

The gardening crew ready for their community service activity.

Encouraging a Spirit of 'Service'

Our hero Mary MacKillop once famously said, "never see a need without doing something about it". Well, to honour her on her Feast Day last week, each of our students spent the morning working on a community service project. These projects included:

- Gardening cleaning up the school gardens and community garden
- Rubbish Pick-Up picking up litter from the streets, parks and bushland of Pemberton
- Cooking making meals to be donated to Vinnies, to be distributed to those in need in our local community.
- Home Visit visiting the home of a local resident to assist with chores and to provide companionship.

I was so proud of our students for the way they embraced this opportunity so eagerly - I really hope we were able to make a positive difference for our community.

While community service is so valuable, I believe that it is equally important that our children learn to identify opportunities to help people in need right here at our school. Examples could include spending time with students who may be lonely, assisting classmates with their learning, offering to assist staff members when opportunities arise, saying kind words about others who may need a boost, looking after and guiding younger students, comforting others who may be upset and the list could go on and on. We are hoping that for our students, engaging in 'service to others' will become habitual - who knows, you may even see some of this ethos creeping in at home! I encourage you to continue this message at home, as we try to follow Mary MacKillop's example as best we can.



Confirmation

Please pray for Lia, Cassie, Bella, Dane and William as they complete their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Confirmation Mass will be this Sunday 23 August, 10.30am. Hopefully you have received the note that went home explaining the restricted seating and restricted access to the morning tea due to COVID-19 guidelines. I thank you for your understanding. I hope to see lots of our students there to assist with the singing.

Assumption of Mary Mass

A big thank-you to our Year 3/4 students for leading the whole school in a Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption today - they did an amazing job!

Mr Wilkie Away

Mr Wilkie will be taking another short period of longservice leave, beginning tomorrow, Thursday 20th August. I will return to work on Wednesday 26th August. Mrs Ruth Kelly will ably be Acting Principal in my absence. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with Ruth or Lyn if they can assist you in any way.

Year 1/2 Assembly

All are welcome to join us this Friday, 21^{st} August, for the exciting Year 1/2 Assembly. This will take place at 9.00am in the Year 1/2 Classroom.

Class Newsletters and Assessment Books

Next Wednesday, 26th August, your child should bring home a Class Newsletter and their latest Assessment Book. Please check your child's bag. I hope that the Assessment Book gives you some valuable information as to your child's recent academic performance. Please write a comment on the space provided and then return these books to class. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning, please contact the class teacher.

Fathers Day Drive-Thru and Liturgy

It's almost that time again - time to make a fuss of all the dads! We face a few challenges with the COVID-19 related restrictions, so we thought why not give the Dads a drive-thru celebration, much like the mums enjoyed in May. Our Year P/1/2 class will also lead a Father's Day liturgy on that morning - all members of the community welcome to attend. Please save the date - Friday 4th September. More details will be forthcoming.

Winter Sport Carnival

Please make sure you have the date of our upcoming Winter Sport Carnival in your calendar - it will be Friday of Week 6, 28th August. At this Carnival, each student from Year 3-6 competes against other local schools at either hockey, soccer or netball. Hockey takes place at PDHS, with the other two sports happening at the Pemberton Sports Centre. The Carnival will begin at 9:30am. Students are to come to School first at normal time.

Helpers Required- Winter Carnival and Fathers Day Drive-Thru

As you know, at Saint Joes we pride ourselves on providing just as many events and activities as larger schools, so that our children don't miss out on anything. The reality is, however, that this is impossible to achieve without the help of our generous parents. We require helpers for the following activities; please contact us in the office asap if you can assist.

WINTER CARNIVAL SET UP- Thursday 27th August 2.00pm and Friday 28th August 7.00am

WINTER CARNIVAL PACK UP- Friday 28th August 2.30pm WINTER CARNIVAL CANTEEN- throughout the day on Friday 28th August

FATHERS DAY DRIVE THRU- help to prepare the food and drink on the morning of Friday 4th September

School Photos-Uniform Requirements

School Photo day is coming up on Thursday 27th August. Apologies that this is not a Kindy Day, but as Mrs. Kelly has already communicated, we will do our K/PP class first, so if you would like to bring your Kindy child for the photo shoot, that would be fine. If you have any questions about orders etc, please contact Lyn in the office.

Please note that even though school photos falls on a Thursday, we would prefer students to be in their full winter uniform, rather than sports uniform. It is essential that students are dressed correctly, so that all students are looking smart for their class and individual photos. Students should bring their sports uniform in their bags and may change after their photos are complete. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Bushfire Plan

Last year, Saint Joseph's had a new Bushfire Emergency Plan created by a Level 3 Bushfire Practitioner, so we can be confident that we will be as prepared as possible in the event of such an emergency. This Bushfire Plan needs to undergo review annually, just before bushfire season begins. This review has now been completed, ready for the hot weather ahead. Our Bushfire Plan is available on our school website.

Year 1/2 Class News

In the Year 1/2 classroom, our students have turned into Architects! They have been investigating what a home is and how they differ for different families. Each student has been testing out their mapping skills by drawing an aerial map of their own home. Through drawing their maps, they have discovered so many similarities and differences between the different homes. We have had so much fun exploring our different homes and can't wait to see where our investigation takes us next!

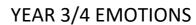


Year 3/4 Class News

In Religion and Health in Year 3/4, we have been looking closely at the different emotions we may feel and how we can manage these emotions when we feel them. We linked the different emotions to certain colours and started to create some artwork to represent the different emotions. We are still working on this art, but we can't wait to see what they look like when they're all finished.

God Bless,

Brett Wilkie











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FATHERS DAY DRIVE THRU!





Attention all fathers and father figures!

To celebrate Father's Day, you are welcome to participate in our exciting Father's Day Drive Thru event! Just enter the Church carpark on Guppy St. from 10.00am, Friday 4th September then drive through for a special morning tea surprise and exit onto Dean St.

Hope you can join us!

FRIDAY 4th SEPTEMBER From 10.00am