



# 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

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

*Jealousy is when you count someone else's blessings instead of your own.*



### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

#### **Palm Sunday Prayer**

Lord God,

I give you thanks, for you are good, and your mercy is endless.  
Here I stand, at the start of this holy week,  
This week in which your church remembers Jesus' passion and death,  
And I am distracted by many things.  
Turn my eyes now to the One who comes in your name  
The one who opens the gates of righteousness  
The one who answers when we call.  
I bless you, Lord, for shining your light upon me,  
And for sending your son to us, in human frailty.  
To walk the road we walk.  
Open my eyes that I may see him coming,  
And may praise him with a pure heart.  
And may walk in the way of his suffering,  
And share also in his resurrection.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you  
And the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.  
Amen

**HOLY WEEK:** Normally, the last week of Term 1 would be Holy Week, however this year Easter falls on the middle weekend of the holidays. Times and dates for the St Joseph's Parish Paschal Triduum are attached to this newsletter.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** The Year 6 Gold class will be presenting the Stations of The Cross in the Parish Hall this Friday 7 April at 9.00am. Parents and families are welcome to join us.



**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS:** Thank you to the parents who attended the parent teacher interviews on Monday and Tuesday evening. It is wonderful to see you so interested in your child's progress. I hope you were able to gain some insights into how your child is progressing. I would also like to thank the teachers for staying back after school to provide you with feedback. It has been a very busy term and I appreciate their effort.

**STRANGER DANGER:** There continues to be official and unofficial reports of children being approached by persons in vehicles in our local vicinity. There was another report of a St Norbert's child being approached after school last week. I would ask all parents to be vigilant and help us by ensuring children are picked up promptly at the end of the day. Children should not be waiting outside the church at the end of the day unless they are supervised by an adult. We like to make sure children are in the care of their parents by 3.25pm at the latest. If you are still in the school grounds please make sure you are supervising your child/children. This is why we discourage play at the end of the day.



**TERM DATES:** The last day of Term 1 for students is this Friday 7 April. Students return for the commencement of Term 2 on Wednesday 26 April, the day after ANZAC Day.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM:** We have been informed that the new sports jacket has unfortunately been delayed by several weeks. Hopefully it will be available shortly after we return in Term 2.

Children have looked very smart in their summer uniform this term. There will be a one week transition, at the beginning of Term 2, into the winter uniform. Please make sure that children don't return to school with shaved or coloured hair. The school uniform policy is available on the school website. If buying sports shoes please remember that they need to be predominantly white.

**P & F:** The students were very excited about the Easter Raffle on Monday morning at the assembly. Thank you to the parents from the P & F for organising the Easter Raffle. There are a number of events coming up over the new term that the P & F would like assistance with. Please offer a helping hand when possible.

Don't forget the first Student Disco is on Friday 5 May, week 2 of Term 2.

God Bless

Peter Yensch

Principal



#### **ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RE:**

*Lenten Act: Try to witness Jesus working through people in your daily interactions.*

#### **PROJECT COMPASSION:**

The Social Justice Leadership Group will be collecting Project Compassion boxes Thursday and Friday of this week. If yours is ready to be returned to school please do so before then. If you would like to keep it until Easter then please return it in the first week of Term Two. We like to send the money through to Caritas as soon as possible so it gets to those who need it most. Thank you again for the generous support you always give to such a worthy cause.

In Faith

Kaye Savage-Morton

Assistant Principal



## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL ADMIN

**LIFE EDUCATION VAN PARENT SESSION:** The Life Education Van will visit our school in Week 2 of Term 2. All year levels will visit the van at some stage during the week. Life Education programs support children, teachers and families to explore a range of health topics including nutrition, body knowledge, resilience, decision making, social skills, physical activity, personal safety, medicines, tobacco, alcohol and cyber safety. Providing opportunities to develop knowledge, understanding and skills is important in positively influencing health behaviours. With this in mind there will be an open session for any curious parents on Monday of Week 2 straight after morning assembly. This will give parents the opportunity to visit the van and get a better idea of what the students will learn throughout the week. The van will be open to parents until 10.00am on Monday May 1.

**CODING:** The Sphero Robotics have been a massive hit with the children in Years 4, 5 and 6. With this in mind, I have been feeling sorry for the children in the younger year levels as the coding involved is a little advanced for them. I am currently researching some robotics for junior grades and hope to acquire some next term. Watch this space!

**SOCCER MCSOCCERFACE:** So far, this soccer tournament has been a huge success. The main aim of the tournament at the outset was to give all students the chance to have a fair go, enjoy themselves and learn more about the game. I am always delighted by the behaviour of the students at our school and over the course of the tournament the sportsmanship on display has been a credit to all of the students and their parents. Each team got to play eight matches and the top 4 teams then reached the semi-finals. By the time you read this, we will know who will be playing in the grand final on Friday. A great way to end the term! Well done to all of the children who participated with such enthusiasm.



It's hard to believe that Term 1 has come to a close already. It has been extremely busy but equally enjoyable. I would like to wish all students and families a safe, happy and holy Easter break.

Ronan Kelly

Assistant Principal Admin



**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS:** Winter uniform is now available for purchase for all new students. The New Winter Sport Jacket and Track Pant has not arrived. We still have a limited stock of Yellow Windcheaters for sport @ \$22.



The April School Holiday Openings: Thursday 20 April 2017 10am - 12noon  
Monday 24 April 2017 2.30pm - 4pm



**SACRAMENTAL CHOIR:** As part of our Sacramental Celebrations in joining with St Joseph's Parish Choir, we will be preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. As in previous years, we have had an amazing group of dedicated students willing to come along and rehearse with the adult choir for these wonderful celebrations.

We invite students from Years 2 – 6 to come along. Rehearsals will commence on April 24 and will be held in St Joseph's Church on Monday nights from 7pm – 8pm. It would be wonderful to keep this unique tradition and see as many students come along to support their fellow students. For further information call Jenny Palermo on 0439 949 675 or speak to Mrs Ward or Miss Della Posta.

**P & F NEWS:  
EASTER RAFFLE:**

A huge thank you to everyone who donated for our Easter Raffle. We would also like to say a big thank you to the Year 6 students who collected the donations each morning and the parents who helped wrap the prizes and co-ordinate the raffle. Your help is much appreciated.



Congratulations to the students below who won prizes:

Pre-kindergarten: Duke  
Kindergarten blue: Samira  
Kindergarten gold: Jacob  
PP Blue: Archer  
PP Gold: Sarah  
Yr 1 Blue: Luderig  
Yr 1 Gold: Harrison  
Yr 2 Blue: Kossy  
Yr 2 Gold: Sanjit  
Yr 3 Blue: Shanuk  
Yr 3 Gold: Damien  
Yr 4 Blue: Chanumi  
Yr 4 Gold: Mitch  
Yr 5 Blue: Armani

Yr 5 Gold: Melissa  
Yr 6 Blue: Ciera  
Yr 6 Gold: Sophie  
1<sup>st</sup> - Levi 6G  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Sophie 6G  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Kynan 6G  
4<sup>th</sup> - Levi 3B  
5<sup>th</sup> - Vyan 3G  
6<sup>th</sup> - Amy 2G  
7<sup>th</sup> - Shanuk 3B  
8<sup>th</sup> - Lyla KB  
9<sup>th</sup> - Ryan PPG  
10<sup>th</sup> - Sam 2B

Class who sold the most tickets -Yr 4 Blue

Well done and enjoy eating all those chocolates.

**FACEBOOK PAGE:** Are you on our School Facebook Page? Search for "St Joseph's Primary School Queens Park"



**P & F EMAILS:** If you wish to receive emails from us during the year, please send us an email at: [pandf@sjsqp.wa.edu.au](mailto:pandf@sjsqp.wa.edu.au) and we will add you to our mailing list.

The P & F are always looking for volunteers for upcoming events. Please let us know if you are interested in helping at up-coming events.



**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS:** It is that time of year again, we have early bird sales for the 2017/2018 Entertainment Book. The books are \$70 each and have many great offers in them. You can purchase a book by following the link below:

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/8619m4>

You can also view the Entertainment Book by following the link to the virtual book below:

<https://online.flippingbook.com/view/866062/>

#### **DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:**

Friday May 5 - Disco

Monday May 8 - P & F Meeting

Friday May 12 – Mother's Day Stall

Monday June 12 - P & F Meeting

School P & F



#### **SOCIAL WORKER NEWS:**

##### **How to grow kids into leaders**

[www.parentingideas.com.au](http://www.parentingideas.com.au)

If you believe that leaders are made, not born then the way we raise our kids has a massive impact on their leadership potential. Here are seven ways you can foster rather than inhibit your child's or young person's leadership potential:

##### **1. Allow children and young people to experience risk**

Currently our community is risk adverse when it comes to our kids. It's a parent's job to protect our children and young people but that doesn't mean we completely insulate them from risk-taking behaviour. Just as young children need to learn to fail a few times to learn failure is normal, teenagers need to experience some friendship break-ups along the way to appreciate the maturity that real relationships require. When we remove risk we increase children's dependence on others, which is the antithesis of strong leadership



##### **2. Give kids a chance to solve their own problems**

If your child left his lunch at home would you take it to him or her? If your teenager forgot a sports uniform would you take it to school if you were able? If so, you'd be inhibiting their resourcefulness by solving their problems or, alternatively, not allowing them to cope with inconvenience. Flexibility, coping skills and resourcefulness are trademarks of good leadership in both adults and young people.



### 3. Be realistic with praise



Praise and feedback should be realistic and given sensitively rather than handed out like a nervous tic whenever children or young people do something well. Young people generally learn at some stage that their parents are the only people who think they're awesome, which can come as a rude shock when they hit the real world of the workforce.



### 4. Expect them to earn the right

A common trait among many children and young people is their strong and, increasingly, false sense of entitlement. That is, many kids expect they have a right to, for example; go where they want; use their mobile phone whenever they want; play in the living room without cleaning up. Alternatively, we can insist that children and young people earn their rights through hard work, responsible behaviour and being cooperative. Learning that a right needs to be earned, rather than something that's simply handed out to you, is a valuable lesson for an aspiring leader in any field of endeavour.



### 5. Focus on character

Currently as a community we neglect character at the expense of personality. In this current era of reality TV and social media it's not hard to get fifteen minutes of fame whereas in the past your spot in the limelight needed to be earned usually by applying yourself to a sporting, artistic or other endeavour. However, character strengths such as grit, conscientiousness and reliability rather than personality traits consistently appear in discussions about leadership. Parents can actively promote their character strengths of children and young people in many ways - including focusing on character in conversations; sharing stories where character paid off for them in their lives; and using every day examples of how character leads to success.

### 6. Develop accountability

Leadership is always partnered with accountability. When kids don't hold themselves accountable they are reliant on others to excuse them or rescue them. Allowing children and young people to experience the consequences of their actions may make us feel bad as parents in the short term, however, in the long term it increases leadership capacities of young people immeasurably.



### 7. Share your struggles

As children and young people spread their wings and expand their boundaries they will invariably face new situations and challenges. We may not always be there for them but we can share our stories including our struggles that we experienced at the same age in a way that will help them make good choices. Sharing your mistakes, your learnings and your decision-making processes can act as a type of GPS as kids navigate new territory away from you. It's the stories they hear from adults whom they admire that will give them a roadmap for authentic leadership that is tolerant, humble and brave.

Focusing on the above strategies won't necessarily mean that your child will hold a leadership position in primary or secondary school. There are many factors involved in holding a school leadership position and being made of the right stuff is just one of them. But the qualities and traits we nurture in children and young people today will manifest in our future community, sporting and business leaders. That's why great parenting matters

Christine Pittman  
Social Worker





## **SOCIAL WORKER CONTINUED**

### **ATTEMPTED ABDUCTIONS**

Very little could be more frightening than the recent reports of attempted abductions of children; they are among the most vulnerable members of the Australian community. Children do need to explore their world, play outside and take

Age - appropriate risks to develop to their full potential. However they must also be well prepared if they need to be out and about without direct supervision. Parents/carers could discuss the following with their children:

- Walk with someone else or in a group.
- Walk on footpaths but as far away from the road as possible.
- Do not walk with headphones – you must be alert, and able to hear what is happening around you.
- Stay visible i.e. avoid walking behind buildings, down alleyways, through bushland.
- Do not go up to a car if called over.
- Have an agreed upon route and know how long your child would take to walk that route.
- Talk about safe places in the community i.e. where could they go if they needed support.
- Do not have your child's name displayed on the outside of their bag.
- Instruct your child to ignore or say "no" firmly to any suspicious approaches, run/walk quickly away and talk to you/their teacher /a trusted adult immediately about any concerns they have about being followed or approached.

The unfortunate reality is that it is more likely that a child will be harmed by someone they know and trust. With this in mind the general principles of the Protective Behaviours approach are essential in addition to the "stranger danger" messages we give to children. Please continue to reinforce the following with your children:

- We all have the right to be safe with people.
- We can talk with someone we trust about anything, no matter what.
- My body belongs to me – no one is allowed to touch or look at my private parts and no one is allowed to ask me to touch or look at their private parts.
- Early Warning Signs – body feelings like tummy butterflies, shaky knees "warn" us that we are not feeling safe and that we need to do something to feel safe again.
- Persistence – children must keep talking to trusted adults and keep asking for help until they feel safe, their early warning signs go away and someone has helped them.
- Have a list of agreed upon "safe" adults that children would call upon in an emergency e.g. if you were running late or could not get to pick them up.

The website below, from the Daniel Morecombe Foundation, has other tips and suggestions for parents/carers on helping children stay safe with people.

<http://www.danielmorcombe.com.au>



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**HOLY WEEK  
PROGRAM  
2017  
Catholic Parish  
of  
Queens Park / East Cannington**

**Palm Sunday (8th & 9th April 2017)**

Saturday 6.30 pm Procession & Solemn Mass  
Sunday 8.30 am Procession & Solemn Mass  
10.00 am Procession & Mass

**Tuesday of Holy Week (11th April 2017)**

***7.00 pm Mass of the Holy Oils - Chrism Mass***  
*St Mary's Cathedral, Perth*

**Holy Thursday (13th April 2017)**

9.00 am Sacrament of Penance (Until 10.00am)



**PASCHAL TRIDUUM**

**Holy Thursday (13th April 2017)**

**8.00 pm EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

9.15 pm Watch until Midnight 11.50 pm Compline (Night Prayer)

**Good Friday**

**(14th April 2017)**

9.00 am Morning Prayer (Lauds)

10.30 am Stations of the Cross

Noon Office of Readings & Midday Prayer

**3.00 pm SOLEMN LITURGICAL ACTION**

Celebrating the Passion of the Lord

**Holy Saturday**

**(15th April 2017)**

9.00 am Lauds

Noon Office of Readings & Midday Prayer

5.30 pm Vespers

**8.00 pm SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL**

Incorporating: - Service of Light

- Liturgy of the Word

- Liturgy of Baptism

- Easter Eucharist



**EASTER DAY**

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**EASTER SUNDAY** (16<sup>th</sup> April 2017)

7.25 am Lauds

8.30 am Mass of the Resurrection

10.00 am Mass of the Resurrection

5.30 pm Paschal Vespers



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