

Important dates ...

- ✓ *Tuesday 3rd October - First day of Term 4*
- ✓ *Tuesday 3rd October - Swimming Consent Forms Due*
- ✓ *Friday 6th October - Swimming Lessons begin*
- ✓ *Monday 16th October - P & F Meeting*

Woolworths

Earn and Learn is finished!

If you have any Earn and Learn Stickers please drop them into the box at Woolworths or into the office on the first day of Term 4. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our families that collected stickers. We would also like to thank the families that help stick endless supplies of stickers onto sheets for us.



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News from Ms Harrison..

Best Wishes

Emily Haardt leaves our St Joseph's community this week and we extend our prayers and best wishes to Emily, Eric, Emelia and Ewan for their move to Newcastle. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Emily for her continued commitment to providing an excellent learning environment for her class. Emily is an outstanding teacher with genuine care and concern for her students and has been a valued member of our staff team in our first two foundation years.

Congratulations to Mrs Kelly Bienvenu for taking over the fulltime teaching of Year 4 for the rest of the year. I'm sure all families will welcome Kelly to our school community from next term.

We also farewell the Abood family from St Joseph's today. Kylie was one of the first parents to come and visit our temporary school office in 2015 to enrol her sons in the brand new Catholic school opening in 2016. Kylie has also made a significant contribution to the school parent community, being involved and instrumental in many P and F projects over the past two years. Ethan and Toby will be missed by many of their friends and classmates at St Joseph's. We wish Kylie, Dan and the boys well in this next adventure in Gove.

Our building project ramps up over the holidays and we should return with most of the shell complete for Stage 2. The latest update from the builder is that we will have completion and handover around the 28th November.

There has been much sickness for well over a month now through the school. Let's hope the well-earned two week break clears out all the nasty bugs and germs.

I look forward to seeing you all back safe and well on Tuesday 3rd October,

Rosie

APRE NEWS

It is hard to believe where another term has gone!! We have had so many wonderful things happen this term and to share them together makes it even more exciting. I would like to thank all of the families who completed the Satisfaction surveys as your feedback is very important to us and we are looking forward to analysing our results. It is also with some sadness that we bid farewell to more of our St Joseph's families and staff this week and we would like to wish them all the joy and blessings as they begin their new journeys ahead. So I would like to offer the following prayer:



Prayer for a family leaving St Joseph's.

Dear Lord, as we say farewell to our loved ones we entrust them into your care. We pray for happiness and joy to be ahead of them, for wisdom and guidance to be beside them, and for grace and truth to be behind them, pushing them onwards into your goodness. We know that you will always love and protect them, wherever they go. Amen.

Last weekend I met with Father Dariusz, Kath and Teresa with regards to the Sacramental program and Baptisms. A decision has been made that Baptisms will occur in Term 4 with classes involved with the celebrations and a date to be determined. If you expressed an interest in having your child/children baptised we will contact you early next term.

The Sacramental program dates are still in consultation as we are awaiting confirmation from the Bishop. The lessons for the students participating will begin during Term 1 in 2018 with a date for the celebration to be conducted early Term 2, 2018. If you require any further information please be in touch.

With blessings for a wonderful break,

Amanda

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Prayer in Spring by Robert Frost.

Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers today;
And give us not to think so far away
As the uncertain harvest; keep us here
All simply in the springing of the year.

Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white,
Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night;
And make us happy in the happy bees,
The swarm dilating round the perfect trees.

And make us happy in the darting bird
That suddenly above the bees is heard,
The meteor that thrusts with needle bill,
And off a blossom in mid-air stands still.

For this is love and nothing else is love,
The which it is reserved for God above
To sanctify to what far ends He will,
But which it only needs that we fulfill.

Classroom News..



Prep.. In Prep, we have had a busy last week of Term. We have continued with our English rotations and Perceptual Motor program with Year One. A popular activity this week has been Targeting Maths on the Ipad which incorporates two player number games including recognition of quantities and addition. Activity choices this week have included finishing off student work and making and creating things to take home. As a class we talked about the upcoming holidays and drew a picture of something we were looking forward to doing. Thank-you to all of the parent helpers this term who have been able to come in to do reading in the mornings. We would like to wish all of our families a well-deserved break and enjoyable September holiday period and we look forward to seeing you again in Term Four.

Year 1.. Holidays at last, this week we have spent the week fixing up and finishing off things and getting ready for term 4. We have all been focusing on our handwriting skills and writing in the red and blue lines correctly and we have created some more art work. Next term, we will be looking at sound and light in science. In Geography, we will be looking at natural and constructed things and in English we will be writing a cultural recount, what a wonderful term to look forward to.

I hope you all have a wonderful and safe break and I look forward to hearing all of the stories when the students return after the holidays. Thank you parents for all of your continued support again this term.

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Year 2.. With so many children away each day sick, we have been doing lots of catchup and revision work. We loved writing about our waterdrop adventure and I was so impressed with how much the children have learnt! We have been revising multiplication this week and drawing lots of dot arrays to help us. We also did our big spelling test which checks to see how we remembered different spelling patterns in words. Have a super holiday everyone, we all certainly need a rest!! It has been a great term with so many things going on, the children have handled it really well.

Year 3.. This week has been jam packed finishing off assessment and finalising our term 3 units of work. We've been writing a variety of poem in class and learning about rhyming and matching syllables. In PE they used scooters to navigate through their designed obstacle course and we finished our week in our PJs to raise money for Swags for Homeless.

Golden Pencils go to Matilda Machan and Sophie Steele

Year 4.. Well the time has come to say "Goodbye" to the most fabulous Year 4 class I have ever taught! This week we have worked on finding missing numbers in Maths, completing activities related to our novel *Tom Appleby Convict Boy* in English, and designing and creating an impressive artwork for Andrew Chinn's new CD and book in Religion. In Science, we completed out "Beaneath Our Feet" unit by predicting and observing our make a rock experiment and our sediment experiment. Most of the time however has been spent talking and having fun with Mrs Haardt.



Year 4 enjoying a *goodbye cake* made by Isaac and also Kunio's birthday cake.

Year 5 - 6.. This week we finished up our adventure to Narnia by writing a book review about our novel. It was great to see some very thorough descriptions and explanations of students' feelings about the quality of the book. The class is looking forward to starting "Wonder" by R. J. Palacio in term 4. In maths we have been looking at financial plans and revising how to work out the percentage discount on a given product at the shops. We continued to study how Mother Mary is represented in the bible and will look further into this next term. Thank you for an amazing term and have a safe holiday!

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Week 9 & 10

Prep.. Aidan Fay + Natalie Foo + Silvie Hynes + Aiden O'Connor

Year 1.. Summer Alleyn + Nate McLellan + Elroy Spodniewski +
Gemma Mellner + Hamish Myall + + Levi Payne +
Ayden Vogler

Year 2.. Isaiah Lindsay + Casey Oastler

Year 3.. Luke Clegg + Maddison O'Connor + Ewan Haardt +
Ethan Abood

Year 4.. All of Year 4

Year 5-6.. Jay Deegan + Corey Clarke + Emelia Haardt +
Xeroxia Nona-Poipoi

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

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Term 4 Physical Education
Swimming Programme for St. Joseph's School, Weipa

Dear Parents,

The St. Joseph's Swimming Programme will begin in Term 4, Week 1 and runs for seven weeks. (Friday 6th October to Friday 17th of November). The Learn to Swim is an excellent programme and all children are encouraged to participate fully. The swimming teachers for Term 4 are Mrs Melanie Turner, Mrs Peta Hancock, Mrs Kate Mellner and Ms Elissa Nash who are qualified swimming instructors with Swimming Australia. The children will be transported by bus to and from the school. Below indicates lesson times.

Prep Lesson

Lesson from 9.00 – 9.40am

(Prep children may come dressed to school in their swimmers etc. and change back into their uniform after their swimming lesson)

Year 1

Lesson from 9.40 – 10.20am

(Year 1 children may come dressed to school in their swimmers etc. and change back into their uniform after their swimming lesson)

Year 2

Lesson from 10.20 – 11.00am

Year 3

Lesson from 11.00 – 11.40am

Year 4

Lesson from 11.40 – 12.20pm

Year 5/6

Lesson from 12.20 – 1.00pm

An email will be sent with more information and a permission form. Please read and complete and return to your child's classroom teacher by 3rd October.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Regards,

Melanie

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