

2019 Edition No 1 - Wednesday, 5 February

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

God of wisdom and might,
be with our children as they begin a new school year.
Bless them and their teachers and other staff.
Give our children strength and grace as their
bodies grow;
wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they
search for understanding;
and peace to their hearts.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



Parents, children and teachers - welcome to the new school year. It was wonderful to see all the smiling faces on Monday and to hear stories about children excited to come to school and not wanting to be late.

Welcome back Dash and Hannah Lowden as they join us for a few weeks. We hope you enjoy being back at St Joseph's. Welcome back also to Mrs Barbara Birkle who will be working in Pre-primary on Wednesdays.

We also welcome Fr Renald Anthony as the new Parish Priest of St John the Baptist Parish. In greeting the children on Monday, Fr Renald told them he is keen on cricket, soccer and running sprints but not so keen on swimming or dancing!

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 which runs from 8am until 8.30am.

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.

Children who arrive late to school must be signed in at the school office before they go to class.

Please notify the school either by note or by phone if there are changes to arrangements for bus children. This includes regular weekly sporting commitments such as swim club or football/hockey training. 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.

Upcoming Dates February 2020

Feb 3-7:

- Swimming Years 1-6

Tues, Feb 11:

- P&F meeting 7pm in the staffroom

Tues, Feb 18:

- School Board meeting
6.30pm in the staffroom

Wed, Feb 19:

- Parent Information Meetings
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Thurs, Feb 20:

- Kindy Parent Information
Meeting – 2.40pm

Sun, Feb 23:

- Family Mass – Yrs 1, 2 & 3
10.30am

Wed, Feb 26:

- Ash Wednesday - School
Mass 9am

March

Mon, Mar 4:

- Public Holiday – no school

Tues, Mar 3:

- Pupil Free Day

Thurs, Mar 5:

- Faction Swimming Carnival

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

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

TERM DATES and INFORMATION FOR 2020

Term 1	Monday, February 3 – Thursday, April 9 Labour Day Public Holiday: March 2 Pupil Free Day: Tuesday, March 3
Term 2	Tuesday, April 28 – Friday, July 3 NAPLAN WEEK: Tuesday, May 12 - Friday May 15 Year 6 Camp: Monday, May 11 - Friday, May 15 WA Day Public Holiday: Monday, June 1 Pupil Free Day: Tuesday, June 2
Term 3	Tuesday, July 20 – Thursday, September 24 Pupil Free Day: Friday, September 25
Term 4	Tuesday, October 13 – Friday, December 11 (to be confirmed)



UPDATING FAMILY INFORMATION

To ensure that our office records are accurate we are asking existing families to notify the Office if contact details have changed since their child/ren has been enrolled. 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 (white form) and notify the Office of your new employer and work contact number. Thank you for helping us to keep an accurate database for our records.

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 19	Pre-primary	2.40pm
	Years 1 & 2	3.15pm
	Years 3 & 4	4pm
	Senior Room	4.45pm – followed by a Year 6 Camp information meeting
Thursday, February 20	Kindy	2.40pm

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.

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** so that they can be ready at Recess time.

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.



Starting next week, Hot Cross buns will be on sale in the Canteen each Friday during Term 1. The buns cost \$1 each and children are limited to one bun each. The children can pre-order to ensure they don't miss out!



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.

SCHOOL FEES



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2020 School Fee accounts will be sent out soon. Any outstanding fees from previous years will be added to this year's accounts. Please ensure all outstanding fees are paid immediately. All 2020 fees should be paid off by the end of Term 3 unless they are being paid at regular intervals by direct debit. 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.

MEDICAL INFORMATION UPDATE

We are currently in the process of sending home Medical Information Forms to all students who are listed in our records as having a medical condition. If you receive one of these forms, please fill it in and return it to school by the due date. 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.

DROPPING OFF and PICKING UP CHILDREN



Parent parking is available in the parent carpark on school grounds. Parents may also park on either side of Kintore Street and along Dandaragan Street; however, the old bus bay remains a Kiss & Drive zone.

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

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

BRAIN GAME CHALLENGE!

Find how many times the word **BIKE** appears in the grid below. The word may be written vertically, horizontally or diagonally.

Write your answer on a piece of paper with your name and class and put it in the class basket by the start of the day on Friday, February 5.

B	K	I	B	I	K	E	B
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I	B	B	B	I	K	E	I
K	B	K	I	B	K	I	B
E	B	I	K	E	E	B	K
E	K	B	E	K	I	B	E

St Joseph's Kindergym is back



Next Tuesday 11th February! Join us for an hour of fun on Tuesdays in the school hall!

Gold coin donation for shared fruit. Any queries, call in at the front office. All welcome!!

Group sessions and times:

Baby group: 9.15-10.15am

2-4 year olds: 10.30-11.30am

Online safety

This week's focus – TikTok

What parents need to know about?

1. Mature content
2. Inappropriate music
3. TikTok fame
4. Online predators
5. Addictive nature
6. In-app purchases

Safety tips for parents:

1. Talk about online dangers
2. Use privacy settings
3. Enable restricted mode
4. Explore and learn for yourself
5. Learn how to report and block inappropriate content
6. Moderate screen time

For more information head open up the TikTok PDF document that is attached to this email.

P&F News

A note from the President,

On behalf of the 2020 P&F Committee I'd like to welcome all families back to school and hope that everyone is excited for the year ahead! The 'Parents and Friends' committee is about building a sense of school community. The funds raised by our group provide additional resources for students and teachers and for the school as a whole. This year we are raising funds to renovate the Library into a contemporary Learning Hub!

The P&F is also about coming together as a community to support our children and to make it a fun and memorable time for both parents and children. Thank you to everyone for your amazing support in 2019.

New P&F committee for 2020

Katie Monaghan	President
Michelle Gilmore	Vice President
Tracey Shepherd	Treasurer
Cat Bassett	Secretary
Jasmine Myles	Uniform Coordinator
Tina Fledderus	General Committee
Zoe Joyce	General Committee
Danielle Howe	General Committee
Carly Beattie	General Committee
Kate Tierney	General Committee
Rachel Nunn	General Committee
Ashleigh Gray	General Committee

Thank you again for your ongoing support of the St Joseph's P&F and we wish you all the best for 2020.

Katie Monaghan

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop will be open on 28th February at 8.30am. After a very successful trial with EFTPOS, we can confirm that it will be available for use from now on at the shop, however you will still be able to pay in cash if you prefer.

EFTPOS is available ONLY in the Uniform Shop. The School Office does not have EFTPOS.

If you need uniforms between shop opening days, an order form and payment can be left at reception. Your order will be filled as soon as possible.

P&F MEETING

The first meeting of the New Year will be Tuesday 11th February at 7.30pm in the staff room. We would love it if you could come along and join us.

FIRST EVENT

26th March – Food and Dance Festival at the MPAC

Come along to an evening of food and dance within the school community.

Start thinking about which savory dish you plan to bring along.

More information to follow soon, but please ensure it's on your calendar. It's a fabulous night!

Community News

The Gardiner Street Arts Collective is thrilled to present school holiday art workshops!

Kids Abstract Mixed Media by Kerry Munns

9am 17th April 2020

Workshop 1

A school holiday workshop designed for school aged kids using mixed media. They will be using a multiple of mediums - oil pastels, pencils, watercolours, ink, to design, create and paint their own work. Each child will complete 1 piece to frame in their own space. BYO art smock or old shirt.

Cost- \$40 each

Workshop 2

11am 17th April 2020

A school holiday workshop designed for school aged kids using acrylics with multiple implements to create an abstract painting on canvas. Each child will complete 1 piece to take home, to frame and hang in their own space. BYO art smock or old shirt.

Cost- \$40 each

For more information <https://kmunnsart.life/shop/>

Be sure to follow the GARDINER STREET ARTS COLLECTIVE on Facebook and Instagram to find out about upcoming workshops and activities!