



Lachy and Will leading our Harmony Day Assembly

Easter- a Season for 'Service'

After much discussion with staff and parents, we have decided not to hold our traditional Easter Raffle in 2020. Instead, on Wednesday 8th April, which is the last day of Term 1 for students, we will begin with an Easter Liturgy, led by our Kindy/Pre-Primary Class. Following this, each student will head out for a couple of hours of community service activities. While we are still finalising what these will be, students will likely be able to choose from such activities as maintenance of the community garden, cleaning up rubbish from public recreation areas, visiting the residents at the retirement apartments and assisting Vinnies with special projects. We will finish the day with all students gathering in the Hall for a special prayer, after which each child will be given a small Easter egg to enjoy.

During Lent, we speak to the students about the importance of self-sacrifice and doing things for others. We feel that replacing the raffle with a morning of service activities is more fitting with the season of Lent and the ethos that we are trying to develop in our students. We may bring the Easter Raffle back in the future, but for this year at least, we are looking forward to trying something different. If there are any parents out there who wish to join us for our service activities on this day, you would be most welcome. I hope that Lent continues to be a prayerful time of preparation for you and your family.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Please keep the afternoon/evening of Monday 30th March in your calendar, as this is the date for the Parent/Teacher Meetings. Parents will be allocated 10-15 minutes to speak to the teacher about your child's progress and any concerns that you or the teacher may have. A note will be sent home with more information, but in the meantime, please reserve this date.



Harmony Day

This year, we thought we would celebrate Harmony Day in a special way, with a Harmony Day Assembly yesterday. We learnt about the purpose and meaning of Harmony Day and the importance of being welcoming and compassionate to others, regardless of race or ethnic background.

It was quite interesting to see students showing on the world map their place of heritage- while we all are of different backgrounds, we are all proud Australians and our diversity as a nation is one of the things that makes this such a great country.

The students also completed a range of 'Harmony Day' activities in their classrooms. I am sure that the students have a renewed appreciation of other cultures following our celebrations.

Saint Joseph's Day Liturgy and Celebrations

We have a jam-packed day celebrating St. Joseph's Feast Day. Our day commences with a Liturgy service led by the Yr. 1/2 class at 9.00am, in the Year 1/2 Class. Later we all stroll down to the Pemberton Swimming Pool for some games & activities. We have given the students a challenge of returning to school carrying buckets of water.

Don't forget that each student needs to bring along with them to school 2 buckets with handles and keep collecting those donations.

P & F / School Board Meeting

Tonight, is our next P & F Meeting at 5.30pm (all parents are welcome) and our School Board Meeting at 7.00pm. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

South West Principals Visiting Saint Joseph's

NOTE- this is now postponed.

On Friday, our school is looking forward to hosting the Regional South West Principals Meeting. Every Catholic school principal in our south west region will enjoy a tour of our school followed by our regional meeting. I am very confident that our students will be on their very best behaviour, with so many principals on site! This should be a great opportunity to showcase all of those things that make our little school special and I look forward to hosting these V.I.P.s

NAPLAN Practice Test

As you may be aware, one day of the NAPLAN online testing last year was hit with nation-wide technical glitches. In an effort to prevent this happening again, all schools have been asked to conduct a NAPLAN Practice Test, with Year 5 students, at 9.00am on Monday next week, 23rd March. Please reassure your students that this test is purely to check NAPLAN's technical readiness- there test won't be scored, or results shared in any way. It may be, however, a valuable chance for students to become more familiar with the NAPLAN test format, in advance of the actual NAPLAN tests in May.

Water Play Area- Assistance Required

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 the river-bed, 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.

School Cyclic Review 2020

NOTE- this is now postponed.

This term, Saint Joseph's is undergoing a 'School Cyclic Review'. This occurs every five years and can be a great process for assessing our progress as a school and for identifying areas of future focus. The paragraph below, from Catholic Education W.A., gives a brief overview of the School Cyclic Review:

"The School Cyclic Review (SCR) provides an opportunity for a panel of educators, external to the school, to affirm, challenge and report on the improvement journey at the school. SCR focuses on the effectiveness of a school's engagement with self-review, the impact of self-review on school improvement and the future directions for the improvement of student outcomes that the school has identified. SCR occurs once in a five-year period and contributes to the compliance of school re-registration regulations in this state. The SCR Panel will be visiting Saint Joseph's on March 30th- April 2nd. As part of that process they will be meeting with the Leadership Team, a selection of staff, Parish Priest and nominees from the School Board and P&F group. At the conclusion of the SCR Panel visit, a report that comments on our school improvement processes and strategic direction will be written and forwarded to the school."

Year 6 Camp

The Year 6's had a great week away on camp. Here are some of the highlights of our time away.



Perth Zoo



Scitech



Our fun-loving Yr.6's

Parish News: Stations of the Cross

You are invited to join the youth of our Parish who will lead the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, 10th April commencing 1pm at Big Brook Dam.

After gathering we walk a short distance to unite and reflect upon Christ's Passion, remembering His sacrifice as we participate in the Stations of The Cross, surrounded by the beauty and nature of Pemberton.

For more information please see either Leanne Mazzarollo, Esther Thomas or Br. Robert or call Br. Robert on 0420 703 026



Celebrating their birthday

Tuesday 24th March

Edge Van Hazendonk



We hope you have a fantastic day 😊

CANTEEN ROSTER

Tuesday 24th March:

Helen Ng

Tuesday 31st March:

Pip Ellis

Thank you to all our volunteers. Your help in the canteen is very gratefully appreciated.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Thurs 19th	Feast of St. Joseph
Wed 25th	Year 3/4 Class Mass @ 10am
Mon 30th	Parent / Teacher Meetings
Wed 1st Apr	Year 5/6 Stations of the Cross Sacred Heart Church @ 7pm.

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our Hockey Roadshow
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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!



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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 Joe's school hall

DAY: Every Thursday

TIME: 6pm-6.45pm

WHEN: beginning this Thursday March 5th.

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

BYO: mat and water bottle.

If interested contact Amanda Keough on 0439 977 248

