

Important dates ...

✓ Monday 10th July – First Day Term 3

✓ 10th – 13th July – NAIDOC Week Celebrations – tickets on sale now

✓ 14th July – Under 8's Day at Hibberd Park

HOLIDAY SESSIONS

✓ Tuesday 4th July – Google Drive How To Session 9.30 – 11.30am

✓ Thursday 6th July – Google Drive How To Session 9.30 – 11.30am

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Week 8 from the Acting Principal..

Last week of term and who would have thought we would be heading into the holidays so quickly again. Life seems to pass us by so quickly now that we never seem to be able to stop and look for more than a few seconds. I reflect upon this as I think about how quickly the last four weeks has gone while I have replaced Rosie as the Acting Principal. I would like to say a huge, heartfelt thank you to all of you for your support during this time as I write my last article in the position.

It is with sadness that with the end of term also sometimes means we will have families leaving us for many reasons and this term we will be losing two families due to relocation and family commitments. I would like to wish the following families a safe and wonderful new chapter in their family lives and thank them for choosing and being a part of our St Joseph's community:

Steven, Rachel and Ella Borg

Peta, Gavin, Mia and Dion Williams

God bless.

No doubt, you are aware of the Federal Governments push to overhaul school funding. Mr Bill Dixon (our Executive Director) has drafted a response and we have been asked to forward this to our community. A separate email was forwarded to all families yesterday.

School reports have been completed and will be distributed by class teachers. It is important to add also that this will be the last time we actually print out student reports. From next Semester all reports will be uploaded to the parent portal. Which brings me to the subject of our Parent Portal and over the next few weeks or so you will receive an email with the link and instructions on how to set up your password to access the portal.

Over the coming weeks, more parent information will be directed to the Parent Portal. From Term Three we will begin sending correspondence home via email and the parent portal. No paper copies of notes and letters will be sent home unless really necessary. This is going to be an important step in being able to keep families up to date with everything happening at our school. The portal is designed to be able to keep you informed daily, regularly and as needed on all of the matters associated with school life. Should you have any trouble accessing or creating a password please see myself or Laura in Term Three. The portal will have a number of different functions and we would like to be able to start sharing and using them so we can streamline and make our days a little easier. More information will be sent out in Term 3.

School starts again on Monday July 10 with Tuesday July 11 being the show holiday. Dates for Term Three have been added to the calendar on the parent portal and we will continue to update this.

NAIDOC Week celebrations are well under way for week one next term and I encourage all members of our school community to purchase a ticket and attend our wonderful celebrations. A huge early thank you must go to Mrs Tari Sagigi for all of the amazing work she has put into making these celebrations something to look forward to attending. The staff and students during the week will be very busy with various activities and if you would like to attend any of these please let your child's teacher or Tari know.

Building Update

Yesterday a Stage Two start -up meeting was held here at school and it was exciting to hear that the concept of our new classrooms actually becoming a reality and to keep you up to date it is expected that some initial set up will begin during the school holidays and builders on site from Week One of Term Three. They have assured us there will be as minimal disruption as possible. Any disruptions that will affect us with our learning and teaching will be notified to Rosie with as much notice as possible. Any major construction at this stage to the removal and construction of current walls will not take place until the September holidays.

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Holiday Google sessions for parents.

Just a reminder that the two sessions for parents a “How to use Google Drive” are still available at this time. If you are interested please fill in your name on the sheets in the office. Thank you to those who have already placed their names on the list.

Tuesday 4th July – 9.30 am till 11.30 am.

Thursday 6th July – 9.30 am till 11.30 am

Lost Property

Please remind your child to check the lost property boxes located in the front office. Any items remaining over the holidays will be donated to a charity or dropped off at the community centre.

Reminders:

Parent Information Sessions being held this term:

- Google Drive – How to? Tuesday 4th July and Thursday 6th July 9.30 am to 11.30 am

Have a safe and restful holiday with your beautiful children. I can imagine how wonderful it will be to dispense with those morning routines and relax. (I know that’s a big call) Thank you for your support this term.

Thank you and blessings for a wonderful break,

Amanda

A blessing for the holidays.

Take time to claim your strength; this is a gift from God.
Take time to have fun; it is God’s way of teaching you your strengths.
Take time to grow yourself; only you can grow you.
Take time to trust yourself; God trusts you.
Take time to be self-reliant; it is better than being dependent.
Take time to share with others; they will bless you and you will bless them.
Take time to have hope; you are a child of God.

Amen

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WHEN
10th - 13th
July

**Our Languages
Matter**

WHERE
St Joseph's Parish School Weipa

WHAT
A variety of workshops and activities on offer
throughout the week - Stay tuned for the timetable

MAIN EVENT
Thursday 13th July

Join us in a night filled with Indigenous performances
and enjoy a Traditional Torres Strait Island Kup-Mari
feasting with our school community.

FOR MORE INFO
Contact Tari Sagigi tsagigi@cns.catholic.edu.au

2017
PRE
PURCHASE

**MAIN
EVENT
TICKETS**

ON SALE NOW

***\$10 per
person**

***\$30 per
family**

**CASH ONLY
FROM
SCHOOL
OFFICE**

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Classroom News..



Prep..

We have had a busy last week of term two in Prep. We especially enjoyed having a teddy bear's picnic with the Year One class. We took our teddies for a walk and ate some lunch out under the shady trees on picnic mats. Then we lined our teddy bears up for some races on the grass, it was lots of fun. In our maths lessons this week we have been building and constructing objects with blocks and shapes. We have been threading beads as well as pasta and making patterns. We played naughts and crosses, outdoor jenga and hopscotch. Within our social and emotional learning, we read a story about being a bucket filler or a bucket dipper. In the story, being a bucket filler is doing things like smiling, being kind and using kind words towards others. We visited the Year Two class and saw their bucket filler wall display. Thank-you to all of the parent helpers with reading this term. Mrs Mellner and I would like to wish all of our students and their families a wonderful holiday over the next two weeks. We look forward to seeing you back at school again in term three.

Year 1..

We have made it, holidays at last! This week we had our teddy bears picnic with the Prep students. The students all participated in a teddy bear running race and enjoyed a snack. The Year Ones really enjoyed having their teddy join them for the picnic and help them to complete work in class all day. It was so nice to see the excitement on all of the students faces. In English, the students wrote a story about what adventure their teddy could go on. In Mathematics, we continued looking at the fastest way we could count from any number to get to 100. *Thank you* parents for all of your continued support over the past semester, its great having you all a part of our class.

Year 3..

Thank you to everyone for a great term! We thank Mrs Scikluna for her work this past month and we have loved working with her. Mrs Saunders will be away in Term 3 in Week 1 and Mrs Bienvenu will be Miss Cass' teaching partner. Exciting times! We have finished our Term 2 work and extended minds and thinking through two Enrichment Days this week focussing on Ancient Civilisations and Entrepreneurial skills. It's been a jam packed week and we have had a ball.

Year 5 - 6..

What a fantastic finish to the semester! Year 5-6 focused on 3D shapes this week and learnt to describe them using mathematical language. We finished reading "Holes" and were amazed by the intermingling story lines. There were many gasps and excited cheers shared by students as Stanley Yelnats reached his destiny. In French, we have been revising numbers and recreated two artworks by a French painter, Paul Cezanne. On Thursday we completed a STEM project on fidget spinners, where we tested which could spin for the longest and why. We then made our own using everyday materials and were really surprised by how well they worked! By thinking outside the box and designing something new, we were able to succeed in this task. Congratulations to all students for this semester. Have a safe and happy holidays and we'll see you back at the start of term 3!

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Prep.. Kooper Bayliss + Philemon Agale

Year 1.. Louis Argenti, Mya Ward, Chelsea Steele

Year 3.. Angus Larcombe and Jasmine Scikluna!

Year 5 – 6.. Brianna Peet + Xeroxia Nona-poi poi

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Earn and Learn is back!!!!

The program involves our school community getting to stick together and collect the stickers which become 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 26th July. There will be a box whereby 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 26th July.



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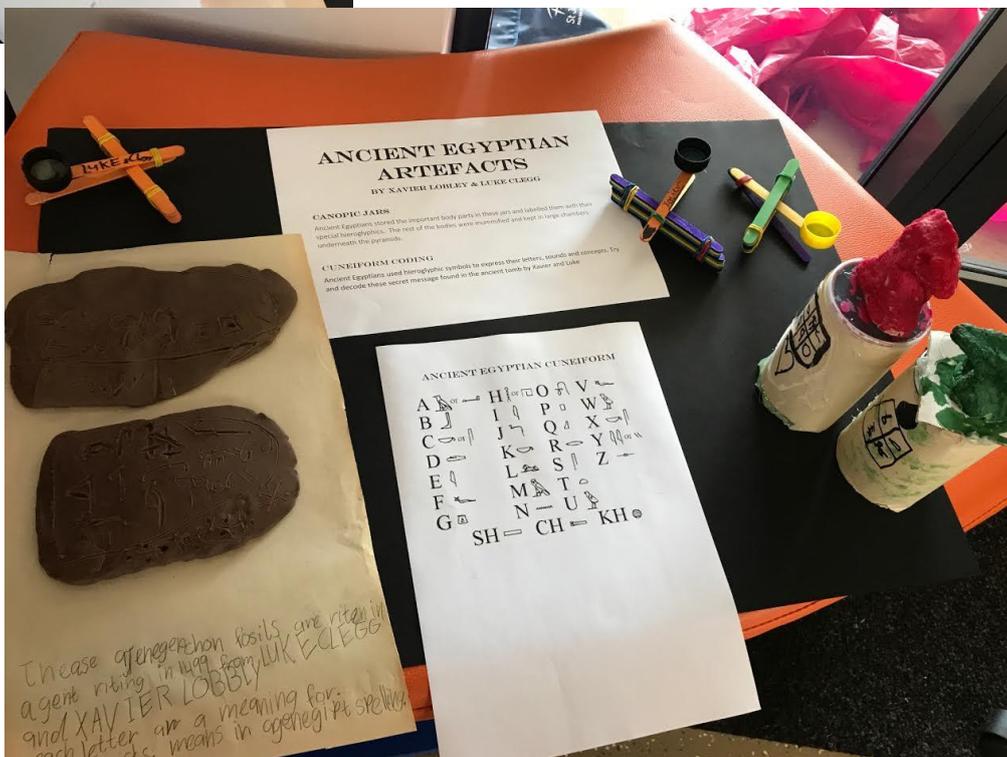
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Enrichment... This Thursday and Friday, Miss Cass has been the teacher for both Year 3 and Year 4 while Mrs Haardt has been away. She ran an Enrichment Day focussing on Ancient Civilisation STEM challenges and the students made a variety of artefacts, chariots, weapons and artefacts. Check out their museum on the Flexible Learning Centre.



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St Joseph's Athletics Day 2017

What a fabulous 2 days we have had on the 9th and 16th of June for our 2017 Athletics Carnival.

Thank you to all the Parent volunteers, the P and F for the BBQ and brand new Tents, Staff for all your help and support with the events and to the students for their amazing participation and team spirit.

The winning house overall for the St. Joseph's Athletics Carnival in 2017 is

Mission.

The Age Championship winners are as follow:

Age Champions – Athletics Carnival 2017

2008 Boys – Sam McNamara

2008 Boys – Ethan Abood

2008 Girls – Sienna Williams

2007 Boys – Lachlan Hohns

2007 Boys – Kunio Sagigi

2007 Girls – Kimberely Hutchinson

2006 Boys – Patrick Dorahy

2006 Girls - Delphina Day

2005 Boys – Brayden Keough

2005 Boys – Taj Barba

All students participated with enthusiasm and demonstrated confidence, persistence and resilience.

Congratulations to everyone and thank you again for making the 2017 Athletics Carnival such a success.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and relaxing holiday and look forward to seeing you all in Term 3.

Mrs Turner

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