



LAYING OF FLOWERS, REMEMBRANCE DAY 2020

NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week is a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and a chance to acknowledge their history, culture and achievements. In recent years, there has been a strong push for schools to have an increased focus on actively supporting the journey of Reconciliation in Australia. Usually held in July, NAIDOC Week for 2020 has been postponed to this week, November 8th-15th. The theme for NAIDOC 2020 is 'Always Was, Always Will Be'. We will celebrate NAIDOC Week as a school by flying the Aboriginal flag, as well as by students participating in a couple of hours of activity rotations, each with a theme linked to the NAIDOC message.

How to Develop Cultural Competency

Here at Saint Joseph's, we have had a particular focus on developing the 'cultural competency' of our staff, who will then be in a better position to develop cultural competency in our students.

So, what is cultural competency, I hear you ask? One useful definition could be as follows:

Cultural competence is the ability to understand, communicate with and effectively interact with people across cultures. Cultural competence encompasses:

- *being aware of one's own world view*
- *developing positive attitudes towards cultural differences*
- *gaining knowledge of different cultural practices and world views*
- *developing skills for communication and interaction across cultures.*

Certainly, we are more likely to be successful in our quest to increase the cultural competence of our students with your support at home.



So, I encourage you to be proactive in speaking to your children about the fact that we have so many different cultures in Australia, each with their own unique set of beliefs and practices. Encourage them to learn about other cultures and to be proactive in including people of other cultures into their circle of friends. Remind them that just because someone looks different or has different habits or values, it doesn't mean that they are in any way inferior- they are just different to you. This leads to a rich diversity of society, which is something we can all celebrate.

First Communion- Congratulations!

A huge congratulations to those students who received the Sacrament of First Communion on the weekend- Marcus, Sarah, Shelby, Mia and Rose. We could not be prouder of you and we will continue to pray for you as you continue your journey of growing closer to Christ.

Cattle Fundraiser- Thank You

I would like to acknowledge the work of our P&F, who have again organised a cattle fundraiser for the school. This has been very successful in the past in raising a significant amount of money for our P&F, which then goes towards improving the school for our students. Some very generous families volunteer to agist some cattle, which are eventually sold at a profit. This could not happen, however, without the support and generosity of a number of people, who I wish to acknowledge:

- Amanda Keough, who has spent countless hours making phone calls and coordinating the entire project.
- Colin Thexton and Sue and Matt Daubney, for giving their time, energy and expertise in the selection and delivery of the cattle.

- The Bendotti, Collins and DeCampo families, for volunteering to have the cattle on their properties.

It is so exciting to have this opportunity once again. The students are very fortunate to benefit from the generosity of all involved - thank you!

Remembrance Day

Today is a very special day in the calendar for all Australians. On Remembrance Day, we remember and celebrate the lives of so many Australians who have fought in wars for our protection and freedom. To acknowledge this special day, our older students will attend the town service, while our younger students will participate in some special Remembrance Day prayers and activities in class. I hope you are able to find some time today to reflect upon the significance of this occasion and to give thanks for those brave Australians who have lost their lives in war.

Assessment Books

Please note that Assessment Books for students in Years 1-6 will go home on Monday 16th November, not the original date indicated in our Term Calendar of Friday 13th November. Please take some time to look through these Assessment Books with your child and provide them with some constructive feedback. Please then return the Assessment Book to school before the end of the year.

Class Newsletters

On Monday, your child should bring home the final Class Newsletter for 2020, containing the latest updates on what is happening in their class. Please check your child's bag, or access the Class Newsletter through our school website.

Feast of Christ the King Mass

On Sunday 22nd November, our Parish celebrates the Feast of Christ the King, with a special Mass and Procession, beginning at 10.30am. Traditionally, children who have received Sacraments throughout the year have been actively involved in this Mass, with the dressing of the altar, lighting of candles etc. Hope you can make it.



Athletics Carnival

A reminder that our Athletics Carnival is coming up next week, on Friday 20th November, at PDHS. I hope you are able to make it to help cheer on our students! More detailed information about the carnival will be sent home in a separate note.

Little Joeys Final Session

We have had so much fun in our Little Joeys playgroup, with as many as a dozen 2 and 3 year-olds joining us each Friday. It has been such a pleasure to meet some new children and families. This week will be our final Little Joeys session for this year. I would like to thank Mrs Kelly for the outstanding job she has again done with Little Joeys. Little Joeys will be back in 2021, so please remember to continue to encourage any families in our community with pre-school aged children to get involved.

God Bless,

Brett Wilkie

Year 1/2 Class News

In the PP/1/2 classroom, we have been focusing on how to make our Art stand out. By using contrasting colours and overlapping the leaves in the background, our vibrant tigers look as if they are jumping off the page!



Year 3/4 Class News

In the Year 3/4 class we had a terrible crime occur last week. The Honey Snatcher came and stole all of our BeeBots and left a sticky mess of honey behind. Luckily, he left us some clues about where he has hidden the BeeBots. It is our job to program the BeeBots to escape from the Honey Snatcher. The Year 3/4 students have been busy creating replicas of the BeeBot world, so that they can practice programing an escape route. Let's hope all the BeeBots can return back to our classroom nice and safely.



BOOK CLUB

orders are due back to school by 25th
November 2020



ST JOES CHRISTMAS CONCERT

AND AWARDS NIGHT **DEC 9TH** 6.45PM

MILL HALL

FOOD AVAILABLE FROM 6PM/ PLEASE REMEMBER SOCIAL DISTANCING AND HYGIENE

Graduation Mass

2020

Join us to celebrate
THE GRADUATION OF
**Will, Reid, Lachy,
Dane, Bella, Cassie,
Lia, Amelie & Alex**

Wednesday
DEC 2, 2020
10.00am

Sacred Heart Church,
Pemberton



THURSDAY MORNING

RUNNING CLUB



Calling all students in Year 1-6! Each **Thursday morning**, between **8.15am and 8.45am**, we will hold a running club. The idea is pretty simple- you run laps of our school oval, Mr Wilkie records your number of laps run and you try to beat it each week.

This should be good fitness training for our Athletics Carnival, so I hope to see you on the oval!

*It's not goodbye.
Its just see you later.....*

Sarah's Farewell....excuse for a Ladies outing

Saturday 14th November
@ Hidden River Winery
From 12pm
Grazing Table Style Food
\$50 per person

RSVP Friday 6th November to 042876263
Prepayment will be required
Kylie Bendotti - BSB 306 009 Acc#0182440 Ref: Your Name

Sunday Mass Times

Sunday November 15	8:30am
Sunday November 22	10:30am
Sunday November 29	8:30am
Sunday December 6	8:30am
Sunday December 13	10:30am
Sunday December 20	8:30am

Happy Birthday to:

Annie Abraham – Tomorrow
12th November
Kelvin Stirling – Tuesday 17th
November



Canteen Roster

Tuesday 17th November
Joo Kim Ebsary & TBA
Tuesday 24th November
Helen Ng & Sarah Gibellini



pp positive partnerships
Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

ONLINE WORKSHOP WESTERN AUSTRALIAN REGIONS



Join us for our new online workshop for those in the Western Australian Region where you will have the opportunity to listen, share and learn with parents and carers who support individuals on the autism spectrum.

This online workshop is for parents, full time carers and grandparents. Join other local families to learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the home-school partnership.

During the online workshops, we will cover three topics:

- the diversity of autism, including sensory processing
- understanding behaviour
- working together with your child's school.

Location:
WESTERN AUSTRALIAN
REGIONS

Date:
Thursday, 3 December 2020

Time:
Thu 9:15 AM - 2:30 PM (AWST)

For more information and what is happening in your state and territory, click here www.positivepartnerships.com.au

VacSwim 2021

Enrolments are now open for VacSwim swimming lessons during the summer school holidays. VacSwim in January offers fun lessons at beach or pool locations during the long break. Not only are they a great school holiday activity, they teach valuable safety skills to help keep your child safe in the water. Your children can start as young as five years old. Don't wait! Enrol your children in VacSwim now at education.wa.edu.au/vacswim



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