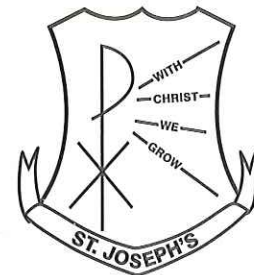


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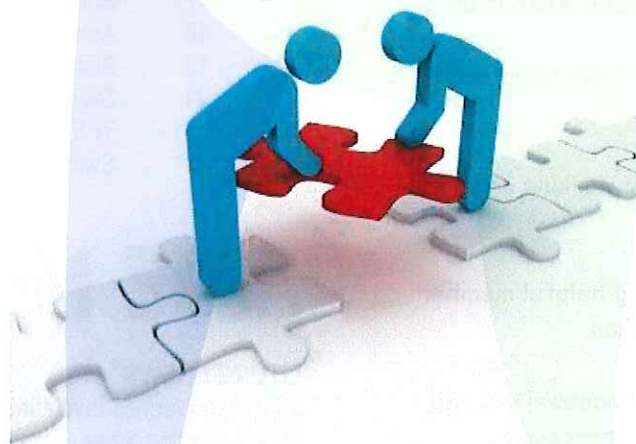
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Friday, February 13th 2015

Dear Parents and Friends

Partnership is an important word, one that we use often to describe the relationship between our families and school. There is much research around the impact of the relationship between parents and schools on the achievement of students. When we think about the word partnership, we consider the responsibilities of families and the responsibilities of the school. But perhaps a more important word to focus on is *involvement*. Our school cannot function without the involvement of the staff and families in our school community. That involvement stretches from school, to home and out into the community. The partnership can only exist with involvement, and it is so pleasing to see the support of our staff and families in working towards building a strong community of partnership within our school.

Our Parent Information to be held tonight is a shining example of this. What a great opportunity for us as a community to come together, identify our goals for the year and how we can work in partnership to achieve these goals. All parents are invited to attend tonight from 5.45pm. We will begin in the hall, followed by an opportunity for teachers to discuss year level specific programs and a BBQ will be provided by our wonderful P and F. I am looking forward to the opportunity to meet more of our school community and hope to see as many of you there as possible. If required, child minding will be provided in the media room in the library following the welcome in the hall.





Prep R Marco Radke

For always being so co-operative with your teachers and classmates. Well done Marco!

Prep W Demelza Walker

For working independently and being a role model.

1B Brooklyn Swara

For your beautiful manners and the kind way you talk to all your classmates.

1E Caitlin McGuire

For always being ready for work. Caitlin, you have beautiful manners.

2D Koby Atkinson

For working hard and trying your best. Well done.

2S Abbey Jacobs

For settling into our class so well. Thank you for your beautiful manners and happy smile.

3R Shelbi Heywood

For the fantastic effort you put into your school work. Well done Shelbi. Keep it up.

3RM Reed Coleman

For following instructions first time, every time. Well done.

4B Lachlan Sorrensen

For your persistence while working on your daily maths facts.

4CF Ethan Haddow

For being a responsible and helpful member of our class. Well done Ethan.

5D Lachlan McDonald

For your neatly presented handwriting and book work. Your effort is appreciated.

5H Camila Rengifo Giron

The enthusiasm you bring to school each day and for the effort you put into your book work.

6B Charlize Currie

For the beautiful presentation of your work. Keep it up.

6GG Riley Sorrensen

For the great effort you have put into creating the Chess Club.



FEBRUARY

- 13 Parent Information Night/ Welcome BBQ 5.45pm
- 17 Swimming Lessons
- 17 Shrove Tuesday - \$1/pancake, limit 2/child
- 18 Ash Wednesday
- 19 Bishop's Inservice – Pupil Free Day
- 24 Swimming Lessons
- 26 Yr 3 Safety Circus
- 25 Swimming Lessons

APRE NEWS



LITURGY 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

Family workshop for Reconciliation
Sunday 22nd February at 10am. This workshop will be repeated on Wednesday 25th February at 7PM These workshops will be held in St Joseph’s School hall

PANCAKE TUESDAY DATE CLAIMER

Lent is traditionally a time of fasting and penitence in preparation for Easter. Traditionally it is a time when we refrain from eating rich foods. Shrove Tuesday's menu was designed to use up all the indulgences such as supplies of flour, eggs and sugar before the Lenten season started on Ash Wednesday. Shrove Tuesday is commonly known as 'Pancake Tuesday'.

"On Tuesday February 17th we will be holding a Pancake Flip at school to raise funds for 'Project Compassion.'
 Project Compassion is Caritas Australia's main fundraising campaign and is held each year during Lent. Our journey through Lent is a time for reflection on how we are living in response to God's love. Each year, during the six weeks of Lent, Project Compassion provides us with six stories from Caritas programs around the world. We learn about participation, dedication, resilience and hope within communities. We learn about the interrelationship of all peoples and what we can accomplish when we work together.

Students are asked to bring a gold coin donation for the pleasure of a pancake !!!!! - on Tuesday 17th February – next Week. Sales will be limited to 2 pancakes per student

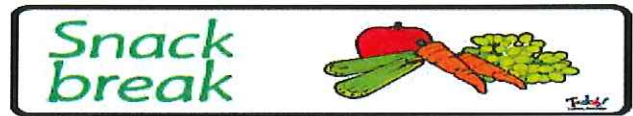
CURRICULUM CORNER



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 15 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 TONIGHT 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!

SCHOOL FEES

Fees for Term 1 will be issued next week. All parent account statements will be emailed to the address provided on the school discount information form. If you have not returned this or think we may have an incorrect email address on file please contact the office ASAP. NO PAPER statements will be posted this term onwards.

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
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FOR SALE

After a major clean out of our hall recently we have some items for sale.



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MOBILE PHONE

Students require written permission to have mobile phones at school. Once permission is given, the following rules must be followed:

- ALL phones, ipads or ipods must be handed into the office at the beginning of the day. These must be switched off before handing in.
- Children collect their phone at the conclusion of the school day

NO PHONES, IPADS OR IPODS are to be kept in a student's bag or desk (even if switched off).



SCHOOL BANKING DAY CHANGE

Please note – due to the newsletter now being published on a Friday, School Banking Day will now be **THURSDAYS**.



MUNCHKIN LEAGUE

Munchkin League is designed to give children a fun, safe introduction to Rugby League. Please find the details below to register your child for our first ever Munchkin League Gala Day.

Age Group: 3 – 6 year Olds

When: 8th -9th April

Cost : \$40 (Includes shirt/pack)

Where: Mackay JRLFC, Casey Avenue, Mackay

Times: 9.30 – 11.30 (3 & 4 year olds)

12.30 – 2.30 (5 & 6 year olds)

Please register at:

www.northqlddevelopment.leaguenet.com.au

For more information contact **Renaë Kunst:**

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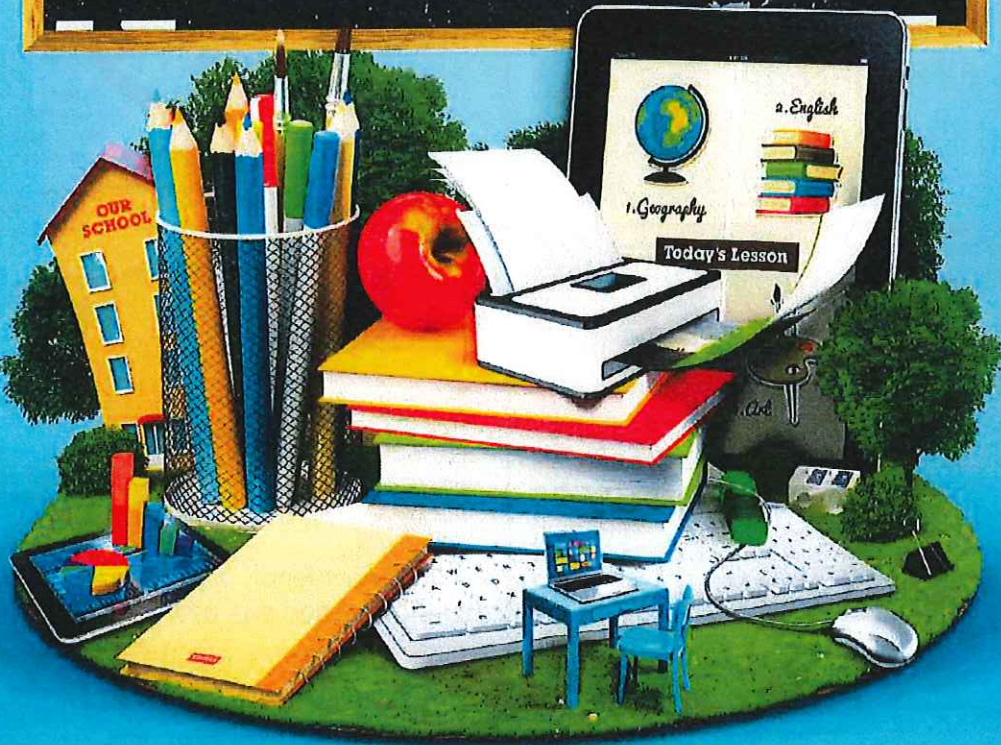
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