

### Important dates...

- ✓ Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Starry Starry Night 6:00 pm
- ✓ Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Final School Assembly at 2:30 pm
- ✓ Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Graduation Dinner at 6.30 pm
- ✓ Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November – 9:00 am Liturgy at St Joseph's Church
- ✓ Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Last day of Term 4 finishing at 12:00 pm

### Report Cards

Any families with Outstanding School Fees will not have their Report Cards issued. If you wish to discuss your outstanding fees please contact Laura.

### Tuckshop Closed

The Tuckshop will be closed on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

### Absences from School

Just a reminder that if your child is absent from classes you need to inform the school. Whether it be daily due to illness or letting us know that your child will be away for a number of days. You can contact us via phone 4069 9500, Email [secretary.weipa@cns.catholic.edu.au](mailto:secretary.weipa@cns.catholic.edu.au) or the Parent Portal.

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## News from Ms Harrison..

The Twilight Inter-House Swimming Carnival, held last night, was a great event enjoyed by the students and families. Congratulations to all students who participated with enthusiasm and earned valuable House points for every race they swam. Congratulations go to Mission House on winning the House Trophy for Swimming.

Thank you to all those who made our second Twilight Swimming Carnival such a wonderful success. Mrs Melanie Turner, your planning and organisation was superb. Mrs Cassie Lobley, for your enthusiasm on the microphone. The parents - at one stage I looked at the event and there were more parents in the pool in support of student participation than students. The P & F for the BBQ and to the countless parents who jumped in or rallied where needed. I was so proud to see the St Joseph's spirit alive in our school community. Our school might be new but the spirit of the community is inspiring.

Unfortunately our building works have now been delayed another week. I will keep you updated via an email next week of news of our competition date.

We have now finalised our staffing for 2018.

Prep: Andrieka Knight

Year 1: Kristie Henderson

Year 2: Libby Lange

Year 3: Sandy Matthews

Year 4: Stacey Edmonds

Year 5: Miss Alycia Cook

Year 6: Mrs Amanda Saunders and Mrs Kelly Bienvenu

Learning Support Teacher: Megan Pearce

APRE: Mrs Amanda Saunders

SEL/PE Teacher: Melanie Turner

Arts Teacher: Amanda Scikluna

Teacher Librarian: Mrs Yvonne Grant

School Officers: Kate Mellner, Peta Hancock, Chrissy Van Pelt, Jo McNamara, Karen Smith and Tari Sagigi.

Admin Officer: to be advised

Finance Officer: Laura Krall

Tuckshop: Mrs Thu Bui

Groundsman: to be advised

Megan Pearce and Stacey Edmonds will be visiting the school next week so students will be able to meet their new teacher for 2018.

God Bless,

*Rosie*

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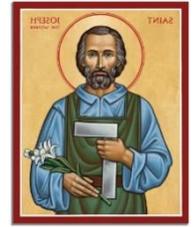
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## APRE NEWS



Well only one week to go. Another busy week with meetings, swimming carnivals, report writing and general day to day learning. Next week will be just as, if not busier, parents are reminded of a few important things:

- Last day Liturgy will begin at 9am in the church with Father Dariusz celebrating with us.
- Report cards – please see below.
- Starry Starry Night
- Year 6 Graduation dinner and, last day celebrations.

### Reports

It's reporting time once again and quite often school reports can mean anxious times for parents and students. Children of all ages take their cues from their parents, so your reaction to their school report can affect the way they see themselves as learners and as people. When you open the school report do you look for strengths or weaknesses first?

The challenge is to focus on strengths rather than focus purely on areas that need improving. Take into account your child's effort and attitude to learning. If the report indicates that effort is below standard then you and your child have something to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort then you can't ask any more than that regardless of the grading. Broaden your focus away from academic performance to form a picture of how your child is progressing as an individual in a social setting.

The skills of independence and cooperation are highly rated by employers these days so don't dismiss these as unimportant. Discuss the report with your son or daughter talking about their strengths first before looking at areas needing improvement. Ask for their opinion about how they performed and discuss their concerns.

After reports are read and discussed celebrate your children's efforts with a special activity or treat. In this way you will recognise progress and remind them that holidays are just around the corner when they can forget about assessment, tests and reports for a while. **(Adapted from 'Parenting Ideas')**

All families are reminded that from this semester all report cards will be uploaded to the Parent Portal so please check your emails from last week as the instructions were sent out to inform you on how to set up your username and passwords.

If you are having any problems with this process, please let the office know as soon as possible.

Next week we will farewell our Year 6 students, any families leaving us on their new journeys and the last day of our school year. Father Dariusz will be here from Thursday to help us celebrate these occasions so I would like to take this opportunity to invite you all along to the final liturgy for the year.

It will be held in the church on Friday at 9 am and afterwards the students will return to classes until 12 noon when school will cease for 2017.

Next week I will also place some information into the newsletter with regards to Advent. Advent marks the beginning of the new liturgical year and this year it begins on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Advent comes from the Latin word meaning "coming." Jesus is coming and Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for His arrival. I

With blessings for a wonderful week ahead,

*Amanda*

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## Classroom News...

**Prep...** This week in Prep we did Reading Stamina which is silent reading and reached a record time of two minutes. In our Maths rotations we did bingo with words, pictures and number digits, writing numbers correctly on the IPad and the write and wipe boards as well as PMP. In English we listened to stories and recognised rhyming words. We practiced writing missing upper case and lower case letters and did alphabet dot to dots. There has been anticipation this week about the upcoming swimming carnival and we have talked about participation and doing our personal best. All of the class enjoyed their SEL celebration, which was a movie with snacks with the Year 1 class.

**Year 1...** Only one week to go, we have made it! This week the students have been writing a letter to Ms. Harrison to tell her about what they have learnt in Year 1. The students have all participated in the swimming carnival on Thursday and it was great to see all of their excitement and participation. Next week we have Starry Starry night where the students have agreed together to sing 'Santa Claus is coming to town' they are asked to wear a Christmas shirt or Christmas colours, if you have a Christmas hat or reindeer antlers they can also wear them as well. Library books and home readers are due back so if you have any at home please return them as soon as you can. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe Holiday.

**Year 2...** What a busy week, finishing off assessments and getting ourselves sorted for all the events of the week ahead. We have cleared some things from the room and are sending bits home. Each child wrote their own poem and we also have been finishing the Child Safety unit which generated lots of discussion and reactions. We started a few of our Christmas activities and in particular lots of discussion about the Nativity Story. We have started making a lovely Nativity book and much excitement is in the classroom about our craft activities for next week! The kids are loving singing the Christmas songs for Starry Starry Night next week, watch out for the Year 2 song, it will be amazing. Please send in any Christmas books for our book corner. Fantastic to see such sportsmanship at the swimming carnival last night. Every single person looked like they were having fun. Looking forward to the next week with so many wonderful things happening. Team spirit awards: Judson Gay, Ryan Potter & Aiden Clegg.

**Year 3...** This week we have been creating our own Elf on our Classroom Shelf Book using our elf puppets and our I pads. We also started our Nativity Story books to recreate the real story of Christmas to share with our younger students. Congratulations to all our students who participated in this year's swimming carnival! We were so proud!

Reading Stamina award goes to: Kayla Barton                      Golden Pencils go to Archie Armstrong and Charlie Hockey

**Year 4...** This week in Year 4 we have been practising our writing by creating letters of thanks to people serving our country overseas. We have boxed these up and included personalised treasures (paper cranes, poems, acrostics, artwork) and will send this in a care package to people away from their families over the Christmas period. In Maths we have been problem solving and using our number sense to predict, calculate and prove our solutions. We have learned through real world examples how to calculate fractions, use clues to solve problems, and get faster at our mental math computations. In Religion we have been learning about the Christmas story, the complex relationships apparent in the story, and the message for us in our lives today. We celebrated our hard work this year with a class party in SEL.

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**Year 5-6...** What an action packed week! We wrapped up our reading of Wonder and put together our book reviews. It was great to hear students' thoughts about the novel and reasons why they did or didn't enjoy it. We are VERY lucky to have been contacted by an Australian author. She has provided us with a free copy of her new book in exchange for an honest review. We are looking forward to reading this novel and posting our review online for the public to view. In Science we reviewed our key concepts and drew together our knowledge of energy in a letter format. We are in full swing of practising our Starry Starry Night performance. Students have also chosen names for their Secret Santa gifts (to be under our tree by next Thursday). These gifts are to be \$5 and under or homemade. The children are encouraged to think of something their recipient would really like and share the Christmas spirit.



Prep.. Kazu Sagigi, Lopeti Huni and Lewis Caputo

Year 1.. Bill Gordon + Hamish Myall + Lincoln Scikluna + Summer Alleyn

Year 2.. Hailey Merkel + Sisco Boseun

Year 3.. Sam McNamara + Abigail Touron

Year 4.. Isaac Morton + Mia Wright

Year 5-6.. Kimberley Hutchinson + Taj Barba

### Are you planning a move?

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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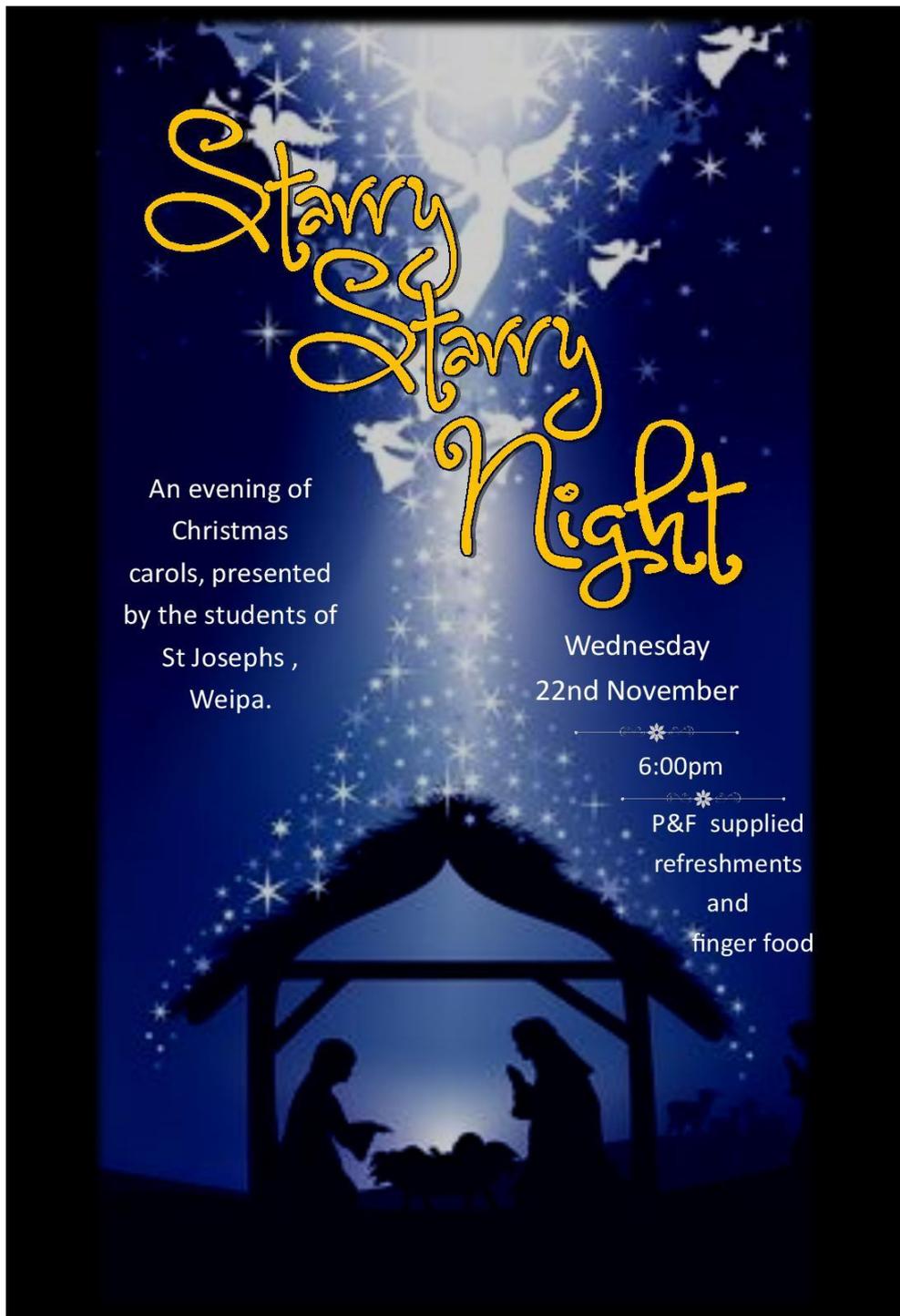
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## Starry Starry Night

Come down and enjoy a night of carols presented by the children. The P & F with the help of parent volunteers will provide refreshments and some finger food before we all sit down to the carols. Bring along a camp chair/ picnic blanket and your Christmas spirit. This is our community way of expressing thanks for a great year and wishing one another a safe and happy Christmas.



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## Last Week to donate

During the month of November, St Joseph families are being asked to support the Weipa Community Care's "Buddy Bag" donation drive. If you have any new pencils, pens, notebooks or colouring-in books feel free to drop them into the office. Thank you.



**GIVING KIDS A CHANCE**

Providing children who access crisis accommodation with essential care items

**"Buddy Bag"  
Donation  
Drive**

WEIPA COMMUNITY CARE'S NEW INITIATIVE "BUDDY BAGS" ASSISTS CHILDREN FROM THE BROADER COMMUNITIES OF THE WESTERN CAPE YORK REGION WITH THEIR OWN PERSONAL ITEMS BAG

If families of St Joseph's Primary School would like to support the Western Cape Women's Crisis Shelter and this new initiative, we would greatly appreciate donations of new pens, pencils, colouring books and note pads.

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## School Crossing Supervisor Casual Position Available



### **CASUAL POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

#### **SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR**

We are seeking interested persons for a casual position, approximately 1.25 hours per day, on a rotating roster, school days only. Positions available at St Joseph's Parish School, Weipa.

Approved applicants will be required to undergo a medical assessment and pass a blue card application.

Pay rate starts at \$30.00 per hour.

Please call Deb for an application package on 07 4045 8516.

## Return of borrowed towels & clothing

If your child has borrowed a towel or a set of spare clothes or hat, could you please return them to Aimee in the Office, washed and ready to go. Thank you.

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# SATURDAY CHRISTMAS OPENING AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Place  
a gift under  
our Christmas Tree  
as part of our "Wishing  
Tree Project" for children  
in crisis situations over  
the festive season



**SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER  
FROM 9AM - 1PM**

Join the team at Weipa Community  
Care for a morning full of fun as we  
head towards the festive season!

**Op Shop and Cafe,  
Santa Visit,  
Market Stalls and  
more!**

For further information contact Erica Hutchinson on 4069 9272 or  
email [development@weipacommunitycare.com](mailto:development@weipacommunitycare.com)



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# School Age Program

## **Expression of interest: -**

School age activity program for St Joseph's students.

## **Dates: -**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017

*(first week of the holidays)*

## **Please contact Lauren at Weipa Community Care**

*(fdc@weipacommunitycare.com) with details of days and hours you would require and how much you would pay for the program.*

**The program would have activities ranging from craft to sporting activities. The proposed location is the Weipa Cyclone Shelter.**

**This will only be able to run if there are adequate numbers of children booked into the program.**

Weipa Community Care

Lauren Gregory

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