

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

EDITION 201702 WEEK 3, TERM 1 2017



Important dates for month of February...

Friday 10th February Welcome BBQ

Time: 4 – 6pm

Location: Under covered Area

Wednesday 15th February Volunteer Training

Time: 9 – 9.30am

Location: Flexible Learning Space

Monday 20th February P & F Meeting

Time: 7pm

Location: Flexible Learning Space

Week 6 commencing 27th February details to come about Shrove Monday & Ash Wednesday...

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News from Ms. Harrison...

Dear Families,

Who can believe it is Week 3 already! The year is flying.

Being a welcoming community is an important aspect of St Joey's and thanks to the efforts of our P & F President, Donna Machan and a fabulous band of helpers, the P&F Welcome BBQ function is shaping up to be a wonderful event. I encourage you all to pop down between 4pm and 6pm this evening to meet some of the many new faces of our St Joseph's community.

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend our first P&F Working Bee for 2017. It was great to see so many new parents and families come along to give their support last Sunday morning. Despite the wet, miserable weather many jobs on the "to do" list were accomplished and our school grounds look fabulous now as a result. Don't forget the upcoming P & F Meeting on the 20th February at 7pm. I hope all families can offer assistance in some way with the P & F's social and small fundraising events planned for the year. The P&F Levy was put in place to lessen the need for major fundraising activities.

Our P & F Association is a valuable parent and school partnership and an important way parents can be actively involved in our school. It is also an opportunity to learn firsthand just what is happening in all aspects of our school - from special events and projects to curriculum initiatives and school administration.

Many thanks also to our wonderful teaching staff this week for your time and preparation for the class Parent Information evenings held this week. I was able to get to most of these sessions and was delighted to see the number of parents attending. These meetings form a great link of communication and build understanding of what is happening at school for parents and families.

Children experience more success when their parents are interested and involved with their schooling. We love to see you. When everyone works together – great things can happen for the benefit of your children!

Have a great week.

Rosie

PRINCIPAL



P&F ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 20 FEB 7PM - FLEXIBLE LEARNING AREA

Nomination forms/role descriptions for executive committee & subcommittees (Fundraising/Social; Grants; Sustainability committees) positions available at the office

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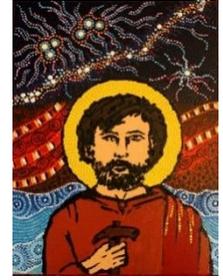
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APRE News..



Today we held our Opening school mass and what a wonderful way to end the week. We would like to extend a tremendous thank you to all of those who attended and to Father Michael Symanski for celebrating with us. The Mass celebrated the start of our new school year with a blessing for all who are a part of our community.

I would also like to let you know that I will be away during Weeks 5 through to Week 7 as I am attending the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress and finishing with a delayed honeymoon. So over the coming weeks I will be placing in my articles information that will be available to parents during Term 1. Some of these include parent volunteer inductions, Ash Wednesday mass, ICAS competitions and other relevant matters.

VOLUNTEER INDUCTION

If you wish to work with our children in any capacity in 2017, you must attend one of our annual Parent Volunteer Induction sessions. All volunteers must complete this session to be eligible to volunteer within our classrooms, tuckshop, grounds – in fact anywhere where there are our students and teachers have asked for help.

For your information any volunteers who visit the school and are not parents must also produce a Children's Commission 'Working with Children' blue card to be able to work with students.

Session 1 for 2017: Wednesday 15th February 9 to 9.30am in the flexible learning space.

If this time does not suit, please do not worry as I will be running further sessions later the term and will try to make either an afternoon or evening session for those on shift.

ST JOSEPH'S CHARISM

Charism is a gift of the Holy Spirit, a living passion, the beliefs and values that the Catholic community shares. These are reflected in what is done, how it is done and who is doing it. In a Catholic Christian educational context, Charism can be viewed as a spiritual energy that permeates our community based on significant people, virtues and stories.

At St Joseph's Parish School, our charism is built upon our identity as a centre of, well-being and learning in the Catholic tradition through the work of St Joseph the worker and Mary MacKillop: Justice, Humility, Community, Service and Compassion.

We will refer to this charism throughout the year, as what we do and who we are as a school community comes from, and feeds into it. We call it, "The St Joseph's Way".

Happy Valentine's Day – 14th February

Next week we celebrate St. Valentine's Day. A day where we traditionally give gifts to the ones we love. But have you ever wondered what the history is behind the day? Valentine's Day began in the time of the Roman Empire. Under the rule of Emperor Claudius II Rome was involved in many bloody and unpopular campaigns. Claudius the Cruel was having a difficult time getting soldiers to join his military leagues. He believed that the reason was that Roman men did not want to leave their loves or families.

As a result, Claudius cancelled all marriages and engagements in Rome. The good Saint Valentine was a priest at Rome in the days of Claudius II. He and Saint Marius aided the Christian martyrs and secretly married couples, and for this kind deed, Saint Valentine was apprehended and dragged before the Prefect of Rome, who condemned him to death.

Whilst Saint Valentine was in prison awaiting his fate, many young people came visit him. They threw flowers and notes up to his window. They wanted Saint Valentine to know that they, too, believed in love. One of these young people was the daughter of the prison guard. Her father allowed her to visit Saint Valentine in the cell. Sometimes they would sit and talk for hours.

On the day Saint Valentine was to die (14th February, 269 A.D.), he left his friend a little note thanking her for her friendship and loyalty. He signed it, "Love from your Valentine." That note started the custom of exchanging love messages on Valentine's Day. Happy Valentine's Day!

Thank you and blessings for a great weekend,

Amanda
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Classroom News..



Prep

In Prep this week, we have been continuing to learn about our St Joseph's Covenant. We have been learning how illustrations and words help us to make meaning from texts. We learnt about 'Eagle Eye' an eagle character who reminds us of a reading strategy. This strategy is to look at pictures for a clue when we are trying to work out a word. We read a book together using this strategy. We used counters and plates to represent and draw one plate with more counters and one plate with less. We counted forwards and backwards to 20 using a rocket countback strategy. We painted a colour wheel with primary colours and experimented with paint mixing, making green, orange and purple. We have learnt about our five senses this week in Science. We enjoyed a sight words game and Reading Eggs on the iPads. We practiced singing songs and participated respectfully in our first Mass at school.

Year 1

This week year one read the story called "Dan, The Flying Man". The students really enjoyed this story and all participated in many reading and writing activities based on this story, throughout the week. In mathematics, we have continued with the focus of counting in twos, fives, and tens. We have started our Biological Science unit where we are looking at living and non-living animals. We have gone for a walk around the school to see what insects we could find in our school backyard. The students were all very excited looking for insects and enjoyed drawing what they had found, while exploring.

The students all attended our first whole school liturgy for the year, our welcoming mass. Thank you to all of the parents for coming to the parent information night.

Year 2

We are loving singing "Every Move I Make" every morning and many parents have commented about how it has been a big hit at home! The favourite activity this week was using Study ladder on the laptops, and learning to log on with new passwords. In Science we are investigating how things grow and change, or stay the same and we have been very curious about the changes in the mealworms in class. Some great predictions made from many students about what will happen next! We started our new spelling routine this week and we are sure this will improve our spelling and understanding of spelling patterns. In Maths, we looked at odd and even numbers and tracking numbers on the number line. We continue discussing how to be 'bucket fillers' and how our 'class covenant' is all about treating others with respect. Our daily goals set by the children have been a great motivation daily. It also helps everyone work towards a positive environment. Happy weekend all! Thank you to all those who attended the Parent Night last night, many positive comments were received which is encouraging for everyone.

Year 3

This week we have been learning more about the Ten Commandments and the story of Moses. Mrs Saunders also presented us with another 5-minute challenge, which really put our creative minds to the test. In English, we have been working on our spelling strategies as well as writing sizzling starts to begin narratives. In Math, we have been focussing on ascending and descending order of numbers to 1000s and revising on previous concepts. We are practising our 2s 5s and 10s in a variety of fun games to build automaticity of math facts. Ask your child to play "Samurai odd/evens", "Dude Doubles" or "Fast Fives" – they are so fun.

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Year 4

This week the Fab Four's received turtles as part of our Novel study. The turtles have been used as an item of discussion, and inspiration for writing. In Maths we have been learning to partition numbers flexibly, which is a bit tricky with hundreds. Our Science unit is Material World and Mrs Beinvenu bought in different types of gloves for us to look at and discuss the materials they are made from and the properties of these materials. The students will be bringing home a note today regarding bringing in some different materials for an experiment.

Year 5 - 6

What a week! Year 5/6 has been busy making proposals for events within the school. We excitedly preparing some awesome competitions coming up soon, so please stay tuned. In Maths, we focussed on using different addition and subtraction skills to solve problems and made Frayer model posters to explain each possible strategy. In religion, we have been learning about Eucharist and the full Mass process, which will be taking place on Friday. We undertook a scientific investigation in science, where we are learning about micro-organisms, including the effect of yeast in bread.

Social Emotional Learning (S.E.L) & Physical Education (P.E)

This term we have the following routine for S.E.L & P.E children are to wear their P.E uniform on the corresponding day please.

Wednesdays: Prep – Year 2

Thursdays: Year 3 – Year 6



Prep.. Philemon Agale, Ella Borg + Ruby Scarabello

Year 1.. Chelsea Steele + Ewa McNamara

Year 2.. Jessica Hoad + Jackeal Day

Year 3.. Daniel Scarabello + Cordy Foo

Year 4.. Isaac Morton

Year 5 - 6.. Brayden Keough + Damian Parr

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Term 1 School Fees

Term 1 School fees will be issued early next week by email. Payment details are outlined on the invoice please ensure you use you 'Customer Reference' number when making payment via direct bank transfer. Any concerns or questions please contact Miss Laura in the office.

School Banking

School banking will resume next Wednesday. Please bring bankbooks into school on Tuesday and give them to Miss Laura in the office, will be returned to students on Thursdays by their Classroom teacher. For those of you not already participating and wish to get started all you need is to take your Birth Certificate in to the QCCU Branch and ask to begin in the school-banking program.

Tuckshop..

Our Tuckshop would love some helping hands each day, if you are able to lend a hand please contact Sue Gane in our Tuckshop on 4069 9500...

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