

## Important dates ...

- ✓ Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July – Planet Ark Tree Planting Day
- ✓ Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July – P & F Meeting 7:00pm
- ✓ Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July – Catholic Education Week
- ✓ Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August – School Photos
- ✓ 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> September – School Dentist Visit

**Funstastic Friday 28th July:** the students will be taking part in Planet Ark National Tree Day, 12.30-1pm. We will be planting native trees around the perimeter of the school as part of Planet Ark National Tree Day. We would like every family to participate and be a part of planting a tree. If you would like to ADOPT A TREE you will be acknowledged on a plaque for your kind donation and in years to come you can care for and watch your tree grow.

\$10/family to Adopt a Tree. Please pay to Aimee in the front office.

Parents are invited to participate, come along at 12.30pm Friday 28th July and be part of planting your family tree.

Any questions do not hesitate to talk to Elissa Nash or Kylie Argent at school drop off or pick up.



## School Photos 2017

School Photo packs were distributed last week and will be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August. All forms need to be handed into the office no later than Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August. If you need a new form or a sibling photo pack come in and see us in the office.

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## News from Ms Harrison..

Dear Families

### "Parental Leadership: Our gift to our children"

I recently read an article which stresses the importance of parents being the primary leaders and influence for their children's development. Instinctively, parents want to nurture their children to become the best human beings they can possibly be. For this nurturing to be successful, even possible, parents need to be upfront leaders for their children.

"Leadership is a major function of our parenting role. We can never provide leadership if we are always reactive and constantly responding to crises. When we simply react, it indicates that our children have taken the lead and we are following; we are following children who have little life experience, little wisdom and only a blurred vision of where they are going."

"Whatever we want our children to be, we must demonstrate it to them and be successful models for them, so they can see the benefits of what it is we are leading them to be. If we abdicate leadership, we deprive our children of guidance and create opportunities for perhaps less desirable influences to enter their lives; all the more reason for us to be upfront leaders."

"We parents can never expect to have total 'guidance control' of our children; however, we can ensure that they stay well within our influence. Through our consistency they will have a conscience for life that will ensure that they bring balanced considerations to important decision making."

How special it is to see your child succeeding and how gratifying when they come home from school excited about new learnings! I believe there is nothing more wondrous than seeing children engaged and excited about their learning.

Of course, real learning is hard work and for each student to progress they need to get out of their comfort zone, be in "the learning pit", accept challenge and embrace their mistakes.

In the last week of term you will have received your child's **Semester One Report** highlighting some of your child's achievements in the first half of the year. Please take this opportunity to acknowledge with your child, their efforts and achievements from last semester and then set realistic goals for the second semester to ensure continuing progress.

I congratulate the staff for their hard work throughout Semester One to create contemporary learning environments which aim to meet the needs of our 21<sup>st</sup> Century learners. The biggest challenge for us is **"to educate our students for their future not our past"**.

Everyone, it seems has an opinion about what is best in education, often for the simple reason that we have all been to school. We do not know what the future will bring for our students or what careers will be available to them. Change is happening at such a rapid rate. However, what we do know is that we need to educate our students to be creative, adaptable, collaborative, literate and numerate life-long learners who can make a difference in the world.

Thank you once again for the support you give the school so that we can work in partnership together in the education of your children. If you missed the link on parent engagement in last week's newsletter here it is again.

### [Parent Engagement Cairns Catholic Education](#)

Next week is Catholic Education week for all Queensland schools. I will be attending the State launch of Catholic Education week in Cairns next Wednesday. I am very proud to have Caleb Hill and Brianna Peet accompany me to this official event at St Andrew's College on Wednesday morning. Check our Facebook page for news and stories from activities happening both here at St Joseph's and around Queensland next week.

Have a wonderful Catholic Education week,

*Rosie*

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Education is not a tool for development - individual, community and the nation. It is the foundation for our future. It is empowerment to make choices and emboldens the youth to chase their dreams.

Nita Ambani

QuoteAddicts

## REFLECTION

Time for a Mother's smile:

Columbus' Mother: "I don't care what you've discovered,

Christopher. You still could have written!"

Michelangelo's Mother: "Mike, can't you paint on walls like other children. Do you have any idea how hard it is to get that stuff off the ceiling?"

Mona Lisa's Mother: "After all that money your father and I spent on braces, Mona, is that the biggest smile you can give us?"

Humpty Dumpty's Mother: "Humpty, if I've told you once, I've told you a hundred times not to sit on that wall. But would you listen to me? Noooo!"

Albert Einstein's Mother: "But Albert, it's your graduation picture. Can't you do something about your hair? Styling gel, mousse, something....?"

Jonah's Mother: "That's a nice story, but now tell me where you've really been for the past three days."

Thomas Edison's Mother: "Of course I'm proud that you invented the electric light bulb, Thomas dear – but would you now turn off that light and get to bed!"



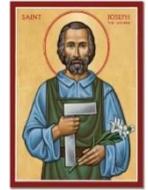
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I am so sorry I was unable to journal any notes for you last week but can I say welcome back for Term 3. It seems that each term just gets busier and this one is going to be no exception as the holidays are now somewhat of a dim memory.

### **APRE CONFERENCE - SYDNEY**

Last week I had the privilege of attending the APRE Conference which took us to do a study course in Sydney on Judaism. As I have mentioned to several parents and staff already this was an amazing and very surreal experience. Not only did I learn more about the Jewish culture and religion, but I was fortunate enough to be staying at Mary MacKillop Place where she was laid to rest.

The Mary MacKillop museum is situated on the grounds and it has been established as a tribute to our first Australian Saint. Here at St Joseph's we have taken on the mission of continuing with some of Mary's values and customs as a part of our charism and if you are ever in Sydney, I would certainly recommend you visiting to see just how wonderfully compassionate, empathic and devoted Mary was as a sister and to the education of the young. We spent each morning praying in the beautiful chapel where Mary is buried and no words can express the peace you feel when attending or even being on the grounds.

On Thursday and Friday we spent our days at the Sydney Jewish Museum where we learnt about Teaching Judaism and the Holocaust. Judaism is now a mandatory part of study in Religious Education in all our schools (The Holocaust is studied in secondary school). The content was by far interesting and I walked away learning a lot more about the Jewish faith than I expected and will be sharing this with the staff and students.

The most memorable and certainly surreal experience I took away was being able to listen to the stories from three survivors of the holocaust. This was certainly very emotional and even through the turmoil they endured the message they really wanted us to put forward in our schools was to focus on the amazing people that helped them through those tough times (not to dwell on the hatred and unjust actions of others at the time). It certainly reassured and renewed my belief that we need to always have faith in humanity.

### **Catholic Education Week - 23–29 July 2017**

**Catholic Education Week** will be celebrated across Queensland from 23 - 29 July this year.

This annual event is held to promote the special ethos of Catholic schools and to highlight the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day. The theme for this year's celebrations is: **Sharing the Journey**. Catholic education strives to make a difference in the lives of those in our schools and in the wider community by challenging young people to live out the message of Jesus and to reach their full potential as compassionate, contributing, life-giving members of society.

During Catholic Education Week 2017, Catholic education communities across Queensland are invited to celebrate how they are sharing the journey. There are 302 Catholic schools in Queensland that educate around 146,000 students and employ more than 18,500 teachers and staff, and most will celebrate Catholic Education Week in some way.

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Our school is planning to celebrate the week with a prayer service and activities on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July. All classes will attend the prayer service and then return to their classrooms to undertake some activities relating to the theme of "Sharing the Journey".

This year Catholic Education Cairns is honoured to be responsible for the launch of the Queensland 2017 Catholic Education Week. Ms Harrison, Brianna Peet and Caleb Hill will be attending the Mass and official launch being held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July, at St Andrew's Catholic College in Cairns. Students from all catholic schools in the Cairns diocese will also be attending.

During the week we will also be encouraging students and the wider community to participate in some form of Act of Kindness for someone. It provides a great opportunity to give witness to the message of Jesus and the mission of the Church beyond the school curriculum.

The *Act of Kindness* highlights the Gospel values of justice, compassion and kindness. It helps promote a sense of community responsibility that is at the heart of the ethos of Catholic education.

#### **Holiday Google sessions for parents.**

A huge thank you to all of those who attended and I am willing to offer more if anyone is interested.

Thank you and blessings for a wonderful break,

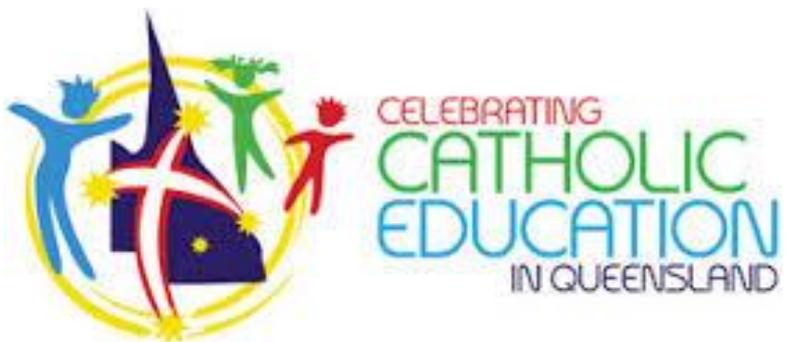
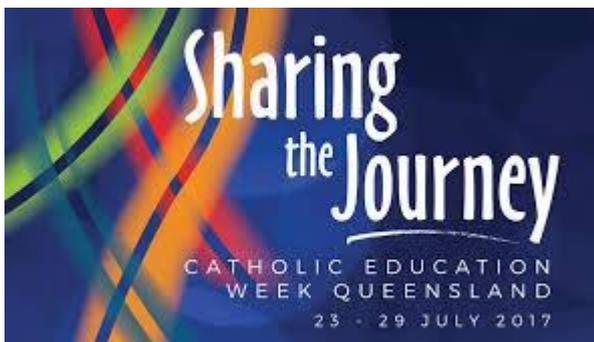
Amanda

**"When you arise in the morning,  
think what a precious privilege it is to be alive,  
to breathe, to think, to enjoy, to love."  
Marcus Aurelius**

#### **Sacramental Program.**

If there are any families with children in Year 3 - 6 who are interested in the Sacramental program please let Mrs Saunders know before Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August. Father Dariusz will be returning mid- August and we will have to meet to determine dates for conducting the preparations and celebrations.

If there is anybody interested in Baptism please let her know as well.



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# Classroom News..



**Prep..** We have had a busy, fun filled week of learning in Prep. We enjoyed a school visit from the Cowboys NRL team who spoke about respect and team work. We started observing the weather this week in Science. We talked about what we already knew about the weather and made a list of things that we'd like to learn, for example what clouds are made of. We started learning which months of the year fall into the different seasons and how we have a wet season and a dry season up here in the Cape. In History we read a story about a little boy who helps an older lady remember events in her life called Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge by Mem Fox. This story introduced the concept of memories and how they can be as precious as gold to people. We then discussed time and how memories are from the past, the present is now and tomorrow is in the future. We enjoyed sequencing events and doing a class role play of the story We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury. As a class, we measured how tall we are and completed some patterns with insect pictures.

**Year 1..** Wow, last week was a very busy week. A BIG thank you to all of the parents that were able to help on under 8's day. This week the students have read the story called 'Where the Forest meets the Sea,' the students have really enjoyed looking at the illustrations and listening to this story. The students were very lucky on Wednesday afternoon they got to listen to a story read by the year 4 students. The students for science have planted a pea seed using two different methods. One with just cotton wool and the other with potting mix. We will together watch the plants grow and compare which one will grow faster. On Thursday and Friday the students had Mrs. K while Miss Henderson was away. Thank you to Mrs. K for taking the Year One students.

We will continue with student reading in the Flexible Learning Area between 8:40am and 9:00am. Thank you to all of the parents for your continued support with reading in the mornings.

Remember our Library day is on Friday, if your child forgets to bring their library bag in on a Friday.

**Year 2..** It has been a very busy week in Year 2. Following on from NAIDOC celebrations, we have been looking at Indigenous Dreamtime stories. In English we have been learning about the structure of a fiction story and are learning how to sequence and retell a narrative. We have all been writing our own retell of Tiddalick the Frog and have started typing up our stories on the computer. We have also explored Indigenous Art and created our own dot painting of Tiddalick. In Science we have been exploring what happens when water falls on different surfaces through our own rainwater experiments and made a model in the sandpit to explore the movement of water across the landscape. We were also very excited to have had a visit from the North Queensland Cowboys who gave us a wonderful talk about teamwork, encouragement and perseverance. We even got a free poster of the whole team!!

**Year 3..** Wow another week has flown by so quickly. We have sent home a few communication emails this week to remind children that Library borrowing day is on Mondays. We have started working on our new units in all our subject areas and the focus for Civics, Religion and Health are based around what makes us a good person, friend and community member. This will be exciting as we explore our own self-identity and what it is to be a good friend. Mrs Saunders is also after some magazine covers from books like fishing magazines, TIME or any other appropriate magazines for our Media Arts unit, so if you have any please send them in to school.

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**Year 4..** This week we started our Geography unit on sustainability. We researched desert and rainforest areas in Australia, Africa and South America. In English we continued writing our stories and even shared them with the Year 1 class on Wednesday afternoon. We will be entering a writing competition later in the Term, it will be judged by the one and only Andy Griffiths. Mrs Haardt is continuing to read Andy Griffith's short stories from the "Just" series. They are very funny, even though sometimes Andy can be very ridiculous. Maths has tested our times table knowledge as we are learning about division.

**Year 5 - 6..** This week Year 5-6 read chapters 3 and 4 of "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe" by C.S. Lewis. We learnt about the meaning of words like "spiteful", "hoax" and "Pax". We have been learning about the four spelling strategies (etymology, phonology, orthography and morphology) and have started applying these to our individual spelling lists for the week. Students discovered the connection between decimals, fractions and percentages and studied the rules for adding and subtracting decimals. In Religion, we started looking at how the Catholic Church has shaped Australia through the many organisations that it runs. Health saw the discussion of transitioning into high school, with many students feeling unsure and nervous about the years to come. All of Year 5-6 realised that they aren't alone in these feelings and we will continue to discuss strategies to transition smoothly as we make our way through this unit. In French we are learning to talk about our families. Students drew their family trees and noticed that some words, such as "grand-parents" were spelt the same, but pronounced differently. Students created group orreries (models) of the Sun, Earth and Moon in science and look forward to learning more about our solar system over the term.



**Prep.. Kooper Baylis + Nate Robinson + Sienna Hill**

**Year 1.. Evan Ah Shay + Antonia Sebasio**

**Year 2.. Samantha Guy + Jackeal Day**

**Year 3.. Charlie Hockey + Riley Van Der Westhuizen**

**Year 4.. Kunio Sagigi + Lealand Gay**

**Year 5-6.. Taj Barba + Caleb Hill**

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## **Earn and Learn is back!!!!**

The program involves our school community getting to stick together and collect the stickers which becomes transferrable into educational equipment and resources for our school from MTA.

We are asking you to take part and start collecting the stickers from Woolworths from Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July. There will be a box in the School Office where you can drop your stickers and sticker charts into or drop off to the office. The more we collect the more resources we can purchase. For every \$10 spent you receive one sticker. So start collecting from Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July.



## *School Dentist Visit in Week 10*

The Dentist will be visiting from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Notes will be sent home and are to be returned to the office.

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This workshop will provide you with the necessary skills and resources to deliver fun, engaging activities that focus on a game sense approach to coaching netball, other sports and physical activity programs in your community.

Prior coaching experience is not necessary. If you are a student, teacher, parent, community member, volunteer, professional coach, club coach, beginner coach or athlete, you are welcome to come along.

Please wear comfortable clothing including sports shoes and bring a drink bottle with you.

**What are the benefits?**

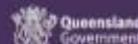
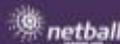
- It's free!
- Learning the basic rules of netball
- Learning how to deliver an engaging Netball program in your community
- Personal Development
- The opportunity to go on and gain Foundation Coaching Course Accreditation
- Helping more kids in your community get active!

**WEDNESDAY 26 JULY 3:30PM – 5:30PM**

**NAPRANUM PCYC, NAPRANUM**

*Come along and join in!*

Contact Amanda Mudge - Netball Queensland - 0417 432 020



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