

2018 Edition No 1 - Wednesday, 7 February

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

God of wisdom and might,
we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body and spirit.
Be with our children as they begin a new school year.
Bless them and their teachers and staff.
Give the strength and grace as their bodies grow;
wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding;
and peace and zeal to their hearts.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen



Parents, children and teachers - welcome to the new school year. It was wonderful to see all the smiling faces on Wednesday last week and to hear stories about children excited about coming to school and not wanting to be late. I thank the many children and parents who have welcomed me back after my sojourn in Perth. I also thank the children and parents who have welcomed Mr Jae Dornan and Ms Nicole Kerr to the staff of St Joseph's.

SCHOOL HOURS

Children are supervised from 8.30am to 3.15pm each day. Children should not be dropped off before 8.30am unless they are participating in Breakfast Club.

If your child is absent from school, a note signed by a parent/carer that gives a reason for the absence must be sent to school when the child returns. This is a legal requirement. If you need to collect your child from school during school hours, please make the teacher aware by sending a note in the morning and then signing them out in the register that is in the office.

Please notify the school either by note or by phone if there are changes to arrangements for bus children. Bus drivers get cross if the bus is held up while we look for children when we are unaware of alternative arrangements that have been made.

SCHOOL DAY FOR PUPILS

8.40am	Morning assembly and fitness
8.50am	Classes commence
10.20am	Morning Recess
10.40am	Classes Resume
12.20pm	Lunch
1.00pm	Classes Resume
3.00pm	Dismissal

Upcoming Dates February 2018

Feb 5-8:

- Swimming Years 1-6

Tues, Feb 13:

- School Board meeting
6.30pm in the staffroom

Wed, Feb 14:

- Ash Wednesday – school mass Years 2-6 9am
- Parent Information Meetings
Yrs 1-6

Mon, Feb 19:

- World of Maths incursion
PP-Year 6

Fri, Feb 16:

- Senior Room assembly 8.45

Fri, Feb 23:

- Swimming Time Trials

Sun, Feb 25:

- Family Mass – Senior Room
10.30am

March 2018

Mon, Mar 5:

- Labour Day Public Hol

Fri, Mar 9:

- Faction Swimming Carnival

Tues, Mar 13:

- Board Meeting

Wed, Mar 14:

- Book Swap Day

Fri, Mar 16:

- Green & Purple Day
School Mass & Feast
Celebration Days

St John the Baptist Parish Moora

Weekend Masses:

1st, 2nd, 3rd & 5th Saturday 6.30pm
4th Sunday 10.30am

Mass this weekend – Saturday 6.30pm

Weekday Masses:

Wednesday - 5.30pm
Friday - 8am

TERM DATES and INFORMATION FOR 2018

Term 1	Wednesday, January 31 – Friday, April 13 Easter break: March 30 - April 3
Term 2	Tuesday, May 1 – Friday, June 29 NAPLAN WEEK Tuesday, May 14 - Friday May 18 Year 6 Camp Monday, May 7 - Friday, May 11 WA Day Public Holiday Monday, June 4 Pupil Free Day Tuesday, June 5
Term 3	Wednesday, July 18 – Thursday, September 21 Pupil Free Day Monday, August 20
Term 4	Tuesday, October 9 – Friday, December 7

DROPPING OFF and PICKING UP CHILDREN



Parents will have noticed a change to the location of our Kiss & Drive onto Kintore Street following the relocation of our bus bay to the block at the rear of the school. Parents can now park on either side of Kintore Street however the old bus bay remains a Kiss & Drive zone.

As we will soon commence building a new staffroom adjacent to the canteen, the small gate to Dandaragan Street has been locked. Parents need to access school grounds through the main gate on Kintore Street or through the gates in the parent carpark.

In the interests of child and parent safety, those parents who are parked on the church side of Kintore Street should cross the street with the teacher on duty. Running across the street near the church is contrary to the messages of child road safety that we are constantly teaching the children.

NO HAT, NO PLAY

A reminder that all children need to have their hats at school each day. Hats are worn at recess time, lunch time and when the children are at fitness and PE lessons.

PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS

These meetings are a perfect opportunity to learn about what is happening and expectations in your child/ren's classrooms. It is always difficult to arrange times that best suit most parents. Meeting times are as follows:

Wednesday, February 14	Years 1 and 2	3.15pm
	Years 3 and 4	4pm
	Senior Room	4.45pm

If you cannot attend, please ensure that you read any information that is sent home. For those parents who would like to stay around at the end of the day and before their meeting, tea and coffee will be available in the undercover area.

WANTED!

If you have any second-hand uniforms that no longer fit your children and that are in reasonable condition, please consider donating them to the school. Occasionally we need spare uniforms and our supply from previous years has been exhausted. Thank you!

SCHOOL FEES



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2018 School Fee accounts will be sent out soon. Any outstanding fees from 2017 will be added to this year's accounts. Please ensure all outstanding fees from 2017 are paid immediately, and 2018 fees paid off by the end of Term 3 this year. If fees are not able to be paid, an appointment must be made to meet with the Principal to discuss alternate arrangements.



Parents and Carers who hold **Health Care Cards and Pension Concession Cards** may be entitled to discounted school fees. Please bring your card into the Office so we can record the details. Parents who receive Centrelink payments should arrange to have school fees taken from these payments. Call the School Office to make an appointment and fill in the correct paperwork.

UPDATING FAMILY INFORMATION

To ensure that our office records are accurate we are asking existing families to complete and sign the attached blue form and **RETURN it to the Front Office ASAP**. It is particularly important that phone numbers, emergency contacts and medical information are updated. Likewise, if you or your partner has changed your occupation since enrolment could you please call into the office and complete a new MCEETYA form. Thank you for helping us to keep an accurate database for our records.

MEDICAL INFORMATION UPDATE

We are currently in the process of sending home Medical Information Forms to all students who are currently listed in our records as having a medical condition. If you receive one of these forms, can you please fill it in and return it to school asap. This will enable us to ensure that our records are current as medical conditions often change from year to year.



If your child has a medical condition that has been diagnosed during the last 12 months, that you have not yet provided a Medical Action Plan for or that you feel we are not aware of, could you please obtain a form from the office and complete and return it to school by Monday, 12th February.

CANTEEN

A reminder that our canteen, **The Munch Bar**, is open each day. Orders for recess and lunch should be completed before school. Students who would like their apples 'slinkied', must hand these to the canteen **before school** or it will not be possible to have them ready. Please ensure that your child has the money to pay for their order, as students and parents are not allowed to 'book up'. Students without any money to pay will only be permitted a piece of fruit and a vegemite sandwich. The canteen is offered as a service to families and the privilege should not be abused.

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking will be held on **MONDAYS** this year and is **starting this Monday, 12th February**. Each family will be sent an information booklet with this Newsletter regarding school banking which will tell you everything you need to know about the program. Bring your FILLED in Bank Books Mondays and meet in the undercover area before school. All are welcome to join who have a Youthsaver account. New rewards available each term for making 10 deposits.



FACEBOOK PAGES

Are you aware that we have a number of Facebook Pages that you can join to be kept up-to date in between our Newsletters? The main group is our St Joseph's School Moora Facebook Page which you can either search by name or through this link

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/sjsmoora/>. We also have a St Joseph's P & F page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/666306276742645/>.



NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

Please be aware that we will no longer have paper copies of the Newsletter sent home with children. Newsletters can be accessed on our Website, our Facebook page or should you wish to have a copy emailed to you please inform the office of your email address admin@sjsmoora.wa.edu.au. There will be a few paper copies available from the Front Office should you require one.

*God bless,
Therese Bandy
Principal*

New reading pods to 'hang out' in

Senior Room 2018

Welcome to our room!

It has been a very exciting and busy start to the year. Along with a new look to the Senior Room, we have introduced some new learning strategies.



Passion Hour – this hour allows the students to explore world issues and interests they feel passionate about. Currently we have been discussing a variety of ideas the class have expressed.

Mindset – our focus is on the difference between fixed and growth mindset. Recognising the difference and learning how to apply a growth mindset in our daily life.

Self-Development Rubric – all students will work their way through the different stages to help them develop resilience, resourcefulness, relationships and reflectiveness.



Our learning objectives are posted on the whiteboard outside. We have drawn up a parent help roster and hope you will sign up at least once each term. We will also place a copy on Seesaw.

A busy Classroom

We invite you to come in and share our learning environment.

Robyn Watson and Tarlee Lennox

Community News

LA SALL COLLEGE - MAKING A DIFFERENCE – BOOK LAUNCH 21 February 2018

Making A Difference is an historical account of La Salle College since its foundation in 1954. Clem Mulcahy has seamlessly woven the fabric of local Midland history with the raw material of De La Salle College. The limited edition of 1,000 copies of this 448 page, two volume book set can be pre booked or a gift voucher can be purchased for \$119 as a gift to family and friends.

Centre for Faith Enrichment

Are you searching for ways to enrich your understanding of the Catholic faith and tradition? Would you like to find out more about a particular sacrament which your child may be receiving? Then the Centre for Faith Enrichment is for you! We offer a wide range of face-to-face and online courses and events on topics ranging from spirituality, Church history, theology, scripture, Christian living and much more. No exams or assignments, just a relaxed and friendly learning atmosphere. To know more visit our website www.cfe.org.au where you will find our courses and events page and explore our new sacraments website.



**Celebrating 20 years of Dance
& our 4th Year in Moora!**

Moora – Mondays
Tinys/Juniors/Inters/Seniors

"From 3yrs + for Girls & Boys"

Dance & Acro

**Classes commence Monday 5th Feb @
Moora Performing Arts Centre**

**We offer "Fun" classes with disc for extra classes
& for families with 2 or more!**

Please call or email **Roxanne** to find out more info
041919 2511 - roxpaulfewster@bigpond.com or



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BACK TO SCHOOL 31ST JANUARY 2018

School 40km/h Zones

We would like to remind the community that schools resume on Wednesday 31st January 2018, and school 40km/h zones will apply. Help us keep the children safe by slowing down and not being distracted while driving.

New Passing Distance Law – 1m under 60km/h

The State Government has announced new minimum passing distance laws to protect cyclists. From 30th November 2017, a driver of a motor vehicle must pass a bicycle travelling in the same direction at a safe distance, being:

- 1 metre on roads where the posted speed limit is 60km/h or less;
- 1.5 metres on road where the posted speed limit is more than 60km/h



**The penalty for
contravening the law is
\$400 and 4 demerit points.**

For more information please
visit the Road Safety
Commission website
<https://www.rsc.wa.gov.au/Rules-Penalties/Browse/Cyclists>

**Slow down to
40km/h in school
zones**

**Riding their bike
to school, make
sure they wear
their helmet**

**Riding the bus to
school, make sure
they follow bus
driver rules.
Discuss safe paths
to cross road at
bus stops**

**Discuss walking
routes to school &
home – safe road
crossing paths**