

## IMPORTANT DATES....

- ✓ *Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Welcome evening for all St Joseph Families*  
*Time: 4 – 6pm Location: Front Undercover Area*
- ✓ *Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Ash Wednesday Liturgy*  
*Time: 9am Location: Flexible Learning Space*
- ✓ *Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Volunteer Induction*  
*Time: 9am Location: Multi-Purpose Room*
- ✓ *Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – P & F Committee AGM*  
*Time: 7pm Location: Flexible Learning Space*  
*Position descriptions available on request.*
- ✓ *Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Cross Country*

## CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING

Cross Country training will be held every Thursday morning at 7:30 am with Miss Libby & Miss Cook.



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## News from Ms Harrison..

Dear Parents,

The following poem is a thought provoking reflection on learning in a modern classroom:

### **A Child's Plea (Original Author Unknown)**

Today I did my math and science. I toasted bread, I halved and quartered, counted, measured, and used my eyes, ears and hands. I added and subtracted on the way. I used magnets, blocks and memory tray. I learned about a rainbow and how to weigh.

So please don't say - 'ANYTHING IN YOUR BAG TODAY?'

You see. I'm sharing as I play, to learn to listen and speak clearly when I talk to wait my turn and when inside to walk. To put my words into a phrase, to find my name and write it down. To do it with a smile and not a frown, to put my pasting brush away.

So please, don't say - 'WHAT NOTHING IN YOUR BAG TODAY?'

I learned about a snail and a worm. Remembered how to take my turn. Helped a friend when he was stuck. Learned that water runs off a duck. Looked at words from left to right. Agreed to differ, not to fight.

So please don't say - 'DID YOU ONLY PLAY TODAY?'

Yes, I played the whole day through. I played to learn the things I do. I speak a problem, find a clue and work out for myself just what to do. My teacher's set the scene, and stay near-by to help me when I really try. They are there to pose the problems, and to help me think. I hope they will keep me floating and never let me sink. All of this is in my head and not in my bag.

It makes me sad to hear you say - 'HAVEN'T YOU DONE ANYTHING TODAY?'

When you attend your meeting today and do your work I will remember not to say to you - 'WHAT NOTHING IN YOUR BAG? WHAT DID YOU DO?'

Future proofing your child in a busy, fast paced changing world where change is the only constant and knowledge is easily accessible, the concern bubbling up is how to ensure your child is truly prepared for the real world.

The 21st Century skills are very different from when we were at school. Many are just common sense, however this is not so common. New Zealander Karen Boyes, is a well-known writer and speaker on just this topic. In her workshops for parents, Karen explores some of the key behaviours and habits needed to be successful in the modern world.

These include:

- Knowing how to question and problem solve,
- Thinking flexibly

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- Manage oneself
- Listen with understanding & empathy, and
- Create and innovate just to name a few.

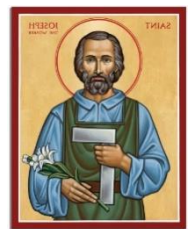
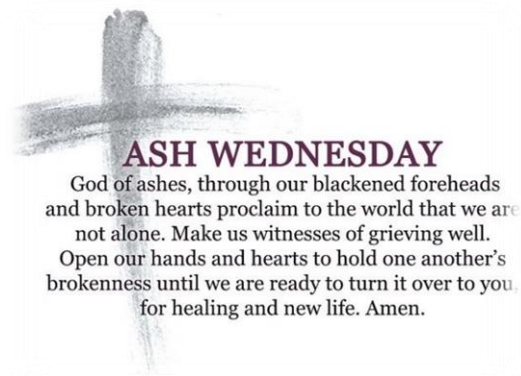
Karen also speaks about the future jobs predicted and ways you can support your child at home and at school to ensure they are prepared for an ever-changing world. Wilson McCaskill, author of the Play Is the Way program we have implemented here at St Joseph's has a great article that explores the same concept of [future proofing your child](#). Wilson concludes in his article that "the more personally and socially capable the child the more likely he or she is to make the right decision".

I encourage all parents to take up the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher in the coming weeks to discuss not just their child's academic progress but more importantly their social and emotional learning journey here at St Joseph's.

Have a great week everyone and God bless.

Peace and Blessings

*Rosie*



## APRE News

Well it is wonderful to see the sun shining for a while and our hope now is to see our beautiful school grounds and the town flourish. This week has been an extremely busy one catching up on all the items we were not able to complete due to the weather last week. This week I would like to extend an invitation to our families and Parish members to attend any of the following events:

**Shrove Tuesday/ Pancake Day** celebrated during Funtastic Friday today so the children could still understand the purpose of preparing for Lent as we are having to move our Ash Wednesday service to Monday. Pancakes will be sold during Funtastic Friday at the cost of a gold coin donation and all monies raised will go to Project Compassion.

**Ash Wednesday** this year will be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 9am in the flexible learning space. All families and Parish members are invited to attend.

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**Sacramental Program** on Thursday evening we held a Parent meeting for all those students (families) in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 wishing to undertake the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Holy Communion. This evening was to inform families of the arrangements and when students will be required to attend lessons. If you missed the chance to attend this meeting please see me for further information.



**Lent** This year during the 40 days of Lent we will be constructing a Lenten project in our flexible learning space and we will be asking families, students, staff and Parish members to be a part of our growing display. Lent is a time of change and during this time classes will also be involved with activities relating to this time of growth and how they can support those in need through Project Compassion.

**Volunteer Induction** If you wish to work with our children in any capacity in 2018 you must attend one of our annual Parent Volunteer Induction sessions. All volunteers must complete this session to be eligible to volunteer within our classrooms, tuckshop, grounds – in fact anywhere where there are our students and teachers have asked for help. For your information any volunteers who visit the school and are not parents must also produce a Children’s Commission ‘Working with Children’ blue card to be able to work with students. **Session 1 for 2018 will be Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 9am in the multi-purpose room.** If this time does not suit, please do not worry as I will be running more sessions later in the term and will try to make either an afternoon or evening session for those on shift. If you have completed in the past it will be necessary from this year to undertake the training annually.

**Happy Valentine’s Day** 14th February. Next week we celebrate St. Valentine’s Day. A day where we traditionally give gifts to the ones we love. But have you ever wondered what the history is behind the day? Valentine’s Day began in the time of the Roman Empire. Under the rule of Emperor Claudius II Rome was involved in many bloody and unpopular campaigns. Claudius the Cruel was having a difficult time getting soldiers to join his military leagues. He believed that the reason was that roman men did not want to leave their loves or families.

As a result, Claudius cancelled all marriages and engagements in Rome. The good Saint Valentine was a priest at Rome in the days of Claudius II. He and Saint Marius aided the Christian martyrs and secretly married couples, and for this kind deed Saint Valentine was apprehended and dragged before the Prefect of Rome, who condemned him to death.

Whilst Saint Valentine was in prison awaiting his fate, many young people came visit him. They threw flowers and notes up to his window. They wanted Saint Valentine to know that they, too, believed in love. One of these young people was the daughter of the prison guard. Her father allowed her to visit Saint Valentine in the cell. Sometimes they would sit and talk for hours.

On the day Saint Valentine was to die 14th February, 269 A.D.), he left his friend a little note thanking her for her friendship and loyalty. He signed it, "Love from your Valentine." That note started the custom of exchanging love messages on Valentine's Day. Happy Valentine’s Day!



Please stay in touch if you need any further information on any of the items above,

Thank you and blessings for a great weekend,

*Amanda*

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## SCHOOL UNIFORM

At St Joseph's our uniform encourages our students to take pride in their appearance at school.

All compulsory uniform items (except school shoes) are available for purchase through our online Uniform shop which operates through Flexischools [www.flexischool.com.au](http://www.flexischool.com.au)

The School Uniform policy state that students must wear all black leather sports shoes, as per the image below (Velcro for Prep please). Shoes must be entirely black, free of white or coloured logos or soles.

During the wet season, children are permitted to wear "Crocs" either Navy Blue or Black in colour (no thongs or other sandals are permitted).



Due to Health and Safety policies, students not wearing the correct shoe-type in 2018, will not be able to participate fully in HPE lessons. It is therefore imperative that you purchase the correct style of shoe to avoid further cost being incurred replacing an incorrect shoe type.



**WEIPA JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB**

**REGISTRATION/SIGN ON**

**Friday 9th February 2018**  
P & C Shed  
On Western Cape College Senior Oval  
3.30pm-5.30pm

**Games are held**  
Saturday Mornings between  
8.10 am and 11.30 am on the School Oval

**Trial Games will start on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018**  
Competition Games on following Saturdays  
The season culminates with Grand finals and  
Presentation of Trophies on the 2nd June 2018

**The Club will offer registration for children**  
Born 2013 (turning 5) to 2001  
All Welcome

Any queries please contact: **Tim Ryan - 0417615136**  
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# School Crossing Supervisor Vacancy



## **CASUAL POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

### **SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR**

We are seeking interested persons for a casual position, approximately 1.25 hours per day, on a rotating roster, school days only. Positions available at St Joseph's Parish School, Weipa.

Approved applicants will be required to undergo a medical assessment and pass a blue card application.

Pay rate starts at \$30.00 per hour.

Please call Deb for an application package on 07 4045 8516.

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