

# ST JOSEPH'S PARISH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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*Important dates for month of March ...*

## Cross Country Training

When: 7.30am every Tuesday / Thursday morning until Cross Country Carnival 31<sup>st</sup> March

Week 7 6-10<sup>th</sup> March

Laurel Eden School Counsellor visit

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Mrs Saunders returns from Leave

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

St Patricks Day

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March

St Joseph's Day

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March

St Joseph's Day Celebrations

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

Cross Country Carnival / Last day of term

Easter Holidays commence 31<sup>st</sup> March, school resumes 18<sup>th</sup> April

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## *News from Ms. Harrison...*

### **True Happiness: Smiling Inside**

Looking for the perfect gift to give your child? Look no further, for you already have this perfect gift within your power: a happy childhood is one of the best gifts that adults have in their power to bestow upon their children. If we make a child happy today, we will make the child happy twenty years on by the memory of it.

Happiness isn't something that you can give all wrapped up like a present. If we were to shower our children with gifts of toys or shield them from emotional discomfort, they are more likely to grow into adulthood as people who are bored and joyless. The best gifts for happiness are internal not external, an inner set of tools they can rely on for life.

There is no way that parents can make children happy all the time. Children need to learn how to deal with some distress and to figure out how to cope with it. Learning how to deal with life's frustrations and setbacks is essential for future happiness. A parent's role in these situations is to help children find solutions, not provide them. What's more, children need to know that it's all right to be unhappy sometimes; it's part of life.

If we try to eliminate unhappiness, we might be giving the message that it's wrong to feel sad; children need to experience the whole range of human feelings including sadness. However, parents can encourage children to be happy about what's going okay, or what they have, instead of being sad about what's not going okay or what they don't have.

Likewise, conflicts and disagreements are a normal part of life and are important in as much as they allow for the statement of differences and the expression of feelings. However, our behaviour and manner of relating affect those around us profoundly, so, parents need to ensure that differences are reconciled without destroying the differences or the people who hold them. Maybe St Peter's words to his community of believers could be a source of inspiration to us: "And now this word to all of you. You should be like one happy family, full of sympathy towards one another with tender hearts and humble minds." 1 Peter 3 : 8.

Most parents can relate to the statement, "Thank heavens, I've got some time to myself!" It is a heavenly feeling not to be at the beck and call of others or on the treadmill of house chores. And why is it a heavenly feeling? Because we have time to be with ourselves to simply do nothing or to do something that is relaxing and pleasing to us personally.

Well, children are no different to adults in this regard. They need to have some scheduled activities which develop social skills or individual talents. But, like us, they need their own space, their chance to follow their own interests, their time to manage as they choose, their opportunity to build an inner happiness which they will carry on through life.

As parents, we need to keep an eye on the "big picture" of life and set it within a positive and healthy home environment where our children can develop into value-driven, successful and happy people. If they can develop positive attitudes about themselves, their family and their community, they will be less inclined to be lured by the, oftentimes, seductive messages of popular culture. They will want to be successful, happy, contributing people. Their happiness will be our happiness.

God, our Father, we ask that we and our children be gifted with a positive inner attitude of mind and heart – true happiness.

Amen. Have a great week and God bless,

*Rosie*

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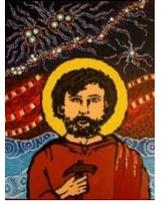
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# APRE News..



Thank you to our wonderful parent helpers who came along on Monday morning to cook pancakes for us. We made \$132.30 from the sale of pancakes, which we will be able to forward onto Caritas to support the work of Project Compassion this year.

It was lovely to have Fr Dariusz here with us on Monday and Tuesday. On Monday, he was able to visit many of the classes and speak to the children around reverence and respect during prayer and Liturgy time.

On Tuesday morning, Fr Dariusz led a beautiful Ashes Liturgy for the students and teachers as we begin our Lenten Journey towards Easter. We look forward to seeing Fr Dariusz more regularly around our school in future as he hopes to be in Weipa each fortnight now for our parish weekend Masses.



PROJECT COMPASSION Caritas Australia's annual Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal brings thousands of Australians together in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

The theme for Project Compassion 2017 calls on everybody to "Love your neighbour" in 2017. As Pope Francis says, "Education is an act of hope", so this year Project Compassion celebrates the power of learning, and the many ways in which Caritas Australia is working with local partners around the world to provide vital learning and renewed hope to children, women and men most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. A Project Compassion mission box has been added to each classroom and we encourage the children through the season of Lent to donate any spare coins to this worthy cause.

Blessings,

Amanda

### *A prayer for the week:*

*Jesus, you prayed for forty days that was a long time. You did not give up even though you sometimes found it hard to do! Help me not to give up when I find it difficult to keep on track. I know you will help me.*

*Amen*



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# Classroom News..



## Prep

This week we began our Lenten Journey and visited the church for the first time as a class with Father Dariusz. We participated respectfully in the Ash Wednesday Liturgy. We made a Lenten promise of sharing and using kind words. Our week one theme was "the Heart of Love" and we wrote our names on hearts and placed them on the Prep class rainbow. In English we practiced our speaking and listening, identifying the title, the main character and events in a class story. We had a lesson with Miss Grant and she showed us how to place some photographs and text from our story in Chatterpix on the iPad. In Maths we used blocks to count out quantities and matched pictures to numerals. We practiced writing our numbers using whiteboard markers and the write and wipe boards. In science we used prediction and observation of what happens to our breathing and after doing star jumps for twenty seconds. We then compared our predictions with our observations in groups. In Health we talked about how our school rules help us to be responsible, safe and respectful at St Josephs and began making a poster of one of the rules.

## Year 1

This week we have continued focusing on being friendly and kind towards each other by saying and doing nice things. We have started adding more to our narrative writing by adding a problem and solution. We have also been looking at adjectives and verbs and trying to add them into our writing. Miss Henderson is very proud of the effort and the excitement all of the students have put into their writing. In mathematics we have moved onto addition and subtraction and we have talked about other words we can use to say zero.

On Monday, the year one students were very lucky they got to go inside the St Joseph's Church to have a look. Father Dariusz, explained what many of the features inside the church were. The students really enjoyed going inside the church and demonstrated really respectful behaviour. On Tuesday, the students attended our Ash Wednesday liturgy where they all received a cross made from ashes on their foreheads. We have started our Lenten Journey and each week we will all be adding a symbol to our class rainbow to represent each part of the Lenten Journey. This week was the symbol of a heart, this is to represent "The Heart of Love", where we are to make an effort to show love to those around us in a special way. Please don't forget homework is due on Wednesday and our Library day is Friday.

## Year 2

Our Lenten rainbow is looking lovely and yesterday we made hearts to remind us how to show love to others at home, school and with our friends. Our Lenten promise at school is to be a Peacemaker which fits in with our Religion unit. As part of our History "Local Place" unit, last week Mrs Miller talked to us about a local artist Thanakupi and her famous spherical aluminium art piece which is displayed in the hospital. We discussed all the symbols, what they meant and what her message was. Today we drew our own symbols in preparation for each child making their own clay sphere and drawing the symbols into it. Lots of great research continuing on our animal reports!

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## Year 3

This week has been a fabulous learning week. The entire class achieved Student Prefect and were awarded with free time in the classroom on Ipad's and Laptops with cupcakes made by Mrs McNamara. In English the students are continuing with their narrative assessment piece – adding in verbs, adjectives and some alliteration. In maths, this week Year 3 have learnt the concept of two-digit subtraction with borrowing. We welcome back Miss Cass on Monday; Mrs Clements will continue to teach until Mrs Saunders returns week 7.

## Year 4

This week we began our Lenten journey: we enjoyed scrumptious pancakes, participated in our Ash Wednesday liturgy and have been talking about our lenten promises. We have continued reading Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing, and the students are writing a persuasive text convincing their peers what animal is THE BEST as a pet. We are learning about direction and coordinates in Maths, and have used our knowledge to build treasure maps. Our Rot or Remain Science experiment concluded this week and we learned about biodegradable and non-biodegradable materials. We made connections with our learning about reduce, reuse and recycle to limit our waste going to landfill.

## Year 5 - 6

The weeks are flying by in year 5/6! After learning all about yeast during weeks one to four, we had enough knowledge to make our own bread. Everyone tried their hand at kneading the dough and we were amazed by how much gas our yeast micro-organisms produced. Our dough doubled in size! Miss Cook baked these in the oven and we were lucky enough to eat our finished product on Tuesday. Yum! It was really cool to see our yeast pals in action. Next week we will start learning about another micro-organism, which is commonly found around Weipa – MOULD! We have been learning how to solve vertical addition algorithms when there are missing addends, which has been quite challenging. However, having just learnt about growth mindset and how important this is to our learning, we are trying to use positive language when we come up against a challenge. Our class motto is to "give it a red hot go!" We are well into our guided reading sessions now. Thank you to Miss Petra and Miss Jo for being so kind and helpful during these sessions. They are our angels! Finally, we started our Lenten journey by making warm fuzzy hearts about the people in our lives who make us feel happy and loved, to show that we appreciate all they do. We will continue to focus on treating other people as we would like to be treated as the term progresses.



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Year 1.. Zoe Van Der Westhizen, Nate McLellan + Antonia Sebasio

Year 2.. Hayley Merkel + Sisco Bosuen

Year 3.. Jasmine Scikluna + Angus Larcombe

Year 4.. Ethan Marlow + Jay West

Year 5 – 6.. Xeroxia Nona-poi poi + Kiarah Bayliss

*Tuckshop needs volunteers please...*

Our Tuckshop would love some helping hands each day, if you can lend a hand please contact Thu in our Tuckshop on 4069 9500...

*From Karen in the Library...*

We are still in search of any fishing magazines laying around that they would like to donate to the school, we would love to receive them...

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# Community Notices...



Let's celebrate the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women around the world and the local achievements of women in our community. #BEBOLDFORCHANGE to help forge a better working world - a more inclusive gender equal world.

**Saturday 11th March 2017 @ the  
Carpentaria Golf Club  
6.30 - 11.30pm - 70's THEME**

**Take a step back to the era that embraced change  
(costumes optional)**

**Guest speakers and presentation of  
The Jenny Bellinger Award  
\$65 PER TICKET**

**INCLUDES—Bubbly on arrival. drinks available @ bar prices.  
gourmet canapes, lucky door prizes, raffles, live  
entertainment, photobooth ..... and more!**

**Tickets on sale Wednesday 15th February 2017  
@ the Community Centre - cash and eft available**

**What's your Bold Change to help drive gender parity?**



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