

2021 Edition No 1 - Wednesday 3rd

February

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

"You are a thought of God,
 You are a heartbeat of God.
 To say this is like saying that you
 have a value which is infinite,
 that you matter to God
 in your completely unique individuality."

Welcome back to school everyone. It was a great joy to see the children all arriving at school on Monday ready for the year ahead. Thank you parents for adhering to some social distancing as requested. I feel we are very lucky to have been able to start the year without having to go into lockdown.

I am so excited to be a part of St Joseph's School and the Moora community. I have settled into the school and am looking forward to being a part of the town.

A little about me. I grew up in the town of Kulin but moved to the city when my parents decided they wanted a Catholic Education for us 6 children. My first teaching position was at St Lawrence's in Geraldton and then I have taught at Sacred Heart in Thornlie, St Jude's in Langford and St Joseph's in Queens Park. These last two schools were as an Assistant Principal. I am the mother of 2, Dean and Keira, and Nana to 1, Oscar. I'm Aunty to 15 nieces and nephews and Great Aunty to 2, with another 2 on the way. There has never been a time when I did not want to be a teacher and work with children so this is just a progression of that passion. Over the next few weeks I look forward to meeting all the children and as many families as I can.

I would like to take this opportunity to offer our condolences to those on our staff and in our school community who lost a significant loved one over the break. May all these beautiful souls rest in peace.

We welcome to the staff of St Joseph's the following people:

- Ms Leanne Fanetti who is our new Assistant Principal
- Mr Beau Salvia who is our Year 4 teacher
- Mrs Adams who will be in Pre Primary on a Wednesday and
- Mrs Racheal Burnett who is in the office on a Monday

Together these new staff and the staff already here at St Joseph's are going to work together to continue to make this a great school community to be a part of.

Thank you to the staff who have welcomed us new staff members to St Joseph's so warmly. It has made this transition so much easier. We have asked many, many questions as we navigate being at this amazing school.

Upcoming Dates

February

Mon Feb 8 – Feb 12

- Swimming Lessons Yrs 1 – 6
- **Wed 17 Feb**
- Ash Wednesday
- Parent Information Sessions
- **Thur 18 Feb**
- Kindy parent Information Session
- **Fri 19 Feb**
- Yr 3 Assembly 2.30pm
- **Fri 26 Feb**
- Yr2 Assembly 2.30pm

March

Mon 1 Mar

- Pupil Free Day

Fri 5 Mar

- Faction Swimming Carnival

Fri 19 Mar

- St Joseph's Day
- Green and Purple Day
- Food and Dance Festival

Mon 22 Mar – 26 Mar

- Autism Awareness Week

Wed 24 Mar

- 3 Way Interviews

Thur 25 Mar

- K & PP Learning Journeys

St John the Baptist Parish
Moora

Weekend Masses:

1st, 2nd, 3rd & 5th Saturday 6pm
4th Sunday 10.30am

**Mass this weekend –
Saturday 6pm**

Weekday Masses:

Wednesday – 5.30pm
Friday - 8am

In December last year Pope Francis in a new Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde* ('With a Father's Heart') called a Year of St Joseph. This marks the 150th Anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St Joseph as patron of the Universal Church. So in this year of St Joseph let us remember to celebrate the importance of the ordinary person who, though far from the limelight, exercises patience and offers hope every day. In this they resemble St Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily discreet and hidden presence, "who nonetheless played an incomparable role in the history of salvation." (Pope Francis)

CONGRATULATIONS



Last year students from Years 3-5 participated in an Italian Online Competition. The results came to the school very late last year. We would like to congratulate **Shylah Walters** who won the Year 4 Level for all the schools who entered. Shylah was presented with a \$50 cheque and a winner's certificate.

Merit Certificates were awarded to **Caitlyn Song, Grace Burnett, Lachlan Morrison, Langley Christian, Archer Chapman, Julian Nannup Ryder, Eloise Jacobsen, Liam Harris** and **Isla Adams**. All other students who participated were given a participation certificate.



ASH WEDNESDAY

This year we celebrate Easter early, with Ash Wednesday falling on 17 February (Week 3). Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a time when we reflect on our lives and identify the actions that take us away from a positive relationship with God. We are encouraged to think about others through our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Students in Year 3-6 will celebrate Mass together at St John the Baptist Church at 9am. Families are welcome to attend. Fr Renald will then visit Kindy - Year 2 students at school and distribute ashes.

PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS

Parent Information Meetings are a valuable way to begin building a close working relationship with your child's class teacher, and to gain insight into the teaching and learning that is planned for the year ahead. When schools and families really work together for the best interests of each child, amazing things can be achieved

Wednesday, February 17

Pre-primary 2.40pm

Years 1 & 2 3.15pm

Years 3 & 4 4pm

Senior Room 4.45pm

Thursday, February 18

Kindy 2.40pm

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, 8th February.



St Joseph's Kindergym

When: Every Tuesday

Where: St Joseph's School Hall

Session Times: 9.15-10.15 baby group

10.30-11.30 2-3 yr olds

Please bring a gold coin donation for shared fruit.

Come along and give your child the opportunity to practice, develop motor skills, socialise and have fun while moving!

All welcome!

Katie Monaghan

PE Teacher St Joseph's Primary

P&F News

A note from the President

On behalf of the 2021 P&F Committee I'd like to welcome all families, new and old, 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 and to make it a fun and memorable time for both parents and children.

We have reached our \$20,000 goal for funds to renovate the Library into a contemporary Learning Hub, so now we need to decide on our next big project!

The P&F is also about coming together as a community to support our children. Thank you to everyone for your amazing support in 2020.

New P&F committee for 2021

Michelle Gilmore	President
Tina Fledderus	Vice President
Jasmine Myles	Treasurer & Uniform Coordinator
Cat Bassett	Secretary
Helen Sullivan	General Committee
Tracey Shepherd	General Committee
Danielle Howe	General Committee
Carly Beattie	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 2021.

Michelle Gilmore

FIRST MEETING OF 2021

Our first meeting of 2021 will take place in the staff room at 7.30pm on Monday 8th February, come along and meet our new Principal and see what ideas we have in store for this year's fundraisers!

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop remains closed to visitors at this time; however, you can order uniforms through the office or through our new online store: <http://stjosephsmoorauniformshop.square.site/>

Community Events

