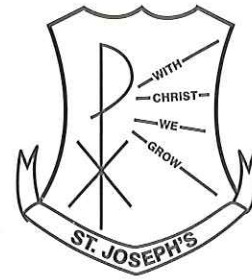


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Friday, February 6th 2015

Principal's News

Yesterday we celebrated Mrs Marshall our Assistant Principal – Religious Education, who was recognised this year for over 30 years of service to Catholic Education. Mrs Marshall has been a member of the St Joseph's School community for twenty-five of those years, and we were very pleased that we could celebrate this wonderful achievement with her family and our school community and recognise her contributions to our school. We are very blessed to have her continued dedication to our school. It was also a wonderful opportunity for our Year 6 students to demonstrate their leadership, in leading this celebration.



This year we welcomed many new families to our school:

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| Archer | Arthy | Atkinson | Byrnannd-Trappes | Coates | Cranston |
| Denman | Emery | Giron | Giumelli | Jacobs | Joynson |
| Kachel | Langtree | Madden | Martin | Merrett | Nickel |
| Peake | Rann | Rawle | Rockley | Rea-Bradbury | Savage |
| Silveira | Smith | Tuiravakai | Turner | Walker | Walker |
| Wallace | Willmore | Xuan | | | |

We hope that you enjoy your time as part of the St Joseph's community.

I have been visiting classrooms this week, a great opportunity to get to know the children in a deeper way. I was struck by the enthusiasm of our students to learn and the wonderful routines already established in such a short time. Your participation in the learning of your children is encouraged, and there are many ways you can get involved through volunteering in a variety of capacities within our school. Your presence is vital and very welcome.

Another way to get involved in our school is through our Parents and Friends Association. Last night we had a great first meeting for the year. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 5 March at 6.30pm in the Library, where we will elect the executive of for 2015. If you are interested in nominating for a position, or want to find out more, please touch base with Linda Coleman or Kyllie Zeglio for more information.

Student of the Week



Prep R Rosie Bell

For being a fantastic leader and role model for the new Prep students. Well done.

Prep W Jaxon Cranston

For a fantastic first week in Prep. Well done.

1B Mitchell Ruhl

For the impressive start you've made to the year! Keep up the fabulous work.

1E Lachlan Jacobs

For being a wonderful addition to 1E. Lachlan you are a very hard worker.

2D Lincoln Heffington

For your positive 'have-a-go' attitude towards all activities.

2S Connor Quartly

For your beautiful manners and working so hard this week.

3R Chayse Hollows

For the beautiful manners you use each and every day. Keep it up.

3RM Matthew Bundesen

For being a consistent hard working class member.

4B Sahara Hill

For your mature approach to the start of Year 4.

4CF Georgia Kershaw

For a great start to Year 4. You are such a hard worker.

5D Hannah Donnelly

For her friendly 'good mornings' and her 'happiness' in the classroom. Thank you.

5H Elijah Hansen

Well done for a great start to the new school year. Keep up the great work.

6B Zante Nickel

For settling into your new school. Well done.

6GG Jacob Muscat

For setting an excellent example with many tasks this week. Keep up the great work.



FEBRUARY

- 13 Parent Information Night/ Welcome BBQ
- 10 First Swimming Lesson 2015
- 17 Swimming Lessons
- 18 Ash Wednesday
- 19 Bishop's Inservice – Pupil Free Day
- 24 Swimming Lessons
- 26 Yr 3 Safety Circus
- 25 Swimming Lessons

APRE NEWS



- 18/2: Ash Wednesday Liturgy 9am. 3R
- 25/2: Anointing mass – year 6's to assist
- 17/3: St Patrick's Day Liturgy – 3RM
- 27/3: Feast Day Liturgy/ Mass – 4B
- 31/3: Palm Sunday Liturgy – Prep R

1/4: Last Supper Liturgy – 2D
 2/4: Stations of the Cross- 9.15am. (Whole school liturgy)

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

PARENT SESSION

[HELD IN ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH AND FOR PARENTS ONLY]

SUNDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 10AM & WEDNESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 7PM

❖ Fr Peter running both sessions

Thank you!

What a wonderful surprise I received yesterday to celebrate my 30+ years with Catholic Education. The assembly and liturgy were beautiful. Thank you so much to everyone, especially Miss Hodges, who made the day such a special one. We are truly blessed to have the wonderful caring community we do at St Joseph's. Once again –thank you so much!

CURRICULUM CORNER

ATTENTION PARENTS / CARERS of students in YEARS FOUR, FIVE AND SIX,

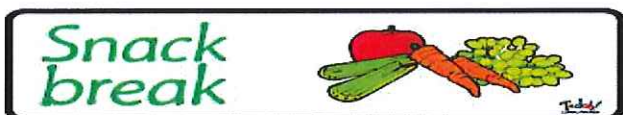
We have received a letter from the Seven Network informing us of an invitation for students in Year 4, 5 & 6 to participate in an Australian themed competition to coincide with the launch of the new historically based television series - Australia: The Story of Us.

Students are eligible to play along in a weekly online quiz where they answer questions related to significant events in Australia's history.

They will compete against other students in NSW for the chance to win a \$10,000 grant for St Joseph's Nth Mackay, plus prizes for the whole family.

The competition starts on Sunday 8 February and it's easy for students and parents to play along.

Please go to Yahoo7.com.au/StoryOfUs-Quiz for more information and downloadable resources.



Snack Break is a set break during the school day when students can eat fruit (or salad vegetables) and drink water in the classroom.

This break is in the morning, as the time between breakfast and first break is quite long, with the aim to help kids to re-fuel

and boost their physical and mental performance and concentration in the classroom.

Each day, students bring a small piece of fruit (or salad vegetable) to school to eat in the classroom, usually at a set time. In addition, each child has a small, clear bottle of water in the classroom to drink throughout the day to prevent dehydration.

Could all parents/carers ensure that your child/children have a small piece of fruit or salad vegetable, eg carrot, in their lunchbox for this break? Students will take it into the classroom at the beginning of the day. As this break is only 5 minutes, could you also ensure that it is an easy and quick to eat fruit snack, by slicing or cutting fruit up for your child to eat. (e.g. A whole apple is not an appropriate choice for this snack break, but a couple of sliced pieces of apple are.)

Other great examples could be: a couple of strawberries, a carrot, a piece of celery, sliced half an apple, etc.

Thanks

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Our PIN will be held Friday night 13th February commencing at 5.45pm. The night will begin with a Welcome and Prayer, followed by Classroom Information Sessions then a P&F sponsored BBQ. Children attending on the night will be able to watch a DVD in the media room under staff supervision and then have an early dinner before their parents.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!

TUCKSHOP NEWS

To help our volunteers in the tuckshop, could all bags please be completed as below:

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|--------------------------------|------|
| JOHN SMITH 3G | |
| LUNCH | |
| Chicken, mayo & lettuce burger | 3.70 |
| Chocolate Milk | 1.70 |
| | 5.40 |

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| JOHN SMITH 3G | |
| AFTERNOON TEA | |
| Homebake | .80 |
| Apple Juice | 1.70 |
| | 2.50 |

Please use separate bags for lunch and afternoon tea.

Thanks
 Linda Coleman 0428 644 491
 Tuckshop Convenor

TUCKSHOP/HOMEBAKE VOLUNTEERS

2015 Tuckshop / Homebake Volunteers

_____, is able to assist as a tuckshop volunteer in 2015.

_____, is able to assist to bake homebake in 2015.

Name: _____

My phone number is: _____

My preferred day for tuckshop/ homebake is:
Mon/ Wed/Fri (please circle)

SCHOOL BUS ASSISTANCE FOR LOWER INCOME FAMILIES

The Safety Net Scheme was developed by the State Government to assist students who do not receive other forms of School Transport Assistance and are members of lower income families.

Who May Be Eligible?

To be eligible for assistance under the Safety Net Scheme, students must be in one of the following categories:

- Students of families eligible for a Health Care Card
- Students eligible for a Health Care Card
- Students of families eligible for a Pensioner Concession Card
- Students of families receiving Veterans Affairs Pension
- Students placed under a Care and Protection Order

Application forms with further details are available by calling into the Translink Division of the Department of Transport and Main Roads in Nelson Street, Mackay or by telephoning 49 518 673.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE ASSISTANCE

Conveyance Allowances is an assistance provided by the Department Transport and Main Roads to eligible parents/guardians who drive their students to school or to the route of a school bus.

There are several types of Conveyance Allowance available. These are determined by the type of school attended, distance driven to school or bus route and the type of school bus service (if any) provided in your area.

Application forms with further details are available by calling into the Translink Division of the Department of Transport and Main Roads in Nelson Street, Mackay or by telephoning 49 51 8673.

WHS UPDATE –MEDICAL ALERT

Every year the school updates Medical 'Action Plans' for children with life threatening conditions eg. anaphylaxis, allergies, medical conditions etc. If your child is currently on our alert system please contact the office to update this information. If you have any questions relating to this, please contact the office.

UNIFORM SHOP

A big thank you to Maria Doyle, Sally Anderson and Fleur Walker who have volunteered to run our Uniform Shop in 2015.

The uniform shop will be open Tuesday mornings from 8.15am – 8.45am and Thursday afternoons from 2.30pm – 3.00pm or by appointment with Maria Doyle – 0408 534 487.

GRACE THROUGH MERCY

1st DVD from a Series of 8 DVD presentations from the Sydney Apostolic Congress on Mercy from the Conference held in October of 2012, followed by devotion to the Divine Mercy, at the Adult Faith Centre, Macalister St Every Thursday from the 5th of February, onwards at 4 pm to 6 pm, Series to end on the 26th of March.

RSVP: Leenore Reddy 0434929742 or <https://www.facebook.com/mackaydeanery/events>

SCHOOL BANKING

The School Banking program encourages good savings habits by rewarding students with awesome reward items. For every 10 deposits made through the program, they can redeem a reward from the Outer Spave Savers range, including ET DVDs, Planet Handballs, Invisible Ink Martian Pens, Intergalactic Rockets, Glow in the Dark Solar Systems, Cosmic Light Beam torches, Outer Spave Savers Money Boxes and Lunar Light Bands.

You could win a family trip to Disneyland

In a School Banking first, students who make 25 or more School Banking deposits in 2015 will automatically receive one entry into the competition draw to win a family trip to California's Disneyland. The prize includes return airfares, five nights accommodation, transfers and three days park entry for up to two adults and two kids, plus AUD \$2,000 spending money.

For more information, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Our School Banking day will be on Thursdays this year commencing next week. Contact the office for a parent pack if you would like to start School Banking.



FOR SALE

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GRADES – Under 6 to Under 16

Sunday 15th February 10:00am to 12:00noon

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Cairns 0427 526 301 email: southsjrl@bigpond.com

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craig.watt@tuttbryanthire.com.au

www.citybrothersfc.com.au

2015 Sign On Day

Sunday 8 February form 10am – 12pm

Nita Fleming Fields: Corner Bridge Road & Juliet Streets

Or self register online www.myfootballclub.com.au

CHESS COMPETITION

The Chess Competition will be held again at Mercy College this year and is open to all year levels. The children will go to Mercy for the day from 8.45am – 2.30pm and the cost is \$18.

The dates are Monday 23 February, Monday 1 June and Monday 17 August. Details can be found on

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