



Our graduating group of Year 6 students.

2020- A Successful Year

Wow, who can believe that this is the final newsletter for another year! Once again, 2020 has been busy year with so many highlights. As this will also be the final newsletter that I write for this great school, I wish to take this opportunity to thank some very special people in our community:

- Staff - we truly have an amazing group of staff members at Saint Joseph's. These people are dedicated, caring and genuinely passionate about ensuring that the best interests of the children are always the top priority. Thank you to the staff for all the laughs, for what I have learnt from you and for doing such an amazing job of caring for and teaching my own two children, Meg and Miles.
- Parents - I remind myself frequently that I should not take for granted the fact that the school has such a supportive and welcoming parent community. Never in three years at St Joes have I ever had an encounter with a parent who was not supportive of the staff and what we are trying to achieve. Being a principal and a parent is sometimes an awkward combination to manage, but the way Sarah and I have been embraced and supported by our fellow parents means a great deal to us.
- Students - most importantly, to the students of the school, I am truly blessed to have been able to work with you over the last few years. Unless your children have attended other schools, you may actually not realise how great our students are - they are simply the most respectful, kind and caring group of children you could ever meet. I will miss each one of them dearly.

I wish everyone a safe and joyous Christmas. Stay safe over the holiday period and I hope all our students return refreshed in 2021 for another awesome year at Saint Joes!



First Day For Students 2021

Please note that the first day for students in 2021 will be Monday 1st February. Administration staff will be at the school frequently throughout the last two weeks of January, so please don't hesitate to phone or email the office should there be anything you require assistance with.

Christmas Concert and Awards Night

Don't forget tonight is the big night - our Christmas Concert and Awards night! Food served from 6.00pm, with the entertainment to begin at 6.45pm. I look forward to seeing you at the Mill Hall!

Senior Citizens Lunch

We still require some helpers for the Senior Citizens Lunch on the afternoon of this Friday 11th December. Our local seniors cherish this event and look forward to it greatly, but it can only go ahead with the assistance of generous parent volunteers. Please get in touch with us in the office if you can assist, if even for a short period.

Congratulations - Graduating Students

Last Wednesday, we were honoured to celebrate the graduation of nine very special young people, with our Graduation Mass and Dinner. While we will miss them greatly, we are very proud of them and we know that many successes lay ahead. So, Lachy, Cassie, Dane, Lia, William, Amelie, Bella, Alex and Reid - thank you for everything you have done for our school and good luck!

Thank You and Farewell - Miss Teagan Dallimore and Mrs Lyn Byrne

Sadly, it is not only our Year 6 students, but also two staff members who we say goodbye to at the end of this year. Mrs. Byrne has done an amazing job this year filling in for Rose in the office. I am sure you will agree that her patience, dedication and helpful nature has been a tremendous asset this year. Thank you, Lyn you have made a tremendous contribution this year.

Miss Dallimore is also moving on, as she takes up a teaching position at St. Helena's Primary School in Ellenbrook in 2021. Miss Dallimore has been a pleasure to work with - she is mature beyond her years, remarkably caring, unfailingly professional and a wonderfully talented teacher. Thank you, Teagan; you have made a huge impact on the children you have taught. You will be greatly missed.

2021 Term 1 Calendar and Pupil Free Days

With this newsletter is a draft copy of the Term 1 2021 Calendar. It is still fairly blank at this stage, but it might be useful for you so that you can see the structure of the term. Pupil free days for the year have also been tentatively scheduled as follows:

- Thursday 1st April, Week 9 Term 1
- Tuesday 27th April, Week 2 Term 2
- Friday 4th June, Week 7 Term 2
- Friday 2nd July, Week 11 Term 2
- Monday 19th July, Week 1 Term 3

Classes and Staffing 2021

Next year, due to financial restraints and some changing student numbers, we will structure our classes and staffing slightly differently than we did in 2020. Please refer to the details below - I know this seems complex at first glance, but it is the best way for us to maintain four classrooms operating for the important morning sessions, while still enabling Mr. Kelly and Mrs. Ellis to teach their specialist areas. Keep in mind also that Mrs. Ellis will be away all of Term 1 on long service leave, with Mrs. Kelly covering her days for the term.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

Staffing 2021

Miss Ashlee DeCampo	Principal
Mrs Ruth Kelly	K/P/1 and Little Joeys (part time)
Mrs Pip Ellis	K/P/1 and Music (part time)
Miss Millie Charlton	Year 2/3
Mr Greg Kelly	Year 4/5 and Specialist Learning Areas
Ms Sarah Buegge	Year 6
Mrs Ronnie McRae	Education Assistant K/P/1 (part time)
Mrs Suzanne Moynihan	Education Assistant Library and Support (part time)
Mrs Rose Moyle	Administration

Classes

EACH DAY

Until noon each day, our classes will consist of:

- KP1 (Mrs Kelly/Mrs Ellis)
- Y2/3 (Miss Charlton)
- Y4/5 (Mr Kelly)
- Y6 (Miss Buegge)

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY

After 12.00pm, our classes will consist of:

- KP1 (Mrs Kelly)
- Y2/3/4 (Miss Charlton)
- Y5/6 (Miss Buegge)

This will release Mr Kelly to teach specialist areas (e.g. Phys. Ed., Science and others)

THURSDAY

After 12.00pm, our classes will consist of:

- P/1 (Mrs Ellis)
- Y2/3/4 (Miss Charlton)
- Y5/6 (Miss Buegge)

This will release Mr Kelly to teach specialist areas (e.g. Phys. Ed., Science and others)

FRIDAY

After 12.00pm, our classes will consist of:

- PP-Y3 (Miss Charlton)
- Y4-6 (Miss Buegge)

This will release Mrs Ellis and Mr Kelly to teach specialist areas (e.g. Music, Phys. Ed., Science and others)

Congratulations Mrs Moyle- 25 Years of Service

Next week, we look forward to a very special celebration, as Mrs Rose Moyle joins the staff for morning tea to celebrate 25 years of service to Saint Joseph's! I am sure you will agree that this is a very significant milestone and a wonderful achievement. We look forward to Rose returning to the office in 2021.

End of Year Fun Day

Tomorrow is our End of Year Fun Day - a day that combines fun activities with cleaning up. A note has already gone home, but some key points to remember:

- Free dress, but bring suitable shoes and a change of clothes and towel, as there will be water play activities.
- Sausage sizzle and icy-pole lunch provided for any students who would like it.
- Extra bags - your child might find it useful to bring an extra bag or two, so that they can take all their belongings home.

New Cubby

We cannot thank Mr. Hill enough for all the hours of hard work that he has put into the new cubby house in our early childhood area. Between the new cubby and the water feature also built by Mr Hill, there is no doubt that our nature play area has been revitalised. It has been so pleasing to see the children enjoying this play area so much. Bravo Mr Hill!!!

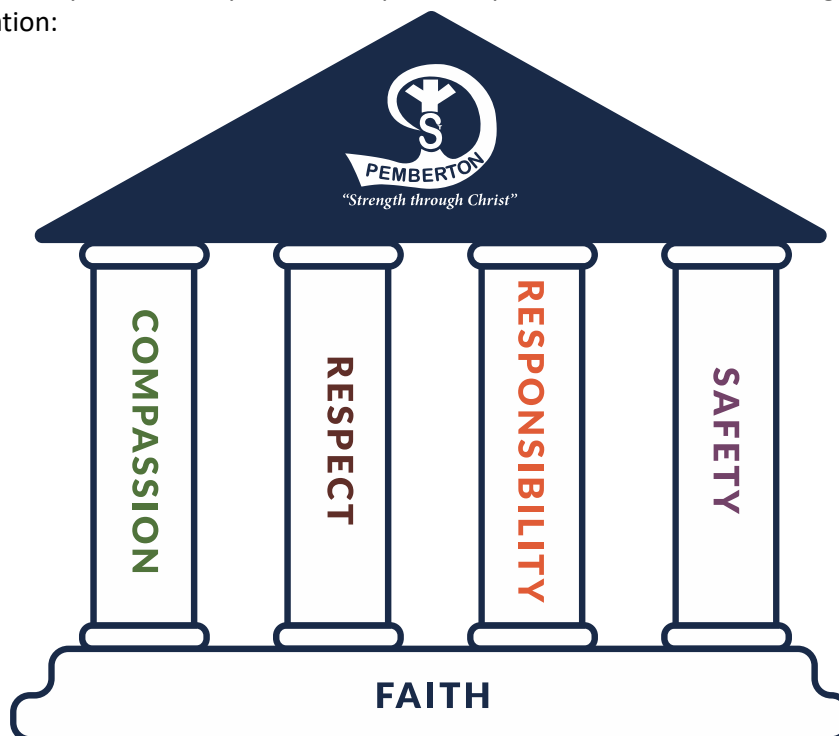


Academic Reports

On Friday, your child will bring home a pack containing their Semester 2 Academic Report, amongst other items. It is important to remember that this report is an indication of your child's achievement in Semester Two only - it does not take into account any learning from Semester One. You will see that for students in PP-Year 6, there is an individualised comment for Religious Education, English and Mathematics. All other learning areas will feature a 'Content Descriptor', which is a generic statement outlining the content taught in that particular learning area in Semester Two. If you have any questions or concerns arising from your child's report, please don't hesitate to get in touch with your child's classroom teacher. They will be available to speak with you on the phone or to meet with you in person on Monday-Thursday next week, December 14th-17th.

School Vision and Values

Throughout the last few years, it has been evident that there has been some confusion over our official school values, with different versions in circulation. In consultation with parents, staff and students, we have been able to clarify our School Vision and Values for 2021 and beyond. Through our 'PBS- Positive Behaviour in Schools' program, we work with our students on what we call the '4 Pillars'- compassion, respect, responsibility and safety. It was agreed that these pillars be officially re-branded as our school values, with the additional foundational value of 'Faith', for obvious reasons. You may have already seen some posters up around the school showing this visual representation:



We look forward to further embedding these values throughout next year. With this newsletter is a copy of the document collaboratively created by our community, which explains further what each of our 5 school values means to us in our context.

God Bless,
Brett Wilkie


SACRED HEART PARISH AGM

This Sunday - 13th Dec after 10.30 mass. Everyone is welcome - please come along

Community 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Wednesday 17th December, 7.30pm at the Church

Sponsored by Manjimup
Cherry Harmony Festival
And Healthway - LiveLighter
And Muir Ford



FREE KIDS CARNIVAL!!

Friday 11th December 2020
Manjimup Recreation Ground
6pm til 8pm

*** Athletics events held throughout the night! ***

HOSTED BY
LOWER SOUTH WEST LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE

Tracy's Treats
Manjimup Bouncy Castles
Sports Fun

ALL AGES WELCOME

Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Pies and Sausage Rolls on sale

Contact: Job Perry for further information - 0410042497



WANT TO WRITE ORIGINAL SONGS BUT DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START?

ARE YOU 12 TO 18 YEARS OLD?
DO YOU SING OR PLAY AN INSTRUMENT?

Book yourself a spot at one of our songwriting workshop series across WA in Jan and Feb to learn about songwriting from talented, local songwriters

If you play an instrument, please bring it along!

What: Songwriting workshops, 2x3hr sessions
Where: Claremont, Mandurah, Denmark, Karratha, Fremantle
When: Jan & Feb 2021
Cost: \$40 total (for both sessions)

For more info and to book tickets, check out

www.fairbridgequest.com/workshops

Want to enter our songwriting competition for your chance to perform at Fairbridge Festival and win a dazzling array of prizes including a recording session and a performance at Denmark Festival of Voice?

The Act Belong Commit Fairbridge Festival Quest youth songwriting competition for 12 to 18 year old West Aussies

opens on 1st Jan and close on 28th Feb

Competition details at www.fairbridgequest.com



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2020 Graduates

