FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Welcome to the newsletter for this week.

It is hard to believe how fast the year is flying by, with Term Three now upon us.

Pre-Primary Assembly: I do need to recognise and applaud the Pre Primary students on the absolutely wonderful assembly they presented to our school community on the last day of Term Two. Dressing up as ‘what they would like to be when they grow up’, our students were brilliantly entertaining. It was an amazing assembly, making us laugh, smile and celebrate. To Mrs Gorman, Miss Nolan, Mrs Harley and the awesome Pre-Primary students, thank you.

SunSmart Policy – Hat Wear: Under our school policy, and advised by the Cancer Council of Western Australia, for the months of June and July students have been free to go without a hat during recess and lunch breaks. Please note this condition now changes with the weather starting to warm up. From this Monday 1 August, students will need to begin wearing the school hat once again during play times. I will mention this at assembly on Friday, but please ensure your child has their hat from next week.

The Last Supper

Jesus took some bread in his hands and gave thanks for it. He broke the bread and handed it to his apostles. Then he said, “This is my body, which is given for you. Eat this as a way of remembering me!” After the meal he took another cup of wine in his hands. Then he said, “This is my blood. It is poured out for you, and with it God makes his new agreement”.

PLEASE BE MINDFUL - CARPARK AND BUS PROTOCOLS: Schools have many things in common and one of the ‘constants’ that seem to appear from school to school are issues around car parks and traffic flow. When parents are not respectful of traffic signage and common courtesies, it can cause issues and distress to others. If I could ask parents to please observe traffic flow routines and car parking protocols, it would be much appreciated. In particular on the Camp Road ‘kiss and go’. Please utilise the car parking spaces before lining up in the queue and congesting this area. The other area to be wary of is the bus bay on Pinjarra Road. A sign has appeared asking parents and caregivers not cross in front of the buses but to utilise the traffic lights or go behind the buses when crossing the road. This is out of safety for our students and respect to our bus drivers.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: This Sunday our Year Four students will receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We wish them all the best for this special day and for the opportunity to strengthen their faith development and connection with Jesus. In order to prepare for this sacrament our students have worked hard in class in their learning, participated in information sessions with their parents and enjoyed a retreat day away from the school. I commend them on the approach they have all shown towards readying themselves for this day. A huge well done and thanks to Miss O’Loughlin, Father Gayan and Mrs Ripley for all their work. Also, to the Education Assistants who work in Year Four who helped in the preparation, thank you.

INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY: On Wednesday 27 July, St Joseph’s competed in the Peel Schools Interschool Cross Country Carnival. This day sees our top five runners from Years 3 – 6 pitted against the strongest runners from other schools within the district. In all, 105 competitors run in each race. It is a huge day with a long and challenging course for our runners.

I was fortunate enough to attend for some time on the day and witnessed our boys and girls ‘giving it their best’, in terms of effort and attitude. To our interschool team, congratulations for the manner in which you prepared yourselves and competed on the day. Special thanks also to Mrs Gundry and Mrs Harley for their work with the team on the day.
FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST AND MASS: I want to give our dads ‘the heads up’ that we will be having a Father’s Day breakfast and Mass. The details around the morning will be sent home later in the term, but please dads, check your diaries and block out the morning of Wednesday 31 August, to attend. On this day students will come to school with their dad, or other significant male, and enjoy a cooked breakfast provided by the staff. This will more than likely be from 7:30am - 8:30am. After this we will move to the church for Father’s day Mass celebrated by Father Gayan.

MAKING JESUS REAL: As a school we continue to aim at ‘Making Jesus Real’ in our lives through words and actions. A simple smile, a hello, acting as a WESTY, including others and seeking peace and forgiveness, help us to do this. Please see our MJR tip of the week to help understand how these attitudes and behaviours can influence outcomes positively in our own life both at school and home.

Have a safe and happy week.

Darrin Croft, PRINCIPAL
UPCOMING EVENTS

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INTERSchool CROSS COUNTRY NEWS

St Joseph’s participated in the Interschool Cross Country Carnival yesterday, with some very pleasing results. Thank you to all students who competed. Your efforts and behaviour were outstanding! St Joseph’s came 6th place out of 11 schools in B Division. Each race had 105 competitors and the following students placed in the top 10 in their individual races:

- Aaliyah Hunter Year 5 — 10th place
- Tadhg Venn Year 5 — 3rd place
- Will Backshall Year 6 — 7th place

WELL DONE ST JOSEPH’S!

PARKING ON WEDNESDAYS

Due to the fact that we have a number of speech therapists visiting our school every Wednesday this term, parking will be at a premium so please be courteous and park elsewhere if the car park is full. Your co-operation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Winter Dinner

Please note your diaries! St Augustine’s 2016 Winter Dinner will be held at the Ravenswood Hotel on Thursday 25 August, at 6:00 pm. Quizzes and Prizes – a good night out. More details later.

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YOU'RE INVITED TO TAKE FLIGHT WITH YOUR IMAGINATION WITH THIS BEAUTIFUL PRODUCTION OF SPARE PARTS PUPPET THEATRE’S THE LITTLE PRINCE

TUESDAY 9 AND WEDNESDAY 10 AUGUST @ 6.30PM
MANDURAH PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

One of the most widely read books in history - Saint-Exupéry’s exquisite and mysterious tale, tells the adventures of a young and very curious prince who leaves his tiny home planet and journeys across the universe. Along the way he meets a pilot crash-landed in the desert, a cunning snake, a wild fox and an oddball cast of grown-ups with some very silly ideas about the things that really matter.

At 45 minutes and suitable for ages four and above, The Little Prince’s multi layered storyline will engage older children and teens, and spark conversations on the way home. It is a profoundly special experience to share.

We have tickets available for groups at just $15 PER PERSON which includes a complimentary Hot Chocolate and marshmallow
normal price $19 per child, $28 per adult.
Plus for every 10 tickets sold one extra ticket free

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And quote Special Groups $15 Little Prince Offer
DON’T MISS OUT

The Mandurah Performing Arts Centre
Ormsby Terrace, Mandurah, 6210,
Western Australia
Box Office: 9550 3900
4 DADS

Dads Supporting Dads Group

Join us for a FREE BBQ and chat about taking care of yourself and your family.

Mondays-
25 July, 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Aug, 5, 12 Sept
6.30pm – 8.30pm

21 George St, Mandurah

Please call 6164 0600 or email 4families.mandurah@relationshipswa.org.au to register your interest.

Funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services
Want to claim bragging rights for your school?

By encouraging your school kids aged 8-18 to enter the Act-Belong-Commit Dwellingup 100, your school could take home the trophy for the most number of riders in the Schools Cross-Country (XC) Championships!

The Act-Belong-Commit Dwellingup 100 hosts the State School Mountain Biking Championships each year and sees hundreds of kids riding the 14km course, with categories for U12, U14, U16 and U18 in both male and female. The D14 event is the perfect opportunity for kids to get a great start in the sport, with experienced mountain bikers leading the way. The general D14 event is open to riders of all ages so parents can accompany their children as well.

Held on Saturday 3rd September only an 1 hour 20 minutes from Perth, this is a great opportunity for the kids to get outdoors while experiencing a new, fun, muddy sport!

Need more information? Email info@trievents.com.au and we can answer all your questions, or visit the website www.dwellingup100.com.au/event-information/