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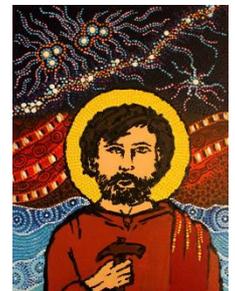
- ✓ Monday 7th May – Labour Day Public Holiday
- ✓ Friday 11th May – Mother's Day Market Stall
- ✓ Monday 14th May – P&F Meeting
- ✓ Friday 18th May – Walk Safely to School Day
- ✓ 27th & 28th June – St Joseph's Athletics Carnival

MOTHER'S DAY MARKET STALL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The St Joseph's P&F are wondering if there are any parents available to help with the stall on Friday 11th May from 9.30am. There is a volunteer sign up sheet on the notice board or contact Aimee on 4069 9500 or secretary.weipa@cns.catholic.edu.au.

ST JOSEPH'S FEAST DAY 2018

Congratulations to our St Joseph's Day Award winners Jedda Rae Booth; George Myall; Ethan Edmondson; Peta Rose Deegan; Charlotte Guy; Aiden O'Connor and Dylan Spencer. These children were chosen from their class group for living the 'St Joseph's Way' of humility, justice and compassion.

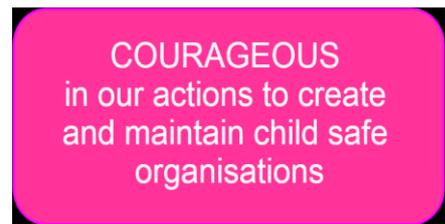
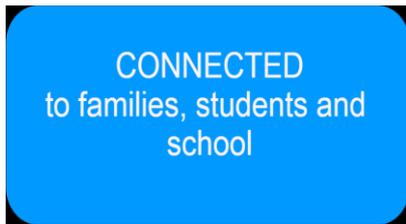


Thank you to our wonderful parents who came in to cook our sausage sizzle treat for the day. The sausage sandwiches were delicious.



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News from Ms Harrison..



Last Saturday I was able to attend the 2018 Safeguarding Children Conference in Cairns. The conference focused on

- Our continuous improvement and commitment to child safety and student wellbeing.
- Building on our connections between families, students and school, and
- being courageous in our actions to create and maintain child safe organisations.

The sessions I attended were interesting and informative. The keynote speaker Tom Brunzell spoke about how we respond to children and young people in dealing with trauma and understanding the impact that trauma has upon their everyday lives.

Here is a link to find out more on this topic: <https://www.childhoodinstitute.org.au/TomBrunzell>

This week our P&F Executive Committee have met and begun some great background work on their Mission and purpose. Under the skilful lead of Simon Ward the group worked through some activities which articulated much of the great work already done by our P&F since 2016 whilst giving us valuable insight into our future school direction and initiatives.

One of the things discussed on Wednesday night was the work of the original school Steering committee and the development of the school logos and stationery concepts. Below is an explanation on how our fish shaped symbol came about.



The images that resonated most with the steering group were the fish and the cross and the Weipa colours of the sunset orange (also of bauxite) and the blue of the sea and the sky in the dry season. As such the steering group feels the logo represents a modern-day anchoring of the Catholic tradition within the day-to-day experience of the Weipa community.

Logo elements

Fish

The Greek word for fish is ichthys. As early as the first century, Christians made an acrostic from this word: Iesous Christos Theou Yios Soter, i.e. Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour. The fish has a theological context as well, for Christ fed the multitude with two fishes and five loaves and called his disciples “fishers of men.”

The steering group identified the two colours of the fish. The upper line, in orange, is the colour of bauxite, but it is also the colour of the sunset. Weipa sunsets are one of the defining features of the community, one of a few Queensland communities that enjoys the sun setting over water. It is a potent symbol the working day is over, it is time for rest and for families. The bottom line, in blue, is the colour of the Gulf waters and represents water, the giver of life, the water of baptism.

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The fish symbol has additional resonance for Weipa as a coastal community. For these residents the waters of the Gulf are a place of escape and relaxation away from the pressures and demands of a hard-working mining town.

Members of the local steering group also identified some local symbolism in the fish, overlaying the shape on an aerial photo of Weipa. In this interpretation the broken blue line embracing the Cross symbolises the opening of Albatross Bay, the top line of the tail is the Mission River, the bottom line is the Embley River, the tail is the Weipa Peninsula which is the location of the school. In this interpretation, the fish is swimming from the school towards Jesus in the form of the Cross.

Cross

The cross unambiguously identifies St Joseph's as a Catholic school, together with the school's name. The incorporation of the word 'Parish' is acknowledgement and recognition of the hard-working Parish members who worked tirelessly towards the school's establishment. The cross is slightly angled within the logo, suggestive of the Southern Cross constellation. Being at the 'eye' of the fish, it symbolises the focus on Christ in all that the school does.

Colours

Blue (two shades) – the colour of the sea and the dry season sky. The colour of water, the giver of life, the water of baptism.

Sunset Orange – the colour of the glorious Weipa sunset, the colour of the mined bauxite which is integral to the life of the community.

Green – the colour of the lush wet season landscapes. Although not represented in the logo, it is used in other design elements.

Blessings for a wonderful long week ahead,

Rosie

ST. JOSEPH'S ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2018

The 2018 Athletics Carnival has been set for **Wednesday the 27th of June - Track and Ball Games Events (Prep - Year 6) & Thursday 28th June - Field Events (Year 3 - 6)**

If you are able to assist on either of these days please contact me on mturner@cns.catholic.edu.au

TERM 2 SCHOOL FEES

Term 2 School Fees have been issued and are due by the 11th May. If you have not received your fee statement please contact Laura on 07 4069 9500 or lkrall@cns.catholic.edu.au

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This week I would like to share one of many articles that will become part of our Religious Life of the School and why 'we do what we do' as a Catholic school. As you may recall we undertook some surveys last year based around our Catholic Identity and late in Term 4 the results were received.

This year we have begun the process of analysing these results of the survey and sharing the outcomes to determine where we go on our Catholic Identity journey from this point. We have developed a team of interested persons to help with putting an action plan together to celebrate and make prominent our Catholic identity here at St Joseph's.

To begin our journey, I would like to do a series of articles on some of the symbols you see around the school: crosses, crucifixes and other religious symbols. This week is about the crosses hanging in each of the classrooms.

History of the El Salvador crosses

These crosses are called El Salvador crosses but are also called Crosses of Hope when made by refugees. The images of life shown on the cross are things that give the people meaning in their everyday lives e.g sun, land, village, family, home, animals and where they find God present to them. The cross is their sign of freedom and hope. It is also a sign of their belief that the future will be better.



If you have some time available, please visit our classrooms and take the time to look at the crosses. When you are looking at them think about the word HOPE and what it means to you. Maybe then, you can see what the El Salvadorians see as their sign of HOPE.

Thank you and blessings for a wonderful weekend,

Amanda

Prayer for the week:

Lord Jesus,
Hope overcomes
Hope heals
Hope restores
Hope inspires
Hope conquers
Hope frees
Hope is your gift to the world
Thank you

Amen.

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**ST JOSEPH'S PARISH SCHOOL WEIPA P&F PRESENT
THEIR ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY MARKET STALL**

FRIDAY 11TH MAY

**Mother's
Day Stall**

**GIFTS ARE PURCHASED DURING
SCHOOL HOURS**

HUGE VARIETY OF GIFTS AVAILABLE

PRICED FROM \$2 - \$6

FREE GIFT BAG FOR EVERY CHILD

**CHILDREN HAVE THE OPTION TO
PURCHASE MULTIPLE GIFTS**

**PLEASE SEND CHILDREN TO SCHOOL WITH A
CLEARLY NAMED ZIP LOCK BAG CONTAINING MONEY**

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WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 18 MAY 2018

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 18 May 2018!

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au



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