

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

EDITION 201731 WEEK 1, TERM 4 2017



Important dates ...

- ✓ Monday 16th October 7:00pm – P & F Meeting
- ✓ Wednesday 25th October – Crazy Sock Day
- ✓ Monday 6th November – Prep Parent Information Session
- ✓ Tuesday 7th November – Prep Orientation Morning
- ✓ Thursday 9th November – Prep Orientation Morning
- ✓ Thursday 16th November 4:00pm to 8:00pm – Swimming Carnival

Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum

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. 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. Information about the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum can be found at www.education.qld.gov.au/child-safety-curriculum

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News from Ms Harrison..

Dear Parents,

We are now in the second week of term and time is flying! Swimming lessons are in full swing for all students. Today I filled in for Mrs Turner at the pool so I was able to see the progress of the children with their lessons. The children are really enjoying their swimming and the weather has been ideal. I remind you that the children will be swimming each Friday until 17 November inclusive. The twilight Swimming Carnival will be held on the Thursday 16th November.

A huge congratulations to Mrs Turner, Kate Mellner and Peta Hancock for passing their Swim and Survive course assessment with flying colours. Their work each week alongside our parent volunteers all contributes to making our swimming program a huge success. Thank you.

We had an incident recently where a child brought some peanuts packed as lunch food into the school. Please note that we have a strict Allergy aware policy at St Joseph's and items such as peanuts are not allowed at school.

The Year 6 camp is now in the final stages of planning. The Year 6 students will be away in Week 4 of this term staying at Coolum Beach. Planned activities include visits to Australia Zoo and the Planetarium as well as a day of camp activities.

We are now in the last phase of recruitment for staff and school planning for 2018. Therefore, I ask again that you let us know if you even think your children will not be returning next year. At this time of the year, this also applies to those parents who have applied for a Prep student to start and are now considering keeping the child at Kindy for another year. As always, thanks to all those parents who have had conversations with us to keep us up to date on what will, or might, be happening.

Our Orientation evening for parents whose children are starting Prep next year will be the 6th of November at 7:00pm. At this evening teachers will outline routines and details of the Prep curriculum. We will also make appointments for uniform fittings. I look forward to seeing many of you at this event – we have a surprising number of siblings starting next year!

God Bless,

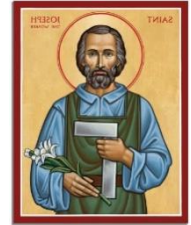
Rosie

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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Week 2 is complete and before we know it we will be wondering where the term has gone. This week I would like to put out a personal and most heartfelt 'thank you' to the Simpson family – Taylah is in Prep – for the contribution that they made in offering to help with the construction of our new cross. Bob and Jaz Simpson gave up some of their time to use a piece of driftwood I had collected from Kerr Point last year, to construct the most beautiful cross I have seen for some time. It gave me goose bumps when he brought it into school this week and I would love for you all to come and have a look. A special place has been made just inside the flexible learning space door. Please come and have a look.

Children's Mission Day

In Australia, Catholic Mission has designated Wednesday 25th October 2017 as Children's Mission Day. This day is a time to promote mission in a manner appropriate and relevant to students, and to celebrate the wonderful fundraising efforts of Catholic Mission's work with children worldwide. We will use this opportunity to hold a "Socktober Coin race" where each class will arrive with their donation boxes and set the contents out in a line. The class with the longest line will receive a prize. Catholic Mission urgently needs our support to help many needy children in the world. A prayer will be provided to teachers to read on the morning of the 25th as we will be fortunate enough to have our Year 6's representing us at the Children's Liturgy in Brisbane on this day.

Picture products fundraiser

There has been some great response to our fundraiser and have decided to keep it open until Monday afternoon so if you are still interested please see Aimee in the office. We also discovered that there are some extra items available: phone covers (limited brands), mouse pads and placemats if you are interested in completing one. An email was forwarded home with the details. I would like to thank everybody so far who has taken up this opportunity to make some memories.

With blessings for a wonderful week ahead,

Amanda

Hail Mary prayer.

Hail Mary, full of grace.
Our Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,
Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

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Classroom News..



Prep.. We've had a great week in Prep. Debbie McGuiness our visiting teacher librarian read the *Fabulous Friend Machine* story by Nick Bland about device awareness with the class. Mrs Miller came and spoke with the class about the importance of place for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people. In Science we found things that move inside and outside the classroom and described the way they moved. We started learning about voluntary and involuntary movements that we make. We have been counting forwards and backwards, writing digits and doing addition in Maths. We have continued our English group work which includes reading, writing, spelling, reading eggs and sight words snap games. We looked forward to swimming again this week and did our personal best in our lesson.

Year 1.. This week, in English we have been writing our cultural recount and focusing on sounds and sight words. In Mathematics, we have done a range of things, we have looked at directions, place value and solving number problems. In Geography, we have had our Indigenous Education Officer, Mrs Miller, come in and talked about aboriginal symbols that relate to our theme "Features of Places". In Science, we have been discussing sound and light. The students have a task for next week to help with our Science unit, they will need to draw or take a picture of things around their home that produce light and sound and bring it in to share with the rest of the class.

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 busy week. We have been looking at shopping in Maths and working out how to add amounts together then give change. This can be tricky so we did lots of hands on with the coins and dollars and we made a shop to practise our skills. Kids love it! In Religion we have used the Book Creator app to create our own story about what life was like for Jesus when he was alive. We did lots of research first in pairs about the land, houses, clothes, and food from books, then used images and photos and voice recordings to show our knowledge. Thanks to Ms McGuiness for her help. Mrs Miller also came and spoke to us about indigenous toys from the past which was super interesting as part of our History.

Year 3.. Year 3s have been continuing to learn how to write computer code and syncing them with using Ozobot robots to perform their programmed written tasks. Super exciting! We have been practising writing reviews using evaluative language and persuasive features. We have reviewed books, movies and food so far. In Religion, Civics and Health we have been focussing on the qualities and strategies of what makes a good community member, how we can be a good friend and what it takes to follow in the footsteps of Mary and Jesus. We are learning more and more each week about respect and the qualities of a good person. *Golden Pencil: Luke Clegg*



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Year 4.. We are very lucky to welcome Mrs Raechel Gordon to our class this term. Mrs Raechel is a full time Student Officer who has been assigned to our class to support students who may need a little extra help. This week we continued our class novel Tom Appleby Convict Boy and have written newspaper articles and letters demonstrating our knowledge of the First Fleet. In Religion we have been celebrating the month of the Rosary and each student received a set of rosary beads. In Maths we conducted investigations, recorded our data in graphs and evaluated our output. In Science we began constructing our Marble Runs and we will continue this next week.

Year 5 - 6.. This week Year 5/6 has focused on preparing their Civics and Citizenship presentation for next week. Students have chosen a local or national aid organisation and will present information to the class about this group and what they do. Religion has seen the completion of our Mother Mary "stained glass window" icons, informed by a variety of bible readings. We were also lucky enough to have Ms Debbie McGuinness run a couple of ICT sessions in our class, including an Ozobot coding activity! Thanks for helping us to extend our learning, Ms McGuinness! If you would like to view some of the cool things we were doing with the Ozobots, just scan the QR code below!



Prep.. Hayley Coult + Nate Robinson + Sophie Hoad

Year 1.. Jade Andresen + Lewis Rees + Zoe Van Der Westhuizen

Year 2.. Peta-Rose Deegan + Isaiah Lindsay

Year 3.. Sienna Williams + Edward Rees

Year 4.. Lealand Gay + Lucas Hancock

Year 5-6.. Kiarah Baylis + Xeroxia Nona-Poipoi

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SewAwesome Club

SewAwesome Club started this week at lunchtimes and for a Funtastic Friday choice with Miss Cass, Miss Libby and Miss Scikluną. Students are learning the old school skills of sewing to upcycle old clothes and create new designs for heat/cool pads, pillows, meditation masks and their own designs. This is also part of selected student's life skills programs.

Miss Cook is teaching students how to knit and crochet. Miss Henderson is teaching how to do tie dye shirts and material.

It's great to see so many teachers giving up their lunch time to provide opportunities for students to learn new things and make new friends during their lunch breaks.



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