



Little Joeys is underway!



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Wednesday 24 June 2020  
Week 9, Term 2

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

### Little Joeys Playgroup

On Friday, we were so excited to welcome some enthusiastic young Little Joeys - Joss, Chiara, Joel, Ava, Hagan, Chase, Oscar, Robbie and Theo to the first session of our playgroup for 2020. It was a thrill to meet some new children and parents and we are looking forward to getting to know them more throughout the year.

As you know, one of the things that makes our school so special is our small size. While there are so many nice things about this, there are some challenges also. A key challenge for us over the next few years is to be active in pursuing new enrolments, so that we can at least maintain (and possibly even grow) our student numbers.

Our Little Joeys Playgroup is a great way to give families an obligation-free opportunity to spend some time in our school and we are hopeful that families will at least consider us when it comes time to enrol in Kindy. However, I have no doubt that by far the most effective means of promoting our school is the word-of-mouth of our satisfied parents. If, like me, you love this school, please don't be shy about telling others and putting that message out into the community. Sharing our Facebook posts is also a great way to share what we do and offer. We are a school who welcomes all, so should you be aware of anyone in the Pemberton/Northcliffe community with young children, don't be afraid to give us a plug and encourage these families to get in touch with us.

### Spelling Bee

Our Year 3-6 students are looking forward to competing in the Saint Joseph's Spelling Bee on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. I apologise in advance, but I prefer if parents do not attend please, as we continue to be cautious in our response to the COVID-19 pandemic. I wish our students the best of luck for the competition and please remind them that the only important thing is that they have a go!

### Academic Reports

Due to the disruptions to learning caused by COVID-19, Catholic Education Western Australia have created some new templates for the Academic Reports, which will go home on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June. The main differences are:

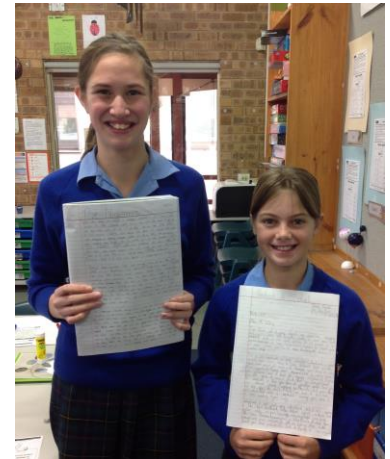
- Rather than the usual A-E grade, student achievement will be shown on a 3-point scale (above expected achievement, at expected achievement, below expected achievement).
- Descriptors- in some learning areas, rather than an individualised comment, there will be a descriptor, which merely outlines the content covered in that learning area so far.

All going well, we will be back to the regular format for the Semester Two Reports. Once you receive your child's report, if you have any questions or require any clarification, I encourage you to make a time to speak to the classroom teacher before the holidays.

## GOOD NEWS CORNER

In Year 5/6, we have been focusing on attention to detail in Writing- for example, ruling up neatly, capitalisation of titles, use of correct punctuation, paragraphing and spelling common words correctly.

Two students who have caught my eye this week are Cassie and Charli, who have been putting enormous effort into their written work, not just this week, but all year to date. Thank you girls, for showing a great example in the meticulous way you present your work. Keep striving for excellence!



## IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION

- **Reports Go Home-** Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June.
- **School Board and P&F Meetings** – Wednesday 1st July. P&F Meeting 5.30pm, Board Meeting 7.00pm.
- **Last Day for Students-** Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

**CARITAS** – Please return all Caritas donations to school by this Friday June 26 please.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Dane Flanders

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June



### Some recent school highlights:



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