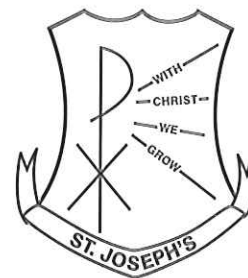


# Joey's Journal



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Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 2014

Dear Parents and Caregivers,



This week, our Year 3, 5 and 7 children have participated in this year's NAPLAN Tests.

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in schools across Australia undertake the NAPLAN tests on the same days (13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> May). Students have their skills assessed in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar), and Numeracy. All students are encouraged to participate in the national tests and special

provisions are made for those children with special needs.

The NAPLAN results, when used in combination with school based reporting and assessment, provide information on how students are progressing and support improvements in teaching and learning. Teachers use the NAPLAN results to help them better identify students who require greater challenges or additional support. Schools use NAPLAN results to inform teaching and learning programs and to set goals for students in Literacy and Numeracy.

In the past there has been a lot of varying discussion, especially in the popular media, about the interpretation of various school results. The tests have value and are a useful resource for teachers and schools to analyse and plan accordingly to improve systems and children's progress in their primary years. The vital thing to remember, though, is that they are only *one point in time* - 'a snap-shot', and teachers use a whole range of assessment tools to gain a good understanding of how your child is progressing. The major concern about these tests is not the tests themselves, but the use of them as a means of comparing schools. Profiles of classes within a school can vary and be very different, so trying to compare, "like schools" on such a narrow measurement tool is misleading and wrong.

- NAPLAN tests are undertaken by students as a normal part of their learning program. Teachers have ensured students are prepared for the tests and have provided appropriate support and guidance.
- NAPLAN tests are a snapshot of your child's learning via a formal written test format. Please ensure that you consider their results (when they arrive around Term 3) in conjunction with your child's school based reporting and in consultation with your child's teacher. And finally,
- Parents and carers can best assist students by making them feel comfortable about the nature and purpose of the tests. Assure your child that the NAPLAN tests will give them another opportunity to show what they know and can do.

We hope the children feel that they have done their best, thus far, and we wish them all the best for the conclusion of their Numeracy Test tomorrow. Further information can be accessed at [www.naplan.edu.au](http://www.naplan.edu.au), as mentioned in Mrs Mallet's Newsletter article last week. Please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Mallet (APC) should you have any future queries or concerns regarding the tests.





# STUDENT of the WEEK!

## Prep P Ella-Jade Jackson-Gee

For using beautiful manners to her teachers and Prep friends.

### Seanna Murphy

For being so keen to learn, especially in our Dr Seuss unit.

## Prep R Deep Inder Singh

For your fantastic work in Maths groups this week. Your participation in working out number stories to 5 was great. Well done.

### Cooper Boyce

For your excellent rhyming work for our 'there's a Blass in our Class' book. Keep it up.

## 1B Lincoln Heffington

For being a wonderful role model for others. You always try your hardest in all classroom activities.

### Leilani Dobbins

For the positive attitude and happy face you bring to school each day. Thank you.

## 1E Amber McCarthy

For the most amazing effort you put into your homework each week.

### Olivia Radke

For being a Super Speller every week. Well done.

## 2D Chayse Hollows

For putting in a super effort in reading groups.

### Beau Byrne

For the effort and improvement you've shown in your reading and writing.

## 2WM Kort James

For his wonderful use of adjectives in his writing. Well done.

### Matthew Hof

For putting in his best work during Daily 5. Keep it up.

## 3C Makenzey Boyce

For your wonderful journal writing and the sensible way you joined in during literacy rotations. Keep it up.

### Gwen Laffy

For the wonderful effort you have put towards your homework and spelling. Keep up the fabulous work.

## 3H Georgia Kershaw

For always using beautiful manners, being so helpful and kind and listening so well every single day.

## Rhys Thompson

For working so well for the relief teacher. I am very proud of your hard work. Thank you.

## 4D Dustin James

For applying yourself so conscientiously when learning about mixed numbers. Good boy!

### Brodie Bell

For working quickly to complete your 'Which Continent Am I?' quiz clues. Keep trying hard Brodie.

## 4FP Maddison Wilson

For a great start on your explorer research task. Well done.

### Ethan Heart

For working well in Religion lessons. Great effort.

## 5B Ethan Deck

For being such a great help in the classroom. Thank you for the extra effort.

### Isabella Dowden

For being such a great role model for you peers. Keep it up.

## 5R Zack Bessell

For your helpful and caring attitude. You're a fabulous role model for your peers.

### Brady Lawson

For your incredible efforts in your numeracy and literacy tasks this week. Well done.

## 6D Max Hill

For working hard and completing his work during Religion. Well done.

### Sophie Eden

For her polite manners and positive attitude displayed in class. Thank you.

## 6GG Mekenna Bowman

For always completing your bookwork to the best of your ability.

### Emma Johnstone

For your cheerful approach to each day. You brighten our classroom.

## 7B Lachlan McKendry

For the contributions you made to our SWAP group training on Tuesday.

### TJ Deck

For your mature and responsible approach to our Peer Support training. Well done.



## MAY

13-15	NAPLAN- Yr 3, 5 & 7
14	Confirmation
20	ICAS Computer



# APRE NEWS



## LITURGY NEWS

*Our Lady Help of Christians: Liturgy Friday 23/5*

A very big thank you to those staff and students who led us in a reflective Mother's Day liturgy on Friday. Special thanks to those wonderful ladies – Kyllie, Lynda and Tina who helped organise our little gifts for those mums present at Friday's liturgy. I hope all our mums were treated to lots of spoiling and tender loving care on Sunday.

### Prayers please

We remember all those in our community who are unwell or recovering from illness. We ask for prayers for Mrs Belinda Downes, Mrs Julie Rowen and James Warrington Love. James was a 'preppie' at St Joey's last year and is seriously ill in Brisbane.

*Dear Lord bless all who are sick,  
especially those in our school community.  
May they experience, in a special way,  
the great love and concern Jesus has for them.*

### Prayers for those who have died

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who have experienced the loss of a loved one recently, especially Trent Danastas (6GG) and his family. Trent lost his grandmother earlier this week.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord  
May perpetual light shine upon them  
May they rest in peace Amen*

## SACRAMENTAL NEWS

Please remember in your prayers all those students who are participating in the Sacramental Program. Students will be making their confirmation tonight at 6.30.

## EVANGELII GAUDIUM

Since his election, Pope Francis has surprised and refreshed the Church and the world in many ways. He has done it again with the publication of the first text which is definitely his own, the Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium. – which translates to "The Joy of the Gospel". In this pastoral resource Pope Francis poses seven challenges for us on which he invites us to ponder and respond in our daily lives.

**Challenge 2: Let us not allow ourselves to be robbed of the joy of evangelisation!**

Pope Francis wants our lives to be radically enriched by the Word of God. The actions of Pope Francis himself give us an important lesson about the powerful impact one person can have simply by doing small things in a gospel way.

How can I live the Joy of the Gospel? Each week in the spirit of Pope Francis' joyful and action oriented pastoral approach a simple action which we can perform will be included in our newsletter.

**Organise a memorable family meal. Invite a guest who doesn't have a family to turn to**

Living the Gospel is a great joy, and a great challenge and a great joy, one which we undertake day by day step by step. Strength to your journey!!

## POSITION VACANT

### School Teacher Aide Opportunity (Set time Contract)

St Joseph's wish to advise that a Teacher Aide opportunity for 29 hours per week for a limited contract from 26<sup>th</sup> May to 27 July (end of Term 2) is available for an interested person. We would invite expressions of interest from any person who currently holds a Blue Card, has experience/appropriate qualifications with working with children and is keen to work in the area of supporting children's learning. If you are interested please send your expression of interest and resume addressed to the Principal as soon as possible, closing date will be Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May.



## NETBALL

### 17/05/2014

9's Joeys Gems	3.30pm	Crt 7
10's Joeys Opals	2.15pm	Crt 1
11's Joeys Topaz	11.45am	Crt 4
11's Joeys Diamonds	1.00pm	Crt 7
13's Joeys Rubies	10.30am	Crt 6
13's Joeys Sapphires	1.00pm	Crt 3

### UMPIRES

8.00am	CRT 3
	CRT 5
11.45am	CRT 6
1.00pm	CRT 4

## HOCKEY



**Could all hockey registration forms please be handed in with payment ASAP.**

There will be no school hockey games this week due to the Men's Veteran Carnival. Games will resume next week as normal.

## SCHOOL FEES – DUE 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE

All school fees have now been issued. The due date for fees is 5<sup>th</sup> June.

Fees can be paid via Cash, Cheque, Credit Card, EFTPOS and Internet Banking. EFTPOS facility is available Mon - Thursday 8:30am – 3.30pm. Internet banking details as follows:

A/C Name: St Joseph's Catholic Primary School  
BSB: 034-210  
ACCOUNT: 810170  
REFERENCE: Account code at top right hand corner of invoice.

*If you have any questions or do not receive your account please contact Di at the school office. Ph: 49573355*



# ENROLMENTS 2015

Enrolments for Prep are currently being taken for the 2015 school year. Parents of children born between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010 are asked to complete an enrolment form available from the school's office. Enrolments for Years 1-7 are also currently being taken for 2015.

## TUCKSHOP NEWS

TUCKSHOP ROSTER	
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Judy Kay, Lisa Hackney, Donna Byrne
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Kylee Kister, Kelly Hawthorne
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Lida Ospana
HOMEBAKE ROSTER	
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Judy Kay, Camille Ford, Sharlene Sherry
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Pam Johnstone, Aimee Joyson
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Lauren Nord, Melanie Kay

\*\*\*SPAGHETTI BOLOGNAISE is also available from the tuckshop for \$3.20\*\*\*\*

## SCHOOL BANKING

Keep saving to win a family underwater adventure holiday and make friends with the dolphins at Sea World. For your chance to win a share of exciting prizes, simply make three or more deposits at school during term 2 and you'll be automatically entered into the competition. To find out more, visit [commbank.com.au/deepseasavers](http://commbank.com.au/deepseasavers)



## YEAR 6 & 7 CAMP SPONSORSHIP

This year our year 6 & 7's will be travelling to Melbourne. We are looking for sponsors to help cover the costs associated with the trip. All sponsors logos will be printed on the back of our senior/travel shirts. If you are able to help in any way please contact Di in the office on 4957 3355.

## LIBRARY NEWS



May is NATIONAL FAMILY READING MONTH. To celebrate literacy and reading, there will be two events held this month at St Joseph's. The first is our Scholastic Book Fair. St Joseph's holds two Book Fairs each year, the first of which is detailed following.

The second event is National Simultaneous Storytime, which will be held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> at 11am. Each class will read the book 'Too many elephants in this house' by Ursula Dubosarsky. Some classes then participate in activities based on the book.

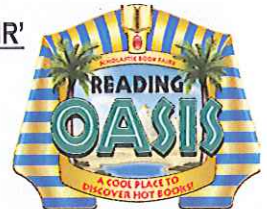
### YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR 'BOOK FAIR'

When? Mon 19<sup>th</sup> May to Wed 21<sup>st</sup> May

Where? Library

Time? 8.00am to 3.30pm

Theme: 'Reading Oasis: A cool place to discover hot books!'



Come along and purchase quality books while raising funds for our school. If you purchase a book from the Book Fair you go into the 'Lucky Draw' (drawn assembly Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> May). Book fair sales is mostly run by parent volunteers, so if you are able to help out, please complete the slip below and return to either the office or library. **Parents please note that if we do not get any volunteers for the afternoons, we may have to close Book Fair during these times.**

### Book Fair Volunteers Required

I will be able to help with 'sales' during Book Fair

- Monday morning between 8am to 8.30am (19<sup>th</sup> May)
- Monday afternoon between 3pm to 3.30pm (19<sup>th</sup> May)
- Tuesday morning between 8am to 8.30am (20<sup>th</sup> May)
- Tuesday afternoon between 3pm to 3.30pm (20<sup>th</sup> May)
- Wednesday morning between 8am to 8.30am (21<sup>st</sup> May)
- Wednesday afternoon between 3pm to 3.30pm (21<sup>st</sup> May)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

Have a great week!

Ms Sheree Morrison  
Library Co-Ordinator



## SICK CHILDREN

If children are unwell through the night or before school, please keep them at home until they recover. We fully appreciate that parents don't wish their children to miss school, but many illnesses are easily passed on between children and spread quickly. Please keep the wellbeing of



other children and staff in mind when deciding whether or not to send ill children to school.

## PICK UP & DROP OFF TIMES

Just a reminder to all parents that students should not be at school prior to 8.15am and should be picked up before 3.25pm. Students should not be at school outside these hours as there is no teacher on duty to supervise them. For safety reasons children are not permitted to play, use sports gear or playground equipment after school unless as part of supervised training.

We thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION NAIDOC SHIRTS

We would like to offer all of our students, families and staff the opportunity to purchase a Catholic Education NAIDOC shirt which have been designed by Duane Brown from Custom sportswear. The cost of a shirt is \$38.50 each.

NAIDOC week falls during the school holidays from the 6 – 12 July, however we will have some staff and students from our Catholic schools marching, and we welcome students and families to join us.

If you would like to purchase a Catholic Education NAIDOC shirt, please visit your schools finance office and kindly ask for an order form on which there is a sizing chart to help you select the correct size for you and your family. All orders must be in by Thursday 22 May 2014. **LATE ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.** Printing of the NAIDOC shirts will be complete by 20 June and they will be distributed in the days following.



Bree Sinn  
Regional Indigenous Education Liaison Officer



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## HOLY SPIRIT COLLEGE 30 Year Anniversary of Secondary Schooling



We are delighted to invite past and present staff, students and parents to commemorate 30 years since the first Year 8s enrolled at what was then, Emmanuel Catholic School.

### Celebration Dinner

Thursday 22 May at the Windmill Motel & Reception Centre

2-course meal \$46/person

RSVP & payments:

<https://register.eventarc.com/22664/hsc-30-year-dinner>

### Feast Day Mass

Friday 23 May at Holy Spirit College

RSVP for seating:

<https://register.eventarc.com/23091/hsc-feast-day-mass>

For more information call

Vicki Heggie or Natasha McCallum at the College  
4969 2600

## Making Stepfamilies Work: A Course for Couples—in Mackay

Stepfamilies face unique challenges for all family members, which are not always recognised.



Making Stepfamilies Work is a course specifically for couples either in a stepfamily, or considering forming one. The course covers central issues faced by stepfamilies, including:

Living with someone else's children  
The discipline challenge  
Looking after yourselves as a couple  
Communication  
Conflict resolution

The Course will run over 6 weeks  
from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at The Shakespeare Child and Family Centre,  
43 Shakespeare St

Childcare will be available for a small fee  
The cost per couple is \$65 (fees negotiable) for all six sessions

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FRC on 1300 783 544 or Centacare on 1300 523 985





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