

2018 Edition No 8 – Wednesday 13th June

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

God is the strength of his people.
In him, we his chosen, live in safety.
Save us, Lord, who share in your life,
and our shepherd for ever. Amen

FACTION CROSS COUNTRY

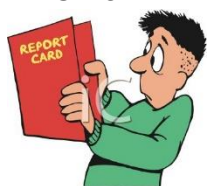
St Joseph's Faction Cross Country Carnival is being held this Thursday, June 14. It would be wonderful to have lots of parent spectators to cheer on the students as they complete the course. All students have been training since the start of the term and most are looking forward to a fun afternoon, representing their factions. Spectators are invited to attend. Bring your chairs and cheering voices and support all participants as they cross the finish line.

END OF TERM

A reminder that our term is drawing rapidly to a close, with Friday, June 29 being the last day of school for Term 2. Both our students and staff have certainly earned time to recuperate and rejuvenate after such a busy term. Students return to school on Wednesday, July 18.

I also take this opportunity to remind parents that the school is closed on Monday, August 20.

REPORTS



As Semester 1 draws to a close, the teachers have been busy preparing reports about your child's achievements in the first half of this year. Reports can be picked up from the Office on the afternoon of Thursday, June 28th or any time on Friday, June 29th. Any reports not picked up at the end of the day on Friday will be sent home with the eldest child in the family.

To discuss your child's report with the teacher please ring the office and make an appointment time next term. This allows the teacher time to focus solely on your child and your questions. Please do not turn up to the teacher's door unannounced and expect an unscheduled interview. It saves both the teacher and you embarrassment when the teacher has to turn a parent away and tell them to make an appointment.

ABSENTEE NOTES

Please remember it is a legal requirement that the school is given a written note to explain when your child is absent from school. The note should be sent as soon as your child returns. If it is a planned absence, please send the note before your child is away. Thank you

Upcoming Dates

June 2018

- Thur June 14**
- Faction Cross Country
- Fri June 15**
- Assembly – Year 4
- Fri June 22**
- Assembly – Pre-Primary
- June 25 – 29**
- NAIDOC Week
- Fri June 29**
- Dandaragan Cross Country
 - Last day of term

July 2018

- Wed July 18**
- First day of Term 3
- Sun July 22**
- Family Mass – Senior Room

August 2018

- Fri Aug 3**
- Eneabba Cross Country
- Wed Aug 8**
- School Mass – Feast of Mary Mackillop
- Wed Aug 15**
- School Mass – Feast of The Assumption
 - Book Swap
- Mon Aug 20**
- Pupil Free Day
- Fri Aug 24**
- Book Week Dress Up
- Sun Aug 26**
- Sacrament of First Communion

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

LIFELINK CRAZY HAIR AND SOCK DAY



A lot of time and effort went into creating the fabulous hair dos that graced St Joseph's on Friday 8th of June, and the day was a great success for the Lifelink Charity as we raised \$192.50.



LATE ARRIVALS

A reminder that children should be at school by 8.30am in order to prepare for the day ahead. The longer nights and dark mornings make getting up and ready for school on time difficult. However, children who arrive late miss out on important early morning activities and routines and disrupt the work of those students who arrive at school on time. It is also important to remember that getting up late is not a reason to skip school for the day. **Unless they are ill or absent for unavoidable family reasons, children should be at school every day.**

SCHOOL FEES

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.**

KINDY 2019

If you or other family members or friends have a child ready for Kindy next year and would like them to attend St Joseph's, please call the School Office or drop in and place their name in our Kindy 2019 list. Interviews for Kindy 2019 will be held early next term so it is important to put your child's name down early. Children born between July 1st, 2014 and June 30th, 2015 are eligible to attend Kindy in 2019.

SCHOOL ENTRANCES



For safety reasons, we would ask families not to walk their children across the corner block of Kintore and Clinch Sts, as this is now our bus driveway. We would also ask that parents and children come through the main gate on Kintore Street when entering and exiting the school grounds, or the gate at the back of the school next to the carpark. For duty of care purposes we would ask that the gate at the front of the Convent is not used for entry/exit in the mornings and afternoons as it is not supervised.



*God bless,
Therese Bandy
Principal*

Science 2018

Year 3 have been very productive this term finding, investigating and then classifying all sorts of living things. At the same time they have been busy growing seeds of all descriptions that Kayla brought us, and more adventurously eating seeds they'd grown.



At the end of last term we all enjoyed a whole afternoon outside trying out all sorts of hands on experiments to do with our Earth and Space unit.



Our tablet rockets. They all worked!



Year 5 & 6 have worked solidly to complete their Science Unit and then use LEGO makers. Learning to work in groups to find a problem to solve, plan and draw a prototype, build and code using WeDo2, test, redesign and finally demonstrate the finished model. Both classes have been very innovative in designing everything from dancing animals, musical toys, trench diggers, rescue helicopters, conveyor belts to cake makers. This is concrete computational thinking.

Computational thinking is a set of problem-solving skills that are applied to working with computers and other digital devices. In WeDo 2.0, computational thinking is handled in a developmentally appropriate manner through the use of icons and programming blocks.

Computational thinking characteristics include:

- Logical reasoning
- Looking for patterns
- Organising and analysing data
- Modelling and simulations
- Using computers to assist in testing models and ideas
- Using algorithms to sequence actions



It's application in science and engineering projects enables pupils to use powerful digital tools to carry out investigations, and build and program models, which might otherwise be tricky to do. Pupils use programs to activate motors, lights, sounds, or displays, or to react to sounds, tilt, or movement to implement functionalities to their models or prototypes.



St Joseph's P & F Association Term 2 Events

10th May to 28th June 2018
Silver Coin Fundraiser



Bring your silver coins to the Undercover Area by The Munch Bar from 8.15am every Thursday morning.

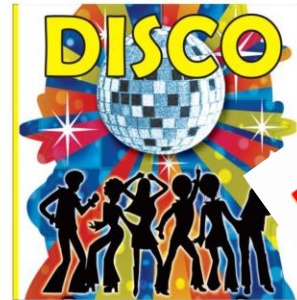
At the end of the term, the class that has collected the most money will win a prize.

ST JOSEPH'S P & F ASSOCIATION

present the

BACK TO THE 80'S SCHOOL DISCO

Featuring DJ RAD aka Mr Radici



WHERE: School Hall

WHEN: Friday 15th June 2018

TIME: 5.30pm to 7.30pm

COST: Gold Coin Donation

DRESS: 80's Theme

Sausage Sizzle, Juice Boxes, Icy Poles and Glow Sticks for sale.

Permission slips to be sent home soon.

P&F Uniform Shop

Uniform Order Forms are available from the office and the school website

The uniform shop **WILL NOT** be open this Friday 15th June

Community News

Winter Fun – Wongan Hills

Individualised Intensive Lifeskills Program (Monday, July 2nd to Friday, July 6th)

Winter Fun covers Speech, Occupational Therapy and Social Skills over 3 hours per day

5 Day Program - \$1000.00

Contact KZ Speech on 9450 6939 or info@kzspeech.com.au



WAAPA Winter School 2018

WAAPA at ECU is offering an exciting performing arts program for children and young people these July school holidays. For the first time, we are including courses for students from Years 1 to 12. The Winter School includes classes in drama, acting, screen acting, dance, musical theatre and RAP. For information about the many courses on offer please visit <http://www.waapa.ecu.edu.au/corporate-training-and-short-courses/explore-short-courses> or contact Gabrielle Metcalf at g.metcalf@ecu.edu.au or 9370 6775.



School Holiday Program

Thursday, 5th July 2018
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Moora Recreation Centre

All school-aged children are welcome to our free program,
which includes a healthy lunch.

www.nyoongarsports.com.au



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