

2018 Edition No 11 – Wednesday 25th July

Dear Parents

Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering, or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, then. Put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations, and say continually: "The Lord is my strength and my shield. My heart has trusted in Him and I am helped. He is not only with me but in me, and I in Him."

St. Francis de Sales

What a lovely school Saint Joseph's Moora is!! I have such happy memories of this school and so it has been great to come back and to see how wonderfully everything has progressed. The respect and good manners that the children show to their teachers, to their friends and to all the visitors to the school is exemplary. As parents you are obviously doing a great job, backed up by the school. Catholic schools genuinely believe that parents are the first and most important educators of children.

It is quite clear to me that all the time spent by parents at home teaching such magic words as "Hello", "Please", "I'm sorry" and "Thank you" has not been fruitless. It is also at home that your children learn to be honest, on time, diligent, show friends their sympathy, as well as show utmost respect for their elders and teachers. All these attributes were evident at the Family Mass then at the WAYO Jazz concert, followed by the NAIDOC Week liturgy. Truly wonderful whole school behaviour.

Remember all of your hard work is definitely not in vain because it is with your help that the school is able to teach English, mathematics, history, geography, science, digital technology and physical education. For we can only reinforce the education that children receive at home from their parents.

Thank you also for how welcoming everyone has been to my Story Dog, Flynn, he has had a wonderful couple of weeks being thoroughly spoilt by everyone. He has really enjoyed the children's company and reading. They have all been so gentle with him and he has appreciated it, as he is now an older dog. He also will remember Mrs Lennox in the Canteen who has given him chicken every day!!

Finally may the Lord continue to bless this wonderful school and keep safe all those who work here.

Kind regards
Sally O'Dea

Upcoming Dates

July 2018

Fri July 27

- Eneabba Cross Country

August 2018

Tue Aug 7

- Bishops' Test

Wed Aug 8

- School Mass – Feast of Mary Mackillop

Fri Aug 10

- Year 2 Assembly

Wed Aug 15

- School Mass – Feast of The Assumption

Mon Aug 20

- Pupil Free Day

Wed Aug 22

- Book Swap

Fri Aug 24

- Book Week Dress Up
- Assembly Senior Room

Sun Aug 26

- Sacrament of First Communion

Thu Aug 30

- P&F Father's Day Raffle

Fri Aug 31

- School Faction Athletics Carnival
- Kindy Father's Day Liturgy

September 2018

Fri Sep 7

- PP Grandparents Day Liturgy and Morning Tea

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

THE ELEPHANT IN THE WHEATBELT



All children will be bringing a free copy of The Elephant in The Wheatbelt home with them today, these were kindly donated by RAC. This story is written and illustrated by Perth teacher and artist Sean Avery, and is about a family on a journey to Jurien Bay. The little boy in the story is so excited and brings his toy elephant along for the ride, however the elephant is not so pleased with some of dads driving and reminds them that the “travel safe or not at all!!”

The purpose of this story is to highlight road safety, and ultimately change driving attitudes and road safety perceptions of all generations.

The Elephant has travelled thousands of kilometers across the Wheatbelt raising awareness and encouraging communities to take responsibility for road safety in their towns.

SCHOOL SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES

A reminder to parents and carers that the school has a private Facebook Group, and also a public page for updating the community on the good work going on at St Joseph's. We have also started a Twitter page, so keep an eye out for our tweets. Our Social Media pages are a good way to keep up to date with what is going on in the school in-between newsletters so keep an eye on them for information, and don't forget that with Facebook algorithms you will need to like some of our posts so they will appear in your news feed.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stjosephsschoolmoora/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/StJosephsSchool5?lang=en>



SCHOOL FEES



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As advised in the Newsletter each fortnight and in text messages sent recently, by this time of the year, everyone is expected to have **at least made a start at paying off their fees**. If you have not and you are experiencing problems meeting your commitments, you must make an appointment with our Bursar Natasha Butcher to discuss a payment plan. All fees are payable by Term 3 and may be paid off in one lump sum or in installments agreed upon with you and the School. If you have a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card (PPS) you may be entitled to a discount off your fees. To claim the discount, you must bring your current card to the Office to be copied and fill in a claim form before the end of term.

SCHOOL BANKING



School banking is Monday before school in the undercover area. If you do 10 deposits you receive a reward. If you do 15 deposits before the end of the year you go into the draw for an amazing family holiday.

Come and see either Sue Wall or Melissa Cameron on Mondays for Commonwealth School Banking.

WAYJO (West Australian Youth Jazz Orchestra)

What a treat it was to start off the new term with a performance by the WAYJO as part of the Mid-West tour. We listened to various songs (some well-known and some not so well-known) and we were able to try out selected band instruments as part of this interactive performance. The WAYJO even shared our performance on their Facebook page so make sure you visit the school page to check out the photos.

ENVIRONMENT NEWS

Thank you to all of the families that have supported our Waste Free Wednesday initiative. We have seen more reusable lunch boxes cutlery and utensils, bees wax wrapping paper and, most importantly, a reduction in waste that is going in the bin. I would encourage you to keep supporting this initiative and include others days as waste free as well. Our classroom recycling bins are also being well utilised to encourage recycling of paper and cardboard products.

Both of these initiatives were assisted by a grant from the Commonwealth Bank.

We have a great response to our reusable lunch bags, so much so that we've had to order more! If you missed out this time round, don't worry our new stock will be available from the canteen soon. These bags will be \$8 as unfortunately the price had increased since we last ordered them.



HOLIDAY READING CHALLENGE

Thank you to all of the families that continue to support the Reading Challenge to develop strong reading habits in our students. Certificates, vouchers and privileges will be announced this week at morning assembly.

BRLA (BISHOP'S RELIGIOUS LITERACY ASSESSMENT)

In weeks 3-5 of this term, the Year 3 and Year 5 students will participate in the BRLA system trials and assessment. Parents have already received a letter about this and all of these assessments will be completed during school hours and online using school devices.

ELECTIVES @ ST JOSEPH'S

You may have heard about our Elective program starting up in week 3 of this term. Students from Years 1 -6 will sign up for a 6-week elective on a Friday afternoon. The electives we are running this term are: Engineering, chess, lost crafts, outdoor education, strategy games, newspaper production, creative fonts, arts and craft, mini vinnies (service), cake decorating. Students will have the opportunity to sign up to an elective, based on a preference system, at school. Once we have the lists finalised with students and staff, I encourage community members to come and offer their expertise if available.

Jae Dornan
Assistant Principal

News from the Senior Room

The Senior Room is alive and, once again, preparing for a busy term. This term the focus is on the Multiple Intelligences. Eight different areas have been set up within the classroom work space. The students will be participating in A Senior Room 'Shark Tank'. They must record an oral proposal and create a project based on one of the multiple intelligence areas. We cannot wait to see the results of their initiative and creativity.

The Year 6 students have all received their Leaver's Shirts and definitely add colour to the room! It is wonderful to see the pride and confidence displayed on the days they wear these shirts.

This week students have been studying the history of Aboriginal art and learning the different symbols that are used to tell individual stories. On Friday, as part of a whole school activity, they will hear the story of some of the local Aboriginal people local people and what life was like growing up in the Moora Reserve and Mogumber and New Norcia Missions. The students will retell their story using the learnt art symbols. The end result will be the recorded story of each guest complete with the student's art work.



We are asking if any of our parents and friends have any fertile Peahen, Guinea Fowl, Goose, Duck or Chicken eggs that they would be willing to donate. Ideally we need about 12, preferably the Peahen or Guinea Fowl, if you can help us out please contact the office.

St Joseph's P & F Association

Wine and Cheese Night

The P & F extend an invitation for you to join them at their next meeting for a Wine & Cheese Night. This will be held in the School Hall on Thursday 9th August 2018. Be there at 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

Enjoy some fellowship and share your ideas on ways to better our school.

We promise not to give you a job, unless you really want one!



Community News

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](#).



Government of Western Australia
North Metropolitan Health Service



Women 50 years or over,
have a **FREE** breast screening
mammogram every two years.
Once is not enough.



The BreastScreen WA mobile service will be at:

Moora District Hospital

Dandaragan Street

from 13 - 30 August 2018

Dates are approximate and may be subject to change.

For an appointment
book **online** or phone **13 20 50**



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www.breastscreen.health.wa.gov.au