\$16 per child / \$10.50 concession
\$41 for a family of three or more /
\$27.50 concession
(plus pool entry).

5 Days

Enrol now
Visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming or call 9402 6412.