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Newsletter

St Joseph's School

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In All Things Love

Uniform Shop

Open on Monday and Fridays
8.30 am to 9.30 am

Playgroup

Friday - 10.00 am to 11.30 am

Out of School Hours Care

Daily

7.30 am to 8.30 am
and 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm

Tuesday 2.45 pm to 6.00 pm

Bookings essential

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Mass Times

Saturday 6.30 pm

Sunday 8.30 am English &
10.30 am Polish

Weekday 6.30 pm English & Polish
Except Tuesday

(check with Parish)



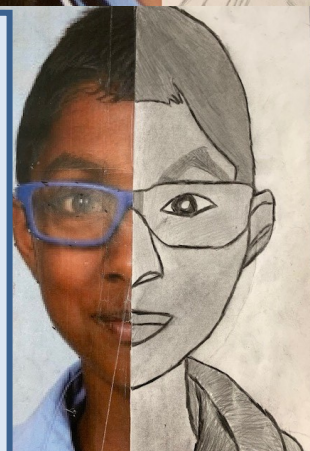
MATHEMATICAL ART

In Term 3, we have integrated our Arts program with our Mathematics program.

We have been using Transformation concepts and Location, including symmetry, to create pieces of art.

In this task, students created a symmetrical reflection of half of their own face.

They measured the distances between key facial features and the midline and reflected them onto the other half of the page.



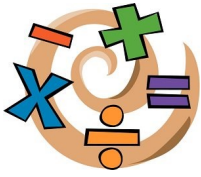
We acknowledge that our school is on Kurna country. We recognise and respect the Kurna people as the continuing custodians of the Adelaide Plains and pay our respect to Elders past and present.

Principal News

This weekend brings to an end the winter season with spring just around the corner. Like many of you I am looking forward to the warmer weather, increased sunshine and more daylight hours each day.

Curriculum News

In this newsletter edition I have included two mathematical tasks which you might like to have a go at with your child/children at home. This week's Mathematical tasks:



Reception to Year 3

What objects can you find at home that have 1 kg marked on them? Ask someone at home to help you make a list. What can you find that is bigger than a potato but lighter than it?

Years 4-7

A jar of marbles weighs 1 kg. How much might each marble weigh? How much might the jar weigh? Can you find a collection of objects with a total mass of $2\frac{1}{2}$ kg? Happy inquiry.

To celebrate and acknowledge Book Week this year our school hosted "Big Dreams", on Wednesday August 14, a performance based around the little voices we sometimes hear in our heads which tell us we can't do something and how reading and books can turn off those voices. The message was to be brave and strong and conquer your fears.

The theme of this year's Book Week is "Reading is my Super Power". On Wednesday August 21 we held our Book Week Parade where children and staff were given the opportunity to come to school dressed as their favourite book character or super hero. The parade went well with lots of fun had by all involved. Happy reading.



Catholic Identity

The following are twitter feeds from Pope Francis: God needs people who bring His forgiveness and His mercy into the world God loves us in a way that crushes all loneliness and isolation Holy Spirit, you who sustain the Church, come down upon us again, teach us unity, renew our hearts, and help us to love as Jesus taught us Never forget this golden rule: "Do to others what you would have them do to you" (Mt 7,12) These messages from our current Pope remind us of the importance of valuing all those we come into contact with throughout our lives.

Parent and Caregiver (PaCS) School Climate Survey

This term we have commenced a partnership with Curtin University in WA. Professor Jill Aldridge from Curtin University is supporting us in *Developing Leadership Capacity in School Improvement* through surveying the school community. The School Improvement focus involves collecting and analysing data from the school community (students, parents and staff) to identify plans for future actions. In 2018 and again last term I attended a workshop facilitated by Jill Aldridge where we analysed our school's Strategic and Annual improvement Plans along with a number of documents including the Australian Professional Standards for Principals, the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers, Catholic Education's Continuous Improvement Framework and the Australian Council for Educational Research Principal Performance Improvement Tool in order to develop strategies to engage staff and the school community in the school improvement process.



On Monday August 12 we opened the *Parent and Caregiver Survey*. The Survey provides an opportunity for parents to tell the school staff how things are going for them and their children. As a school we value your feedback and will endeavour to respond to the information provided. The feedback St Joseph's School will be provided with by Curtin University (who will analyse survey data) will be in the form of graph based feedback which will include data submitted by all parents. The feedback will not include data of individual parents. It is data around your impressions of the school climate that we are seeking. The survey response format will require parents to consider how often each statement takes place in terms of; *Almost Never, Rarely, Sometimes, Often and Almost Always*. Additional information about the survey including how to access the survey was included as part of an information notice sent home on Monday August 12. This information has also been upload onto Skool Bag and our school Website. The survey will be open to parents/caregivers until tomorrow, Friday August 30. I encourage all of our families to participate in the survey as this will provide St Joseph's School with valuable information about how we can further develop as a school community.

In a similar way staff have participated in the *School Organisational Climate Survey* and children are in the process of completing the *What's Happening in this School Survey*.



Autumn Festival Multicultural Day

Our Mid-Autumn Festival and Multicultural celebration will take place here in the school grounds on Friday September 13 between 11:30am and 2pm. A group from the local Buddhist community have been invited to perform a Lion Dance and our recently retired Vietnamese language teacher; Phuong Ngo will work with a small group of children to present a fan dance. In addition each class will make a presentation or perform (lantern parade, masks, art work, a song etc) in some way on the day. All children are invited to wear national costumes or colours on the day. We will also be having a shared lunch on the day, in the yard, picnic style if the weather is good. Parents are invited to cook for the occasion. A letter was recently sent home asking parents to confirm they understand the food preparation rules and that all food needs to be labelled with all ingredients used.

Wakakiri 2019 Performance

On Tuesday August 20 I had the privilege of witnessing 44 of our children represent our school as part of Wakakiri 2019. The Performing Arts competition was held at the Entertainment Centre. On behalf of the school community, I would like to acknowledge the efforts Performing Arts teacher Roger Hughes put in throughout Terms 2 and 3, choreographing and preparing our children to perform on the night. The children did a fantastic job representing our school. I'm sure the whole experience will prove to be a highlight for the children involved well into the future.



Father Day Breakfast Friday August 30

Friday morning, August 30 we will be preparing and serving a Bacon and Eggs Breakfast for all of our dads to celebrate Father's Day. The initiative, which proved successful last year is designed to bring our dads together for a chat and acknowledge the great work they do in supporting their children's development, in the lead up to Father's Day

Principal News Continued

Pupil Free Day Friday August 16

Our Pupil Free Day on Friday August 16 involved all teaching staff in Professional Learning focusing on the updated Crossways; the Religious Education curriculum document used in all South Australian Catholic Schools. Our APRIM Simon McCullough and myself facilitated the day. Over the next 12 months we will continue to build on the knowledge we gained from the day in preparation for the launch of the new Crossways Curriculum document in 2020.

Social Development in Children

Social Development comes from learning the values, knowledge and skills that enable children to relate to others effectively. This kind of learning is passed on to children through social relationships within the family and with other significant adults who teach and care for them. Through their relationships with others, children build a sense of who they are and where they fit in the world. Children's ability to understand others and take their needs and views into account develops over time. Young children are naturally self-focused. They often play beside, rather than with, other children and tend to think that everyone sees things the same way they do. In early primary school, children learn that others may perceive things differently from them.

As thinking skills develop, children are more able to understand another person's point of view and to appreciate multiple ways of looking at the same event or situation.

For further information visit **Be You** (formerly Beyond Blue)

<https://beyou.edu.au/fact-sheets/development/brain-development>



Safety Message

Students and families are reminded to be wary of approaches from strangers, especially when they are unaccompanied or travelling to and from school. If they are approached, students should not respond and should not accept offers of rides or gifts. Students should seek the assistance of other nearby adults if they feel unsafe and should report the event to a trusted adult (parent or school staff member) as soon as possible. SAPOL advises that taking out a mobile phone and calling police can deter the offender and they recommend the student making a formal report to their closest police station.

I hope you have a positive end to the working week and an enjoyable weekend.

Working in partnership with you in the best interest of all our children.

Shaun O'Leary.

APRIM News

HAPPY
FATHER'S
Day

Father's Day Breakfast

We invite Father's, Grandfathers or Carers to our Fathers Day Breakfast on Friday 30 August from 8.20 am.

Shaun and Simon will be cooking bacon and eggs and would love to see you.

Following this we will offer a special blessing prayer for you as part of our community prayer gathering.



Confirmation

The celebration for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Saturday 9 November in St Maxamilian Kolbe Church at 10am. First Communion will be celebrated later in November on a date yet to be confirmed.

Friday 13 September

St Joseph's celebrates the **Mid Autumn Festival** and our **Multicultural community.**

Please see the letter sent home for all the details.

Friday 6 September

Our Journey to Emmaus Leadership Program

continues with students from St Patrick's School. Jane Shortt from St Vincent De Paul working with Year 6 students as we visit a clothing shop and hear about other facilities Vinnie's uses to support the community.

Thanks so much for your participation and generosity.

Working in Partnership,

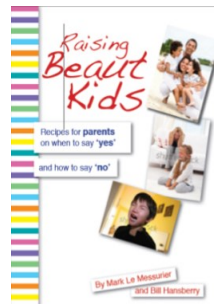
Simon McCullough



Mark Le Messurier PARENT EDUCATION SEMINARS

TOPIC: Setting up for SUCCESS series REAL ideas to tame ugly behaviours

Wednesday 18 September at 6.00 pm
St Joseph's School Ottaway



Mark Le Messurier is a well-known teacher, counsellor and author of 11 books. He is the co-uthor of BOTH 'What's the Buzz? friendship/ social skills building programs' now assisting children (4 to 14 years) in schools and organisations in more than 130 countries. He regularly presents at conferences and is a recipient of an Australian National Excellence in Teaching Award. Mark works in schools and in private practice in Adelaide with young people he affectionately calls 'Tough Kids'. He is the architect of the 'Mentoring Program' now running in many Catholic and state schools throughout Australia to support vulnerable students. Mark's books will be available at the workshop for purchase, using cash or credit card. Mark will offer **RAISING BEAUT KIDS (\$25)** and **PARENTING TOUGH KIDS (\$25)** or together as a **BOOK BUNDLE** for \$40.

This practical **BEHAVIOUR CHANGE** workshop comes from **RAISING BEAUT KIDS** and **PARENTING TOUGH KIDS**

It centres around 3 foundation ideas that every parent struggles to get right and maintain;

1. There is a reason for your child's behaviour

That's right - it is trying to tell us something! As parents we need to be clever and work out what their behaviour is really saying. We need to scratch below it and work out what's driving it, instead of simply responding to the irritation it may cause.

2. How behaviour works

Children continue behaviour when they feel it is being rewarded.

Children stop behaviour when they feel it is not being rewarded.

Our inconsistency, and sometimes misunderstanding, over what reward really means confuses them! So, let's look at the idea of reward together. What is the difference between 'reward' and 'giving attention'? Let's look at tweaking this together.

3. It takes an intelligent plan to manage kids wisely

And, this is even more so in the tricky moments. So let's get up close and personal and fine tune your style so you leave invigorated to try a few new fresh ideas in the tricky moments!



New brain research confirms that how we live, how love our children, interact with them and regulate our own lives has a big influence on how our kids' brains develop. We are the key to their future! The secret to success lies in our capacity to review whether what we are doing is actually working for our kids, and if it's not, to tweak it so it advantages family life, and their future. An evening of enjoyment, quality learning and an opportunity to make some real differences.

For more information about Mark, or the global social skills programs - **WHAT'S THE BUZZ?** please view;

<http://www.marklemessurier.com.au/main/> <http://www.raisingbeautkids.com.au/>
<http://www.whatsthebuzz.net.au/>

To hear Mark interviewed by Debra Tribe on ABC Radio, visit - <http://www.marklemessurier.com.au/main/news/a-radio-interview.shtml>

To see a 'What's the Buzz?' lesson in action, and lots more, visit - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U0QaHHsnN4U>

To see and hear Mark Le Messurier go to his YouTube Channel - www.youtube.com/channel/UCOZkkrMU4LdXZc2uT7WY-Uw

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Class Preparation for 2020

Each year in Week 1 of Term 4, staff begin class placements for the following year. To assist us with this very important and time consuming task, please complete the slip below if your child/ren (other than current Year 6) will **NOT** be returning to St Joseph's in 2020.

Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

PLEASE RETURN TO THE FRONT OFFICE

ATTENTION: Mr Shaun O'Leary

I wish to advise that the following student/s will **NOT** be returning to St Joseph's in 2020:

Child's Name

2019 Class

Reason (optional): _____

Your Name (printed): _____ Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____