

Our illustrious hockey team, with Coach Barton.

School Improvement Processes

You may have noticed that we had some very special VIP's visiting our school this week, as four representatives of Catholic Education have been here conducting a Cyclic Review. The Cyclic Review is all about school improvement - while we are proud of what we do, even the best schools have areas for improvement. We try to be a better school with each passing day. The Cyclic Review is a formal process that will help us to identify some key areas to enhance in the coming years. I look forward to sharing with you some of the guidance we are receiving from the panel.

How to Encourage an 'Improvement' Mindset in Our Children

Of course, while as staff members we try to improve each day, we also need to encourage our children to strive for continual improvement. One way to do this is to develop in them a 'growth mindset'. People with a growth mindset believe their abilities can improve over time. On the other hand, people with a fixed mindset think their abilities are set in stone or can't change, no matter how hard they try. Having a growth mindset means more than just accepting feedback and being open-minded. It's about taking feedback, learning from experience, and coming up with strategies for improving. It's believing that even if you fail at something, you can still succeed. Another misconception about growth mindset is that it's the same thing as effort. Knowing the difference can help you give your child the best kind of praise.

Praising your child's talent or 'smarts' - "You're really good at Maths" — can actually promote a fixed mindset. It's like saying that the ability to do math is just something your child "has." Praising your child's effort — "You worked really hard" — is more helpful. It can help them develop self-esteem. The most important thing to praise is how they approached the challenge, not how hard they tried or how well they did. I encourage you to help your children develop a growth mindset at home, also.



Winter Sport Carnival

Congratulations to all of our students in Years 3-6 for the way they represented our school with great pride and sportsmanship at the Winter Sport Carnival last week. Students participated in either netball, soccer or hockey against teams from other nearby schools. Many thanks to Mr. Kelly for coordinating the event and all of those mums and dads who helped with setting up, packing up and running the very successful canteen.

Father's Day Liturgy and Drive Thru

Don't forget this Friday is our big day to celebrate our fathers and father figures, who mean so much to us. Please feel welcome to join us at 9.00am for the Father's Day Liturgy, led by the Year 1/2 Class. Then from 10.00am, our fathers and father figures are invited to drive through the church car park for a special celebration and morning tea. Enter on Guppy St. and leave through the gate onto Dean St. Hope to see lots of dads there!

Sacrament Dates

For those parents with a child in Year 3 or Year 4, you should have received a letter confirming the dates for our upcoming Sacraments:

- First Communion Parent Workshop-Wednesday 14th October
- Sacrament of Reconciliation- Wednesday 21st October
- First Communion- Sunday 8th November 10.30am

Please pray for our Year 3 & 4 students as they prepare for these sacraments.

Athletics Carnival- Save the Date

As you may remember, back in April we had to postpone the Athletics Carnival due to COVID-19. A new date has now been set for this carnival- Friday 20^{TH} November. The carnival will be held at PDHS as usual. More information will be forthcoming. We hope to see many of you there on the day to cheer on our team!

Students Arriving Early

In recent weeks, we have noticed a trend of some of our older students starting to arrive at school quite early in the morning. Please don't allow your child to arrive at school before 8.30am, as we are unable to provide adequate supervision before this time. If there is a special reason you need your child to be at school before 8.30am, please discuss with me in advance.

Lebanon Appeal

As you will likely have seen, there has been a deadly explosion in Lebanon recently, causing a huge amount of suffering for so many people. With today's newsletter is a flyer from Catholic charity CAN, encouraging you to contribute to the Emergency Appeal to Lebanon. If you are able to spare a few dollars, I am sure the money will go to very good use. I encourage you also to continue to pray for those affected by this crisis.

New Principal- Appointment Process

As you know, in 2021 there will be a new principal here at Saint Joseph's. In the last week, representatives from Catholic Education Western Australia have visited to seek input from our staff and our School Board as to the attributes they might be seeking in a new principal. In the coming weeks, the position will be advertised, with an appointment made sometime in Term 4. I will certainly keep you updated throughout the process.

God Bless, Brett Wilkie

Primary Winter Sports Carnival Results

Below are the results from Friday's Winter Carnival. It was a fantastic day with all students having a wonderful time competing for their schools.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank several people who were involved in the carnival to help make the day so successful. The first (and I believe most important) are the students of St Josephs, their behaviour was exceptional. I was told by our staff and coaches that they were very proud to be working with such a wonderful group of children who represented the school maturely and with such positive sportsmanship.

Our coaches, Miss Barton, Mrs Ellis and Mr Charles Otway we would have been lost without your commitment and expertise. The children looked forward to training with you every week and I appreciate the time you gave up to work with them. Our umpires and helpers on the day. Thanks for your time and helping to keep the children on time and organised.

I would like to thank Kylie Bendotti and her team of helpers for their work in preparing the delicious lunch orders.

A big thanks to Glen Hill, Mr Wilkie, Tony Windberg, Grant Vickery, Brother Robert and Ben Gibellini and Sheree Lee for helping to set up goals, mark out pitches, construct shade tents and set up hockey courts Thursday afternoon, early Friday morning and to help pack it all away at the end of the day. I cannot thank you enough.

A reminder to any students who have not yet returned their uniform, please give it to Mr Kelly, clean, ASAP. Mr Kelly

	Netball	Soccer	Hockey
1 st	St Joseph's	PDHS 2	PDHS 2
2 nd	PDHS 1	PDHS 1	PDHS 1
3 rd	PDHS 2	Northcliffe	Nannup A
4 th	Walpole	St Joseph's	St Joseph's
5 th	Nannup A	Nannup 1	Nannup B
6 th		Nannup 2	Walpole





PRIMARY WINTER CARNIVAL 2020









K/PP Class News

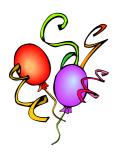
The Kindy and Pre-primary students have had a wonderful time in Mathematics learning about measurement. They learnt to measure the ingredients to make some yummy gingerbread people. Mrs Kelly



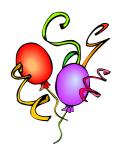








Options Showcase



Staff and students would like to invite you to the St Joe's Options Showcase.

We would love you to see and hear about all the new skills and knowledge that our groups have been learning this term through our exciting Options Programme.

When: Thursday, 3rd September starting at 2.15pm. Where: School Hall

We hope to see you there!

Happy Birthday to: Meg Wilkie – TODAY 2nd Sept



Canteen Roster:

Tues 8th Sept – Gaye Van Hazendonk & Kai Flanders

Tues 15 Sept – Grant Vickery & Sarah Wilkie

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