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St Joseph's School is a community growing together in harmony and faith in Jesus.

In a safe environment, our school community seeks to empower its members to reach their potential.

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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,



I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, students and parents for a great first term. We may have only been at school for 9 weeks but we have certainly packed a lot into those weeks.

To the P&F and everyone who attended the Picnic and Performance Night - Well done! What a glorious evening we had. Once again the students continue to amaze me with the variety of talents they have. I thoroughly enjoyed the whole evening. Great effort by the staff in preparing the children for their dances.

I am sorry I missed the 3-Way Interviews but I have heard how wonderful they went. I hope you were all impressed with the achievements your children have made so far.

A huge congratulations must go to our Interschool Swimming Team. They came away from Friday's event as the Primary School Champions. Fantastic effort by all the children. And thanks again to Mrs Monaghan for her tireless efforts in preparing the children for the day.

For a variety of personal and family reasons Mrs Robyn Watson has decided to take leave for the rest of the year. We have been lucky enough to employ the services of Miss Brooke Salvia. Brooke will work in the senior room with Miss Kerr. We welcome Brooke to the school. I would like to thank Robyn for her great start to the year and I wish her all the best for the remainder of the year. I look forward to working with Robyn again in 2022.

I warmly invite everyone to attend our Stations of the Cross performance tomorrow. This will be in the Hall from 2.15pm. The Senior Room students have been working very hard and have created a deeply moving item that I encourage you to be a part of.

Parents, caregivers and students, please enjoy this Easter break and the holidays that follow. Take the time to refresh and rest. If you are travelling at all over the break please be safe and I look forward to seeing all the smiling happy faces of the children next term.

God Bless you all and keep you safe.

Yours in faith
Kaye Savage-Morton
Principal

Upcoming Dates

APRIL

Thur 1 Apr

Last day of term

Mon 19 Apr

• Pupil free Day

Tue 20 Apr

 First Day of Term Two for Students

Fri 23 Apr

 ANZAC Assembly Yr 6 11.40am

Mon 26 Apr

• ANZAC Day – Public Holiday

May

Fri 7 May

Mother's Day Assembly (PP)

Fri 21 May

• Winter Carnival (Yrs 3-6)

June

Tue 1 Jun

Lifelink - Crazy Hair & Sock
 Day

Fri 4 Jun

• Performing Arts - MPAC

Mon 7 Jun

WA Day

Fri 17 Jun

Faction Cross Country

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

Caritas Project Compassion

Students and staff donated a gold coin to wear green and purple on St Joseph's Day and raised an amazing \$212! Well done and thank you for your generosity.

Students are asked to return their Project Compassion boxes to school by Friday, Week 1, Term 2. All proceeds will support Caritas in their work helping local communities and communities around the world to alleviate poverty, hunger, oppression and injustice.

Palm Sunday Mass

Thank you to those who were able to attend the Year 3 Family Mass on Sunday morning. Fr Renald led the community in a blessing of the palms and procession with the children, evoking the triumphal entrance of Jesus into the Holy City. When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the townspeople threw palms (a symbol of peace and victory) in front of him. This was a sign of homage and a customary practice for people of great respect.



Stations of the Cross

Year 5 & 6 will present a reflection on the Stations of the Cross on Thursday afternoon at 2.15pm in the hall. Families are most welcome to attend.

Catholic Parish of Moora - Holy Week Liturgy Timetable

Dear Parishioners,

Let us celebrate the 2021 Easter Triduum together!

The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, continues into Good Friday and reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil. It is one long liturgy divided into three days!

Many blessings for the Holy Season, Fr Renald Anthony

Here is the Timetable.

Moora:

Holy Thursday: 6.30 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by

Eucharistic Adoration

(Please come dressed in White if possible)

Good Friday: 10.00 am - Stations of the Cross

(Please come dressed in Red if possible)

After the Stations of the Cross, Fr Renald will be available for the

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession

3:00 pm - Veneration of the Cross (Please come dressed in <u>Red</u> if possible)

Easter Vigil: 6:30 pm - Great Vigil to celebrate our Lord Jesus'

Resurrection

(Please come dressed in Yellow/White if possible)

Easter Sunday:

Badgingarra: 8:00 am (Community Recreation Centre, Badgingarra)

Jurien Bay: 10:30 am (Sports and Recreation Centre, Jurien Bay)

Pass this info to families and friends!!!

Look forward to celebrating Holy Week with all of you!!!

Year 2 Newsletter

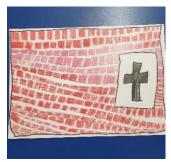
The Year 2 class have been learning all about local histories and landmarks, monuments and memorials in their HASS lessons this term. We decided to explore the history of our school and some of the places around the school that are significant in our history.

First, we looked at the original brick school building where the Library is now located. We discovered that this building has been changed and that the cross that was in the original building was moved to the end of the new office wall. The original building was opened in 1958 and the modified building was blessed and reopened in 2009. The cross in the wall reminds us of our connections to the Parish.









Next, we looked at the Trinity Rocks located in the school carpark. These 3 rocks that are placed in the middle of the carpark were designed by Joan Apel, although they have since been moved from their original position. The three rocks represent the Holy Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The stones themselves came from the property of Mr Jo McKinley, an active member of the Parish Community with links to both St John the Baptist Parish and St Joseph's School.









Finally, we looked at the cross that stands on the front lawn near Dandaragan Street. This was also designed by Joan Apel and built by Richard Apel and Colin Lewis. We particularly noticed the 3 metal pieces that come from the ground. One piece forms the central part of the cross while the other two wrap around the cross from each side. The cross represents Jesus and the sacrifice he made for all people. The other two pieces represent Mary and St Joseph surrounding Jesus. The cross was blessed on the 17th April 2002.









Next term we will continue exploring the history of our school as well as the history of the community of Moora. What do you think of our art work?

INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING 2021

A massive congratulations to those students who represented St Josephs and participated in the Interschool Swimming Carnival last Friday in Wongan Hills. These students did our school proud and showed fantastic levels of sportsmanship towards each other and swimmers from other schools.

Everyone who swam put in 100% effort and as a result St Joseph's won the overall points shield!! We have proven to be a force to be reckoned with in the pool as we have won the shield now for three years running! This is a huge achievement for our school!

Congratulations to the following swimmers on their outstanding performance:

Isla Adams - Year 6 Champion Girl

Kayla Wall - Year 6 Runner up Champion Girl

Oliver Lefroy - Year 5 Champion Boy

Abby Nixon - Year 5 Champion Girl

Georgie McPherson and Keely Beard - Year 4 Runner up Champion Girls

Liam Crombie - Year 4 Champion Boy

Thomas Adams – Year 4 Runner Up Champion Boy

A big thank you to our parents who helped out on the day. Your support is always very much appreciated. Well done again swimmers, let's make it four years in a row in 2022!





P&F News

PICNICS AND PERFORMANCES

A massive thank you to everyone who donated the vast amounts of food that went into our platters, and for supporting us in this new venture by ordering those platters! We hope that you had a wonderful, relaxed evening and enjoyed your platter while watching the wonderful performances.

We raised a massive \$1,100 dollars due to your generosity. We are well on target for our teacher wish lists, before term one has even ended. Thank you again!

CONGRATUALTIONS

Well done to Kylie Dann for winning \$100 in our 100 square at the Picnics and Performances!

DIARY MILK RAFFLE

This will be an ongoing raffle throughout the year, keep an eye out for your chance to buy raffle tickets to this amazing item!!

CADBURY CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

We hope your fundraising is going well! Please remember that all money is due back in tomorrow 1 April.

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Our next fundraising event will be our annual Mother's Day Raffle, more details will be available in the newsletter at the start of Term 2.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will take place in the staff room at 7pm on Monday May 10.

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop will be open on the first Friday of every month. You can order uniforms through the office or through our new online store: http://stjosephsmoorauniformshop.square.site/ and orders will be filled on a Friday.

Community Events

ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES. . Celebrate the gift of your unique love and have time to focus on each other and your marriage, away from everyday distractions. We invite you to join us on a Marriage Encounter Weekend. 2021 Weekends as follows: Online Zoom weekend 30th April – 2nd May 2021. Enrich your marriage in the privacy of your own home, using your own Computer. 16-17 October 2021 to be held at Prendiville Catholic College, Ocean Reef (Live Out). For more information or booking contact: Valerie & Brendon on 0424 220 625 –

Email: WAbookings@wwme.org.au Website - www.wwme.org.au

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JOB VACANCY

Liaison Officer - Catholic School Parents WA

If you are passionate about helping parents and parent communities in Catholic schools, and if you would enjoy a varied and challenging role, then this may be the job for you!

Based in Inglewood, the position is for 21 hours per week, during school terms. Applications close on Friday 9th April. The full job description and selection criteria can be found at www.csp.wa.edu.au

Please forward a covering letter along with a current resume. When addressing the selection criteria please limit it to a maximum of 2 pages.

Initial enquiries can be directed to Siobhan Allen on 0409 025 682 or by email at siobhan@csp.wa.edu.au



Easter Message 2021

The Most Rev Timothy Costelloe SDB Archbishop of Perth

According to the gospel of John, Jesus spoke the following words to his disciples on the night before he died:

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still and trust in me (John 14:1).

These words were spoken in the context of the Last Supper. During that meal Jesus had taken bread, broken it and given it to his disciples, telling them to eat it because it was his body which would be given up for them. He had then taken a cup of wine and invited them to drink from it, telling them that it contained his blood which would be poured out for them and for many (Mark 14:22-25; Matt 26:26-29; Luke 22:19-20). In the context of the growing opposition to Jesus from some of the religious leaders of his time, the apostles would have understood from these words that a crisis was coming which would engulf not only Jesus but them as well. In telling them not to let their hearts be troubled Jesus was speaking into their fear, uncertainty and doubt.

Jesus says the same words to us this year when we, too, are facing uncertainty, and even fear, because of the ongoing crisis of the COVID-19 pandemic which, in spite of the great progress being made in relation to vaccinations, still continues to ravage many parts of the world and threatens to again come and disrupt our lives.

Do not let your hearts be troubled, he says to us. Trust in God still and trust in me.

It is not always easy to follow this advice given to us by Jesus. The challenges we face, not just because of the pandemic but because of the many other difficulties and problems that each of us faces in our personal, family and community lives, often overwhelm us. As is the case in so much of what we say about our Christian faith, our lived experience differs from the high ideals we profess. The reality for many of us, at least some of the time, is that we **are** afraid and we **are** uncertain. We can often feel as if God is not there or does not care.

This, in fact, is not the case. God is closer to us than we are to ourselves. The faith we seek and the peace which Jesus promises to give us are precious gifts, always on offer to us – but they are never forced upon us. It is good to remember that, in the context of telling his disciples not to have troubled hearts, Jesus goes on to remind them that he is the Way and the Truth and the Life (John 14:6). In saying this Jesus is suggesting that if we were to follow some other way rather than his we might well get lost – and, as most of us know from experience, when we get lost we easily become disoriented. We lose our bearings, wander around aimlessly and sometimes even begin to panic and despair. Keeping to his way, and returning to that way once



we realise we have strayed, is our sure method for stilling our troubled hearts and receiving the Lord's gift of peace. Similarly, if we commit ourselves to some other truth rather than the truth which Jesus makes known to us about who he is, about who God is, and about who we are in relation to God, then we run the very real risk of building our lives on a mirage or, as Jesus would put it in the gospel, on shifting sands rather than on solid rock (Matt 7:24-27). If we have to spend our lives struggling to maintain our balance because our foundations are so shaky, then we will not have untroubled hearts or that deep peace which is the Lord's gift. And again, if we fail to unite ourselves with the Lord in such a way that our life is enriched and deepened by the presence of his life within us, the serenity and trust which enabled him to endure the opposition, the cruelty and the violence of those who were determined to destroy him, will evade us. Our hearts will remain troubled and they will not be at peace.

When Jesus rose from the dead and appeared to his disciples his first words to them were, "Peace be with you" (John 20:20). Because of their love for him and because of the time they had spent with him the disciples were able to receive his gift of peace and their lives were transformed. May this be your experience, too, as we celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus this year.

+ Timothy Costelloe SOB

+Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB **Archbishop of Perth**