

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear Families,

A warm welcome to Term Three at St Joseph's!

I sincerely hope that all families enjoyed the two-week break from school and that everyone's energy levels have been recharged. It is my pleasure to also welcome the Ah Shay (Evan Prep), West (Jay Year 3) and Hynes (Jessica Year 2) families into our community. I would also like to welcome Mrs Emily Haardt to our staff. Emily will be the Year 4/5/6 teacher for the remainder of the year, replacing Kirsty Vass who finished up at the end of Term 2. Mrs Melanie Turner will move to a Specialist teaching role as the PE and SEL teacher on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please note that PE lessons will now occur for all students on Wednesdays.

The school site has been a busy hive of activity over the past two weeks. The Playground equipment has finally been installed over the holidays and looks fabulous. All the classrooms have been given a little facelift with a deep clean of the classroom floors by Cath our cleaning lady. I am very pleased to welcome staff and students back today to settle into these spaces. I am very grateful to Aaron and his team from Weipa Cabinets for his scheduling of the work over the break.

Unfortunately, the works for the installation of irrigation and turf for the oval has been delayed due to waiting on materials to arrive in Weipa to complete the water mains and pump works necessary for the irrigation functioning. This is a delay due to our remote location and ability to get the required parts here in Weipa, a very 'Weipa' occurrence I understand so our patience is needed for just a bit longer.

A highlight of Term 3 each year is the celebration of Catholic Education Week. This year's theme is Opening the Doors in the Year of Mercy. Celebrations will reflect the Year of Mercy, drawing on the symbolism that Catholic Schools open doors for students in a holistic sense. The theme also challenges us to extend tangible assistance to those in need and to recognise and follow the example of those who in some way open doors for others. When I think about people opening doors for others, the first thing that comes to mind is the work of Mary MacKillop, one of St Joseph's patron saints. Mary devoted her whole life work to opening the doors of education and health for children of Australia, especially in outback and remote locations. More information will be available next week from Amanda regarding our Catholic Education Week activities.

I draw your attention to the reminder notice of the holiday next Friday 22nd July on which the school will be closed. As you all know and would have experienced in the past, the community of Weipa took the Cairns show holiday as a local holiday in Weipa as well. Last October when we were setting dates and calendars for the 2016 school year we unaware of the plan to change this for the community of Weipa and so the 22nd July was gazetted in our system calendar as a local holiday in our school year. We only became aware of the holiday being changed in March this year once we were well into Term One. After seeking advice from our Catholic Education Office we were instructed that for this year only we would keep the Cairns Show holiday. Next year we will only acknowledge the local Fishing Competition holiday for the June long weekend.

Training and preparations are well under way for our first Athletics Carnival next Wednesday 20th July. Please see the information enclosed with further detail of procedures for the day.

God Bless,

Rosie



20th July Sports Carnival

22nd July School closed Cairns Show Holiday

25th July P&F Meeting

27th July Tuckshop Bake Sale Day bring a \$2 coin

25th - 29th July Catholic Education Week in Week 3

1-5th August Laurel Eden School Counsellor & Lillian Millar School Communication Engagement Officer visit



News from the APRE



Welcome back everyone, I truly hope you have been able to have a relaxing break. This term we will have a number of different events happening as a part of our Religious Life of the School and we would love to see you get involved. I will endeavour to keep you all posted but please try to keep up to date with information not only in newsletters, but also the Facebook page and website.

Events on our RE calendar this term involve:

- Catholic Education Week in Week 3
- Mary Our Mother's birthday – September 8th
- The Assumption – 15th August
- St Mary of the Cross MacKillop – 8th August

Semester 1 Report cards.

Report cards were delayed slightly in the last week of Term 2 due to some technical issues so again our apologies. If you did not collect them over the holidays your children were issued with them on Monday to take home. If you have not received them, please see your child's teacher.

Catholic Education Week – prelude with more information to follow in coming weeks.

Catholic Education Week is an opportunity for all Catholic schools to celebrate and promote their distinctive mission and ethos.

Catholic education strives to make a difference in the lives of those in our schools and in the wider community by challenging young people to live out the message of Jesus and to reach their full potential as compassionate, contributing, life-giving members of society.

The theme for 2016 is 'Opening Doors in the Year of Mercy'

Parent Knowledge Bank.

This year we are trying to make connections with our school community and compile a list of skills and talents that we can call upon to support our school and curriculum. This list will not be public to the community – it will simply be kept on file in the office to refer to when a special skill or talent is needed. These skills and talents can range from a trade, hobby or just an interest. For example: engineers, scientists, can knit or crochet, you might be an excellent origami specialist, scrap booker or have some other unique talent.

More information on all of the above events will occur over the coming weeks.

Many blessings for the weekend,

Amanda

St Joseph's News & Reminders

Sports Carnival

The school day will commence for all students at the Andoom oval.

Parents are asked to drop children off at the oval between 8am – 8.15am and to have their child/ren report to their classroom teacher to have their names marked off the class roll.

Once roll marking has been done, children are to be seated in their House Group tent ready to start the day.

8.45am Welcome & War Cries

9.00am First event

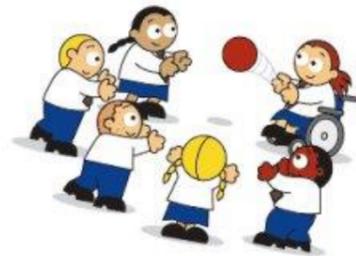
11.00am Capeaccino crew will attend

Children are to wear their sports uniform on Wednesday. They may wear a shirt in their house colours instead of their uniform shirt however it must be sun safe and school appropriate.

Hats must be worn at all times as well as shoes. Children are permitted to wear an alternative pair of shoes on the day for running but please no crocs, sandals or spikes.

STRICTLY NO COLOURED HAIRSPRAYS OR ZINC CREAM TO BE WORN.

Parents wishing to take their children home at the conclusions of events must have their child signed off by the classroom teacher. No child will be permitted to leave with another parent unless the school has been previously notified. All other students will work back to the school with their class teacher at the conclusion of events. It is envisaged that events will conclude by 1.30pm.



St Joseph's Parish Church

Weekend Services

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 8:30am

For further inquiries, please contact
Pastoral Leader Kath 40699346

School Counsellor

Laurel Eden

Next Visit
1-5th August

For further inquiries, please contact
Laurel 0417 505 492



To help fundraise for our Tuckshop, we will be holding cake/slice bake days, on the following days this term.

- ✓ Wednesday 27th July
- ✓ Wednesday 17th August
- ✓ Wednesday 9th September

Bring a \$2 coin to school and choose from our selection of cakes & slices...

Thank you for your support.

Susanne Gane

Tuck Shop Convenor



Class News

Prep News

Preps were very excited to welcome Evan to our class this week. Preps were also very excited to meet Charlotte's new baby sister, Gracie. Charlotte told us all about Gracie when she came in with her family.

Preps have been practising ball games in their teams and sprints for Sports Day. The ball games include tunnel ball, under/over and ball in the hoop. Everyone is putting in lots of effort and building team spirit as well. The preps enjoyed their first sports lesson with Mrs Turner. Thanks Mrs Turner!

Year 1 News

We have had a great start to the term in Year One. This week, we shared about what we did on the holidays by talking, writing and painting pictures. Our interest in small animals began in Science and we made predictions about the types we will find at school. Alongside the preps and Year Two classes, we have learnt skills and participated in team work in preparation for the ball games at Athletics day next week.

Year 2 News

We welcomed Jessica Hynes to our class yesterday and hope that she has enjoyed her first two days with us. This week we have been learning ball games and doing practice sprints and relays for our Athletics Day next week. Teamwork and participation has been the key, encouraging others and remembering that not everyone can win. The enthusiasm from all the children has been so encouraging and it is a great start in developing team spirit! We have started our Olympic Unit about Rio 2016 and already have discovered so many things, our learning wall will be bursting with information soon! We have also started our Geography unit called "Where we are in the World", which ties in so well with the Olympic unit- get out your world maps parents!

Year 3 News

Welcome back Year 3's! This term we are certainly 'Going for gold' in our Olympic themed classroom with many challenges and opportunities to excel both academically and socially. In English we are finishing off our poetry unit followed by reading and writing non-fiction, information texts. In Science we are learning about day and night and our Solar System and we are looking forward to the sundial experiment and measuring our shadows. In Geography we're using our Passports to gain information about countries around the world and how they are similar and different to our own Australia. This term in the Arts we will focus on Dance. Our social and emotional learning program will be implemented on Tuesdays 12pm - 1pm by Mrs Mel Turner who will also be taking our Year 3s for PE. Ms Stewart will continue teaching Math, RE, Health and will pick up the Arts subject of Dance this term. We are very excited about our Athletics carnival next Wednesday. Go Mission!!!! Finally, a warm welcome to Jay West...

Year 4/5/6 News

We hope you enjoyed your holidays ☺

This week, we have come back from Term 2 holidays and we were welcomed by our new teacher, {Emily Haardt} we have had a great first week with her. We have so much to learn in such a little time. This week we have changed our daily routines and changed our classroom layout. After every lunch break, we listen to Mrs Haardt read us a short Novel out of Andy Griffiths 'Just series' it is an awesome series of books and we are enjoying it. Not a day goes by without thinking of Mrs Vass.

By Amber, Peyton + Lizzie



** STAR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK **

Prep... Ewa McNamara & Jesse Hutchinson

Year 1... Oliver Dyer & Isabella Fahey

Year 2... Ewan Haardt & Sophie Steele

Year 3... Isaac Morton & Ella Weston

Year 4 5 6... Brianna Peet & Kimberley Hutchinson

Principals Award... Toby Abood