



# 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 4**

**Week 7**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

26th November  
P&F/Board  
AGM Meeting  
5.30pm

Week 8 & 9  
Swimming Lessons

4th December  
Last Day for Pre  
Kindy

7th December  
Year 6 Graduation  
Mass

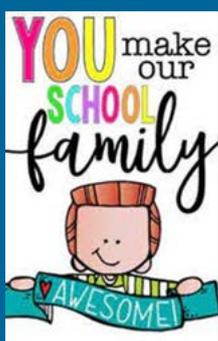
8th December  
Water Fun Day

9th December  
End of Year  
Christmas Concert  
and Awards Picnic



11th December  
Last Day for  
Students

**GROWTH MINDSET**



**Dear Parents and Guardians,**

Welcome to Week 7.

As we approach the final two weeks of the school year with students, there are a number of important events happening that you are invited to.



We have our School Advisory Council (School Board) and P&F AGM tonight at 5.30pm in the library. All parents are more than welcome to attend as it one way you can support our school and it gives an overview of the day to day running of the school – financially, academically, and spiritually. We are still looking for parents to join our Parents and Friends group and our School Advisory Council. Please contact me if you would like more information.

Over the last couple of days, our new teachers have visited us so that they get to know the school and the students. I hope you have had the opportunity to say hello and meet them.

Swimming begins on Monday and will continue for the rest of the term. While most of the children will be swimming in the afternoon, some students will participate in lessons in the morning. Please check with your child's teacher for what to bring. ie Rashie, towel and change of underwear.



Yesterday we had a whole school practice of our Lockdown procedure. We have also had an Emergency Evacuation Drill. Both of these emergency drills help ensure that staff and students know what to do in an emergency and it also helps us sort out any issues for the future.



With many school and community events coming up over the next few weeks, please remember to practice social distancing and good hand hygiene. If you are feeling unwell, please do not come to school.



We will be celebrating Roshani's graduation at our end of Year Mass on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 9.00am. You are welcome to join us in this celebration.



Our Christmas Concert is on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm. All of the children have been working very hard on their end of year Christmas item. Please bring your own picnic supper and your carol singing voices.

Reports will be going home on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December. The reports will be our usual reports. If you have any queries about your child's report, please make an appointment to see your child's class teacher.

Have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing you at our events over the next few weeks.

Mel Allen  
Principal

**STUDENT AWARD WINNERS**  
**WEEK 6, TERM 4 2020**

**Congratulations to the following students**

**MERIT AWARDS**

Years K/PP - Aiden

Years 1-2 - Efryn

Years 3-6 - Jake

**LIVING LIKE JESUS**

Mel Allen

**BLUE RIBBON AWARD**

Ekam

**Well done to everyone.**  
**Keep up the great work!**

# Classroom News

HASS & SCIENCE - Mrs Nicholl

It has been so rewarding and fun joining this school and teaching HASS and Science across all years. Thank you for making me feel so welcome and for all the wonderful students in class. It has been a busy semester but so rewarding!

## Science

Term 3 was about the Physical Sciences with the phenomena of light, sound, movement, heat and electricity covered.

The senior class particularly enjoyed making electrical circuits, even using playdough as a conductor. We also discovered the musical talents in the 1/2 class as they experimented with sound and the ECE created new animals that moved in a variety of ways.

In Term 4 we moved onto the Chemical Sciences with all years becoming forensic scientists as they investigated a mystery white powder. We continued learning about materials and their properties, particularly how these properties can influence their use and assist in recycling.



## HASS

In the senior class we started with History, learning about continuity and change, first contacts and significant people or events that have shaped our colony. This term we concentrated on Civics and Citizenship with a particular effort on the roles and systems of our government and communities. The children even created their own law that was decided upon by a class ballot. It was decided that there need to be changes to laws about pets, littering, drug possession, mobile phone use and that people under the age of 16 should be able to purchase a house.

The ECE have covered Geography, even creating their own town with special places and services – all towns included a skate park and ice cream shop! They also planned how to look after a special place. Recently we have looked at the messages left behind by the first people of Australia and how we can tell the past from these rock paintings.



**COMMEMORATIVE PAVERS AND MEMORIAL GARDEN**

St Joseph's School, in conjunction with our P&F Association, would again like to invite you to be a part of this exciting initiative, we would like to offer you the opportunity to purchase a personalised engraved brick pavers to be placed at the entrance of the school and will link in with the existing memorial garden and pavers.

These pavers are a timeless gesture, having your family remembered for years to come within the school grounds.

It is anticipated that orders will be placed at the end of Week 4 of Term 1 2021.

Please share this initiative with past families and staff who have been a part of the St Joseph's Southern Cross community.

Forms are available from the school website to complete electronically and download, as well as from the school office. Please email all completed forms to [admin@stjoessx.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@stjoessx.wa.edu.au) or post order forms to PO Box 89, Southern Cross 6426.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the school office on 9049 2100.



**Prayer of the Week**

First Week of Advent Prayer  
 Lord God,  
 only you can see into my heart and know that under all the busy-ness of my life, there is a deep longing to make this Advent one that welcomes you more deeply into my own life. My heart desires the warmth of your love and my mind searches for your Light in the midst of the darkness. Help me to be a peacemaker this Advent and to give special love to those who disagree with me. Give me the strength and courage to forgive those who have hurt me. Help me to free my heart from the prison of my anger and hurt.



**Reflection**



Advent marks the start of a season of preparation that looks forward to the celebration of Christmas and the second coming of Christ. It is a time of reflection in preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ. This season invokes feelings of expectation and hope! The word Advent comes from the Latin *adventus*, meaning "arrival" or "coming" from the word *advenire* (ad- "to" venire "come"). Advent also marks the start of the new liturgical year, and it always begins on Advent Sunday, which is the fourth Sunday before Christmas day.

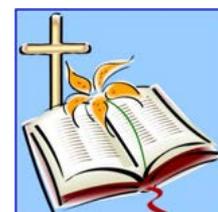
Advent 2020 begins on Sunday, November 29 and ends on Thursday, December 24.

**Parish News**

Our Lady of Montserrat Parish  
 Ph : Southern Cross 9049 1049  
 Kalgoorlie 9021 2100  
 E-mail: [kalgoorlie@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:kalgoorlie@perthcatholic.org.au)

**Weekend Mass Times**

**Saturday 6:30pm  
 Sunday 8:30am**



**Happy Birthday**

Leon - 2nd December  
 Angus - 3rd December





## St Joseph's Primary School, Southern Cross

If your child is four years old by the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021, we would love to welcome them to our Kindy class for 2021.

Contact us on 9049 2100 or go to [www.stjoessx.wa.edu.au](http://www.stjoessx.wa.edu.au) for further information

### Parents and Friends 2021

We are looking for more P&F members for 2021. The commitment can be as small or as big as you have time for – many hands make light work ☺

P&F meetings are usually held after school, twice a term. The aim of the P&F is to

- Strive to develop at our school a real community of parents, teachers, and students.
- Work closely with the school Principal to achieve common goals.
- Endeavor to have all parents enjoy the exciting experience of their children's formal school years by active participation and personal involvement in the school programs.
- Assist in planning and organising functions associated with the social, sporting, cultural and educational life of the school community;
- Work to provide additional resources which are considered necessary for the children or to assist the teachers in their professional work.

If you would like to nominate for the 2021 Parents and Friends group at St Joseph's or you would like further information, please contact the school office.



### School Advisory Council (School Board) 2021

The School Advisory Council meets once a month (during school terms). These meetings are currently held on a Thursday evening at 6pm. In summary, the role of the Advisory Council is to:

- Plan for the present and future operations of the School
- Disseminate information about the School and about Catholic education to persons and organisations in the School Community.
- Liaise in all matters relating to the financial management of the School

If you have a desire to give service to the Catholic School Community, have a deep interest in the welfare of all students and staff and have time to devote to Board duties, please contact me for further information



### UNIFORM SHOP 2020

St Joseph's School uniforms can be ordered by contacting our P&F President, Mrs Lorrae Carlson, on 0407 381 993. Thank you.



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*Core Values ~ We engage in active learning in a safe and collaborative environment ~ We challenge, motivate and encourage everyone to reach their potential ~ We play our role in protecting God's environment to promote a sustainable future for all*