



# ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

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### VISION STATEMENT

We at St Joseph's Primary School Queens Park are a faith based community which strives to recognise and respond to the image of Christ in us all, as we grow through work and prayer.

THE ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL COMMUNITY ACKNOWLEDGES  
THAT WE COME TOGETHER ON THE ANCESTRAL LANDS OF THE  
WHADJUK PEOPLE

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

#### **ST MARY OF THE CROSS**

"It is by love that God has always led me, by love God reproves me, by love that God lets me see love in all"



#### **Prayer For The Beginning Of The New School Year**

Dear Lord, as we begin this new school year, we gather once again as your community of believers.

We thank you for the energy and the spirit that you renewed in us through the summer months.

We thank you for the time to enjoy our family and friends and to reflect on what is important in our lives.

Let this year be marked by enthusiasm and love so that, with the inspiration of your Spirit, we may continue to grow in our faith. Help us to fulfil Your hope for us with honest intentions and works of faith.

Let us be gentle with ourselves and bring laughter, joy and love to others.

We ask this in Your name. Amen

### **PRINCIPAL REPORT**

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to everyone, parents, students and staff for such a smooth start to the year. There were a few tears but they soon turned into smiles as the days progressed. Classes have been very busy settling in and preparing for the year ahead. Well done!

**PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS:** These will be held next Monday 13 February.

- Pre Primary: 2.45 -3.10pm in each classroom. Meetings will finish promptly at 3.10pm enabling parents to park on the school hard courts.
- Year 1 – 6 will run two meetings at 3.30pm and 4.00pm.

These meetings will hold important information about classroom routines for the year and it is important that parents attend.

**PAUL LITHERLAND:** I strongly encourage parents to stay back after the Parent Teacher Meetings and attend the Paul Litherland talk. This is for parents only and staff will be around to supervise your children so you can attend (See flyer.) We will give the children a small snack whilst you attend the talk. We have organised a coffee van from 3 – 4.30pm. Please purchase a coffee if you need a little 'pick me up'.

**SOCIAL MEDIA:** Please remember that at no time may you post a picture of another child from school on Social Media without the permission of the parent.

**TERM 1 THEME:** We start each year at St Joseph's focussing on creating a positive class and school environment. This incorporates being a friendly and safe school. We also discuss with students bullying so they have a clear understanding of what bullying actually is. This includes cyber bullying. Our school Social Worker regularly puts articles in the newsletter to assist students and parents have a safe and happy school experience.

**SCHOOL WEBSITE:** You may have noticed our new website. Please go to the website for all the up to date information including Uniform Shop hours, Kindy days, Calendars and many other useful items. Please access the website before ringing the school to see if the answer you seek is already there. In our Absentee section there is an 'Absence Form' that you can access and fill in as your required explanation note. Fill it in, hit send and it goes direct to the office. Quick and easy.

**CALENDAR AMENDMENTS:** The first two class masses have been changed. Six Blue will now have their Mass on Wednesday 22 February and Four Gold will have theirs on Wednesday March 8. On your calendar where it says Commissioning Masses it should say COMMITMENT MASSES. Dates are the same. These amendments have been made on the website.

**NUT AWARE:** St Joseph's is a 'Nut Aware' school. As reported in recent media items, a child does not have to ingest the nut product to have a reaction. A reaction can occur from coming into contact with a child who has eaten nut products. Please ensure your child's lunchbox is nut free. We also encourage children not to share food so please support the school in this.

**DISPUTES:** At the enrolment interview, parents are provided with a copy of the Catholic Education Statement on, "How To Deal With A Dispute Or Complaint In A Catholic School". Catholic Education also requires us to include a copy with our first newsletter of the year. Please find this statement attached.

Yours in Christ  
Kaye Savage-Morton  
Short Term Principal

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS:**

Welcome back everyone, it has been great to see all our returning community members again this year and welcome some new ones to St. Joseph's School. Thanks to everyone for ensuring that we have had a smooth start to the term.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

**Masses:** As I will be covering the RE section for the most of this term I have a couple of important reminders. Firstly, please be aware that the dates for our first two class Masses have changed. Six Blue will now have their mass on the February 22 at 9am and Four Gold will now have theirs on March 8 at the same time. Our first whole school Mass will take place on Ash Wednesday which is on March 1. Years Three to Six will attend this Mass and receive ashes. Parents and wider community members are all welcome to attend.

**Sacraments:** We are preparing to get our information together for the 2017 Sacramental Program. Please inform us as soon as possible if your child is in a Sacramental class but is not receiving the Sacrament here at St. Joseph's for any reason.

**Commitment Masses:** The commitment Masses for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist will take place over the weekend of February 25 & 26. All candidates for either Sacrament must attend one of the Parish Masses on Saturday evening or Sunday morning. Please put this date into your diary.

### **THE MERCY CAFE:**

As you may have noticed, we have had our sign placed over the recently re-named “Mercy Cafe” during the holidays. A huge thank you and congratulations to Isabella in Year Six for coming up with the winning name and to Laela in Year Four for designing the sign. The girls are pictured below looking very proud in front of it on the first day of school. Thanks also to Mr Vagg for collecting the sign from the factory and hanging it up.



### **ICT NEWS:**

The end of last year brought a pleasant surprise for me as I planned for the 2017 school year in the Computer Lab. We received a donation of 25 used Samsung mobile telephones from a local city council. This was in response to a request from me for old phones that we could use in our virtual reality headsets. We will set these up over the next couple of weeks before putting them to use as we explore VR (virtual reality). They will also be used for coding and other projects. The phones have no SIM cards and will only have access to the schools WiFi. We will put them to good use!

As I am now taking over the AP RE role while Mrs Morton stands in as Principal, I will have less time in the lab (1 day per week which will rotate each week). I will still be popping in regularly however. Mrs Heieck will fill in on the other days. This term we will be focussing strongly on safe online behaviours. To back this up, Paul Litherland from Surf Online Safe will visit our Year Five and Six students on Tuesday February 14 during the school day to discuss this very important topic with them. This will hopefully dovetail in nicely with the parent session on Cyber Safety he will run on Monday evening (see attached flyer).

I am looking forward to an exciting year of learning and engagement in the Technologies learning area in 2017.

### **DRIVE THROUGH:**

Thanks to all parents for their safe driving and attentiveness in the drive through area. It is a difficult area in the afternoons especially with so many children passing through in a short 20 minute period. Your patience, courtesy and diligence is very much appreciated in order to maintain the drive through as a safe pick up and drop off space for our students. Please remember that the area just before turning into our drive through on Treasure Road is now a no parking zone. We ask all parents and visitors not to park in the drive through and to only park in the ACROD parking spaces if you have a valid sticker.

Ronan Kelly

Assistant Principal

**TERM 1 STATEMENTS:** Letters have been sent home regarding the eligibility of the Tuition discount for families who are holders of the Health Care Card. Families entitled to the Health Care Card are means tested and are issued with a card which has to be presented to the office together with the application form for 2017. Term 1 statements will be sent home at the end of this week. If you have a direct debit repayment plan in place we will need to revise any scheduled payments as school fees for 2017 have increased. Kindly contact me in Week 3 to review your repayments or if you wish to begin a direct debit plan. All application forms for the Tuition discount have to be at the office by end of February.

Thank you.

Georgia Dragon

Accounts

**MERCY CAFE:** Have you had the opportunity yet to put your name down as a helper? Please see Maria in the Canteen if you can assist. Just one morning a week would be a great help!  
New Items – The children are loving the new SLUSHIES that can be purchased at lunch time for just \$2.  
There is also popcorn for 50cents.

## **SURF ONLINE SAFE**

CYBERSAFETYFORALLOFUS

W: [www.surfonlinesafe.com.au](http://www.surfonlinesafe.com.au) | FB [www.facebook.com/SurfOnlineSafe](https://www.facebook.com/SurfOnlineSafe)

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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 Joseph's 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's presentation have been very impressed with his subject matter and knowledge.

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

### **COP TO CRUSADER, PAUL LITHERLAND - SURF ONLINE SAFE**

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 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 Joseph's School community and to presenting to your students, parents and teachers for years to come.

Paul Litherland - Owner, Surf Online Safe.

### **SOCIAL WORKER NEWS:**

Welcome back to you all and a very special greeting to those families new to the St Joseph's community. As the school Social Worker I am here every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. A brochure outlining my services is available from the school office. In summary I offer, at no cost to parents, private and confidential counselling to all students and families in relation to any school-based issues. These can include the impact of outside events on a child's performance and behaviour at school. Parent consent for the social worker meeting with students is generally sought but I am always available to assist staff with general pastoral care and support should on the spot assistance for children be required.

I work with the school chaplaincy worker, and the teachers in the classroom, running short programmes that compliment the curriculum, for example protective behaviours, social skills, problem-solving strategies, handling conflict and respecting diversity.

I also run a regular "lunch bunch". This is an extracurricular opportunity for students of all year levels to socialise with play and creative activities in the social worker's room.

I will be including in the newsletter some regular tips regarding parenting and/or short articles about children's social skills or other developmental needs. The first of these for this year, helping children settle in to school, is in the link below:

<https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families/enewsletter/practical-tips-planning-and-preparing-school>.

This Kidsmatter site generally is a helpful source of information around a wide range of topics dealing with children's well-being.

If you would like a hard copy of any electronic articles, please email me. This is general information only. If parents/guardians have any particular concerns about their children's behaviour whether at home or school, please contact either myself or their teacher so a helpful plan can be worked out.

I look forward to working with you all, and wish you and your children every success and blessing in the coming year.

Christine Pittman

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### **A note from the Community Health Nurses**

Welcome to the new school year from Robyn, Fiona, Lily, Pauline & Kellie. We are the Community Health Nurses who will be visiting your school this year.

Community Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of our work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program.

Community Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. The services provided are free and confidential.

If you have a concern about your child's health or development, please contact us **92588053**.



Dear parents and caregivers

Welcome to the start of the 2017 school year.

This year promises to be full of exciting new opportunities and possibilities for your child in Catholic Education.

If you are new to our system, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to you and your family. I am delighted that you have chosen to join the Catholic Education Western Australia system, which provides a faith-based education and inspires a passion for learning and discovery for more than 75,000 students in 163 school communities right across the State.

You are joining Catholic Education at an exciting time of system success, growth and transformation.

In 2016, one of the many encouraging indicators of the success of our system was the WACE achievement of our Year 12s. Approximately 96 percent of CEWA students achieved a WACE, above the total State average, while CEWA students improved their Median ATAR again to 81.95, and were awarded a total of 3,178 VET Certificate 2 or higher.

In the past four years, our system has grown with the opening of seven new schools and colleges. Early Years Learning and Care is a key focus for us moving forward in 2017 as we seek to offer exceptional learning experiences for children in a vital period of their development, while meeting the needs of today's families.

This year we aim to reimagine collaborative learning at every school across our system by implementing our digital transformation initiative, LEADing Lights. LEADing Lights is a single digital eco-system, designed to equip students with the 21st century technologies and deep learning skills that will best prepare them for the future. Much work is underway in this space to ensure that this initiative supports world-class learning and development experiences for both students and staff.

Catholic schools rely on the contribution of parish, staff, students and parents working in partnership to sustain their vibrancy, educational excellence, and faith life. With your support and involvement in your child's learning, the efforts of our dedicated staff and Principals, we will ensure that our Catholic schools help your child reach toward their God-given potential.

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you all the best for the year ahead.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim McDonald".

**Dr Tim McDonald**  
Executive Director, Catholic Education Western Australia

## LIVING THE VISION

*Our Journey to live the Catholic faith in the spirit of Jesus Christ continues through ...*

LEARNING

TRUTH

JUSTICE

MYSTERY

DIVERSITY

RECONCILIATION

*and so Our Journey continues...*

*We in Catholic Education seek to create environments that enhance learning, nurture young people and empower them to live the Catholic faith in the spirit of Jesus Christ by:*

*Challenging each other to seek **TRUTH** and **JUSTICE** for all, especially the most vulnerable.*

*Belief in Education*

## HOW TO DEAL WITH A DISPUTE OR COMPLAINT IN A CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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## OR COMPLAINT

**The purpose of this publication is to provide an overview of the process to be utilised in Catholic schools in the resolution of a dispute or complaint that may arise from time to time.**

The Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia (CECWA), Dispute and Complaint Resolution policy was implemented in first term 2002 and provides a process that must be followed by all Catholic schools when addressing issues of dispute or complaint.

The Dispute and Complaint Resolution policy is consistent with the accountability requirements under the School Education Act (1999).

The Dispute and Complaint Resolution policy has been developed on the following basis:

- the principles of the policy are based on the Church's social teachings and the principles of natural justice eg the right to be heard and the right of response etc.
- the need to resolve the dispute or complaint initially at the school level before involving the Director of Catholic Education.

In the case of a dispute or complaint arising that directly relates to an existing CECWA policy, the procedural aspects of this policy shall be followed, eg student enrolment.

In the case of a dispute or complaint resulting from an employment related issue, the prescribed provision of the relevant Enterprise Bargaining Agreement or Award shall be adhered to.

A copy of the policy and guidelines is available upon request.

- All issues of dispute or complaint must be addressed in the first instance at the school level.
- Where the parties are having difficulty achieving a resolution at the school level they may request the assistance of the Director of Catholic Education or Congregational Leader.
- Any party may appeal the Principal's decision to the Director of Catholic Education who will then in turn review the decision.
- Any party may appeal the Director of Catholic Education's decision to the Minister for Education. The Minister for Education will review the process utilised to resolve the dispute or complaint but will not review the merits of the matter.

