

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we come to the end of another extremely busy week at school, it is great to see the work almost complete by the team from Mareeba laying the irrigation system for the school oval. I have received word today that the local contractors 'Goodline' will commence turf laying soon. I thank everyone for their patience in waiting for this work to be completed. We will hardly recognise our school when it is surrounded by a beautiful green crop of grass.

Over the past week we have had a number of visitors from our office in Cairns who have commented on lovely how school looks and have been extremely complimentary on all that has occurred since we opened our doors in January. I have been in Cairns this week for two days of planning for the future of St Joseph's. Over the coming weeks I hope to share some of the goals and plans with you via our newsletter and parent meetings.

Mark your Calendar for our very first Father's Day STEM feast next Thursday evening. This should be a great night for our Dads and students to participate in some hands on science and technology activities. Thank you to the wonderful group of parent Mums who have given so much time over the past few weeks to see this date come to fruition. It is envisaged that we will build on the success of this night for an even bigger and better St Joseph's STEAM event next.

Thank you to Cassie Lobley for coordinating plans for a Triple P program to occur at St Joseph's. Check your emails for detail of dates and times for this program. This program is open to all members of our school community, regardless of where you are on your parenting journey.

Recently I have spoken to the children both in their class groups and at assembly about the wearing of their correct school uniform with pride. Early in the year I was repeatedly stopped by people outside of the St Joseph's school community congratulating me on how smart our school uniform looked on students. Generally, most students at St Joseph's Weipa wear their correct school uniform every day. Recently however, there are a few students arriving at school with items of their uniform substituted in some way. The most common substitution being the shoes and socks.

I refer parents to the Uniform Policy which was made public to late last year as enrolments for 2016 were being taken. The uniform policy clearly outlines the expected requirements for each day at school. This policy is available on our school website and includes photos.

Most of the uniform decisions were made by the school's steering committee and myself in consultation with other schools in the Cairns diocese and also a local uniform supplier. Final uniform decisions were made around the following considerations: -

- *Availability and supply*
- *Representative of our school colours and logos*
- *Functionality (the uniform met the needs of the student's activities)*
- *Colours and design which considered our local needs here in Weipa*
- *As well as being cost effective for families.*

I ask that we work together to ensure that students adhere to the expected requirements and present themselves at school wearing all correct uniform items. All items except the shoes are available from the school office.

Wearing a uniform demonstrates belonging to a particular group, wearing it well demonstrates pride in being a member of the group.

Below are seven reasons why wearing uniforms are beneficial not only for the students, but also for the teachers, parents and administrators published in the Guardian newspaper in recent times.

1. Removes social barriers and bridges gaps

Wearing a single standard of dress code takes away the pressure of what to wear, so students are less likely to focus their attention on how they look. They will not be judged on their appearance, but on their achievements. As a result, they become more focussed on learning. Also, it removes social barriers and eliminates prejudice amongst students. Those who come from lower-income families don't have to face ridicule and bullying from other students because of the less-expensive clothing options that they wear. This creates a healthier and happier learning environment, which enables students to study well and develop their skills without distractions.

2. Saves on costs

One of the greatest benefits of a uniform is that it is cost-effective. Buying a new set, which can last for years, is more economical compared to buying a new wardrobe each month. Educational institutions have different ways of sourcing their apparel. Most schools hire school uniform suppliers who provide an affordable range of items like shirts, pants, skirts and socks for regular days and for sporting activities.

3. Promotes unity and equality among students

Uniforms help build unity, promote discipline and a sense of community within the campus. Like jerseys used in sports, they instil the spirit of teamwork. This can develop positive values because it urges students to study hard or perform well during competitions to bring honour to the academe.

4. Provides safe and positive learning environment

Wearing a proper uniform can reduce violence inside the campus. How? It makes it easy for authorities and administrators to recognise students from outsiders. It prevents non-students from getting inside the campus, thereby avoiding the possibility of them committing disruptive acts. It also minimises the likelihood of gangs from forming inside the school, thus promoting a safe and comfortable atmosphere where students can learn and develop their skills without worrying about their safety.

5. Encourages individual self-expression

With a unified dress code, students find ways to express themselves creatively instead. As a result, they focus their attention on aspects that would help show their personalities, such as participating in various activities like the performing arts, sports, painting, etc.

6. Instils deep rooted sense of discipline

Wearing proper school wear makes students hesitant to do any mischievous activity that can destroy the reputation of or discredit the education institution that they are a part of.

7. Helps overcome inferiority complex

Dressing in a uniform helps students take pride in their appearance, boosting their self-confidence and overcoming their inferiority complex. A student attending an institution that requires a uniform will become more comfortable in expressing themselves through other forms of interaction without focussing so much on outward appearance. It makes a student conscious of his or her individuality, which in turn helps boost self-esteem and confidence.

Wearing a uniform provides students with a myriad of benefits. It not only promotes a better learning environment, but it also instils positive values in them. This assists in developing their character and helps them become better individuals.

Ben Roberts Smith quote.....

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**More details to come ...*

29th August Weipa Hospital Dental Clinic staff will visit.

1st September Father's Day Science Night 5-7pm Flexible Learning
Space

4th September Father's Day

7th September Tuckshop Bake Sale Day bring a \$2 coin

8th September *School Liturgy Celebration of Our Mother Mary's
Birthday

16th September Last Day Term 3

3rd October Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

4th October First Day Term 4

7th October *Swimming lessons commence every Friday

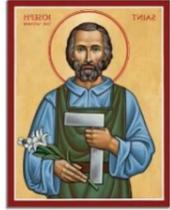
12th October *Crazy Sock Day

24 – 28th October Lillian Millar School Communication Engagement
Officer visit

26th October *Socktober family movie night

18th November *Swimming Carnival

25th November Last Day Term 4



News from the APRE

News from the APRE – Week 7 Term 3

Father's day is fast approaching and this week we will mark it with a special evening of Science events to celebrate the special gift God has given us in Fathers. On Friday at Assembly the prayer will have a focus on Fathers and some of our students will be reading 'A Creed to Fathers' as the prayer for the day.

If you are available, please feel free to come along and be a part we would love for you to share in this wonderful event to celebrate all that you do for your children. It is important to register and pay your \$5 so you can receive a gift bag of goodies to participate in the science experiments.

This week St Joseph's was involved in our very first WHS Audit which went very well but unfortunately we are in need of some assistance. We are requiring 2 white helmets to place on our safety board for our Chief Wardens. If there is anybody with 2 white helmets in good condition sitting around at home and would like to donate, please drop them into the office.

Annual School Satisfaction Surveys.

Last week I made mention to a survey that would begin on Monday 29th August and this week you would have received an email from the office with more detailed information. This survey is an important part of our beginning and ongoing commitment to continuously improving the school. It is critical to seek each parent and guardian's opinion on a range of issues relating to St Joseph's. Your feedback is very important to us as we continue to build a successful school and strengthen our possibilities for the education of your children.

As mentioned in the email the survey start date, survey instructions and a personalised login link will be emailed to all parents. You will continue to receive reminders during the survey period until you have submitted the survey.

If you do not receive your survey instructions on the survey start date, please check your spam and junk email folders before contacting the school office.

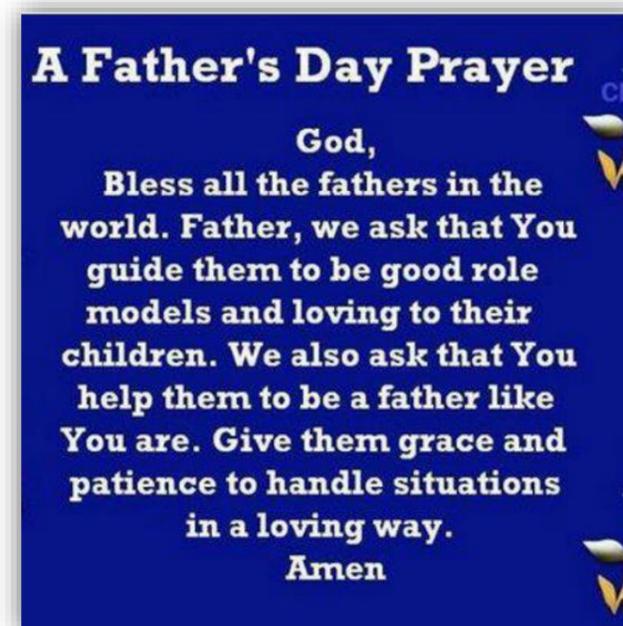
While we strongly encourage you to participate, the survey is not compulsory.

PCYC attendance – URGENT ATTENTION NEEDED.

A friendly reminder to fill in the form in the front office if your child attends PCYC.

Thank you and blessings for a great weekend,

Amanda



St Joseph's Message Board



Thank you for supporting our recent Bake Sale days, the **last sale will take place on 7th September...**

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

Susanne Gane

Tuck Shop Convenor



Father's Day Science Night Thursday 1st September 5-7pm

Celebrate Father's Day with an evening of science fun with your Dad or significant other.

Great prizes -Lucky door & best paper plane!

Cost: \$5 per family (per Dad) to be paid before Thursday 1st September to Laura in the office.

Each Dad receives a science bag with fun science activities for him to share with the kids at home.

Even if you can't attend the Science night, pay \$5 and receive the science bag as a gift for your Dad on Father's Day.

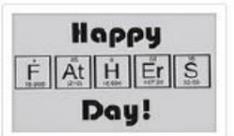
We still need...

- ✓ 30 more lemons
- ✓ A few more litres of cheap vegetable oil

Father's Day Science Night

Dad's come along to a fun science evening with your child

Dad's, Grandparent or significant other come along for a hands on fun science evening.



Your child will be taking you on a tour of our science stations throughout the school. Start at the Flexible Learning Space and come on a journey of scientific discovery with your child/children. You will also get to take home a science bag of goodies to continue the fun at home.

Father's Day Science Night

When
Thursday, Sep. 1st, 5-7pm

Where
2 Boundary Road
Rocky Point, QLD

More Information
RSVP by email to the school by Sunday 24th August.



Door's open at 5pm. Come along to the Flexible Learning Space (Library) and register and head straight to the photo booth to have a crazy photo shoot with your child/children. Then working clockwise around the school starting at your youngest child's classroom, begin a journey of hands on fun. See if you can outwit, out make or outlast your children at each of our science stations. Lucky door prize and prize for the furthest paper plane!

St Joseph's Parish Church

Weekend Services

Saturday Vigil 6pm
Sunday 8:30am

For further inquiries, please contact
Pastoral Leader Kath 40699346

LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property box is almost full to the brim of belongings. If you have something lost, please come and check in the box for any items that may be yours.

Class News

Prep News

Preps completed the fire drill this week like experts. They filed out calmly and were quickly seated on the court ready for roll call. Well done preps! The preps were also happy to have lots and lots of photos taken this week in order to show what learning and school life look like at St Joseph's, Weipa. They demonstrated their engagement in many varied learning experiences that occur regularly in prep. Preps had a spelling lesson with Gloria West, a Literacy consultant who is currently visiting St Joseph's School. Mrs West took spelling lessons with each class across the school. This was a valuable learning experience for the preps. Thank you Mrs West.

Year 2 News

This week we have been learning about Fractions in maths and have enjoyed playing games to help us understand this tricky concept of halves, quarters and eighths. We have been talking about what life was like for Jesus when he was alive and exploring what houses, clothes and food were like in the Mediterranean world. The story called Mirror by Jeannie Baker was extremely interesting for us to read. A favourite activity for all was our art activity as the students could choose to create a crocodile, a fishing scene or an angel!

Year 3 News

This week Year 3 have been finalising their Space Unit in Science and their English information reports. We've completed our most recent reading running records and Miss Cassie is super proud of their achievement through daily guided reading and determined attitudes. We've done a little more work on our computer science "Coding" unit which all the students are very much enjoying. We've just finished our geography units of countries of the world. Because we still have 3 glorious weeks together, Miss Cassie is writing some extra units to extend the students (gotta love small classes) on Edible Chemistry in Science, Drumbeat for The Arts and biographies in English. ...stay tuned.

Year 1 News

It was great to get back and see all the students in year one this week. The students were eager to let me know the things that they had been doing and share their adventures at the Bull ride in Weipa last weekend. We had a whip cracking demonstration and some trophies were also brought in for show and tell. We have been learning about character traits and developing our skills of getting along, resilience, persistence and organisation. Mrs. West a visiting Literacy Consultant taught our year one class a lesson on syllables. This week we have continued using our usernames and passwords to login to the laptops and write in a word document. During play is the Way we participated in a game called Categories where students had to remember one another's name and an animal or object beginning with the same sound, before passing them the ball. We also began reading another class chapter book, *Charlotte's Web* by E.B.White.

Year 4/5/6 News

This week in 4/5/6 we have been learning to convert fractions into decimals, and equivalent fractions. The health topic of "faster, stronger, higher" has provided us many opportunities to watch the Olympics. We will try to be faster, stronger or higher in the sports we play. In English we have been writing stories based on one of the topics; beach, farm, Olympics, animals or storm. Today we finished the novel "Charlotte's Web" and now look forward to comparing the novel with the movie when we watch it. Did you know that the author, E.B. White also wrote the book "Stuart Little", which was also made into a famous movie..
By Lachlan and Ava.

** STAR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK **

Prep... Toby Abood, Mya Ward & Summer Alleyne

Year 1... Isabella Fahey & Brendan Ward

Year 2... Mia McLeish & Cordy Foo

Year 3... Alyssa Carlsen & Ethan Marlow

Year 4 5 6... Caleb Hill & Delphina Day

