

IMPORTANT DATES....

✓ Monday 16th April – Pupil Free Day

✓ Tuesday 17th April – Term 2 Starts

✓ Thursday 19th April – P&F Meeting

Time: 7.00pm Location: Flexible Learning Space

Peninsula Sport

Last week 2 students represented St. Joseph's School, Weipa in Peninsula Sport. Kimberley Hutchinson for Peninsula Swimming in Brisbane and Delphina Day for Peninsula Rugby League in Cairns. Both students enjoyed the experience, met some new friends and achieved some Personal Bests. We congratulate them and are very proud of all their efforts and training. Well done Girls!

Sport Uniform Term 2

Just letting you know that Physical Education for all Classes (Prep to Year 6) will be on Wednesday in Term 2 due to AFL starting on the 2nd of May. Can all students please wear their Sports Uniform on Wednesday in Term 2.

NAIDOC Shirts have been extended.
Now available to order until
Friday 20th April 2018



Sizes and measurements are available on the Parent Portal.
Orders to be made through [Flexischools](#).

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News from Ms Harrison..

More and more this year I am feeling that the 'ordinary' moments of our days at St Joseph's Weipa are extraordinary - or is it that I am becoming more and more aware of God's presence in our interactions and events.

We have had a fantastic start to our year and some wonderful and exciting things are happening each day at school. As human beings we sometimes jump too quickly to focus on what is not going well and neglect the positives that are here right in front of us.

Last Friday Our Cross Country was a fantastic event where our Joey's spirit was able to be seen and heard. I was most impressed with those students who participated with a cheer for team mates, and a smile on their faces regardless of their abilities. In every race, obviously, someone finished at the back of the field. For some these kids, days like the Cross Country aren't high on their "fun day at school" list. Yet they came. They cheered along. They finished their race. This impresses me hugely. To all the champions and those who came in the top three, congratulations.

The races were tough and we have some talented runners here at SJW. I saw lots of hand shaking, hugging and kids saying "well done" at the finish line. Thanks to all the parents who attended last Friday morning. It's great having you in our school present to your child's education experience. Thank you to Miss Libby and Miss Cook who helped with the early morning training sessions; the staff who set up and supported on the day and particularly Mrs Turner who has a 'knack' ability to run fun, relaxed and well - organized events.

As we head into our Easter holiday break I want to share with you the image I saw on the news this morning which made me smile and was a great start to my day.



[Pope Francis lets boy ride his 'Popemobile'](#)

Pope Francis offered a 17-year-old boy with Downs Syndrome a very rare privilege during his general audience on Wednesday - a personal tour of the 'Popemobile'. Pope Francis invited Alberto di Tullio, 17, up onto his open-top Mercedes at the end of his general audience on Wednesday while tens of thousands of people looked on.

The boy's father, Celestino di Tullio, told reporters how he choked up when Francis approached his son. He said the Pope saw him and embraced him. When the boy pointed to the car, the Pope invited him up.

Footage shows the Pope and Alberto chatting on the open-deck of the 'Popemobile' before the teenager had a go in the Pope's white swivel chair.

My Easter prayer for our school community is that we are strengthened and enriched by the blessing and sacrifice of Jesus. May we strive each day to live out the joy of the Gospel message in humility, justice and compassion.

Peace and blessings for a safe, happy Easter break,

Rosie

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APRE News

This week we begin the celebration of Holy Week which begins with Palm Sunday, the day Jesus triumphantly enters into Jerusalem. This year, we are able to celebrate the events of Holy week together before setting off on the holidays.

What is Holy Week?

Holy week begins with Passion or Palm Sunday which was last Sunday 25th March. During Holy Week we are called to enter this time with reverence and celebrate its rites with care and devotion.



Holy Thursday – Maundy Thursday 29th March is the celebration of the Lord’s Supper. At the mass of the Lord’s Supper the focus is on the celebration of the Eucharist and what happened.

Good Friday – 30th March is the day we remember the passion and death of Christ on the cross. It is usually a solemn day and when the celebration finishes with the prayer over the people. Catholics should abstain from eating meat on Good Friday.

Easter Sunday 1st April is the most significant day in the Easter celebration for Catholics. We celebrate the saving love and new life given to us through the resurrection of Jesus.

ANZAC DAY Celebrations.

In Term 2 we will see an important focus on celebrating and remembering the ANZACs and all who have served their country. The human qualities of mateship, courage and sacrifice are associated with the spirit of the ANZACs and proudly embraced as a part of our National Identity. Servicemen and women who served under the Australian flag in conflicts and peacekeeping missions, demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to the freedom of our Country (and continue to do so still!). Sons and daughters of our nation were prepared to pay the ultimate sacrifice to defend their homeland and save its people. Ironically, through their sad sacrifice, we have been given freedom in our lives.



As a whole school we will gather to celebrate and remember so please make sure to keep abreast of what is happening, so we can show our solidarity at this time. More details will be distributed early in Term 2 with regards to the Weipa Community March and service.

Thank you and blessings for a wonderful break,

Amanda

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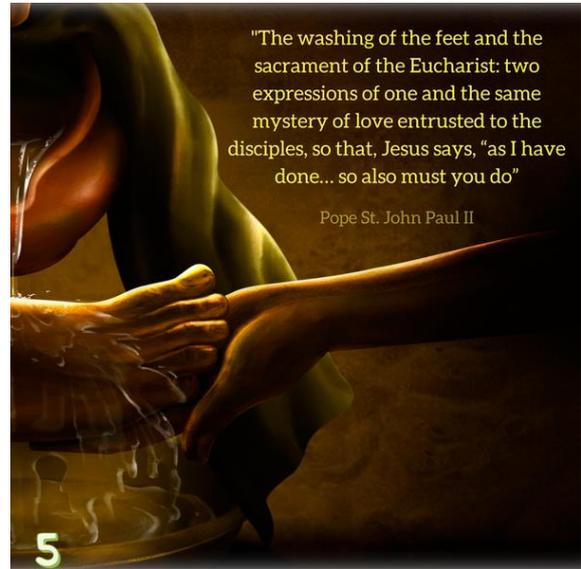
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An Easter Blessing.

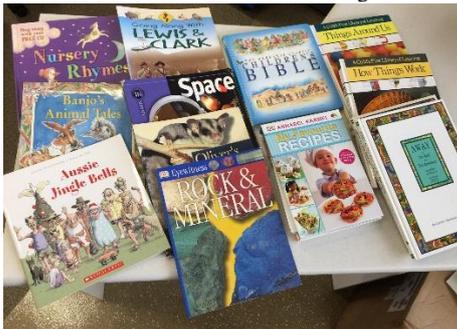
*May the glory
and the promise
of this joyous time of year
Bring peace
and happiness to you
and those you hold most dear,*

*And may Christ,
Our Risen Saviour,
always be there by your side
To bless you
most abundantly
and be your loving guide.*



Library News

Everyone at St Joseph's would like to thank the Weipa Community Centre for their massive book donation. There is definitely some excited children looking forward to getting their hands on these.



We would also like to remind the parents about the book swap located in the Library. Feel free to come and have a look anytime.



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Prep.. In Prep we have been explicitly teaching the correct letter formation for each letter of the alphabet. We are continuing to practice the following reading strategies; looking at the pictures, sounding out or decoding unfamiliar words and rereading. Before reading the book, we are predicting what the story might be about as well. We are continuing to revise; the letter sounds, syllables, rhyming, segmenting and blending and writing simple sentences.

In Mathematics we focussed on simple addition and are continuing with: counting forward by 1's, counting backwards from 20 by 1's. Counting a collection with the 1:1 connection and matching numerals, quantity, symbols and the words (0-20). We are also subitizing (recognising an amount without counting), sorting objects into groups and reading single digit and two-digit numbers. Representing concrete materials of single digit and two-digit numbers. Creating and continuing patterns.

In PMP we are continuing with; balancing, hopping, jumping and pointing to our body parts such as knees, elbows and toes. We have introduced skipping, throwing and catching.

In Religion we have been focussing on the Easter Story. We looked at the Stations of The Cross and discussed some of the events that happened at each station.

Year 1.. We have reached the end of Term One! What an eventful term we have had. I wish you all a safe and enjoyable Easter Holiday break. For the past week, the Year Ones have participated in the Cross Country. We have finished our History presentations, learnt some more sounds, focused on some rhyming words and we have continued to learn about verbs. We have been singing some nursery rhymes to help with our fine motor skills. As well, in Maths, we have been focusing on place value and counting.

This week being Holy Week, we have discussed the importance of Holy Week. We all attended a liturgy about Palm Sunday and discussed the stations of the cross- what happened to Jesus before and after Easter Sunday. We have discussed that Easter is not just about enjoying all of the chocolate Easter eggs. As part of Holy Week we had the year 5 students come into our year one classroom to help create an Easter basket and talk about Holy week with the Year Ones. Once again, have an amazing break. I will see you all next term.



Year 2.. In Year 2 we have had many highlights these last 2 weeks. Every student has advanced in their reading level which is so exciting for them as learners. They have also made a lot of progress in sight word recognition and in their spelling patterns. Thank you to support at home for this to happen.

The highlight of our week was representing the "The Last Supper" as part of Holy Week in our class. We learnt the importance of The Last Supper and that 'serving others' was the message Jesus gave his friends and wanted us to understand. We also looked at the Easter Story and what this means to us in our lives. Some really great discussion followed about our understanding of Easter: that it is not just about Easter eggs, but it is about a fresh start and trying really hard to improve. The rituals have all taught us many things about the message of the Easter story.

We have enjoyed a relaxed week at school and are all very excited about the holidays after working so hard this term. Well done everyone for showing resilience when needed and persistence to keep going when things get tough. These are such important lessons in life. Wishing all families a peaceful Easter. Enjoy your beautiful children!

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Year 3.. I simply can't believe what a wonderful start to the year we have had! I feel so privileged to have shared such an incredible term with all of the wonderful students in Year 3. All students should be so proud of the successes they have achieved. I cannot wait to see what the rest of 2018 brings! Gold star for all!
Last Supper Re-enactment photos.



Year 4.. Wow! What a fantastic start to the school year. In Year 4 these past weeks we have been busy finishing off our Persuasive texts about whether we should have a recycling plant in our local community. The responses to this have been very mature and it is lovely to see the respect our students have for our environment. We may even have some environmentalists on our hands. Our multiplication skills are booming with students becoming prompt with quick recall. A little friendly competition has gone a long way. I think the highlight during this week has been the making of our marble runs. Each group needs to be commended on their efforts and their ability to work in a team to produce some really creative marble runs. Not one group had the same design and some even incorporated 'roadblocks' to make the marble run challenging during a race. Lastly during our Religion lessons we have been looking into the sacraments of healing: penance and anointing of the sick. We have also looked at the different parts of the bible and are able to recall parts of the Old Testament and New Testament. We now look forward to the beginning of Term 2 and the remainder of our school year.

Year 5.. Woohoo! Year 5 smashed the last couple of weeks. Students completed their Gold Rush News Articles to demonstrate their understanding of both the Australian Gold Rush and information texts. After completing our studies on "The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe" by CS Lewis, students were given the opportunity to watch the film and compare this to the original text. In maths, we finished our learning sequence comparing two-dimensional shapes to three-dimensional objects and their representations. On Wednesday this week, we helped the Year 1 students to make Easter baskets and taught them about the Easter story. We wish everyone in the St Joseph's community a joyous Easter weekend and a safe break. See you next term.

Year 6.. Well what a great but busy end to the term. Last week saw us all compete and support other runners in our annual Cross Country which was fantastic to see every one give it a red hot go! This week Mrs Saunders has prepared us with some assessment pieces for Religion and Health which will be due after the holidays. Holy Week began on Sunday with us presenting a re-enactment of Palm Sunday to the whole school. Today (Thursday) will see the whole school re-enact the story of Jesus' last meal - the Last Supper. We are all looking forward to a relaxing holiday and spend time with our families.

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ALL-STAR STUDENTS!

Week 9 + 10

Prep.. Harrison Reynolds + Ben Warner + Claire Pritchard + Jack Potter + Alex Paxton + Dylan Spencer + Genevieve Shelton

Year 1.. Evie Chiesa + Kazu Sagigi + Lopeti Huni + Summer-Lee van Pelt

Year 2.. Lincoln Scicluna + Gemma Mellner + Jesse Hutchison + Antonia Sebasio + Luke Wright + Lewis Rees + Levi Payne

Year 3.. Hailey Merkel + James Hayman + Samantha Guy and Isaiah Lindsay

Year 4.. Jack Rosewarne + Jaiden Kappu + Kyan Wellby + Charlie Hockey

Year 5.. Lucas Hancock + Mia Wright + Kate Merkel + George Myall

Year 6.. Jedda-Rae Booth + Annabelle Clements + Patrick Dorahy



St. Joseph's Cross Country 2018

Last Friday St. Joseph's Parish School, Weipa participated in the 2018 Cross Country. The children sat in their House Colours - Mission, Pine and Embley, and cheered for their class mates. All students participated with enthusiasm and demonstrated Confidence, Persistence and Resilience.

The Parents and Friends provided a BBQ for the students and it was a fabulous day with a wonderful sense of Team Spirit. We concluded with the presentation to Embley being the overall House Winner and Age champions announced today.

Thank you to the P and F, Parent helpers, Teachers and School Officers for a very successful day.

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First Place - Cross Country

2013 Boys – Dylan Spencer

2013 Girls – Genevieve Shelton

2012 Boys – Jack Potter

2012 Girls – Sienna Hill

2011 Boys – Elroy Spodniewski and Lewis Capputo

2011 Girls – Sophia Sorbello

2010 Boys – Aiden Clegg and Taj Kappu

2010 Girls – Ewa McNamara

2018 Cross Country Age Champions – Year 2009 - 2006

2009 Boys – Jake McDonnell

2009 Girls – Baia Spodniewski

2008 Boys – Sam McNamara

2008 Girls – Sienna Williams

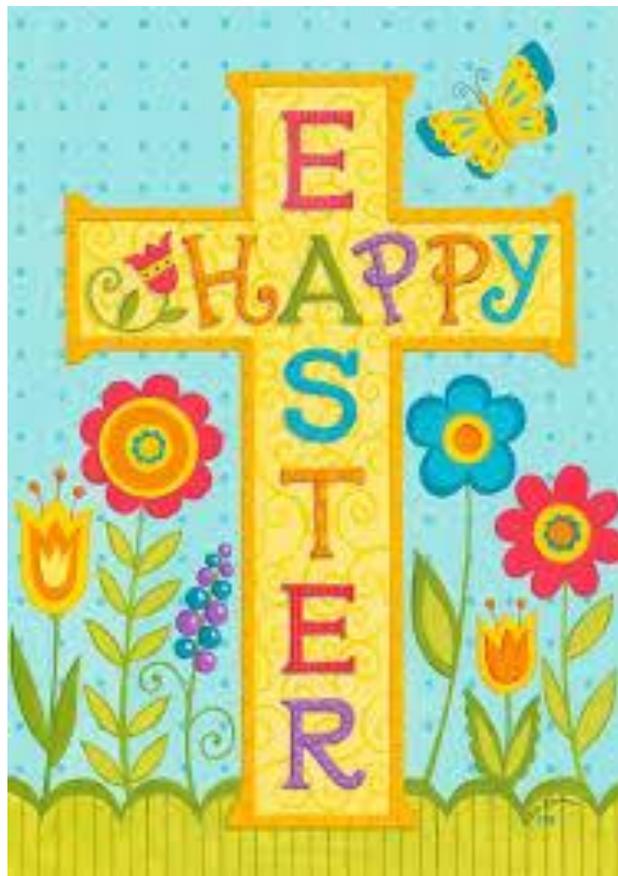
2007 Boys – Wylie Clarke

2007 Girls – Kimberley Hutchinson

2006 Boys – Patrick Dorahy

2006 Girls – Delphina Day

Congratulations to everyone and thank you again for making the 2018 Cross Country a success.



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