



Congratulations Lia Elis, winner of Joseph the Bear!



*Respect  
Compassion  
Safety  
Responsibility*

Wednesday 1st July 2020  
Week 10, Term 2

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

### Term 2 Achievements

As another term reaches its conclusion, it is a good time to review the achievements and accomplishments of the term at Saint Joes. It was certainly a term unlike any other, with so many events and activities cancelled or postponed due to COVID-19. There were some standout highlights, however, as listed below:

- **New students**- we welcomed Trent, Rose and Mia to the Year 3/4 Class.
- **The end of remote learning**- we got a nice surprise before the term began, with the news that students would be allowed to return.
- **Mothers Day Drive Thru**- we hope that, despite the restrictions, we were able to do the mums proud once again for their special day.
- **Spelling Bee**- tomorrow will see our Year 3-6 students compete in a Spelling Bee.
- **Upgrades to the K/PP Outdoor Area**- between the rubber resurfacing, the new boat being installed and the completion for the creek bed for the water pump, our early childhood area is looking a lot more exciting.
- **Return of Class Masses**- With the Church finally opening up, we were able to send our older students to the Wednesday Masses again.
- **Beginning of Little Joeys**- What a wonderful way to end the term, to welcome some new children and families to the school through our playgroup.

I would like to thank all of our staff for their commitment this term, as well as all of our families for your ongoing understanding and support. Let's hope next term will be even better!

### Sacraments- Confirmation and First Communion

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Bishop has had to make some changes to the dates that various schools are doing Confirmation. However, I have now heard that our date will remain as originally scheduled, which will be 10.30am on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August, with Father Tony Chiera. Also, the rescheduled date for the Sacrament of First Communion will be the Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am.

### Pyjamas Day Tomorrow

All semester, our students have been earning puzzle pieces for good behaviour. These puzzle pieces have been gradually taking shape on a whiteboard in the Hall to make a complete picture. Exciting news- the puzzle is now complete, which means all students have earned their whole school reward- a Pyjamas Day tomorrow! Students may wear pyjamas tomorrow, but with suitable footwear (ie runners) please.

Term 3 Calendar

You will find with this newsletter a finalised version of the Term 3 Calendar. Please note that there have been a few changes since the 'draft' calendar was circulated to parents a few weeks ago. We are hopeful that any remaining COVID-19 restrictions will have eased enough that we can have a 'normal' term, with parents welcome to all events and activities.

Mr Wilkie Away – Long Service Leave

The Wilkies will be away for the first two weeks of Term 3, as I take some long-service leave. I will return to work on Monday 3rd August. I apologise for any inconvenience. I will be checking my emails periodically on our travels, so please don't hesitate to email me as required: [brett.wilkie@cewa.edu.au](mailto:brett.wilkie@cewa.edu.au)

In my absence, Mrs. Ruth Kelly will be at the helm as Acting Principal. Please keep in mind that Ruth will still be teaching Monday-Wednesday, so she will be more accessible on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs. Byrne will continue her good work in the office, so please don't hesitate to get in touch if either Ruth or Lyn can assist you in any way.

Student Teacher- Emily Barton

We look forward to a new face assisting in the Year 5/6 Classroom for the first half of next term- student teacher Miss Emily Barton. Emily has already visited several times and I'm sure will really add to our school community. Please make her feel very welcome.

Happy Holidays

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our families a happy and safe school holiday break. Hopefully, these holidays will see a few more activities and businesses available to keep you amused. I hope all of our children come back to school well-rested and ready for more learning in Term 3.

God Bless,

Brett Wilkie

**GOOD NEWS CORNER**

This week, I would like to acknowledge all of our students for the way they have handled themselves this term. Through the whole COVID-19 crisis, the community has rightfully had plenty of praise for our health workers, politicians etc, but let's not forget our kids and the amazing resilience and positivity they have shown through what has been a very strange school term. Well done, kids!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**

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| Charli Omodei    | Fri July 3    |
| Liana Ellis      | Wed July 8    |
| Michael Bendotti | Thurs July 16 |

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.

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