

2019 Edition No 7 - Wednesday, 15th May

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

In this weekend's Gospel, we hear of Jesus preparing the disciples for his final farewell. In doing so, he commands them (and us) to:



*... love one another.
Just as I have loved you,
you also must love one another.
By this love you have for one another,
everyone will know that you are my disciples.*

NAPLAN

As you are aware, our Year 3 and Year 5 students are sitting NAPLAN tests in Writing, Reading, Spelling & Grammar and Mathematics this week. You may have seen news reports that the NAPLAN site experienced some difficulties across the nation yesterday during the Writing test. While we had some minor hiccups with the Year 5 computer Writing test that were quickly resolved, our students did well. Our Year 3 students completed a paper Writing test and so were unaffected by computer issues.

Today, both the Year 3 and the Year 5 students sat computer based Reading tests and completed them without any hiccups.

OVAL BUSY BEE

We are planning to have a busy bee on Friday to spread sand over the oval in order to fill the cocky holes and make it safe for children. A huge thank you to John & Kylie Minty for donating the sand and Mike and Naomi McLean from Komic Earthmoving for donating their time carting the sand. Many thanks also to Alex Zoch and his team of Tongan workers for giving of their time to help spread the sand. We are in need of shovels and metal rakes to help with spreading the sand. If you can assist with helping to spread sand or by providing tools please contact the office.

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.

Getting up late is not a reason to stay home from school for the day. Unless your child is ill or absent for unavoidable family reasons, they should be at school every day.

Upcoming Dates

May

Mon May 13 – 17

- Year 6 Camp
- NAPLAN Testing Yrs 3 & 5

Mon May 20 & Wed May 22

- Book Fair

Wed May 22

- ALIA National Simultaneous Storytime

Fri May 24

- Winter Carnival Yrs 4 – 6

Wed May 29

- Sacrament of Penance (Yr 3)

Thurs May 30

- Ascension Mass 9am

Fri May 31

- Yr 1 Assembly

June

Mon Jun 3

- WA Day Public Holiday

Tue Jun 4

- Pupil Free Day

Mon Jun 17

- Year 6 Wellbeing Expo

Fri Jun 21

- Faction Cross County

Fri Jun 28

- PP Assembly

July

Thurs Jul 4

- Circus Incursion
- Reports available for collection from office from 2.30pm

Fri Jul 5

- Interschool Cross Country
- Reports sent home

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

SCHOOL FEES

By this time of the year, everyone should have at least started paying off their fees. If you are experiencing problems meeting your school fees payments, please make an appointment with Natasha Butcher to work out a payment plan. All fees are payable in full by the end of Term 3 and may be paid in installments. Paying a little each fortnight or month reduces the lump sum to be paid by the end of Term 3.

If you have a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card (PPS) you are entitled to a discount off your fees. To claim the discount, you need to bring your current card to the Office to be copied and fill in a claim form.

PUPIL FREE DAY

Please remember that on Tuesday, June 4 there is no school for students as teachers are engaged in professional development. The school office will be open as usual.

CROSS-COUNTRY TRAINING

Training has begun for our faction and interschool cross-country events which will be held later this term. Training for children is on Monday afternoons (3.15-4pm) and Thursday mornings (7.30-8am) for children in Yrs 3-6 who wish to participate. Permission slips were given out last week. No child will be allowed to participate unless we have a signed parent note.

Parents are also welcome to participate in training sessions.

KINDY 2020

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 2020 list. Interviews for Kindy 2020 will be held later this term so it is important to put your child's name down early. Children born between July 1st, 2015 and June 30th, 2016 are eligible to attend Kindy in 2020.



CANTEEN SPECIAL

During Terms 2 and 3 the Canteen will be selling mugs of warm milo for **50c** before school. Milo will only be available between 8.15am and 8.30am.



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. Our Social Media pages are a good way to keep up to date with what is going on in the school. 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/StJosephsSchoo5?lang=en>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/stjosephsschoolmoora/?hl=en>



*God bless,
Therese Bandy
Principal*



LEGO club –

On the back of the LEGO Masters, St Joseph's would like to give our students the chance to be creative with LEGO. We are planning to run a Wednesday lunchtime LEGO club in the library for interested students. To this we need – LEGO!

If you have, or know of any LEGO that could be donated to the school, please get in contact with Mr Jae Dornan at jae.dornan@cewa.edu.au or just drop some off and he will gladly take it off your hands. If you would like your LEGO returned, please supply a labelled box that will contain it.

Thanks for your assistance with this.

Kindy News

WOW it is hard to believe that it is already week 3 of Term 2 in Kindy. The Kindy children enjoy lots of language opportunities in the Hairdressing/Barber shop and the Clothing shop. Dressing up in costumes is a classroom favourite activity. We are learning things about magnets and how they can be used to push and pull things made of metal. We have been harvesting tomatoes, peas and the occasional strawberry and learning that we need to wait for the sun to do its job on the fruit and vegetables BEFORE we pick them. We have been learning many Nursery Rhymes and enjoy singing them every day.

Last Friday we had our Kindy and Preprimary Mother's Day Pamper and Play morning. It was a fabulous morning with lots of smiles and laughter. The children enjoyed giving hand massages, painting finger nails, cake decorating, jewellery making and showing their special visitor around the rooms. The photo booth was very popular to enjoy some funny selfies.



What have the Senior Room been up to???

Last Monday we went on an excursion to the Vern Westbrook interpretive trail at Badgingarra, first we had lunch and saw their amazing nature play area and gathered lots of awesome ideas to give to Mrs Bandy for our own nature playground.

After lunch we went bush walking in groups, the trail was both educational and fun. There were creeks, dams, trenches, heaps of signage, and lots of laughter and discussion. We saw interesting flora and evidence of fauna and we even went hunting for sculptures that were scattered around the bush.

Then on Friday as the 2nd part of our STEAM project Mrs Bassett organised an outing for the Senior Room to the Carnaby Trail that runs around Moora. We walked around the Carnaby Trail to see what was interesting and what we could do to improve.

Both walks were lots of fun and we have a lot of notes that we can use to complete this activity.

Thanks Mrs Bassett, all the parent helpers and of course, the teachers that came on our little outing.



Wow what a full on few weeks. We have had a very busy start to the term and it keeps getting more interesting as we have lots of events coming up.

A HUGE thankyou to all the parents and friends that donated gifts and brought tickets for the Mother's Day Raffle. It was a great success and lots of children got to take a fabulous gift home for the special lady in their life.

We have the Busy Bee on this Friday the 17th of May. We will send out a text informing families about the time for this Busy Bee. We would really appreciate if you could bring along metal rakes and shovels and help us out.

Our next big event is catering for the Performing Arts Festival on Friday 7th of June. If anyone is able to assist on the day that would be wonderful. We are also asking families for donations of slices/cakes that we will be able to sell for morning tea on the day. More information about this in our next newsletter.

We have a few more exciting fundraisers and events coming up so please stay tuned for further information.

P&F MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Monday 10th June at 7pm in the old staff room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

UNIFORM SHOP

Please remember that the shop is now open the first Friday of the month. If uniforms are needed in between, please leave order form and money at the front office and we will get it to you as soon as possible. The next opening day will be 6th June.

Community News

WA Performing Arts

Whether you are a beginner or a professional there is a WAAPA short course for you. Taught by industry experts, these weekend, weeknight and school holiday workshops offer practical tuition in the areas of acting, screen performance, singing, dancing and music theatre. WAAPA's Explore Short Courses are a great way to get a taste of what WAAPA has to offer, allowing you to fine tune your skills or learn some new ones. The courses are run all year round, and are aimed at everyone from school students to young adults to professionals.

For further information please contact:

Email: explore.waapa@ecu.edu.au

Telephone: (61 8) 9370 6596 - Acting and Music Theatre

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FRIDAY 17 MAY 2019

ACTIVE KIDS ARE SMARTER KIDS

A challenge to all Australian Primary Schools and Councils

National Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is on Friday 17 May 2019. Now in its 20th year, the annual campaign and community event encourages all primary school children, their parents and carers to walk and commute regularly and safely to school.

The event seeks to promote road safety, health, public transport and the environment.

Australian children are becoming less active. One substantial contributor is the decline in walking and/or taking public transport to school. Children who are regularly physically active are healthier, perform better academically and are less likely to be obese or overweight. Sedentary behaviour can lead to long-term and costly risks of illnesses such as heart disease and diabetes. Walking regularly is the best exercise because you can build it into your daily routine.

The objectives of National Walk Safely to School Day are:

- To encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children
- To promote the health benefits of walking and create regular walking habits
- To help children develop vital road crossing skills and ensure children up to the age of 10 years hold an adult's hand when crossing the road
- To reduce car dependency and traffic congestion
- To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles
- To promote the use of public transport

How your School and Council can be involved (detailed information is at walk.com.au):

Enclosed is the WSTSD kit which contains stickers and posters for school and council noticeboards. We ask that every student wears a sticker on the day to help promote this important community event. Other ideas include:

- Use the teachers' tool-kit and publish WSTSD information in your school's newsletter
- Display the poster on your noticeboard and around school (print more from our website)
- Print and colour in the online poster
- Ask your P&C and council to help promote and support the campaign and event
- Host a Healthy Breakfast (ask your P&C, council and local supermarket / grocery store to sponsor a breakfast at your school)
- Tell your parents, friends, carers, teachers and local businesses about the event
- Encourage parents or carers who have to drive, to park at least 1km away and walk to school
- Register your school as a WSTSD Ambassador and assist with publicity

Thank you for your support and participation.

Pedestrian Council of Australia



Until they're ten, children must always hold an adult's hand when crossing the road

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