

## St Joseph's School

#### **Educating for the 21st Century ~ Inspiring Hope**

St Joseph's Southern Cross offers a contemporary Catholic Education that inspires hope and is inclusive of all. Centred on Christ, we provide high quality programs with a strong focus on taking action for good in the world.

TERM 1 WEEK 7

19th March 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER

19th March School Newsletter

19th March St Joseph's Day activities

20th March Harmony Day activities

23rd March

23rd March Mass 9:00am

27th March Merit Assembly 3:00pm

6th April End of Term Mass 9:00am (tbc)

9th April
BLESSING &
OPENING OF
MEMORIAL GARDEN
& COMMEMORATIVE
PAVERS
10:30am (tbc)

9th April End of Term Merit Assembly 2:15pm

9th April Last Day of Term One

10th April
Good Friday
NO SCHOOL
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
COMMENCE

11th April Easter Saturday

12th April Easter Sunday

13th April Easter Monday

**Dear Families and Students,** 

Today we celebrated St Joseph's Feast Day. Thank you to Mrs Tarin Collins for organising some enjoyable hands-on activities for the day. The children were immersed in a variety of activities that enabled them to reflect on the life of St Joseph. Please read the Liturgy Corner for snippets about St Joseph.

We are undoubtedly facing troubling and unknown times at the moment. Attached is a letter created by CEWA for us to send out to parents. There are also additional links in the newsletter should you require extra information. As you are aware, the schools are remaining open. However, we as teaching staff are preparing for closure should it happen so that we can continue to provide education to your children from home. If you have not returned your information regarding your IT capabilities at home can you please do so to assist us with this.

You may or may not be aware that the Archbishop has cancelled all church gatherings for the next two weeks. This will affect our Commitment Mass on Saturday. I will keep you posted as more information comes to light.

The scheduled Bowls day with all Year Three to Six children from St Joseph's, Southern Cross and Moorine Rock next Friday will be postponed as well as the combined Literacy Day at St Joseph's with all three schools on 8th April, until further notice.

If you as a family are struggling with obtaining basic household needs, please contact me, and we will endeavour to assist if we can in a confidential manner.

Tomorrow is Harmony Day. Mrs Lauren McGoldrick has organised some fabulous activities for the day. In line with new Hygiene recommendations, I request that you do not provide a shared plate and provide individual lunches as per our routine.

On Monday and Tuesday, I attended the Leadership in the Early Years PD Days in

Perth. It was very informative and thought -provoking in our continuing goal to provide the best holistic education for your children.

At this stage, the school will undergo their yearly financial audit run by Deloitte next week. I would like to thank Mrs Deborah Maddock for the outstanding preparation of paperwork and data that she has undertaken in readiness for our audit

If you have any concerns or wish to discuss any matters further, please feel free to contact me.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards

**Rika Andres - Principal** 

# BUSY BEE THIS SATURDAY CANCELLED

#### STUDENT AWARD WINNERS WEEK 6, TERM 1 2020

Congratulations to the following students

#### **MERIT AWARDS**

Years K/PP - Kolton Years 1-2 - Jordyn Years 3-6 - Lucas

**LIVING LIKE JESUS AWARD** 

William & Denym

BLUE RIBBON AWARD
Kolton & Kairi

Well done to everyone.

Keep up the great work!

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#### **Mrs Collins (HASS/Science)**

This Term in HASS the whole school has focussed on Geography. The Kindy and Pre-Primary students have been learning about different places in our world such as the farm, beaches and towns and why they are important. They have learnt that farms can meet our needs by providing things such as dairy items and food items and that it is important to look after our environment. The Year One's and Two's have had fun exploring geographical features and tools, learning about North, South, East and West and how features in our environments such as tunnels, mountains, rivers and roads can be either manmade or naturally occurring. The Three-Six group have studied the world's climate zones and discovered that places around the world have different weather based on their location. We have started to look at settlements and populations and are very excited to be taking a virtual trip on our classroom aeroplane around the Australian States and some other countries!

In Science all students have enjoyed looking beyond Planet Earth and out into space! Across all year groups we have learnt about the planets in our solar system, why we have night and day and the beauty of

the sun and the night sky.









#### **Stop the Spread!**

The students in the Three-Six room have been hearing about the coronavirus (COVID-19) and to help combat some of their concern we put our weekly "Outer Space" topic on hold to conduct an experiment about the effectiveness of handwashing. We look forward to sharing our results in the next newsletter. The World Health Organisation recommends the following:

**Wash your hands frequently - r**egularly and thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water.

**Maintain social distancing -** maintain at least 1 metre (3 feet) distance between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing.

#### Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth

Practise respiratory hygiene - make sure you, and the people around you, follow good respiratory hygiene.

This means covering your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then dispose of the used tissue immediately.

If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical care early - stay home if you feel unwell. If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention and call in advance. Follow the directions of your local health authority.







Core Values ~ We are honest and courageous and strive to follow in the footsteps of Jesus ~ We respect that we are all different and unique, and are willing to share our talents with others ~ We demonstrate fairness to all in our school community

#### **SAVE THE DATE**

BLESSING & OPENING OF
ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL
MEMORIAL GARDEN
AND COMMEMORATIVE PAVERS

THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2020 – 10:30AM (TBC)

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

### CHANGES IN RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS

On Wednesday, 4th March 2020, the Archdiocese of Perth issued the following directions to be carried out throughout the Archdiocese until further notice, guided by the public health sector from the WA and Federal Governments:

- Holy Water to be removed from stoups;
- Sign of Peace is omitted at all Masses;
- Holy Communion from the Chalice is to cease;
- People are encouraged to receive Holy Communion on the Hand, instead of the tongue;
- Practice good hygiene during Mass (cover mouths and noses when coughing or sneezing) and refrain from touching your face or mouth and shaking hands before or after Mass.

Further, if you feel unwell or have concerns about becoming infected, you are excused from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.

#### Reflection

Did you know that St Joseph has two feast days? Today is the Feast of St Joseph, the Husband of Mary, which celebrates Joseph's fatherhood to Jesus and all Christians. His other feast day is May 1 which is known as the feast of Joseph the Worker. Established in 1955, the second feast celebrates the dignity of ordinary workers.



#### **Prayer of the Week**

Dear Lord,
in these troubled times,
make your presence
known to
all the peoples around the
world so that they may see
peace as the only way to
salvation....

Cause us all to realise that without you we can do nothing that will bring us peace and joy.
Thank you for hearing and answering our prayers.
Amen.

#### **Parish News**

**Our Lady of Montserrat Parish** 

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Fr. Matthew, Fr. Stephen, Fr. Brennan and Fr. Jeffey

<u>Weekend Mass Times</u> (From 1st Nov to 30th April) Saturday 6:30pm Sunday 8:30am

(From 1st May to 31st October)
Saturday 6:00pm
Sunday 9:30am



#### **Lent/Easter Schedule**

**Monday 23rd March 9:00am - Mass (Solemnity of St Joseph) - CANCELLED** 

**Friday 27th March 6:30pm -** Parish Lenten Stations of the Cross

**Saturday 4th April 5:30pm -** Parish 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

**Wednesday 8th April 6:30pm - M**ass (Wednesday of Holy Week) - TBC

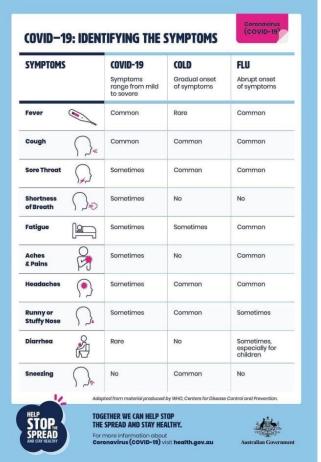
**Thursday 9th April 6:30pm - M**ass of the Lord's Supper—TBC

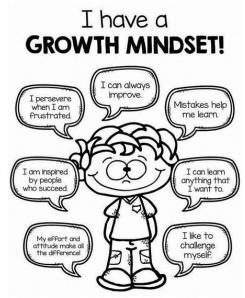
**Friday 10th April 3:00pm -** Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday 11th April 6:30pm - Easter Vigil Mass—TBC Sunday 12th April 8:30am - Easter Sunday Mass—TBC

#### NAPLAN ONLINE SITE FOR PARENT ACCESS

ACARA's NAPLAN online public demonstration site is now available for access by parents. The landing page for the website, https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site, provides links to several resources (FAQs, user guide and technical requirements) that will continue to be updated. Students in Years Three and Five will participate this year.







#### EYE TESTS AVAILABLE

OPSM Optometrists
will be visiting
Southern Cross on
Monday 6th April 2020.
Please book your
appointment at the
Southern Cross
Pharmacy.

Examinations at the hospital on the day.

## Talking to Children About COVID-19 (Cononavirus): A Parent Resource

https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-climate-safety-and-crisis/health-crisis-resources/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-(coronavirus)-a-parent-resource

https://www.psychology.org.au/COVID-19

#### **CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY**

(Mrs Pearce)

On Friday, 28th February 2020, the Pre-Primary to Year Six students participated in Clean Up Australia Day activities. We split into three groups and picked up rubbish around our school and church. The students had a great time cleaning up the environment and working out what was general rubbish and what was recycling. Thank you to Miss Coles for organising the clean up.













#### **UNIFORM SHOP 2020**

St Joseph's School uniforms can be ordered by contacting our Uniform Coordinator,
Mrs Rebecca Guerini, on 0459 500 529. Thank you.



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