

Important Dates...

- ✓ **Tuesday 27th November** – Year 3 – 6 IT devices and kits need to be returned to school
- ✓ **Wednesday 28th November** – **Starry Starry Night**
Time: 6.00pm
- ✓ **Thursday 29th November** – **Year 6 Graduation Dinner**
- ✓ **Friday 30th November** – **Last day of Term 4 – Finishing at 3.00pm**

TERM 4 FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE

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.

Library and ICT News

Today your child has received a library notice if they have any outstanding library books. These books need to be returned asap. Those not returned by Tuesday 27th November will receive a letter requesting payment for outstanding books.

We are asking for all students in Years 3-6 to have their devices and their kit at school on Tuesday for either the return of devices for the school holidays period or for their devices to be cleared ready for release from the St Joseph's IT program. All items must be here otherwise a letter requesting payments for outstanding items will be sent to those families with outstanding devices and equipment.

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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. The Olympic motto of "It's not the winning but the taking part" is all so important at events like this. Our winning House team and age champions will be announced next week.

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 Kelly Bienvenu, thank you for your enthusiasm on the microphone.

To our wonderful 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 very proud to see the St Joseph's spirit alive in our school community.

To our entire school community – your school and team spirit is inspiring.

We are in the process of finalising staff for 2019. Sadly Miss Kristie Henderson and Miss Alycia Cook will be leaving our St Joseph's school community and moving on to new schools for 2019. We wish both Alycia and Kristie every blessing as they take the next big step in their teaching career. This week I am able to share the positions which have been finalised at this stage. We hope to conduct a transition session next Thursday so children can visit their new classroom and teacher for 2019.

Staffing for 2019

Prep: Andrieka Knight

Year 1: Mrs Kelly Bienvenu

Year 2: Miss Holly Jarden

Year 3: Miss Tegen White

Year 4: Miss Samantha Briody

Year 5: Mrs Libby Lange

Year 6: Stacey Edmonds

Learning Support Teacher: TBA

APRE: Mrs Amanda Saunders

SEL/PE Teacher: Melanie Turner

Arts Teacher: Amanda Scikluna

Teacher Librarian: TBA

School Officers: TBA

Admin Officer: Mrs Suzy Taske

Finance Officer: TBA

Tuckshop: TBA

ILO: TBA

Groundsman: to be advised

Rosie

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ADPRE NEWS

Well only one week to go. Another busy week with meetings, swimming carnival completed, report writing and general day to day learning. Next week will be just as, if not busier, so would like to remind you all of a few important things to remember:

- 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')*

We would like to remind all families that all report cards will be uploaded to the Parent Portal after 3pm on Friday so please check that all of your access is working throughout this week. And if you have any problems let the office know so we can work out what is going wrong. It has been recommended that if you have not already set up your access then to do it on a computer first and not a device.

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 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 to participate in our Disco and school will close at 3pm for 2018.

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 2nd 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.

With blessings for a wonderful week ahead,

Amanda

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Starry Starry Night

*An evening of Christmas Carols and Thanksgiving,
presented by the students of St Josephs ,Weipa.*

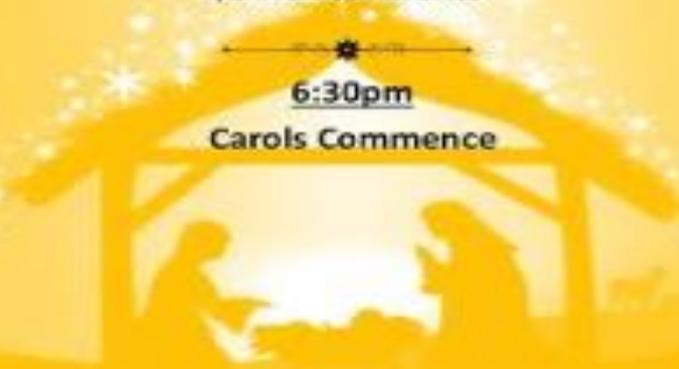
Wednesday, 28th November

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6.00pm

**Gold Coin Pizza and Nibbles
\$5 Refreshments**

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6:30pm

Carols Commence



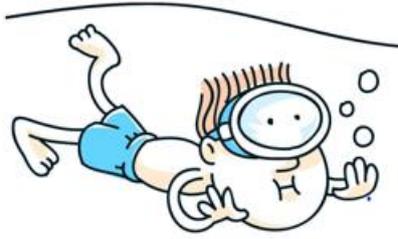
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St. Joseph's Swimming Carnival 2018

Last night St. Joseph's Parish School Weipa, celebrated its inaugural Twilight Swimming Carnival at the Town Pool. The children sat in their House Colours - Mission, Pine and Embley with their families and cheered for their class mates.

Years Prep to Year 2 participated in Noodle Breaststroke/ Kickboard Backstroke and Freestyle races and Year 3 to 6 participated in 25m and 50m Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and optional Butterfly.

The Parents and Friends provided a BBQ for the students and their families. It was a fabulous night with a wonderful family community vibe.

The overall House winner and Age champions will be announced next Friday at Assembly.

All students participated with enthusiasm and demonstrated all the SEL Keys:

Confidence, Persistence, Organisation, Resilience and Getting Along.

A big Thank you to the P and F, Parent helpers in and out of the water, Teachers, School Officers, Sodexo and WTA for a very successful night.

St. Joseph's Swimming Program 2018

What a great 7 weeks we had with the weather and all the students participating in the Swimming Program. A big thank you to all the Parent helpers that assisted and to our swimming instructors Kate Mellner and Alison McKie.

Thank you also to Tynequa and Fiona for Lifeguarding.

Next week the students will receive their Swim and Survive certificates. Congratulations to everyone and thank you again for making this program and the Swimming Carnival a success.

Mel.



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All aboard the Polar Express!

Next Monday our school will be travelling to six different countries to find out how people celebrate Christmas around the world!

Tickets and passports will be given out in class this week.
Be on time to make sure you catch the train to a day of fun and learning.

It's the most wonderful time of the year, and St Joseph's is feeling the Christmas Spirit! Although we're in the far north, we've decided to bring a little bit of the North Pole here to help us celebrate with Polar Express Day!

Our school will be catching the Polar Express on Monday 26th November and dropping us to six different countries so that we can find out how Christmas is celebrated in different ways around the world! We will visit, France, Italy, South Africa, China, Brazil and the Philippines. Our final destination is the North Pole where we will watch the movie Polar Express and enjoy a nice cold ice-block.

All Aboard for a fun and festive celebration!

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