



## NEWSLETTER/UPDATE - 08 April 2022

### CAMP AUSTRALIA

As I am sure you are aware our Before and After school care providers, Camp Australia will no longer be servicing St Joseph's. This is due to declining student numbers and difficulty in staffing the service in the current climate. Camp Australia has contacted our affected families personally and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their commitment to St Joseph's over the past several years.

### CANTEEN:

As the next stage of our Capital Development Plan begins, I regret to inform you that we will not be able to provide our canteen service to our families. At the moment, we would envisage there will be no canteen service during Term 2 and Term 3. As soon as the canteen is relocated and outfitted, Mrs Treasure and her wonderful band of volunteers will be back, creating delicious lunches for our students. I sincerely apologise for the temporary inconvenience.

### AFTERNOON PICK UP

We will return to 'pre-covid' conditions for the beginning of Term 2. Therefore, Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students will be dismissed at 2:50pm with the early bus students. As always, siblings of Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students will be dismissed at this time as well. Pre-primary to Year 6 students will be dismissed at 3:00pm. We do ask for your patience as we settle into the new routine.

These arrangements are subject to change, depending upon WA Health and CEWA directives in response the COVID conditions as we return in Term 2.

### STAFFING ADJUSTMENTS

Due to Mrs Jones taking maternity early next term, I would like to announce Ms Donna Knight will be our Music Specialist (Tuesday and Wednesday) and Mrs Zoe Ramsay has offered to take the Pre-Kindergarten on Thursday each week. This will certainly assist our Pre Kindergarten students transitioning to Kindergarten in 2023.

Mrs Jones will return early Term 3 and on behalf of all of our St Joseph's school community, would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Jones for her enthusiasm for The Arts which has been clearly manifested in the murals on Camp Road fence, the mosaics of St Augustine in the Church and of course the wonderful choreography created for our Christmas Concerts over the last few years. I am delighted to advise, that Mrs Jones has promised to continue these traditions on her return!

As mentioned in my previous newsletter, Ms Gangell will be our Principal for Week One as I will be on Long Service Leave accompanying my eldest grandson as he competes in the National Little Athletics Championships in Melbourne. I have every confidence in Ms Gangell and the entire staff

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at St Joes will continue to ensure the smooth deliver of the educational, spiritual, physical and well-being of all our community during this time.

### **TERM TWO UNIFORM CHANGE & PHOTO DAY:**

There will be a two-week changeover period in Term Two for winter uniform. Year 3-6 students are to be in full winter uniform by Monday 9 May 2022. School photos will be on Wednesday 11 May 2022.

### **EASTER RAFFLE:**

Thanks to the generosity of the school community we raffled off 76 prizes today in the Easter raffle and raised over \$1,000 which will be donated to Caritas. Thankyou for supporting this fundraiser.

### **COVID SELF REPORTING:**

Please continue to use both CEWA and WA Health COVID portals,

[www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/ratrigister](http://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/ratrigister)

<https://cewa-collections.powerappsportals.com/COVID-19-Self-Reporting-Form/>

if necessary, and unless things change all students from Year 3-6 will still be required to wear masks.

I would really like to thank all our families for the way you have supported our entire school community during this time. We have been extremely lucky to have very few Covid cases, most occurring without the risk of infecting others at school. Yesterday, we sent a communication regarding one infectious case in Kindergarten and the appropriate advice has been sent to the families, luckily our Kindergarten students are now on holiday!

Project Compassion boxes can still be sent in early next Term or they can be handed in during Mass over the holidays.

As we enter into the final week of Lent, please keep the world, including Ukraine, in your prayers and I am grateful that, even with all the COVID restrictions, adjustments and paperwork, we are indeed blessed to be in WA and free from most the worries that surround us.

**STUDENTS RESUME TERM TWO ON TUESDAY 26 APRIL 2022**

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As we move into Easter I would like to offer this simple prayer:

*Dear God*

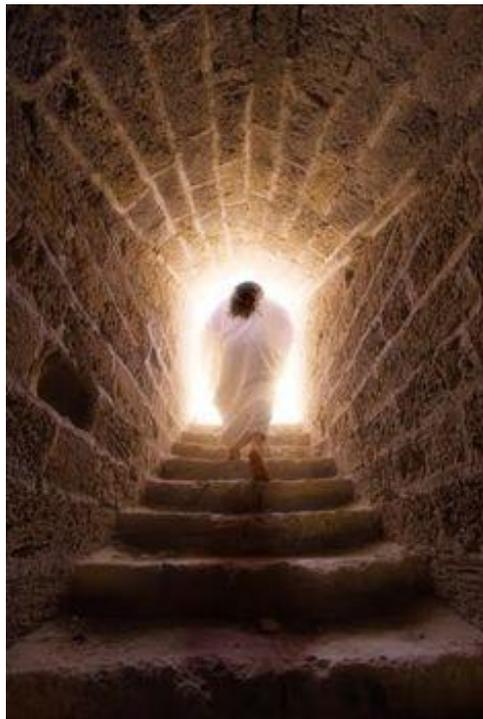
*We praise you in the Easter season*

*Change our lives, change our hearts to be messengers of Easter joy and hope.*

*Help us to reflect your light as we try to bring the Kingdom of Heaven into Our daily lives.*

*We ask this through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord forever.*

*Amen*



Please take care of yourselves. May you and your families receive God's abundant blessings.

Mrs Joy Ketteringham *Principal*

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