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In All Things Love

Uniform Shop

Open on Monday and Fridays
8.30 am to 9.30 am

Playgroup

Friday - 10.00 am to 11.30 am

Out of School Hours Care

Daily

6.30 am to 8.30 am
and 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm

Tuesday 2.45 pm to 6.00 pm

Bookings essential

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Mass Times

Saturday 6.30 pm

Sunday 8.30 am English &

10.30 am Polish

Weekday 6.30 pm English & Polish

Except Tuesday

(check with Parish)

Newsletter

ST JOSEPH'S PRESENTS...

Battle of the Rockbands



Drumbeat presentation



Bella, Anna & Alice presented their Genius Hour projects to the class in Week



Bella (left) with her artistically iced cakes. They were delicious too!



Anna (right) displaying her beautifully made ring set and ring holder.

We acknowledge that our school is on Kurna country. We recognise and respect the Kurna people as the continuing custodians of the Adelaide Plains and pay our respect to Elders past and present.

Principal News

Welcome to Term 3. I hope you and your family have had the opportunity to rest and refresh in preparation for this term. A special welcome to Harrison, Shenai, Aarush, Thomas, Anna, Dylan, Ollyvar-Thong, Racine, Myra, Hudson, Jacob, Aiden, Natalia, Pranmi and Abimelech who have commenced Preschool with us this term as part of our Term 3 Preschool intake.

I would also like to welcome Jordan Lam, Carly Lane, Harry Le, Jayden Lam, Dinh-Khiem, Julliana, Tiffany, Isabella and Ayub to our Reception class. Jordan, Carly, Harry, Jayden, Dinh-Khiem, Julliana, Tiffany and Isabella have moved from our Preschool to commence Reception with us this term as part of our Term 3 Reception intake while Ayub joined us from Cowandilla Primary School late last term.

I hope all our beginning Preschool and Reception children have a positive start to their Preschool/Primary School journey at St Joseph's and make many new friends. I also hope they are engaged in their learning and feel a sense of fun and belonging to our school community.

Throughout his ministry, Jesus often used parables (stories) to help explain his teachings. Many parables involved the use of images of vegetation known to the region at the time. The parable of the Mustard Seed is one such example. The message Jesus portrays is that from little things big things grow. The mustard seed, the smallest of all seeds grows to become the largest of all plants. Here at St Joseph's School we are entrusted with supporting our parents as they nurture their children to grow and become *thriving people, capable learners and leaders for the world God desires*. At St Joseph's School we focus on the education of the whole child, intellectually, morally, emotionally, spiritually, religiously, physically and socially, providing many varied learning opportunities and experiences in the process.

Curriculum News

I have included two mathematical challenges which you might like to have a go at with your child/children.

This week's Mathematical challenges:

Reception to Year 3

What objects can you find at home that have 1 kg marked on them? Ask someone at home to help you make a list.

What can you find that is bigger than an apple but lighter than it?

Years 4-6

A jar of marbles weighs 2kg. How much might each marble weigh? How much might the jar weigh?

Can you find a collection of objects with a total mass of 2.75kg?

Happy inquiry.

Premier's Reading Challenge

This year a large number of our children have once again taken up the opportunity to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge. The challenge closes later this term with children needing to have their Premier's Reading Challenge *Student Reading Record* forms handed into the front office by then. I encourage all of our children to continue to read regularly at home whether they are involved in the challenge or simply reading for fun.

Happy reading.

STEM Open Day

As part of Catholic Schools Open Week (Term 3 Week 4) and in preparation for National Science Week (Term 3 Week 5), you are invited to join our school STEM Open Day on Monday August 9, 11:30am-1:30pm in the school grounds. Parents and family members will have the opportunity to join our children as they work in class groups engaging in STEM learning activities planned by our teaching staff. It is hoped that as many of our parents and carers as possible will be able to join us as it provides teaching staff with an opportunity to showcase the learning which takes place as part of our ongoing STEM learning focus.

School Vietnamese Translator

Hahn Do is our school Vietnamese interpreter and translator. Hanh is available each Wednesday afternoon 1pm to 2pm to meet with our Vietnamese families, taking on the role of interpreter. Hanh is available to support our Vietnamese families wishing to meet with their children's classroom teachers, a member of the leadership team or our front office staff. Hanh will also translate parent notices into Vietnamese during this time each week. If you would like to use this service please contact the front office.

Staffing News

Preschool Coordinator Catherine Crosbie returned to the school at the commencement of this term after two years Maternity/Parenting Leave. We are very much enjoying Catherine's return. I'm sure you will join me in welcoming Catherine back to the St Joseph's School community.

In addition Melissa Strudwick has also joined our team of Preschool educators at the commencement of Term 3. This position is a temporary teaching position which has been created as a result of an increase in preschool enrolment numbers for Semester Two this year. Melissa is an early childhood trained teacher who is familiar with our school having

worked with children with special needs in our school in recent years.

Healthy Eating Equals Fuel For Our Brain

As I have been moving around the school I have noticed many of our classes stopping for Brain Food. Eating well is good for our mental as well as our physical health. The brain requires nutrients just like our heart, lungs and muscles do. Here at St Joseph's School children are encouraged to bring healthy foods to school to eat daily, with many classes stopping throughout the day for **Brain Food** snack time. Wholegrain breads, fresh fruit and vegetables are easy to manage Brain Foods children should be eating on a regular basis. A helpful tip when choosing snacks for your children is; *if it comes with packaging it generally is high in salt, sugar and/or fat so avoid these snacks where possible.*

School Climate Surveys

During Term 3 of each year we survey our school community to gauge how things are going for families, children and staff in terms of their current experience of school life at St Joseph's. This term we are encouraging all parents and staff to participate two surveys both facilitated by Curtin University Western Australia.

The Living Learning Leading parent online survey provides families with an opportunity to inform the school of how things are going for them at the moment. Staff and children will be involved in a similar survey. An information flier was sent home to all families on Monday July 19 with details of how to access this online survey. The Living Learning Leading parent online survey opened on Monday July 19 and closes on Friday August 6.

The second survey is a continuation of our partnership with Professor Jill Aldridge from Curtin University who is supporting us in *Developing Leadership Capacity in School Improvement* through surveying the school community. The School Improvement focus involves collecting and analysing data from the school community (students, parents and staff) to identify plans for future actions. This surveys will be offered to parents and carers in paper/hard copy format in both English and Vietnamese. As a school we value your feedback and will endeavour to respond to the information provided. The feedback St Joseph's School will be provided with by Curtin University (who will analyse survey data) will be in the form of graph based feedback which will include data submitted by all parents. The feedback will not include data of individual parents. It is data around your impressions of the school climate that we are seeking. The survey response format will require parents to consider how often each statement takes place in terms of; *Almost Never, Rarely, Sometimes, Often and Almost Always*. The Parents and Carers Survey (PaCS) opened on Monday July 26 and closes on Friday August 27. In a similar way staff will participate in the *School Organisational Climate Survey* and children are in the process of completing the Classroom Climate Questionnaire.

How does Exercise affect Mental Health and Wellbeing?

Physical activity promotes many aspects of child and adolescent development, including social and emotional skills, as well as physical development of motor skills. It also supports mental wellbeing. We know that high levels of inactivity can lead to a greater risk of both physical and mental health problems. Some children and young people dislike competitive sport and anxiety about competition may worsen existing mental health issues. You could consider involving your child in non-competitive physical activities such as Yoga and Pilates as an alternative. Or explore activities where the focus is on participation, not competition. It's more important for children and young people to learn that being active is fun rather than focusing on winning.

To learn more about how you can support the Wellbeing of your child visit **Be You** (formerly Beyond Blue

<https://beyou.edu.au/fact-sheets/development/brain-development>

Kiss and Drop Zone

A reminder that the school *Kiss and Drop Zone* along Rosewater Terrace is not a place to park your car if you need to enter the school grounds as this holds up all incoming and outgoing traffic. It also leads to children exiting their cars on Rosewater Terrace and having to manoeuvre between traffic, raising safety concerns.

If you need to come into the school grounds parking is available along Rosewater Terrace and on Ina Avenue. Thank you in anticipation of your support with this important safety matter.

Skool Bag App

To keep up to date with what is happening within our school along with upcoming school events why not download the **Skool Bag App** from the App Store on your mobile phone. Once downloaded simply search St Joseph's School, Ottoway and add to your Skool Bag page. Many of our families currently use the **Skool Bag App** to keep up to date with what is happening across our school.

In addition our school website **News and Events** link is regularly updated to assist our families in keeping up with what is happening across our school.

May God bless all of our families throughout Term 3.

Working in partnership with you.

Shaun O'Leary.

APRIM News

Sacramental Program

Families have begun the preparation of their children for the current Sacramental Program. We will be meeting as a group every second week in the Church. Confirmation and First Communion will be celebrated in Term 4. The details have been confirmed as follows:

Celebrant: Vicar General, Father Philip Marshall

Date: 23/10/2021 Time: 10.00am

Number of Candidates: 11

Ceremony Type: Rite of Confirmation Outside Mass

Location: St Maximilian Kolbe Church, Ottoway

Volunteers

We love for all parents and Carers to join in the life of the school where they can. If you would like to become a volunteer in classrooms, on excursions, or, with the parents and friends . Please see Tanya for the forms we require you to complete and make a time with me for an induction. This takes around one hour but can also be done online if you would prefer to do it at home.

Liturgy to celebrate St Mary of the Cross MacKillop: 8:45am 9 August 2021

Walk a mile in my boots: 2:00pm

9 August 2021

As part of our focus on social justice, on Monday 9 August 2021 we will meet at 2.00 pm in the Tenison Woods Hall in our House Teams.

From there we will walk together to the Wingfield Oval and walk around this twice. You are very welcome to join in with us at the oval.

We would like to raise some funds for the Hutt Street Centre,

please send a small donation with your child.

Please bring a coin. Your donation will go towards making a difference to the homeless living in our society.

Thanks for your great support!



School Calendar

Term 3 2021

July		August	
19	Term 3 Commences	9	St Mary of the Cross whole school liturgy 8:45 am STEM Open Day 11:30 am -1:30pm Walk a mile in my boots 2pm—3pm
28	Face To Face Schooling resumes after 7 day lock down	25	Book week Dress up Parade 9 :00am

