



Newsletter Term 1 Week 1 2017

Dear God

Thank you for the gift of my children.

Please watch over them as they go back to school.

Help them be a light to others, and help them show love, care and respect to their friends and teachers.

Please give them the courage to face the challenges of a new year level.

Help them to remember when they are scared or afraid, You are there with them. As much as I love my children, You love them also, and I know You will be watching out for them.

Amen

**WELCOME:** Welcome back to the school year. We welcome our new staff, our new families and our new students. We hope that this year will be another faith filled, hard working but enjoyable year for all. Thank you for having your children well prepared to start the school year.

**STAFFING CHANGES:** Over the break we have had a few staffing changes. Due to a surfing accident Mr Peter Yensch will be taking the first 6 weeks off. I will be stepping into the Principal role to cover him. Mrs Tennille Eoannidis will be in Year Six full time and Miss Amy Williams will take Phys Ed. Mr Ronan Kelly will take on both Assistant Principal roles and Ms Laurel Heieck will cover two days of Computer. At this stage these changes are only until March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs Judyline Menezes has taken sick leave and will be covered for the first 4 ½ weeks by Mr David Dawson. We welcome back to the staff Mrs Gemma Tsang who is in Year Two Blue three days a week. Mrs Anne Marie Hoyne joins us as our Literacy Consultant. We are glad she has joined the St Joseph's family and know our school community will make her feel very welcome.

Mrs Michelle DeSilva has been lucky enough to take on the challenge of a new role at a new school. We wish her all the very best and are currently in the process of employing a replacement.

**PARENT TEACHER INFORMATION NIGHT:** Our Parent Information afternoon/evening is scheduled for Monday 13 February for parents of students in Pre-Primary to Year 6. It is important to attend these meetings as the teachers inform you of class procedures and their expectations for the year. Years 1 to 6 will run two meetings, the first commencing at 3.30pm and the second at 4.00pm. Pre-Primary will hold separate class meetings in their classrooms which will commence at 2.45pm sharp. At 4.45pm on this same day we have **Paul Litherland** presenting a talk on cyber safety. (See attached flyer). We strongly recommend you attend this session. We will have staff available at school to watch your children while you listen to this talk.

**TERM CALENDARS:** Our term calendar will be up on the website by the end of the day, emailed to you and a hard copy should have come home with your child today. Please put the hard copy in a prominent place.

**PARKING:** One of the biggest challenges we have each year is parking. Our priority is that children are dropped off and picked up safely. This requires all parents to be patient and to park in marked bays only. Do not block parents in the marked bays and you may only park in the disabled bays with an ACROD sticker on display. There is no parking in the drop off and pick up area that runs along the side of the office building. DO NOT park in the Goodstart Learning Centre next door. Their parking spaces are for parents with children attending their centre only. We appreciate your help in keeping all our children safe.

Yours in Christ  
Kaye Savage-Morton  
Short Term Principal

# SURF ONLINE SAFE

CYBER SAFETY FOR ALL OF US



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## PARENT INTERNET AWARENESS PRESENTATION

**MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2017 - 4:45PM TO 6:00PM**

I am proud to announce that Paul Litherland, from Surf Online Safe will be attending St Josephs School on Tuesday the 14th of February to speak to our year 5 & 6 students on the subject of cyber safety. Paul comes highly recommended and has been presenting to many other schools within WA over the past 6 years. He is one of Perth's leading presenters on this subject and as a former Western Australian Police Officer, can offer some great knowledge and experience to our students to help them better understand the risks of the online world. Paul will be presenting to our students on subjects such as Online Footprint and Digital Citizenship, Image Sharing, Social Networking, Cyber Bullying as well as mobile phone and tablet use. His student presentations are very informative and I have no doubt our students will benefit greatly from this education.

The school has also booked Paul for an evening parent presentation on Monday the 13th of February commencing at 4:45pm and concluding at approximately 6:00pm. We invite all our parents to attend this event. Paul's parent presentations are very informative and offer some great tips and tricks on how to keep our kids safe online, as well as how to stay one step ahead of them in the online world. Paul outlines the information he will be presenting to our kids the following day and will also provide a comprehensive Q&A session.

All who have seen Paul present have been very impressed with his subject matter knowledge and presentation style.

Subjects include;

**Social Networking** : What our kids are using. Trends & Pitfalls.

**Online Predators** : Risks & Trends, protection methods.

**Cyber Bullying** : Detection, prevention & coping.

**The Law** : How it relates to us all.

**Device Use** : Phones, Tablets & PC's, Tips & Tricks.

**Image Sharing** : Statistics, Risks, Tips & Hints.

For more information and to RSVP for this event, please email me at [kelly.ronan@sjsqp.wa.edu.au](mailto:kelly.ronan@sjsqp.wa.edu.au).

Ronan Kelly : Assistant Principal

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**PAUL LITHERLAND - SURF ONLINE SAFE**

**F** From 2009 to 2014, I was working within the Technology Crime Investigation Unit of the Western Australia Police, a division of Computer Crime. We dealt with issues ranging from people being ripped off on Ebay and Gumtree, to romance scams and hacking, right up to kids being groomed by online predators. It was a massive world of which even I did not realise was so out of control. The last 2 years of my career, I became increasingly frustrated with the lack of legislation or authority I had as a Police Officer to act on the concerns of the parents and educators who were contacting my office on a daily basis.



The majority of these calls were ended with the simple phrase, "Sorry, but it is not against the law." It was upsetting to respond in this way, but in reality, I had no choice. The internet has been around since 1995, yet legislation has failed (or refused) to catch up. As such, many schools, parents and kids themselves are being left to deal with such matters on their own. In my opinion, I thought this was simply unacceptable.

Whilst pressing our government for change, I soon realised education was massively needed here in WA. I felt that if I could get my message out to as many schools as possible, the risk our kids were being exposed to every day would hopefully reduce. In 2014, I therefore made the decision to retire from the WA Police to pursue my dream of educating kids and Surf Online Safe was born. Since then I have gone from visiting only 3 schools in my local area, to presenting to 230 schools and organisations across Perth, including some of WA's most prestigious colleges. I look forward to becoming part of the St Josephs School community and to presenting to your students, parents and teachers for years to come.

Paul Litherland - Owner, Surf Online Safe.