



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**

LAUDATO SI'

The Lord was able to invite others to be attentive to the beauty that there is in the world because he himself was in constant touch with nature, lending it an attention full of fondness and wonder. As he made his way throughout the land, he often stopped to contemplate the beauty sown by his Father, and invited his disciples to perceive a divine message in things: "Lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest" (Jn 4:35). "The kingdom of God is like a grain of mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all seeds, but once it has grown, it is the greatest of plants" (Mt 13:31-32).



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

*Anything that exists
In any way
Must necessarily
Have its origin in God.
Thomas Aquinas*



SCHOOL FACTION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL: Year 1 to 6 will be participating in the Athletics Carnival this Friday September 8. At this stage the weather is predicted to be warm, however after coming out of the winter, 26 degrees can feel like 35 degrees. Children must have on sun-screen before arriving and will need their hat. Please make sure that they have a water bottle so that they have plenty to drink. There is no canteen on Friday and pre-orders have been finalised. Children will need to bring their lunch if they have not pre-ordered. The order of events went home with last week's newsletter and will take place on either our oval or St Norbert's oval. Occasionally there is queries about how points are awarded. We follow the point system that is used at interschool level and have attached this to the newsletter.

CANTEEN CLOSURE (KINDERGARTEN AND PRE-PRIMARY BE AWARE): Due to Athletics Carnival on Friday September 8 the Canteen will not be open for orders other than pre ordered hamburgers.



TERM HOLIDAYS: The last day of term for the students is Thursday September 21. Students return to school Monday October 9.

GRANDPARENTS MERCY DAY MASS: This mass will be held on the last day of term, Thursday 21 September commencing at 9.00am. During the Mass our Liturgical Singers will lead the choir and our Liturgical Dancers will commence mass with their dance. The mass will be followed by a short informal concert showcasing some of our recent Performing Arts Performances. This will be at St Norbert's College in the O'Reilly Centre. After the concert Grandparents and Friends will then be invited for morning tea in the Parish Hall at St Joseph's.

UNIFORM SHOP CLOSURE: The Uniform Shop will be closed tomorrow Thursday September 7. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

God Bless
Peter Yensch
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RE REPORT

RECONCILIATION RETREAT: Tomorrow our Year 3 students and students from our after-school programme will be going to Schoenstatt Shrine for their retreat. We send them off with God’s blessing and know that Sr Lisette will inspire them on this journey to Reconciliation.



RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING: Thank you again to all the Parents who attended last week’s Parent Meeting for Reconciliation. If you were unable to attend can you please see me to go over what was said at the meeting. There is a pack of information that compliments the meeting.

SOCIAL JUSTICE LEADERSHIP TEAM: Tomorrow and Friday are the LAST DAYS to have a guess at the chocolates and sour lollies. We will announce the winners on Monday. Thank you for the support so many of you have given to this cause. This is Social Justice in action.



In Faith
Kaye Savage-Morton
Assistant Principal RE

St Joseph’s Faction Athletics Carnival

Faction Athletics Carnival – Friday September 8

PROGRAM	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
9.30am – 9.45am	Welcome / Prayer / Introduction					
9.45am	Bean Bag	Spiky Ball	Star Relay	Flag	Leader Ball	REST
10.10am	Bounce	Bean Bag	Spiky Ball	Star Relay	Flag	Leader Ball
10.35am	Track	Bounce	Bean Bag	Corner Spry	Star Relay	Flag
11.00am	REST	Track	Bounce	Run Tunnel	Corner Spry	Star Relay
11.25am	Tunnel Ball	REST	Track	Pass Ball	Run Tunnel	Corner Spry
11.50am - 12.20pm	LUNCH					
12.20pm	Flag	Tunnel Ball	REST	Track	Pass Ball	Run Tunnel
12.45pm	Star Relay	Flag	Tunnel Ball	REST	Track	Pass Ball
1.10pm	Spiky Ball	Star Relay	Flag	Leader Ball	REST	Track
1.35pm – 1.50pm	Baton Relays (Years 1 – 6)					
1.50pm – 2.00pm	Teacher / Parent / Student Race					
2.00pm – 2.15pm	Presentations					

Scoring

PLACE	TEAM GAMES	FIELD EVENTS	'A – E' DIVISION EVENTS
1st	20 points	15 points	15 points
2nd	15 points	12 points	12 points
3rd	10 points	10 points	10 points
4th	5 points	9 points	9 points
5th	-	8 points	8 points
6th	-	7 points	7 points
7th	-	6 points	6 points
8th	-	5 points	5 points
9th	-	4 points	-
10th	-	3 points	-
11th	-	2 points	-
12th	-	1 points	-

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS:

CATHOLIC PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL: A HUGE congratulations to all the children who represented St. Joseph's School, during the Catholic Performing Arts Festival, 2017. The bar has certainly been raised – the vocal solos/duet's, Christian and creative dances, choir performances, Bible reading, monologues, and instrumental solos were performed with such professionalism and pride.



In addition to receiving fantastic reports, some children performed exceptionally well, receiving special awards for their performances. The Performing Arts repertoire at St. Joseph's School has skyrocketed, as the students have deservingly earned:

6 Outstanding Certificates
3 Excellent Certificates
11 Merit Certificates

Performing at the festival would not be possible without the assistance of many teachers and parents, and of course, the dedication and persistence of the students! I cannot articulate my gratitude for those who have given their time to assist with the Catholic Performing Arts Festival. I am blown away by the immense support and encouragement the children have received.

Boys and girls – I am so proud of you all!

Miss Della Posta

SOCIAL WORKER NEWS:

THE GIFT OF A FATHER

Michael Grose www.parentingideas.com.au

1. PLAY TO YOUR STRENGTHS: Men generally parent differently to women, based on their biology. Fathers often parent in a more active or action-oriented way than mother's, so games, play and physical activity become important parts of a man's parenting repertoire. Just remember your partner may not always appreciate your more active approach, particularly if you play with kids just before bedtime then leave it to her to calm them down!

Practical advice: Be yourself, but be smart about it!

2. LIGHTEN UP – DON'T TAKE YOURSELF TOO SERIOUSLY: It's easy to get caught up in your own busyness, taking yourself and your work too seriously. For many men a bad day at work translates into poor or, at best, distracted experiences when they're with their families. Consider putting a strategy in place, such as exercise, that will help you leave work and the moods it engenders behind.

Practical advice: Be present in mind as well as in body when you're with your kids.

3. HAVE SOMETHING IN COMMON WITH EACH CHILD: It would be wonderful to say that you can always connect with your kids, but family life is not that straightforward. There'll always be a child who we struggle to connect with or a developmental stage during which a child seems alien to us. In these cases and times it helps if you share a common interest (such as a love of sport or music) with a child so that you always have something that will bring you together, even though you may not always see eye to eye.

Practical advice: Be prepared to take an interest in your child's interests.

4. TAKE IT EASY ON YOUR SON: Many dads are tough on their boys and have expectations way above their son's interest and ability levels. It helps to remember that it takes a little longer for a boy to mature. Resist the temptation to turn every game and every joint activity into a lesson and avoid giving advice when all your son wants is some "slack" and understanding.

Practical advice: See the boy as he is now, not the future man, when you spend time with him.

5. ENJOY THE OUTDOORS WITH YOUR DAUGHTER: The biological nature of fathering causes most men to be very protective of their daughters. But that doesn't mean you should put your daughter on a pedestal and treat her like a little princess. Expect a lot from her. Play with her, and get her outside into nature as it will do wonders for her confidence levels.

Practical advice: Enjoy spending time with your daughters on a daily basis.

6. BE READY FOR KIDS TO KNOCK YOU OFF YOUR PEDESTAL: Most children in the pre-school and middle- to late-primary school years look up to their dads. "My dad is better/bigger than your dad" is a type of mantra that's familiar to many parents. Make the most of it as this Superman Syndrome doesn't last. Young children soon become adolescents and will go to great lengths to prove that you're Clarke Kent after all. Expect that they will stop laughing at your jokes, raise an eyebrow at your well-intentioned advice and even stop being friendly to you in public. Ouch! It can be hurtful to a man who just wants to be the best dad he can be.

Practical advice: See number 2 above: don't take yourself too seriously.

7. GIVE YOUR KIDS A COMPASS AND A MAP: One day your children will become independent of you. Don't worry! You won't be irrelevant, just redundant in a practical and managerial sense. There are two things you can do to help your kids safely navigate the world when you're not around. First, help them develop a set of positive values including integrity, honesty and respect that will act as their moral compass when they have difficult decisions to make. Second, reveal your personal story over time as this narrative will become a personal map that will reassure them when life gets tough. It's good to know that they are not in uncharted territory when they finally strike out on their own.

Practical advice: Tell kids your story – don't make them guess it or learn it from someone else.

Father's Day is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the contribution that men, whether as parent, grandfather, uncle or carer make to the lives of their children. It's a very personal reflection as each man's experience of fathering is as unique as the children they are raising. I invite you to reflect on your own fathering as well as the contribution that fathers – whether your own dad or someone else's – have made to your own life.

Year One Fundraiser!

On Tuesday the 5th of September both year one classes hosted the Fundraiser Games Day. The Students are taking part in a 25 day Kindness challenge. Yesterday's fundraiser was one challenge to donate time or money to a chosen charity. Year 1 students ran the gold coin donation table, which allowed entry to all the various lawn games. The Year 1 Students also sold popcorn. The afternoon was a huge success and a lot of fun! They raised over \$120.

Thank you for all your support!



M@ths News

Making Maths Matter



HELP!

Mrs Nigli is always willing to lend a helping hand to any parents and students that need assistance with anything MATHS! She is available in the Maths room (located between 3G and 3B) on Mondays and Tuesdays 3.15pm – 3.30pm.

Mathletics Gold Certificates

Congratulations to the following students who received their Gold certificates at Monday's assembly

Catlinh T, Sachin W, Declan P, Elda S, Aadit J, Dawson M and Emily E

Keep up the great work!

Senior and Junior Mathletes of the Week

Aadit J (5,620 points) and Francesco P (5,950 points)

Have Sum Fun

Congratulations to the following students who represented St. Joseph's and displayed excellent problem solving skills, teamwork and great enthusiasm during the Have Sum Fun Online Maths competition run by the Mathematical Assoc. of WA.

The 6 Blue Math Machines team: Riley, Jonathan, Dylan and Augusto.

The 6 Gold Math Acers team: Dihan, Jaidyn, Sophie and Ethan

The 5 Blue LAVA Mathletes team: Venuja, Amani, Jia and Lucy

The 5 Gold Math Calculators team: Juneyong, Aadit, Joyal and Sienna

The 4 Blue Human Calculators team: Liya, Laela, Sachin and Albert

The 4 Gold Human Computers team: Rachel, Sheryl, Josh and Matthew

The 3 Blue Junior Einsteins team: Bailey, Elda, Levin and Massimo

The 3 Gold JAVE Solvers team: Vy An, Joel, Emilyn and Ashwa

A special mention to our **5 Blue** team who finished **3rd** with a total of 28.75 points out of 30. **Well done!**

The **Australian Maths Competition** conducted by the Australian Mathematics Trust was held on the July 27 this year. About 126 students from our school entered this competition. Two students received a high distinction and there were thirteen distinction awardees. These students' achievements will be acknowledged at next weeks assembly.



The Mangahigh Maths Super Hero challenge was held from the August 21 to September 3. The following students were our gold, silver and bronze medal winners. They will be presented with their medals at Monday's assembly. Congratulations and Well Done! You are truly Maths Super Heroes.

Bailey, Vy An, Cadence, Amani, Joseph, Aadit, Venuja, Jonathan, Juneyong, Josh, Sheryl, Ryan, Martin, Benedict, Joshua, and Jia.

Week 6 Puzzle Answers

Senior: \$30.50 Junior: 29 books

There was no winner for the Junior puzzle. The Senior puzzle winner was Amani.

Puzzle Problems



Junior

Tom bought a soft drink for 4 dollars and 8 candy bars. He spent a total of 36 dollars. How much did each candy bar cost?

Senior

The length of a rectangle is four times its width. If the area is 100 m^2 , what is the length of the rectangle?

Please remember to place your entries in the boxes in the front office. Good luck!

P & F NEWS:

CADBURY CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISING: On Friday last week, the families that did not send their OPT out letter back to school by the due date would have brought home a box of chocolates. The chocolates are \$1 each and each box has 50 chocolates. Please return the funds (\$50 total) in the envelope supplied, with your **child's name and class clearly marked** to the P & F locked box in reception. The money is due back to school by **Thursday September 21**. Families who opted out of receiving a box of chocolates, but chose to donate \$20 to the P & F will receive an email shortly regarding those donations. Thank you for your support.



DISCO: The Disco will be held next **Friday September 15** in the Hall. There will be novelties, drinks and snacks available to purchase.

Junior Disco 5.45pm – 7.15pm (PP – Year 3)

Senior Disco 7.30pm – 9.00pm (Year 4 – 6)

EARN AND LEARN: Please continue to place stickers in the Box at School or there are boxes located at Woolworth Cannington and Bentley with our School name on them. Thank you for supporting this program. Stickers will be collected up until 19th September 2017.

The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 10,000 educational resources including Mathematics and English resources, Arts and Crafts materials and much more.

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 and we will add you to our mailing list.

Important Dates for your Calendar

Monday September 11 - P & F Meeting

Friday September 15 - Disco #2

Friday November 24 - Family Night