

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another very busy week here at school with lots of visitors from our Catholic Education Office as well as the Building Grants Committee from QCEC to assess our building proposal for Stage 2. The Grants committee were here yesterday to assess and approve funds for a further 2 classrooms, some additional admin space and the extension of the Flexible Learning space. Thank you to Donna Machin, our P & F president for representing our parent body at this meeting. Donna's input gave valuable parent and community insight to the committee on the establishment of the school in Weipa.

This Monday night 16th May our Parents and Friends association meet at 7pm in the Multi-purpose room. I encourage all parents to come along to this first meeting which is crucial to setting priorities for the school P & F over the next 12 months. It is important that the P & F hear the voice of all the parent community as these priorities are determined and sub committees are formed. Congratulations to our P and F for the very successful first initiative the Mother's day stall, it certainly had a lovely impact on every student and their Mum for this special day. I will also present an update to the P & F at this meeting of the Stage 2 building proposal as well as the construction of playground equipment and the turfing of the oval.

I remind all parents of the invitation to attend our official school opening on Tuesday morning. It would be lovely to have many of you present to acknowledge and celebrate this very significant day in the establishment of our beautiful new school. Thank you to those parents who have already volunteered their support and assistance on this day.

NAPLAN

Our students have now completed all of 4 NAPLAN tests set down for this year. On Tuesday the students sat the Language Conventions and Writing tests, Wednesday they completed the Reading test, and Thursday the Numeracy test. Children are to be congratulated for the manner in which they approached this compulsory aspect of school life knowing that they gave their very best effort on the day of testing.

Cross Country

As advised last week our School Cross Country will be held Friday the 27th May within the school grounds. The day will commence for students from 8am. It is hoped that class rolls will all be marked by 8.30 so that children can participate in House war cries at 8.40am. Students will be given the opportunity to walk the track before our first event at approximately 9am.

Students should wear full sports uniform, including a hat and bring plenty of water.

If any parents are available to help out on the day, your support would be most welcome. Medals for our winners and runners-up will be handed out the following Friday at assembly.

Pentecost

This Sunday we celebrate Pentecost. Pentecost is the 50th day after Easter on which we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Church, ushering in a new era for the people of God. On Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles, they were granted the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Those gifts helped them to fulfil their mission to preach the Gospel to all nations.

God Bless,

Rosie



News from the APRE



Well I truly hope all the mothers were very spoilt over the weekend and that you received some very special gifts chosen by your children.

NAPLAN has come and gone for another year and it was great to see the students attempting to their personal best. These tests are held annually in May for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. They are assessments that have been in place since 2008 and we do not place a huge emphasis on them prior to the testing due to the fact that they are just one test of many that allow schools to collect data relating to student achievement in Literacy and Numeracy.

We know that all of our students – your children, are wonderful, special and amazing people who have done their absolute best and we are very proud of them. We held a little celebration yesterday after they completed the tests with some fruit platters and fruit icy poles.

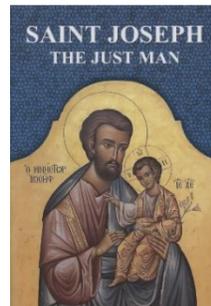
Next week we will have a large number of visitors around the school for our Official opening. Invitations were sent home via email to every family and if you have not replied but will be attending could you please let us know for catering purposes. Bishop James Foley will be attending to open and bless the buildings and we will be Welcomed to Country by Mr Ernest Madua Junior.

Friendly reminders: 24th May Morcombe Foundation visit
 25th May Book Fair begins
 AFL clinics each week.

Blessings,

Amanda

Blessing for our School



God, Father and Mother of us all, you made us all in your image.

We are your children. Bless St Joseph's in its opening year and help us love each other.

Bless us all as we celebrate this new beginning.

We make this prayer through the power of your Spirit.

Amen.

Community News

Western Cape College
Year 4-6 Students
Production of



Disney
**THE
LION KING**
JR

Music & Lyrics by
Elton John & Tim Rice

Book by
Roger Allers & Irene Mecchi

Additional Music & Lyrics by
Lebo M, Mark Mancina, Jay Rifkin, and Hans Zimmer

Based on the Broadway Production by
Julie Taymor

Evening Shows May 27th & 28th at 7pm
Matinee Show Saturday 28th at 3pm
Tickets \$10 a seat
Family of 4 \$20 for matinee only

Performing Arts Centre Doors open 15 minutes before show commences

flexschools online tickets, the administration office,
or at the door

Music Adapted & Arranged and
"Luau Hawaiian Treat" written by Will Van Dyke

Disney's The Lion King JR is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by
Music Theatre International, 421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019 Script, music, and all other material © 2015 Disney



Due to a large number of visitors last week and the fact that the Leadership team will be away for 3 days this week we have decided that we will not participate in the National Walk Safely to School Day for 2016. It is envisaged that we will endeavour to make this an annual event starting in 2017. However we have received notification from the Pedestrian Council of Australia asking if all parents could complete a survey.

The survey is designed to help the Council build insights into how children are currently getting to school and how they would actually like to get to school. This is a national survey and they are looking for as many responses as they can so they can get solid data that will give insights to governments of all levels.

Link to survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WSTSD2016>

It only takes about two minutes to complete. The survey will close Monday COB.

St Joseph's News & Reminders

Student Absences

Thank you to those families who have remembered to let the office know when their child is going to be away. It is a requirement upon enrolment that if your child is going to be absent for any reason, you must inform the school with either a phone call, email or a note so this can be recorded.

Ph: 4069 9500

Email: secretary.weipa@cns.catholic.edu.au



*** Bell Times ***

8.30 School Starts

10.40-11.00am Morning Tea

1 pm-1.45 pm Lunch

3.00pm School Ends

School Assembly

Every Friday at 2.30pm

MONSTER BOOK FAIR

Wednesday 25th May

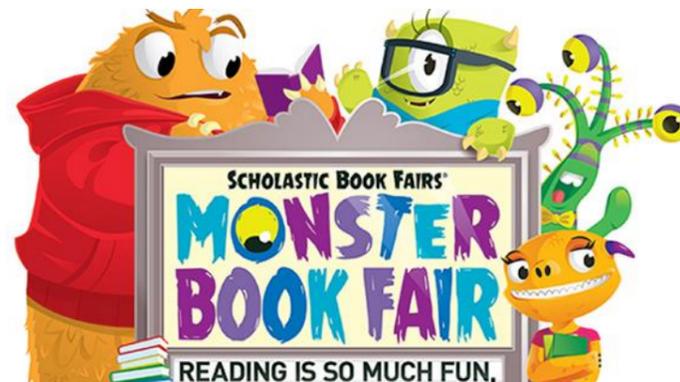
All book purchases help us fundraise for other resources in our school. Pre-purchases can be made from the Book Fair catalogue sent home last week but more available from school. We have 2 volunteer parents to help man the shop but may need more please. Any time available would be appreciated to help with sales, set up and distributing posters around town. Please email Cass.

7:30 – 8:30 – Open for sales to all

8:35 – 10:40 am – Classes scheduled to purchase

11am – National Simultaneous Reading Challenge “I’ve got that hat” in the Flexible Learning Area

11:30am – School Hat parade competition



Cross Country Carnival

Our inaugural school cross country carnival will be held on Friday 27th May, the carnival will include all the students of the school.

In order to prepare for the carnival we are going to have two early morning training sessions on offer each Tuesday and Thursday morning leading up to the carnival which will commence this Tuesday the 12th May at 7.15 for a 7.30am start. Students are to meet Mrs Vass and Miss Libby by 7.15am at school in the outdoor area adjacent to the multipurpose room.

We have requested that all students bring running gear and a spare pair of shoes and socks in case the grass is wet in the morning. We are expecting good weather, but early morning dew may still be on the ground. Additionally, if there are any parents who can come along and run with the students for their training that would be much appreciated. Please contact the school to let us know if you are available for the early morning sessions on the Tuesday or Thursday.

Further detail and arrangements for the Cross Carnival will go out to families next week.



St Joseph's Parish School Website

<http://www.stjosephsweipa.qld.edu.au/>

Prep News

Preps had an important lesson on cyber safety when using the internet with Miss Grant in the multipurpose room. Preps learnt about the importance of not sharing passwords and not clicking on messages that might pop up suddenly. Preps are further developing their movement and ball skills in HPE. Activities cover a variety of skills including throwing, catching and bouncing.

The class investigated and identified things that they can see that are made by God when walking around our school. Photographs were taken of the grass, trees, sky, clouds, dirt, pebbles and leaves.

The preps are enjoying reading groups with parent helpers. They are listening to a variety of books. Preps say thank you to those who are able to come in and help.

Year 1 News

In Year One this week, a number of students enthusiastically started cross country training. In class we have been learning about Narratives and how they have a setting, characters and events. We had an African story told to us by Miss Edem. This story included how water can be carried in containers that are balanced on a child or adult's head. We had a Cyber safety lesson with Miss Grant who taught about the importance of confidentiality of our personal passwords. In the Arts, we made some different types of shape monsters for the Book fair.

Year 2 News

As a class we have had to settle back into routine and revisit our class rules and School Covenant so that we are all respecting each other and the way each student works. We are learning about how every person is different, that we all learn in a variety of ways and enjoy different aspects of school. However we all agree that a calm and quiet classroom (mostly!) gives us the best chance to learn and improve our skills and enjoy being in class. So our focus has been to "be on task, to be persistent and not worry about what others are doing." We also talked about being grateful for the many good things in our lives and for the people who love us and take care of us, and the importance of saying thank you to them. The Rhythm games in Play is the Way helped us understand the importance of not giving up, keep trying when it gets hard and to encourage each other. I was so proud of our team effort using 3 gaps when we did the LEFT RIGHT ELBOW FLICK! That was a real rhythm happening and it felt great!

Year 4/5/6 News

This week, the multi-age class has been very busy, especially the year 5's who completed their NAPLAN tests. They felt confident that they gave their best and were happy with their work. While the 5's were out of the classroom, the 4's and 6's were put to work doing Health, Maths, Religion, Literacy and Prayer. During Christian Meditation we say a mantra Ma Ra Na Tha. This means "come Lord Jesus". It helps us to still our minds and our bodies which is important in such a busy world. In Literacy Groups we have been writing persuasive texts to convince others of our point of view. We have also been learning about Quad Bikes and the safety requirements for riding them in Queensland. We have also been preparing for the Official Opening of Saint Joseph's Parish School next Tuesday. This day will be very significant as our school will be blessed by Bishop James and the children are very excited about meeting him.

THIS WEEKS STAR STUDENTS

PREP.... OSCAR ARGENT, ELROY SPODNIEWSKI, CHelsea Steele

YEAR ONE.... AIDEN CLEGG AND JIMMY James COX

YEAR TWO.... ARchie ARMSTRONG, Matilda Macxan, Kyan Wellby

YEAR THREE.... CHLOE DELLAR AND Lucas Hancock

YEAR 4/5/6.... BELLA BEXSMAN & Jett Dawson



Year 3 News

Congratulations to our Year 3s for sitting their four NAPLAN tests this week. You made us so proud! We've been busy working on our History/Geography assessment and are writing persuasive arguments. We've made some art pieces for the Art Show and practising our French colours.

Banking

Please have bank books in by **Tuesday** to your child's teacher. They will be collected early Wednesday morning and returned to your child on Thursday by their teacher. School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for students to learn about money and develop good savings habits.

Laurel Eden
School Counsellor

Next Visit
Mon 16/5-19/5
Email; edenl@netspace.net.au



School Opening
17th May

Morcombe Visit
24th May

Book Fair
25th May

Art Show
1st June

WHEN TO WEAR SPORTS UNIFORM

Sports uniforms are to be worn on the following days:

- ✓ Years Prep, 1, 2 & 3 Wednesday
- ✓ Years 4, 5 & 6 Thursday

Should you have any queries, please
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UNIFORM SHOP

Our uniform shipment has finally arrived, for those wanting to purchase extra uniforms you may now do so.

Please call Reception on 4069 9500

We now have EFTPOS for your convenience.

**WE HAVE
STOCK**

School Fees

School Fees have been issued

Please be mindful that your booklists will be included on this invoice.

For future school fee payments could you please pay all amounts into the following account using your 10-digit reference number located on the bottom of the remittance slip (no names needed).

BSB 084-352
AC-00001-8854

TUCKSHOP HELP NEEDED

We are in desperate need of helping hands

Tuesdays & Fridays

9-11am

Only need one volunteer each day. If you can help...

PLEASE CALL SUSANNE

0429 698 245

Enrolments 2017

Applications are now being accepted for 2017 Years P-6.

Parents are asked to obtain an Enrolment Pack from the school office or download from our website.

Please inform family or friends if they have children who are eligible to enrol.

The cut off for Prep enrolments for 2017 is 27th May with interviews to commence 2nd June.

For more information please contact our office.



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NAIDOC Shirts Order Form – **MONEY DUE DATE Friday 23rd May**

\$50 Per Shirt –

Sizes are – (Please state clearly your sizes in boxes)

Adults – S – M – L – XL – XL – XXXL

Children – 4 – 6 – 8 – 10 – 12

| Name - | Quantity | Adults – Size | Child - Size | Cost - \$50 P/S |
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Money DUE – FRIDAY 23rd May – DIRECT DEBIT INTO SCHOOL ACCOUNT ONLY –
 REF#NAIDOClastname – BSB – 084-352 ACC- 00001-8854
 HAND ORDERFORMS back into School Office once paid



2016 St Joseph's NAIDOC Shirt - \$50 Per Shirt

Name: _____

Phone Number : _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

| Adult/Child | Sizes - Circle | Quantity |
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| Child | 4 - 6 - 8 - 10 - 12 | |
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| Adult | S - M - L - XL - XXL - XXXL | |
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Hi Parents,

Below is the final product of our 2016 NAIDOC t-shirt that the awesome team at S&K Wear Cairns have designed! I've worked closely with them to bring to you a light weight fabric, one off design, purely designed to incorporate **OUR** school and the theme of NAIDOC 2016 – The living Narrative of our nation! We are so lucky!

How can you get your hands on one of these you ask?

Attached is an order form, once you've paid **ONLINE - \$50 per shirt - #REF:NAIDOClastname** we ask that you fill out the order form and return to the lovely Miss Jenni in the office. Once ALL orders are in S&K Wear will start printing. CUT OFF DATE – 23rd MAY. So please – the sooner you make payments and hand in order forms the sooner we can get our deadly shirts!

We are able to wear these shirts at school throughout NAIDOC week celebrations 20th June – 23rd June. We ask that all children wear their shirts to our final NAIDOC celebration on the Thursday 23th June which will be a big feasting.

Please, get behind our NAIDOC celebrations and order this one off t-shirt! Don't forget you can order for the whole family – grandparents included!

Any Questions please don't hesitate to ask.

Cassie Lobley – clobley@cns.catholic.edu.au

Tari Sagigi – tsagigi@cns.catholic.edu.au



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