



Infant Jesus School
Parent Information Booklet
Year 3 2018



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Our aspiration, at Infant Jesus School, is to provide a world-class Catholic school where students and staff flourish. As a **LEADing Learning School** the following **nine key drivers** support our beliefs and approach to developing successful learners.

We provide an environment where our students are -

Catholic learners who are supported to develop a relationship with Jesus and attain the beliefs, values, attitudes, knowledge, skills and practices which will enable them to achieve Christ's vision of the human person.

Nurtured learners who care, help, cooperate and build positive relationship in a happy learning environment where every student feels safe and has the opportunity to participate in all activities.

Play-Based learners who learn through problem based play activities which motivate and enrich learning and provide all children with the opportunity to experience independence and guidance; free choice and direction; incidental and planned activities; individual and group work and free inquiry and intentional teaching.

Contemporary learners who are provided with opportunities to make decisions and choices to suit their learning needs, deepen insights and meaning to empower, connect and challenge their thinking.

Motivated learners who are competent, bring a wealth of knowledge to each task, are supported to take risks and develop an attitude of responsibility which promotes excellence and achievement of the full potential of each student.

Life-long learners who are active in the learning process and develop skills in problem-solving, thinking, collaboration, communication and creativity through meaningful and purposeful tasks.

Innovative learners who are challenged to be lateral thinkers and innovative problem solvers and use technology as a tool to enhance the learning in physical spaces that provide opportunities for practical hands-on experiences.

Connected learners who are encouraged to mutual respect with one another and develop empathy and care. A healthy partnership is maintained between the home, parish and school.

Leaders as learners where a passion for learning, knowledge of currently research, the concept of continuous improvement and high standards of professional practice inspire and engage others. All students are empowered to be leaders



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SCHOOL PRIORITIES 2018

Whole School Focus

Infant Jesus will continue last years focus on Mathematics. In addition we will focus on reading comprehension.

Our motto **#ExpectGreatThings** inspires staff, students and parents to reach their full potential.

IMPORTANT DATES

Term One

- Friday 9th February- Back to School Picnic
- Wednesday 14th February- Whole School Mass- Ash Wednesday
- Thursday 8th March- Class Mass Year 3 and 4
- Saturday 17th March- Family Mass
- Week 8- Parent Teacher Interviews
- Friday 30th March- Good Friday
- Sunday 1st April- Easter Sunday
- Monday and Tuesday 2nd-3rd April- Easter Sunday
- Wednesday 4th April- Whole School Mass
- Thursday 12th April- Year Three Class Assembly
- Friday 13th April- Last Day of Term



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Year 3 Blue

My name is Yen Wong. I completed my Bachelor of Education majoring in Mathematics at the University of Notre Dame in 2010. My teaching career commenced at St Lawrence Primary in Geraldton. After two years in the country I came back to Perth. Since then I have taught at a number of schools across Perth. During this time I have also taken on various leadership roles such as Key Teacher in Literacy, Numeracy and ICT. I enjoy travelling, exercising, camping, going to the beach and spending time with friends and family.



Melissa Myles

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Year 3 White

My name is Melissa Myles. I graduated from Notre Dame University in 2011 with a Bachelor of Education majoring in Mathematics and Religious Education. I am currently studying for my Masters of Education in Early Childhood, Leadership and Management. I am an Apple Distinguished Educator and a Catholic Education of Western Australia's Exemplary Educator in the Digital Technologies.

My passions include cooking, photography and cheering on the Fremantle Dockers!



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EXPECTATIONS

This year will be a year of growth and achievement for all Year Three children. We are passionate about helping all students experience the success and joy of learning new skills. Your continuing encouragement and support for your child, as well as open and cooperative communication between us, will ensure the best possible outcomes for the children.

To enable the children to have the best learning experiences there are a few things that we ask for your support in.

- **Please be punctual.** The school doors open at 8:30AM to enable the students to organise themselves for the school day. The bell rings at 8:45AM and this is when we commence our day.
- **Be please prepared.** Students are responsible for their learning and the items that they require to successfully achieve this. They need to ensure that their iPad is charged ready for the school day, that all school apps are installed and that they are dressed in their full school uniform.
- **Please be respectful.** As per our Code of Conduct, everyone has the right to feel safe. Please follow the school procedures and rules as these are created to ensure the best outcome for all.
- **Please represent the school with pride.** Infant Jesus School prides itself as being an important part of the community. Correctly wearing the school uniform helps children develop personal pride in themselves and the school.
- **Please notify us of any medical concerns.** Please notify us if your child requires any medication. We request that families keep sick children home from school to prevent the spread of disease.
- **Please communicate openly.** Please feel free to contact us or any other teacher in person, via email, through Seesaw, the school app or phone.
- **Expect Great Things!** We expect great things from your child. We expect great things from you as parents and, you should expect great things from us as teachers.



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CLASS TIMETABLE

SPECIALIST DAYS

Tuesday: Health

Wednesday: Music and Physical Education

Thursday: Liturgical Singing, Library and STEAM

Friday: Italian, Science and Class Sport

Sport uniform is required Wednesday and Friday
Library bag required Thursday



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CLASSROOM EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Religion: Our school Religious Education programme is based on units of work which provide activities that aim to enhance the student's understanding of Religious Education. The programme is systematic and sequenced helping students relate our Catholic faith to their daily lives. This year the Year Threes will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Term Four. More information will be provided closer to the date.

English: This year comprehension is a whole school focus at Infant Jesus School. Our English tasks are planned with the aim of developing the students ability to communicate effectively in all areas; Reading, Writing, Spelling and Speaking and Listening. Integration across all curriculum areas will occur whenever possible. Our programme is differentiated to ensure success for all students.

Mathematics: Mathematics is a school-wide focus area at Infant Jesus School. The students will learn within three stands: Number and Algebra, Statistics and Probability and Measurement and Geometry. Activities are hands on and are based on real life experiences. The students will move from concrete to abstract problems using games, ICT and written strategies. Times tables are introduced in Year Three and we encourage all families to work with their child on this crucial skill.

Integrated Studies: Children will learn about the world in which they live in as they study the humanitarian subjects. Art and Technologies will also be integrated into these lessons. We aim to deliver a creative and inquiry based program.

Science: This Year, Mr Rocco Capolingua will be teaching Science. These lessons will be based on the Primary Connections programme. Students will explore science concepts through specific themes.

Health: Mrs Kerry King will take the children for health where they will continue to develop strategies to cope with everyday life. They will learn how to be healthy and make good choices.

Italian: The students will learn to communicate in a language other than English. They will gain an understanding of Italy and its culture. Mrs Bruna Fomato will run the Italian lesson.



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CLASSROOM EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Music: Music lessons with Ms Claire Condipodero will help develop the students creative skills. The children will learn to listen and recognise pitch, beat and tone.

Physical Education: The children will have two sport sessions a week. Miss Kate Witkowski will teach one lesson a week on a Wednesday. On Fridays the children will have sport with their class teacher. All students are required to wear the correct sport uniforms on Wednesday and Friday.

STEAM: The Year Threes will complete a range of activities based around the technologies curriculum and STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Art Maths) concepts. Class teachers will work alongside Miss Mitzi Phoebe to assist students in working collaboratively to solve problems, develop creativity and think critically, while making cross-curricular links with class topics.



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RECONCILIATION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Year Three is an important year in your child's religious life as they have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The sacramental program is a 'Family Focused, Parish Based, School Supported Program' which is designed to support families with the faith formation and sacramental preparation of their child.

Children wishing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation are required to attend enrolment and commitment masses. These dates will be advertised in the Parish Bulletin and the school newsletter.

The school and parish will arrange a Reconciliation retreat in Term Four.

Reconciliation will be held on:

Monday 5th November
Thursday 8th November



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INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

At Infant Jesus School technology is used to enhance learning. To ensure that your child gets the most out of this wonderful resource we ask for your help on the following:

- Ensure your child's iPad is set to Do Not Disturb during school hours.
- Please refrain from using iMessage, Email or FaceTime to communicate with your child during school hours. All correspondence must go through the front office.
- Please ensure your child's iPad is up to date with the latest updates for both apps and the device.
- Please install all apps from the app list onto your child's device.
- All iPads need to be in a secure case.
- We request that all students have a pair of headphones to enable them to complete set work.

All parents should have the ability to access their child's device and know passwords and passcodes. If you are unsure of the suitability of an app or website that your child is using we recommend you use the Commonsense Media website to view their guidelines. We recommend that you monitor your child's iPad use at home. Information on how to restrict certain apps can be found on the Apple website.

More information about Infant Jesus Schools ICT Policy is available on the school website.

If you have any concerns about technology, please come and speak to us and we will endeavour to help you.



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HOMework

The Infant Jesus School homework policy states that Year Three children are expected to complete 30 minutes of homework a night. Homework will consist of the following:

Spelling
Reading
Mathematics

Spelling

The children are expected to complete Look, Say, Cover, Write check each night. Please ensure that the children mark their spelling words. The children will receive new words each Tuesday. On Monday nights we request that you test your child and record the result in their homework book. Additional spelling work can be found at <http://www.soundwaveskids.com.au>.

The Year Three password is pass180 .

Reading

Year Three children are expected to read aloud to an adult for 10 minutes each evening. We encourage you to assist your child in developing their comprehension skills by asking them a range of literal, inferential and evaluative questions.



Mathematics

The children will have four tasks set each week for Mathematics. These correspond to the content being taught in class. In addition, they will receive a mental maths sheet to complete each evening. This will assist to consolidate their basic number facts. We also encourage you to work with your child on their times tables.

Homework should not be a struggle. If your child is struggling, please do not hesitate to speak to your class teacher.

Additional homework resources and support can be found online at Mathletics, ABC Splash and Khan Academy.



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COMMUNICATION

This year homework will be posted weekly on Seesaw every Tuesday. If you have any questions about the homework please contact us.

Parents have the option to Seesaw message, email, phone or arrange a meeting with class teachers. Please keep in mind that staff meetings are on Tuesday afternoons and staff prayer is on Wednesday mornings. We will be unavailable at these times.

We endeavour to reply to you within 24 hours during school days.

This year we will continue to share a snapshot of what is occurring in the classroom using the app Seesaw.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent teacher interviews are a time to discuss your child's progress. This is an opportunity to share the wonderful things your child has been achieving, their academic progress in class and a time to set goals for their learning journey and future. Parent Interviews will take place this term in Week 8.

If you would like to meet with us earlier or at any other time during the year please feel free to contact us for an appointment.



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WORKING TOGETHER

Children thrive when there is a strong connection between home and school life and we would love to work alongside you this year to make it a wonderful year for your child.

Family Masses

This year Infant Jesus School families will run masses at the parish. More information will be provided in the school newsletter closer to the dates.

Saturday 17 March at 6.00pm

Saturday 25 August at 6.00pm

Classroom Involvement

We would love some assistance with our reading program. If you can assist please fill out the timetable on your classroom door.

Throughout the year we will be cooking, creating and building different things. We would love assistance conducting these tasks. Requests for help will be advertised through Seesaw.

All parent volunteers are required to have completed the Parent Volunteer Workshop.

Excursion

As per our educational program, throughout the year we will be taking the children on different excursions. A note will be sent home prior to the excursion requesting parent volunteers.

Parent Representative Council

A parent from each class forms the Parent Representative Council. All parents are invited to apply. If you are interested in applying please leave your details with your class teacher.



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BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE (OSH)

The school day now begins at 8:45am so class doors will open at 8:30am. For parents who need to drop off their child earlier than 8:00am the school has a Before School Care Facility operated by OSH.

This additional service will be open from 7:00am and includes breakfast plus a range of structured and unstructured fun activities for the children. Child Care rebates are applicable. For further information or to book your child into these sessions please call Head Office Number (08) 9261 3200 (8:00AM to 6:00PM Mon-Fri)



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