

## HOCKEY CLINIC HIGHLIGHTS

### Project Compassion 2020

It is a great source of pride for all of us that the students of Saint Joe's have such a passion for helping those less fortunate than themselves. Each year, Caritas, a Catholic charitable organisation, launches 'Project Compassion'; a special appeal launched in time for Lent, encouraging the Catholic community to fundraise for the needy.

Last year, a focus of Project Compassion was to provide poor communities in African countries with solar-powered water pumps, to increase the standard of living for the villagers. Our students embraced this cause and last year we impressively raised over \$2000 to be put toward a water pump for a community in need.

On Monday, all students watched a video showing the focus for Project Compassion in 2020. We heard the story of Shirley, an indigenous lady from the Philippines. In the Philippines, indigenous people face frequent discrimination and lack of access to basic services, resulting in many of them living in extreme poverty. I encourage you to visit the Project Compassion website to view Shirley's story for yourself. This year, we will attempt to raise another \$2000, which should enable a water pump to be purchased and installed. Once we have achieved this target, we will turn our attention to fundraising for people like Shirley in underprivileged communities in the Philippines.

We will have various fundraisers throughout the year- please keep monitoring the newsletter for details. This week, each child should have brought home a Project Compassion money box. As a family, if you have some spare change lying around the house, I encourage you to put it into this money box. Money boxes can be returned to the office at any time. Every cent counts and will be put to good use, helping the needy in our global community. We look forward to continuing to develop our school culture of generosity and helping those in need.



### Shrove Tuesday Fundraiser- Pancake Special in the Canteen

Shrove Tuesday is also coming up next week, Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> so the canteen will be running a pancake special on this day. During recess we will have pancakes which will be up for sale 😊 Grab a pancake for 50c or 3 for \$1. All money raised will be donated to Project Compassion's Lent Appeal. If you can volunteer some time to come in and cook some pancakes, please let us know. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

### Congratulations to the Marshall and Collins families, Kiara and James

We have been so excited to hear news of two new arrivals in recent weeks, with the Marshall family welcoming a beautiful baby girl (Molly) and the Collins family welcoming their brand new baby boy, Jake. This is such a special time for these families and certainly worth celebrating- we wish them all the best. Please also keep the De Campo family in your prayers, as they are also expecting a new arrival any day now.

We also congratulate Kiara Bendotti and James on their recent wedding; what a special time for Kiara, James and the Bendotti family and we wish them much happiness as they begin married life together.

### First Aid Training

Our Year 5 and 6 students had a visit last week from Geoff Aldersea of Trauma One, who did a first-aid training course with them. After school, he was also able to do a refresher session with the staff. I am sure that you will agree that these are vital skills and we hope that if we are ever faced with an emergency at school, we will have many people confident in assisting and providing first aid.



### P & F Big Bash Sundowner- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

Don't forget we have our Sundowner and Parents vs Students cricket match this Friday, with the cricket beginning at 5.30pm. Refreshments and sausage sizzle will follow immediately after the match. Full details were in last week's newsletter. We hope to see you here- please rsvp to the office if you are attending, for catering purposes. I hope the parents are able to squeeze in a much-needed training session, as the students are telling me they are fit and fired up, ready to go back-to-back!

### Ash Wednesday Mass

Next Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February, our Year 3/4 Class will lead the whole school in a Mass at 10.00 am to celebrate Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the liturgical season of Lent. All members of the community are most welcome to join us on this special occasion.

### 2020 Commissioning Mass

On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Sacrament Dates 2020

For those families with children who are due to receive a Sacrament in 2020, the dates will be as follows:

- First Communion (Year 4)  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June, 10.30am
- Confirmation (Year 6)-  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 10.30am
- Reconciliation (Year 3)  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October, 10.00am

## Classroom News...

### Kindy / Pre-Primary

We have had an amazing start to the New Year. The children have settled in beautifully with many happy faces coming into the classroom each morning ready to unpack their bags and begin playing and working with their friends.

The children have been busy learning the routines and expectations of the classroom while wondering about the Big Question "What Makes Me, Me"? During our Religious Education, Health and History subjects we are examining many different elements of this question, including what makes each one of us unique and special and soon we will begin to compare how our families are the same and different. Later in the term as our investigations continue, we will also explore how we have each grown and changed from babyhood to now.

A huge thank you to all the families who attended last week's Parent Information Evening. Just a reminder to sign up to the Seesaw app with the QR code provided so your child can begin to share some of their school experiences with you at home. If you have any trouble getting onto the app, please let me know and together we will try to work it out.

### Year 5/6

The year has begun beautifully in the Year 5/6 class. The students have identified the long- and short-term goals they would like to achieve in the coming year and are making a great start in accomplishing these. In these first 3 weeks, we already feel like we have done so much. We had the FES come show us their fire truck and all their awesome equipment. They also spoke to us about how we can protect our homes in cases of bushfire. The following day, we were visited by Trauma One and the students were taken through a First Aid Training afternoon, where they learnt what to do in many different emergency situations. We are in very safe hands at Saint Joes!

In the classroom, we have been knuckling down and putting our best effort into our work. We are currently working on using narrative language features to describe a setting and the paragraphs the students are producing are amazing. I am so impressed with their efforts!

We still have lots coming up in the term and we are looking forward to all of it!



### Condolences to the Olsen Family

We received some very sad news this week, with the passing of Arthur 'Ollie' Olsen, our beloved long-time school groundskeeper and handyman. Although he has been unwell for some time, this still came as unexpected news.

To the kids, he was 'Mr. Ollie' the cheerful old man who would do anything to help them around the school. To the staff, he was our go-to man for anything that we needed. He would literally be on call around the clock and would drop everything at a moment's notice to come to the school to assist. His impact in the community was also significant, so I'm sure this is sad news for many families. Ollie was a tremendous example to us all of generosity, kindness, dedication and hard work. He loved the Pemberton community, the Saint Joseph's community and above all, he loved the children of this great school.

Ollie will be sorely missed- please keep him and his family in your prayers.



### Vision for Learning

Late last year, the staff worked together to create a document called the Saint Joseph's "Vision for Learning". This document is available on our school website, or you may have seen it in poster form around the school. The idea behind this document is for all staff to develop together a shared understanding of how children best learn, to ensure that we all have a consistent, "best-practice" approach to teaching and learning across the school. I encourage you to take a moment to read through this document and if you have any questions, I would be most happy to speak to you.

### iMaths

This year, will be using a new program in Mathematics throughout the school, called "iMaths". After much discussion and analysis, the staff agreed that iMaths was the best resource to engage our students in Mathematics. One of the main appeals of the program is that while it teaches all the skills within the curriculum, it does so in a way that focuses on investigation and applying maths into real-life situations. If you would like to know more about iMaths, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us, or check out their website: <https://www.fireflyeducation.com.au/imaths/>

### Help Required- Early Childhood Water Play Feature

We have a project in the works at the moment, involving installation of a water pump and riverbed in the early childhood play area. Glen Hill, our groundsman is coordinating this project and is seeking river-stones (shoal stones) suitable for use in our riverbed, as well as volunteers to assist in the construction of this feature. If you can assist in either of these ways, please let us know in the office. Once completed, I am sure this will become a much-loved feature for the children.

### Arrival Times for School

A friendly reminder that classrooms don't open in the mornings until 8.30am. Your child should not be at school before this time, as they will be unsupervised. If there is a particular reason your child needs to arrive before 8.30am, please inform us in advance, so that arrangements can be made.

### Nut Allergies

A reminder that as we have students in the school with significant nut allergies, please don't send your children to school with any nuts or foods containing nuts in their lunchbox. Thanks for your understanding - your cooperation is certainly appreciated.

### Uniform- Watches and Accessories

A reminder that students need to ensure they are complying with our uniform policy in regard to jewellery and accessories. See below- this information is taken directly from our policy. I did explain to the students that if they are wearing incorrect accessories, these may be removed, or parents contacted. I also reminded them of the importance of their wrist watches not becoming a distraction - if their watch makes a noise or distracts them or their classmates in any way, the teacher may ask them to remove it for the day. Thanks for your assistance in this matter and please don't hesitate to get in touch should you need any clarification.

**Jewellery** – The wearing of jewellery is to be limited to the following:

- A wristwatch
- A small cross or medal of religious significance worn on a fine chain around the neck.
- One sleeper earring or stud worn in the lobe of each ear.

No other jewellery is permitted as part of the uniform policy.



**Hairstyles** - Hair should always be of an acceptable style and kept neat and tidy.

Unconventional (extreme) cuts, style or colours are not permitted. If in doubt, please check with the school in the first instance. Long hair is to be tied back with blue ribbon or scrunchies and off the face.

**Make up** – Make up is not permitted. Nail polish will be asked to be removed.

### Uniform

Our Uniform Coordinator for 2020 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.



## Celebrating their birthday

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March  
Felicity Abraham



We hope you have a fantastic day 😊

## FROM THE OFFICE .....

### Lyn Away

Lyn has been working very hard in the office, as she has some time away to look forward to over the next three weeks- we wish her well for her travels. In her absence, Lisa Ebsary will be in the office. I look forward to having Lisa on deck and we will be open for business as usual at the front desk in Lyn's absence.

The Office will be attended Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday next week.

### Relics

Just a reminder that, for the first time in 18 years, the relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux, one of the most popular saints of modern times, are visiting Western Australia on a four-month pilgrimage with her parents, Saints Louis and Zélie Martin. Please get involved with this rare opportunity if you can and contact us in the office if you would like more information.



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

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| <b>Our Lady's Assumption Church, Mandurah.</b> | Midday 30 April to 9.30 am 1 May       |
| <b>St Patrick's Cathedral, Bunbury</b>         | Midday to 4.30pm 1 May                 |
| <b>Carmelite Monastery, Gelorup</b>            | 5.30 – 8pm 1 May;<br>8am to 11am 2 May |
| <b>St Patrick's Cathedral, Bunbury</b>         | Midday 2 May to 3pm 3 May              |
| <b>Our Lady of the Bay Church, Busselton</b>   | 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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# Thanks for attending our Hockey Roadshow today!

**If you would like to play hockey, our season starts in Term 2 and we'd love to see you!**

We cater for all levels from 6 yr olds to grown-ups and everyone in-between.

Watch for notices from your school for upcoming hockey events, registration days and a mini carnival in April!



**Enquiries:**

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| Women and Juniors  | Carol Samsa 0401 915 884<br>samsa51wa@westnet.com.au    |
| Men & Boys over 12 | Charles Otway 0466 633 275<br>charlee@terraperma.com.au |

## 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

