

Important dates ...

✓ *Monday 9th October 6:30pm - Daniel Marcombe Child Safety*

Curriculum Parent Information Night

✓ *Monday 16th October 7:00pm - P & F Meeting*

✓ *Wednesday 25th October - Crazy Sock Day*

✓ *Thursday 16th November 4:00pm to 8:00pm - Swimming Carnival*

Please note that Sports Uniforms are to be worn by
ALL students on Fridays in Term 4.

Are you planning a move?

At present many preparations are being put in place for the 2018 school year. Today I was working on the financial budget as well as staffing for next year. We are also experiencing quite a number of enrolment applications for next year. If you are aware that your family is being transferred, moving towns, etc. for the 2018 school year, could you please let the school know of your intentions? This will assist with the early notification of acceptance of these families who are currently on our waiting lists. Many thanks for your thoughtful considerations.

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News from Ms Harrison..

Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term 4.

I trust that all families have had a lovely break and returned free of the dreaded 'lurgy' which dominated in the last few weeks of Term 3. We welcome to our St Joseph's school community this week two new families to Weipa, the Andresen family Cindy and Kristen (Jade Year 1) and the Smith family Andrew and Kirsty (Claire Year 5, Emma Year 4 and Darcy Year 2).

Whilst we have been on holidays the buildings works on Stage 2 have moved to the final phase of construction. Over the break the builders removed the temporary walls which will open up into the Flexible Learning Space and very soon some glass sliding doors will be fitted. It is all very exciting as we now have a sense of what our learning spaces will look like once completed.

We welcome Mrs Kelly Bienvenu to our staff this term. Kelly is taking over the teaching role in Year 4 this term. I know Kelly is very excited to be working in our school and particularly with the families of the Year 4 students.

This week we also welcome Ms Debbie McGuiness to St Joseph's school staff. Debbie is replacing our Librarian Yvonne Grant this term and will be with us in Weeks 1 and 2 and again in weeks 5 and 6 of this term. Debbie is a welcome support to Karen Smith in the Library area as we prepare for the expansion of our library facilities.

During the holidays our new furniture has also arrived, ready to be placed into our new classrooms as well as a second shade for playground equipment installed by Weipa Cabinets. The shade is the first part of construction for additional playground equipment purchased by the P and F.

There is a buzz of excitement from the children in readiness for the commencement of our swimming programme today. Mrs Turner has coordinated a great team of trained swimming teachers as well as parent volunteers to help out with our class lessons. Thank you to all those fabulous parents who have offered to assist with swimming, without your help we would not be able run such a program from school.

We are now well into the planning phase for the 2018 school year. We are in the midst of the recruitment phase for teachers and specialists role within the school. I expect that teachers for 2018 will be finalised by the end of October. I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Stacey Edmonds to our staff here in Weipa from next year. Stacey is transferring with her family from Cairns where she has worked at Our Lady Help of Christians as a classroom teacher and also most recently as a teacher librarian in the CES office team.

Enrolments for next year are strong, with enrolments now open for our single stream classes in Year 5 and Year 6 next year and with limited vacancies in Years Prep to Year 4. Could I ask that if you are aware of any changes to your family circumstances or transfers out of Weipa that you let us know as soon as possible as I expect that we will soon be starting waiting lists for many classes.

A reminder that this is an eight week term and that the students last day of school for 2017 is Friday 24th November.

And lastly, a gentle reminder to all families about our Allergy and Nut Awareness policy at St Joseph's. Here is a link to the Policy located on our school website. [AllergyAwareness.pdf](#)

Have a great week families,

Rosie

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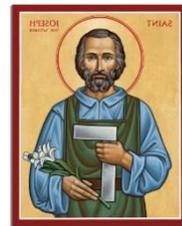
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APRE NEWS – Week 1, Term 4.



Welcome back for our last term of 2017. How quickly the time has gone and who would believe that this signifies the beginning of the end of our second year together. What an amazing journey to this point. This term is one full of assessment, reporting, Crazy Sock days and many other wonderful celebrations to finish the year.

Month of the Rosary.

During the Month of October, the Catholic Church celebrates the Month of the Rosary. Here at St Joseph's, all students will be saying a decade of the Rosary each day in their classroom. It is a lovely tradition that allows us to participate in this special prayer during the month of October. By praying the Rosary we are asking Mary to help us to come closer to God.

The Mysteries of the Rosary trace the life of Jesus. The focus of the rosary is two-fold. While praying each Hail Mary one is meant to ponder the aspect of Jesus' life captured in the name of the Mystery.

There are four sets, with five mysteries in each set.

<u>Joyful Mysteries</u> The Annunciation The Visitation The Birth of Jesus The Presentation in the Temple Finding the Child Jesus in the Temple	<u>Sorrowful Mysteries</u> The Agony in the Garden The Scourging at the Pillar Crowning with Thorns Carrying of the Cross The Crucifixion
<u>Mysteries of Light (Luminous)</u> Christ's Baptism in the Jordan The Wedding at Cana The Proclamation of the Kingdom The Transfiguration The Institution of the Eucharist	<u>Glorious Mysteries</u> The Resurrection The Ascension The Descent of the Holy Spirit The Assumption The Coronation of Mary

Praying a decade consists of – The Sign of the Cross, 1 Our Father, 10 Hail Marys, 1 Glory be to the Father and finishing with the Sign of the Cross. During the month of October, let us consider this beautiful prayer of the Rosary as a means that we too can use, in order to draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation.

Mission Month & Socktober

The month of October is Mission Month and Catholic Mission is again calling it 'Socktober.' The fundraising event we have chosen this year is to hold a 'Crazy Sock Day' on Wednesday 25th October. Students are encouraged to wear their school uniform with crazy socks for the day with a gold coin donation to help raise funds for the Missions and be as creative as you possibly can. We will then be holding a coin race to see which class can make the longest line of coins from their donation boxes and the Crazy sock day.

In Australia, Catholic Mission designates one day in October each year as Children's Mission Day to promote mission in a manner appropriate and relevant to students, and to celebrate the wonderful fundraising efforts to support Catholic Mission's work with children worldwide. When we allow God to act through us in love for others, bringing the fruits of the spirit into the world - reconciliation, forgiveness, justice, peace, harmony, joy, and love - we build God's family and help everyone experience fullness of life.

The 2017 Catholic Mission schools appeal theme is, '*I have come that they may have life and have it to the full*' John 10:10, and it takes students into the lives of children in Uganda who cannot go to school because their families live in poverty.

We can all act to reduce poverty around the world and improve the quality of life for all our brothers and sisters of God's family. We can stand in solidarity with all who suffer exclusion, poverty and injustice and whose life is in some way diminished. We hope that the students' understanding of 'mission' and 'missionaries' will be nurtured and a special prayer will be undertaken on this day to help celebrate and make relevant for the students this message and

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the understandings of what Catholic Mission is trying to achieve and promote.

Picture products fundraiser.

I have been sending flyers home or speaking with parents directly about our fundraiser for Term 4. An Australian company, Picture products has a selection of plates, clocks, water bottles and mugs available by where your child decorates a piece of paper and this is then transferred and transformed into a wonderful keepsake. This is not meant as a Christmas fundraiser but the gifts can be purchased as gifts or simply as memories for home.

The cost of the items is as follows:

Small clocks, Plates & 600ml water bottles - \$24

Picture Clocks \$28

Ceramic Mug, plastic mug & 400ml water bottle - \$18

Calendars \$14

To order you just need to see Mrs Saunders or Aimee in the office to collect your correct paper size to complete the drawings. If we can have all drawings returned by Friday 13th October, we can send off and have them back by Monday 18th December and I will deliver them as school will have ceased for the year. If you have any questions please see me and I can explain further.

With blessings for a wonderful break,

Amanda

Prayer for a new term.

Dear Lord, help me to live each day quietly, easily.

To lean upon your strength truthfully, restfully.

To wait for the unfolding of your will patiently, serenely.

To meet others peacefully, joyfully.

To face tomorrow confidently, courageously.

Amen.

Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum Parent Information Session

The school will be implementing the *Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum* for students in Prep to Year 6 this term. This curriculum is based on principles of best practice in child safety education and centres around three key messages:

Recognise, React and Report.

Through a series of lessons, students will learn how to recognise, react and report when they are unsafe or find themselves in situations that can have a significant detrimental effect on their physical, psychological or emotional wellbeing.

A collaborative approach between schools, families and the community is the best way to provide safety education to children. To ensure parents are fully informed, an information session about the *Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum* will be held for parents of students in **Prep to Year 6 on Monday the 9th of October at 6.30pm in the Flexible Learning Space**. The presentation will be approximately 30 minutes and there will be an opportunity following the presentation to ask questions.

This is a great opportunity to learn about the curriculum and the messages your child will be receiving. We encourage you to attend so that you are able to discuss and reinforce these key safety messages with your children. We understand that this time may not suit everyone.

If you are unable to attend the parent session, information about the *Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum* can be found at www.education.qld.gov.au/child-safety-curruculum

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Classroom News..



Prep.. We've had a great start to the term this week in Prep. We shared stories and wrote about what we did on the holidays, as well as an illustration to match what we had written about. We did our English group work with year one and our Maths rotations, including PMP. We revised how technology is something created by humans to make jobs easier and solve problems. At the end of the lesson we did the robot technology dance which is very popular with the class. We've revised the importance of drinking water and how it is one of the things we need to stay alive. The students were very excited about starting swimming this week. They looked forward to the bus trip, participating and doing their personal best at their swimming lesson.

Year 1.. Welcome back from holidays! What a busy first week to start the term. In English, we have continued reading the story: How the birds got their colours. The students have written a recount about their holiday. In Mathematics, we have been counting in twos starting from a different starting point and focusing on addition. In Science, we have been looking at light and sound. This week we have also started swimming for HPE and the students have been saying the Rosary, as October is Rosary and Mission month. If anyone is available between 8:40 and 9:00am, we will continue with student reading in the flexible learning area. Library day will stay on a Friday and Homework will be due on a Monday this term.

Year 2.. What a great start to our term! After writing some amazing stories about their holidays we have hit the learning path full on. We are excited about learning division in Maths, which means we are sharing equal parts of a number, but as we have discovered you cannot always do this with some numbers. We have a few super sleuth mathematicians who can detect which numbers cannot be shared equally, fantastic work! It has been great working in pairs to help each other problem solve this. We are learning a new song "Underneath the Rainbow" by Andrew Chinn which everyone is enjoying. Also as part of our Religion we are learning about the Rosary and what it means. This has been a reflective time to learn to pray together and be respectful, every student has a pair of Rosary beads they are using as we learn the different prayers to say. In Science we have introduced our Push and Pull unit and look forward to some hands on activities next week. We listed what forces are used when we use them. We welcome Darcy Smith to our class this week from Wolvi near Gympie. He has settled in very well and has been a champion worker. We started our Ripper Reader awards this week also. Looking forward to swimming!

Year 3.. This week in Year 3 we have started with a blank canvas for our wall decorations and Mrs Saunders and Miss Cass have told us we will be responsible for decorating the walls with our own work. In English we are learning about critical reviews so have started with book reviews. Maths this week has been a focus on symmetry. Swimming begins on Friday and we must remember to bring our sports uniforms to change into after our lesson. Mrs Saunders has also asked that we start looking for some small boxes (about the size of a shoe box) that we will need for our Science assessment. We are learning about Heat and heat energy so will be building a solar oven to cook something.

Golden pencil: Jaiden Kappu

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Year 4.. Welcome back to Term 4, Mrs Bienvenu is very excited to be teaching Year 4 this term. We also welcomed a new class member – Emma Smith. Lucky has returned from his vacation to Mrs Bienvenu’s daughter’s room over the holidays. There may have been some tears in the Bienvenu household... This week we introduced the units we will be learning about this term: English we will be reading the novel Tom Appleby Convict Boy, this will align with our History unit on the First Fleet. One of our classmates is a direct descendent of a passenger on the First Fleet and her Nan has volunteered to come in and speak with the class and share her knowledge. A perfect, relevant way for our students to learn about primary and secondary sources. The students shared what they already know about forces and we will continue to learn about these in Science and create our own marble run in Technologies. In Maths, we consolidated our knowledge of multiplication and division by exploring the notion of inverse operations and number patterns.

Year 5 - 6.. Welcome back, everyone, and a special welcome to our new class member, Claire Smith. This week we started our new novel, “Wonder” by R.J. Palacio. We have been studying information texts which will help us in constructing and presenting our information speeches for Civics and Citizenship for week 3. This involved looking closely at what makes a fact and what makes an opinion. In Religion, we are continuing to focus on how Mary is depicted in our modern world by creating our own icons of Mother Mary. For Maths we are looking at how to convert measurements of time, length, capacity and mass and will continue this into next week.



Prep.. Jayce Christie, Sienna Hill + Natalie Foo

Year 1.. Evan Ah Shay + Ewa McNamara

Year 2.. Darcy Smith + Jackeal Day

Year 3.. Kyan Wellby + Maddison O'Connor

Year 4.. Emma Smith + Ethan Marlow

Year 5-6.. Claire Smith + Makayla Lobley

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Crossing Supervisor Approved for St Joseph's

At this stage we have had no confirmation as to when the crossing lights works or Supervisor will commence. We will let you know as soon as we do.



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Dear Principal

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to the safety of students travelling to and from our schools, with 25 new school crossing supervisors to be employed across Queensland this financial year.

It gives me great pleasure to advise you that St Joseph's Parish will benefit from the new State funding of a school crossing supervisor as part of this financial year's scheme.

Supervised crossings have a long standing track record of protecting school children on the roads during peak times before and after school.

A number of important factors are taken into account when assessing school sites for supervised crossings, such as crash history, traffic volumes, pedestrian movements, the speed limit and visibility. This process seeks to ensure crossing supervisors are delivered at the schools across Queensland that need them most.

This, along with standardised school times and our flashing school zone light program go a long way in helping keep children safe at our schools.

The Palaszczuk Government is also committed to delivering more than \$500 million for road safety projects over the next two years, targeting specific safety programs that reduce road trauma in Queensland.

You may wish to share this news in your school newsletter, using this opportunity to remind motorists to slow down when driving near your school.

Together, we can make the streets outside Queensland schools safer.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Steven Miles'.

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