



Welcome back for 2020

It is with great excitement that I welcome you back for another school year at Saint Joe's! I hope that all our families had a wonderful break over summer.

2020 promises to be another exhilarating year, filled with learning, friendship and fun. I am sure that all our students, teachers and parents are just as enthusiastic as I am about 2020!

Please note that due to a change of Kindy days, the newsletter will now go home each Wednesday.

Starting a New School Year

So, it's that time again - time for our students to switch their bathers for their school uniform as they return for the next year of their schooling. Many of our students will have a new teacher and/or will be in a new classroom and I am sure there will be a range of emotions - some excitement at what lies ahead, but also perhaps some anxiety as students face the inevitable change that a new school year brings. Regardless of how your child is feeling about returning to school, there are some things that you can do at home to help them get the new school year off to a flying start.

These would include:

- Sleep- one of the best things that a child can do to prepare for a day of learning is to have a good night's sleep. Most experts recommend that primary-school aged children get at least 10 hours of sleep each night, so I encourage you to establish suitable and consistent bedtime and wake-up times.
- Establish routines- to ensure that students arrive at school feeling relaxed and prepared for the day, it is helpful to develop good routines as to how and when student's complete homework, pack their bag, get their uniform ready etc. Children thrive on predictability and routine, so time spent at the beginning of the year establishing these routines can be well worth it in the long run.
- Set goals- some students can feel daunted by the vast range of new skills and understandings that they are expected to learn in a school year. It can be really helpful for students to identify small, specific and realistic learning goals, so that they feel that they have direction in their learning.



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Once achieved, a new learning goal can be established, with this process recurring throughout the year. The classroom teacher will be most happy to help students in identifying suitable goals.

- Communicate- firstly, make sure your child has had an opportunity to voice any concerns or insecurities around returning to school to you. If your child is worried about anything, I strongly encourage you to then speak to their teacher about it as early as possible. The teacher is there to help and almost always it is better to address small concerns before they become more significant later down the track.

I look forward to catching up with each student over the first week of school and wish each one of them a happy return to school!

A New Role for Mrs. Ellis

Mrs. Ellis will be away for the first five weeks of Term One, enjoying a well-earned period of leave. When she returns, she will begin teaching Drama/Music once a week to each class, which we are very excited about. It will be great to see this important learning area being given more emphasis in our school and I am sure the children will enjoy the activities that Mrs. Ellis has in store for them. Mrs. Ellis will also spend time working with Miss Charlton and the PP/1/2 Class on Thursday and Friday mornings, for English and Maths.

Parent Information Evening

On Tuesday 11th February, please join us here at the school for our Parent Information Evening. At least one parent should attend these sessions please, as there will be essential information shared by each classroom teacher. The times will be as follows:

5.30pm	Mr Wilkie's welcome in the library (all families)
5.50pm	K/P
6.10pm	P/1/2
6.30pm	Year 3/4
6.50pm	Year 5/6

If you have some spare time at any stage on the evening, please feel free to enjoy some nibbles and a drink in the library. If practical, please leave children at home.

Term Dates 2020

Students will need to be at school for the following term dates in 2020:

TERM 1:

Begins for students: Monday 3rd February
Last day for students: Wednesday 8th April

TERM 2:

Begins for students: Tuesday 28th April
Last day for students: Thursday 1st July
In-Term Pupil Free Days: Friday 1st May & Tuesday 2nd June

TERM 3:

Begins for students: Tuesday 21st July
Last day for students: Friday 25th September

TERM 4:

Begins for students: Monday 12th October
Last day for students: Friday 11th December

Term Calendar

With this week's newsletter, you will find a Term One term calendar, which outlines all the important meetings and events of the term. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with us at the school should you have any questions about anything that occurs in Term One.

Class Newsletters

On Monday, your child should bring home the first 'Class Newsletter' of 2020. This will contain some key information about your child's class and what lies ahead in the coming weeks. Please check your child's bag. These newsletters will also be uploaded to the school website.

Health Care Card Holders – Fees

Invoices for fees will be sent home the week beginning 17th February. If you are the holder of a Health Care Card, would you please bring your card to the School Office so we are able to take a copy and apply the HCC fee rate before printing the invoices.

We will need to have a copy of your card by Friday 7th February. Thank you for your help.

2020 Commissioning Mass

On Sunday 8th March, we celebrate our Opening School Mass (Commissioning Mass) at 10.30am. We encourage all families to attend this Mass so that we can pray as a whole school community for a safe and prosperous school year ahead. This Mass also provides us an opportunity for the commissioning of those people who are taking on new roles in our school community this year.

New Students/Staff



Back row: Alex, Mrs. Byrne. 3rd Row: Josie, Archie. 2nd Row: Michael, Annie, Miles. Front Row: Patrick

We are so excited to welcome some new students to our Saint Joes community, with six children joining us for Kindy in 2020 (Josie Ehlers, Annie Sebire, Phoenix Ciano, Michael Bendotti, Patrick Thomas and Miles Wilkie). We also welcome Alex Otway, who joins our Year 5/6 Class and Archie Collins who joins Pre-primary. We hope these new students settle in quickly to our beautiful school.

We also welcome Mrs. Lyn Byrne, who is very excited to sink her teeth into the secretary/finance officer role in 2020. I am sure you will enjoy getting to know Lyn throughout the school year.

P&F Big Bash Sundowner- Friday 21st February

Last year, we established what we hope will be a new tradition to welcome all students and parents to a new school year- the Parents vs Students Big Bash Cricket match here at the school. Following the cricket match, students and parents are welcome to enjoy refreshments and an opportunity to catch up with old friends and perhaps make some new ones too. More details will be forthcoming, but please save the date of the afternoon/evening of Friday 21st February.



Text Messages

As you are probably aware, the school sometimes sends text messages to parents as an efficient means of sharing urgent communications. Please don't reply to any text messages received, as the system we use does not allow us to see any replies. Always phone the school on 9776 1180 should you wish to communicate a response to a text message received. Also, as we have a limit of characters per text message, please excuse us if messages are brief/abrupt.

Attachments

Along with today's Newsletter you should receive:

- Data Collection Form (Attachment 1 & 2)
- Full Student Details Form
- Photo Permission Form/General Permission Form
- Medication Request Form
- Canteen Roster
- Updated Term Planner

Please accept our apologies for the large amount of information and forms, but all are important. Your understanding is appreciated.

Student Fundraising in 2020

You may be aware that last year, through various fundraising efforts by the students, we were able to donate \$2175 to Caritas, to be put towards a solar-powered water pump for a community in need. I was so impressed by the passion and determination our students showed in working towards this goal in 2019. If we can match this fundraising total in 2020, we should be able to achieve our goal, so please keep an eye out for different student fundraisers and support them as much as you can.


Uniform

Our Uniform coordinator for 2019 will again be Mrs Jodie Omodei. For uniform requirements, please get in touch with Jodie directly, (0427 718 986) or contact us at the front desk.


Please note that children will need to wear Sports Uniform on Thursdays and Fridays in 2020.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could ensure that your child has a school hat, as during Term 1 we have a No Hat, No Play policy.

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

SPORTS UNIFORM (All year round)

	GIRLS AND BOYS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black airflow shorts • Blue polo shirt with school logo • Blue polo fleece windcheater • Blue tracksuit pants • White ankle socks • Hat with school crest (Terms 1 and 4) • Joggers.
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The relics have landed!

The relics of St Therese and her parents Sts Louis and Zelie have begun their pilgrimage around Australia. Time to start arranging your pilgrimage to visit the relics in Mandurah (30 April / 1 May), Bunbury (1-3 May) and Busselton (3-4 May). Let Deborah

(Bunbury.director@catholicmission.org.au) know **as soon as possible** if you could use low cost accommodation in Busselton or Dardanup. Follow the journey on the Catholic Mission website <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/relics-of-saint-th%C3%A9r%C3%A8se-of-lisieux>



Pilgrimage of St Therese of Lisieux and her parents Sts Louis and Zelie Martin – Bunbury Diocese Thurs 30 Apr – Mon 4 May 2020

Our Lady's Assumption Church, Mandurah.	Midday 30 April to 9.30 am 1 May
St Patrick's Cathedral, Bunbury	Midday to 4.30pm 1 May
Carmelite Monastery, Gelorup	5.30 – 8pm 1 May; 8am to 11am 2 May
St Patrick's Cathedral, Bunbury	Midday 2 May to 3pm 3 May
Our Lady of the Bay Church, Busselton	5.30pm 3 May to 1.30pm 4 May

During the time in each Parish there will be celebration of the Eucharist, opportunities for individual Penance/Reconciliation, various devotions, veneration of the relics, liturgy of the hours, all night vigils, meditation, information about the Saints and their spirituality, rosary. Families, groups, students and individuals are invited to participate.

Please contact Deborah for assistance with accommodation and any further information. Check Catholic Mission website to follow journey and find educational materials <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/relics-of-saint-th%C3%A9r%C3%A8se-of-lisieux>

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Northcliffe Tennis Club Junior Training

Starting
Friday 14th February
4 - 5pm
\$5 indiv/\$10 family
6 sessions

Phone Lyn on 0429 419 749 or
Fiona 97767777 if interested.

PILATES

Would you like to increase your health and wellbeing? Have a little time to spare on a Thursday evening? Why not join me for PILATES!

Pilates class will be held:

WHERE: St Joes school hall

DAY: Every Thursday

TIME: 6pm-6.45pm

WHEN: beginning this Thursday Feb 6.

COST: \$60 for 4 weeks and will be ongoing.

BYO: mat and water bottle.

If interested contact Amanda Keough on 0439 977 248

