

Important Dates...

- ✓ **Thursday 22nd November – Swimming Carnival Time:**
4.00 - 8.00pm **Location: Weipa Town Pool**
- ✓ **Wednesday November 28th – Starry Starry Night**
- ✓ **Thursday November 29th – Year 6 Graduation Dinner**
- ✓ **Friday November 30th – Last day of Term 4**

Term 4 Fees are now overdue.

2019 Stationery Lists

Our Stationery Lists for 2019 are now finalised and available for purchase from Harley's Educational. Harley's will take the stress out of this task for you! Keep an eye out for your copy of the full Stationery list requirements which will be emailed in the coming week as there will be additional items that you will need to purchase.

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News from Ms Harrison..

Dear Parents,

It is lovely to be back in Weipa and greeted so warmly by everyone at St Joseph's. My time away on professional renewal leave was spent mainly in France and Italy. One of the most lasting experiences and a definite highlight was the time spent in northern France staying in a little village just near the Australian war memorial at Villiers Brettoneau. I was able to visit my uncle's grave and pay tribute to the sacrifice he made for my family. One of the most deeply moving experiences was the time spent in the John Monash centre at Villiers Brettoneau. I left the Monash centre with a deep sense humility for all the beautiful young men who gave their life for their country and feeling so proud of the freedom and life I have been able to live as a result of their sacrifice.



There is a school in the village nearby, which is called the Victoria school in tribute to the soldiers and support of Australia during the first world war.



Like many of the villages along the western front which display flags and signs saying "we will never forget the Australians". I will never forget them.

Yesterday was the final day of our 2019 Prep transition. Acknowledgement and credit must go to our wonderful Prep teacher Miss Andreika Knight for her coordination of this transition program. The program has been slightly changed from previous years and from all accounts it has enhanced the benefit of this program for children parents and St Joseph's school.

I also wish to thank the school leadership team who in my absence led many of the Prep parent information sessions each week. Yesterday I spoke to our incoming families around the importance early years learning, and specifically the emphasis we place on 'learning to read' in P-2 which then sets our students well on the

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path of 'reading to learn' in years 3-6. Here is a link to the short video clip shared with our incoming Prep parents with a very valuable message from Mem Fox [The importance of reading](#).

Today we farewell three families from St Joseph's Weipa. We wish the very best and life's blessings to the Ward family, Collette, Simon, Mya and Archer as well as the Spodnieski family, Dominic, Nikki, Baia, Elroy and Iola. Also, Tamar, Blair, Nyah and Eden Quin will leaving us today.

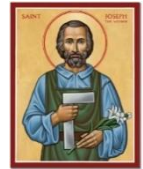
Peace and blessings,

Rosie



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ADRE News.. It seems a little unbelievable that we have only two weeks remaining for the year and it is hoped that our last two weeks, no matter how busy they are – will be ones of productivity and celebration. There is a lot to still happen as teachers complete the reporting process, preparations for our farewells and our final lessons for the year.



This time of year is also a time for reflection and celebration of all the great work that we have achieved and the lessons we have learnt along the way. As we head into the reporting period we would also like to remind families that we will no longer be publishing the reports in paper form, as they will be posted onto our Parent Portal. If the Parent Portal is still an issue for you, please contact the school as soon as possible.

Our new Prep students for 2019 completed their last transition day on Thursday with a presentation of certificates by Ms Harrison. It has been a very worthwhile program run over 4 weeks and I would like to say a very big thank you to Miss Knight for allowing me to share in this experience, along with her organisation to make this so successful and make our new students and families welcome.

In my absence last week due to being on school camp I would like to personally thank Miss Cook and the Year 5 class for their commitment to stand up in the absence of our Year 6 students to run assembly and for especially making such a commitment to the Remembrance Day prayer service. I have heard how beautiful it was conducted and that the respect they demonstrated to those service men and women along with the service animals. You should all be congratulated.

Over the next 2 weeks we will have a number of events happening and would like to stress the importance of all of the celebrations that are going to occur. These celebrations are a way for us as a school community to celebrate all we have achieved, shared together and look forward to continuing into 2019.

With blessings for a wonderful week ahead

Amanda



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Prep.. English: We are continuing with our Phonograms.

During guided reading we are teaching the students about the four jobs of a reader:

First job - lift the words off the page and put them in your brain

Second job - read really fast, read like a river, not like a robot

Third job - know what the words mean and put them in your suitcase - CLICK

Fourth job - Now here's the MAGIC - understanding what you read TAAADAHHH!

We are also placing a high focus on retelling the text which includes the main events (beginning, middle and end). During writing we continue to practice using the correct punctuation and sounding-out using the learnt phonograms.

We will continue with Phonological Awareness. (Rhyming, syllables, initial, phoneme isolation which can be initial, medial or final).

Mathematics:

Establish understanding of the language and processes of counting by naming numbers in sequence, initially to and from 20, moving from any starting point.

Represent practical situations to model addition and sharing.

Continue with days of the week and months of the year.

Religion:

Will know about the Nativity Story as part of Christian Christmas Celebrations

Year 1.. Only two weeks to go until the end the year and then all of the students are in year two. For the past two weeks the year ones have been very busy finishing off assessment tasks. In English, they have been writing a poem and focusing on reading a passage as fast as they could, using a timer to time themselves. In Mathematics, we have been revising graphing and skip counting. Next week, we say goodbye to Lilla and wish her well.

We had a visit from the local police to talk about safety, wearing a seatbelt in the car, wearing a helmet on a bike and lots more. The students each got a sticker and a book to colour in all about being safe.

This week was our last week to borrow books from the Library so can all library books please be returned by next Thursday.

Year 2.. This week we have focused on the push of water and the pull of gravity. We have conducted experiments to consolidate their learning.

In Religion we learnt about the "Good Samaritan" story in the Bible.

We have also concentrated on the sounds "igh" and "eigh"

Year 3.. Year 3 have been learning all about 3D objects in maths. We learnt some new words to help us describe properties of the 3D objects and we all made our own 3D object with small toothpicks and play dough.

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We have finished off the History unit learning all about continuity and change in different communities. The class learnt about how schools have changed, as well as how entertainment and transport has changed and stayed the same over time. We have also worked our way through the Daniel Morcombe unit, learning all about how to keep ourselves safe and how to recognise and react if we do find ourselves in an unsafe situation.

Year 4. What a fortnight of assessment. The Year 4 will definitely deserve a break after the week they have had. We have had a focus with our Civics on rules and laws. The students had to create a new rule and then went through the process of a representative presenting this to the class. We all then had the opportunity to vote like everyday Australians do and decided on the one rule we wanted to abide by. So far everyone is following the rules. Our knowledge of fractions and angles have improved over the past week or so. We will continue to review a variety of maths concepts until the end of the year. This week we were assigned to school prayer and the students showed their acting skills while performing The Good Samaritan. Kindness has been a focus for us for a short while. We want to finish off on the year with many positive notes by hearing about the kind things our school community are doing.

Year 5. What an exciting fortnight! Year 5 were privileged to be able to be the leaders of the school in week 5 while year 6 were away on camp. I am very proud to say that overall they stepped up to the challenge. Their dedication to practising for assembly and bravery to speak in front of the school for our Remembrance Day prayer service is to be commended. They are showing the maturity required to lead these important school events next year.

In English, we have learned about different types of poems, including shape poems, limericks, odes and ballads. Students are now in the process of analysing a given poem and constructing their own poems using structural elements, figurative language and sound devices. Those who have completed their homework have certainly noticed how this has supported them with their poetry interpretations and writing in class. Well done to those students!

In Maths, we completed our probability unit about probability trees. We are now doing a short measurement and geometry unit on area and perimeter. We have completed our Religion unit about Mother Mary by writing Marian prayers.

Science has brought us many opportunities to experiment with light and shadows. We now know how to make a use periscopes! We are all salivating when we learn about French foods and drinks and look forward to our French meal later in the term. We have started our "All For One and One For All" Civics and Citizenship unit where we are learning about how groups can have a positive effect on bringing social change to the world and the students are very engaged in this subject matter.

Year 6. Year 6 have had a sensational couple of weeks! Our School Camp was a success, with students developing independence, making brave decisions, and challenging themselves. Students visited Parliament House and the Science Centre. They also challenged themselves by zip-lining and building rafts sturdy enough to travel the lake. This week we have been creating a School Camp scrapbook to build upon this experience and consolidate our mapping skills, writing skills, and vocabulary.



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ALL-STAR STUDENTS!

Week 5 & 6

Prep.. Faith Krall, Tye Lee, Ben Warner, Lucy Johnstone

Year 1.. Frankie Mckie Blamey, Sophia Sorbello, Silvie Hynes, Lilla Campbell, Taylah Simpson, Nate Robinson, Summer-Lee van Pelt.

Year 2..Yuri Lesic, Ayden Vogler

Year 3..Jackeal Day, Judson Gay, Lexi Franklin, Sarah Bond, Sisco Bosuen

Year 4..Ramona Bond, Ethan Edmondson, Edward Rees, Charlie Hockey

Year 5.. Lily Jenkins, Natasha Winaulin, Wylie Clarke, Lucas Hancock, Linh Tran

Year 6.. Kiarah Baylis

Report Cards

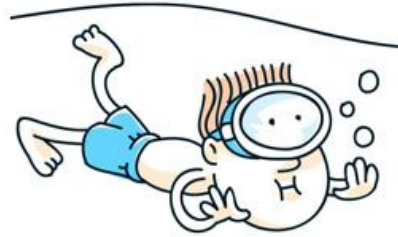
In the coming weeks we will be finalising report cards ready for issuing before the end of term. In anticipation we ask you to please ensure you have active access to the Parent Portal as this will be necessary to view your child/ren's report cards.

Will you be here in 2019?

Planning for our 2019 school year is well underway. As our enrolment vacancies are limited and to aid prospective future families in providing certainty on possible enrolments for the new school year, we urge any families who will be exiting at the end of the year to please notify us accordingly. You will need to fill in an exit form from the office.

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SWIMMING CARNIVAL



Dear Parents,

Below is an outline of the St. Joseph's Swimming Carnival which will be held on Thursday the 22nd of November from 4.00pm - 8.00pm at the Town Pool.

Please note that there is a BBQ provided by the P and F (gold coin donation) on the night. Please feel free to bring Water bottles (no glass containers), Picnic blankets/ chairs to sit on.

The children will be asked to sit in their designated Sport House Area while they wait for their races. The 25 metre pool is designated for races and once all events are completed the pool is unavailable for swimming.

The small pool will be closed and therefore no children will be allowed to use this due to safety reasons on the night.

All siblings/children not enrolled with St Joseph's need to be supervised by parents at all times.

We are looking for Volunteers so If you are able to assist with the Swimming Carnival please email mturner@cns.catholic.edu.au

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

St. Joseph's Swimming Carnival Program	
4:10pm	Welcome, Prayer and Rules of Pool
4.15pm	<u>Prep to Year 2 Races</u> Prep – Noodle Breaststroke/ (Kickboard) Backstroke, Freestyle Yr 1 - Noodle Breaststroke/ (Kickboard) Backstroke, Freestyle Yr 2 - Noodle Breaststroke/ (Kickboard) Backstroke, Freestyle

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	<u>Year 2 and Year 3 Races (Optional)</u> Year 2 Boys and Girls - 25m Freestyle Year 3 Boys and Girls - 25m Freestyle
	<u>(Optional)</u> Year 2 Boys and Girls - 25m Backstroke Year 3 Boys and Girls - 25m Backstroke
	<u>(Optional)</u> Year 2 Boys and Girls - 25m Breaststroke Year 3 Boys and Girls - 25m Breaststroke
5.30pm	2009 Boys and Girls - 25m Freestyle
	2008 Boys and Girls - 25m Freestyle
	2007 Boys and Girls - 50m Freestyle
	2006 Boys and Girls - 50m Freestyle
	2009 Boys and Girls - 25m Backstroke
	2008 Boys and Girls - 25m Backstroke
	2007 Boys and Girls - 50m Backstroke
	2006 Boys and Girls - 50m Backstroke
	2009 Boys and Girls - 25m Breaststroke
	2008 Boys and Girls - 25m Breaststroke
	2007 Boys and Girls - 50m Breaststroke
	2006 Boys and Girls - 50m Breaststroke
	2009 and 2008 Boys and Girls - 25m Butterfly (optional) 2007 and 2006 Boys and Girls - 25m Butterfly (optional)
5.30pm - 6.15pm	BBQ Preparations and BBQ Serving
5.45 - 6.30pm	BBQ Serving
7.30 – 8.00pm	Clean Up & Presentation – House Points

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