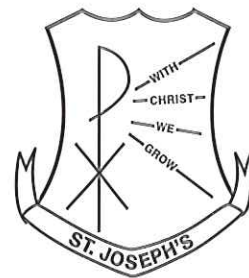


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St Joseph's SWAP Groups

2014 Begin...



Last Friday our school's Peer Support Programme: **SWAP GROUPS** recommenced. This involved all our children from Prep to Year 7 being divided into small groups of mixed age. The nature and purpose of SWAP Groups is to promote a Peer Support platform for children of varying age groups represented here in our school community.

The Groups are led by peer leaders, our Year 6 & 7 students, who run and lead the groups through awareness raising activities that strive to broaden the children's understanding about good studentship, values and various coping strategies for children as they grow up. Staff

Members are allocated a presence in each group, but the facilitation of the work and the lessons taught are the responsibility of our Year 6 & 7 Group Leaders.

Research done in Australia and abroad confirm that Peer Support Programmes have a positive and community building effect on children. The success of the SWAP Groups is based on this idea of creating small groups that are led by peer students. The leaders are pre-trained and get a real opportunity to practise the skills of leadership in practical and worthwhile activities in Terms 2 and 4 here at St Joseph's. The groups meet regularly, develop working relationships, and do engaging/ fun activities whose purpose is to strengthen: confidence, self-esteem and friend networks across age levels.

There are numerous benefits for students, staff and the whole community as a result of the effective implementation of our SWAP group sessions (each week). The benefits to our Year 6 & 7 leaders are:

- Practise of leadership skills.
- Developing confidence in leading a group.
- Acting as positive role models.
- Enhancing their own life skills and
- Developing organisational and time management skills.

For the younger children, who attend our SWAP groups, they are provided with an optimum learning environment in which to:

- Learn life skills through fun and safe activities.
- Form positive relationships with Peer leaders and teachers.
- Practise cooperation and collaboration and
- Build confidence to actively participate.

For the school community, the benefits include but are not limited to:

- Building positive relationships across the school.
- Contributing to a supportive classroom environment.
- Building a safer and cohesive community.
- Promoting positive studentship and
- Forming relationships across community groups.

I have been very impressed with the personality development and general confidence and support demonstrated in the group of children I've had the privilege of being a part, over the last two years (the "Bright Sparks"). The children are supportive and encouraging of one another and the initiative shown by our activity leaders has been a delight to witness. St Joseph's children look forward to and love participating in SWAP Groups.

Yours In Chris, Shane

Aiming Higher, Achieving More



STUDENT of the WEEK!

Prep P Cooper Joynson

For a great effort presenting his Show and Tell this week.

William Kay

For an informative and well shared Personal history timeline. Well done.

Prep R Noah Neilson

For all the hard work you do around the classroom and the helpful hands you offer to your friends and teachers. Thank you.

Rosie Bell

For all the hard work you have been putting into learning your numbers from 1 to 5. Keep it up.

1B Alexis Armitage

For the impressive effort you put into your writing. You work hard to sound out unknown words.

Mia Davies

For the fabulous reading groups. Keep up the great work.

1E Mitchell Ruhl

For all his amazing work during Daily 5 groups.

Brayden Nemitz

For his amazing work during Guided Reading Groups.

2D Zac Jesonowski

For the amazing effort you put into completing set tasks.

Toby Hackney

For a brilliant, illustrated story retell of Enoch the Emu.

2WM Nyah Anderson

For her reverence during prayer.

Reed Coleman

For being a fantastic role model during meditation. Thank you.

3C Sarah Kirkwood

For the kindness you show towards the members of our class. Thank you for sharing your kind heart.

Anna Zhang

For consistently approaching each day with a positive and hard-working attitude. Thank you Anna.

3H Trey Sturgess

For always demonstrating an excellent work ethic. You are always ready and willing to learn.

Zoe Downes

For always following instructions during class and completing your work to the best of your ability. Thank you.

4D Aidan Vincent

For consistently displaying lovely manners and always trying hard to do the right thing.

Oscar Tweddle

For concentrating on producing some very neat handwriting in your handwriting book.

4FP Eliza Petersen

For pleasing results on your maths tests. You worked so hard. Well done.

Dane Wilson

For always doing your best and being on task in class. Well done.

5B Taylor Uriarte

For being a quiet conscientious worker in the classroom. Keep up the wonderful work.

James Clarke

For being a great help to others and doing things without having to be asked. Thank you.

5R Ashley Bessell

For your great effort and determination during our NAPLAN tests. Well done.

David Ruhl

For your amazing efforts in your homework each week. Fantastic.

6D Rhys Penfold

For your efforts of being a fantastic 'Ned Kelly' and learning your parts very well for our assembly on Friday.

Erin Wicks

For being considerate of others in our class and lending a helping hand.

6GG Melanie Weston

For putting a 100% effort into everything you do. You are an excellent role model.

Emily Kirkwood

For the great pride you take in all your bookwork. It is a pleasure marking your work.

7B Jahvan Cole

For the right choices you have made. It has made the world of difference.

Briena Dean

For the effort you made in leading your first SWAP group.



MAY

31 Celebration of the Eucharist

JUNE

1 Celebration of the Eucharist

4 ICAS Science

5 Athletics Carnival

APRE NEWS



LITURGY NEWS

This Friday the school will be celebrating a short liturgy for Our Lady Help of Christians. All parents are welcome.

The feast day to Mary Help of Christians has been celebrated in Australia since 1844 but the history to this day dates back to the start of the 1800's.

Napoleon Bonaparte had jailed Pius VI who died in jail. When Pope Pius VII was elected he too was jailed by Bonaparte, who kept him prisoner at Fontainebleau.

The Holy Father vowed to God that if he were restored to the Roman See, he would institute a special feast in honour of Mary.

The military eventually forced Bonaparte to release the Pope and on 24 May 1814, Pius VII returned in triumph to Rome. Twelve months later the Pope decreed that the feast of Mary Help of Christians be kept on 24 May.

The infant church in Australia had a special reason for turning to Mary. No priests were sent to the colony in its early days and Mass was not allowed except for one brief year until 1820. It was largely the Rosary in those early days that kept the faith alive.

Catholic Australia remained faithful to Mary and was the first nation to choose her under the title Help of Christians, as Principal Patroness.

When Australia became the first country to have Mary Help of Christians as Patroness, it became the first country to have a mother-cathedral under the same title.

The Church has traditionally focused on two aspects of Our Lady's help on this feast day.

Firstly, upon the role of Our Lady's intercession in the fight against sin the life of a believer.

Secondly, Our Lady is one who assists Christians as a community, through her intercession, in fighting against anti-Christian forces.

Prayer:

Mary Help of Christians patroness of Australia and of the Military Ordinariate

Almighty God, deepen in our hearts our love of Mary Help of Christians.

Through her prayers and under her protection, may the light of Christ shine over our land.

May Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace.

Grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens.

Bless especially the men and women

of the Australian Defence Force and their families.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Mary Help of Christians, pray for us.

First Eucharist

First Eucharist will be celebrated on the weekend of the 31st May at all masses, St Joseph's and St Brendan's.



Congratulations to all the following students who received the sacrament of Confirmation last Wednesday.

Aaron Ely, Dylan Fahl, Kadence Fricke, Zach Grima, Mikaela Hurley, Declan Jones, Georgia Smith, Jacob Wicks, Lily Wilschut, and Melanyna Zeglio

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.

Turn off the TV or radio, close down your computer, iphone, ipad.... and be more present to your family.

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!!

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.



NETBALL

24/05/2014

9's Joeys Gems	3.30pm	Crt 7
10's Joeys Opals	2.15pm	Crt 3
11's Joeys Topaz	11.45am	Crt 3
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 7
11.45am	CRT 6
1.00pm	CRT 3

HOCKEY



Hockey Draw 23rd & 24th May 2014

Friday 23rd May

U7		
St Joseph's v Eimeo Rd	3:50pm	Sand A
U9		
St Joseph's v Northview	4:30pm	Turf C
U13 Boys		
Mercy Green v Wests	3:45pm	Turf
Mercy Navy vConan's	5:05pm	Turf
Umpires		
Kyan Murphy	3:50pm	Sand A
Ben Howlett	4:30pm	Turf C

Saturday 24th May

Please note that this is a wet weather draw due to the grass fields being unavailable because of heavy rain throughout the week.

U11 Girls

St Francis Joeys v Wests 10:30am Turf

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Emmanuel Joeys v St Francis 12:45pm Turf

Vic Park Joeys v Eimeo Rd 8:15am Turf

U13 Girls

Mercy White v West's 1:30pm Turf

Mercy v HSC 7:30am Turf

Umpires

Mekenna Bowman 3:45pm Turf

SCHOOL FEES – DUE 5th JUNE

All school fees have now been issued. The due date for fees is 5th 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

We are currently taking enrolments for **PREP 2015**. The *first round* of interviews will start next Monday 26-30th May. Children born between **July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010** are eligible for Prep 2015. If you have a child or know of someone who would like to enrol their child at St Joseph's for next year, please contact Melissa Fahl in the office on 4957 3355. Remember, 'Word of Mouth' is a powerful promotion of our school community, which in turn drives our growth as a vibrant school. We need as many people advocating for our great school in the wider community.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

TUCKSHOP ROSTER	
Friday 23 rd May	Karen Phillips, Joyce Kelly
Monday 26 th May	Kylee Kister, Kelly Hawthorn
Wed 28 th May	Tamara Pace, Lida Ospara
HOMEBAKE ROSTER	
Friday 23 rd May	Belinda Edgerton, Joyce Kelly, Karen Phillips
Monday 26 th May	Christine Davies, Lyn Harris
Wed 28 th May	Kerry Howlett, Susan Hogson

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.

Have a great week!



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.

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE TIMES

We have a few students arriving at school extremely early in the mornings and leaving late in the afternoons. Can I please remind all parents that children should not be at school prior to 8.10am when teacher supervision commences. It is concerning to have children arriving at school before staff members are on duty. Also, I ask that children are picked up at the designated pick up/drop off area behind the church (Grendon Street) by 3.25pm at the latest in the afternoon. Children are **not to wait** for their parents at the office (Canberra Street). If you are running late a phone call to the office to make us aware is appreciated. Thank you for your support in this matter.

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION LESSONS

Health and Physical Education lessons form part of our school's curriculum, and as such, every child is expected to participate in these lessons. There have been a number of children stating they are unable to participate without any notification from parents. If your child needs to be excused from these lessons due to medical or any other reason, a letter should be written to the class teacher. We thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

SCHOOL BOARD

Did you know that St Joseph's had a School Board?, and do you know what role it takes?

St Joseph's, and all Catholic Schools within the Diocese, have an appointed School Board. The role of the Board is not like the name would suggest, or what we might see on TV about Boards running Schools, rather it is advisory only and works in a collaborative manner particularly with the Principal to assist with items such as School Policy, and as a sounding board for proposed changes in School activities.

The following from a recent Diocese Board Chairs meeting probably best summarises the role -

- *It's not a governance role but one based on the 'Shared Wisdom' model*
- *Need to be 'keepers of the flame' in terms of the Catholicity and ethos of the School.*

Who is currently on the Board?

The Board is made up of staff and parent reps. Currently the Board is David McKendry(Chair), Shane Hair, Anne Marshall, Jack Weston, Brad Kirkwood, and Di Wilson

Interested in being involved?

If you have an interest in being involved, either for 2014, or for the following year, please feel free to make contact with someone from the Board initially to discuss further.

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

CONGRATULATIONS

..to **Abbi Wilson, Claire Colwill and Ethan Currie** who were successful at the recent Capricornia School Hockey Trials in Rockhampton. They will now compete in the State trials to be held in Brisbane in June.

Congratulations and good luck in Brisbane.



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.

Many thanks
Bree Sinn
Regional Indigenous
Education Liaison
Officer



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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.

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Thursday 22 May at the Windmill Motel & Reception Centre

2-course meal \$46/person

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

Feast Day Mass

Friday 23 May at Holy Spirit College

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

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