

Dear Families

The ever wise and witty Mark Twain once counselled that,

*"It is better to keep your mouth closed and let people think you are a fool than to open it and remove all doubt."*

This advice could well lead to the remainder of this page being blank; thankfully, there is something to say that is in no way foolish but quite the opposite:

*"Fathers are wonderful people too little understood, and we do not sing their praises as often as we should..." (Helen Steiner Rice)*

Unfortunately, society tends to consider the bond a child has with its mother to be more important than that with the father. Also, the manner in which society is structured sometimes makes it easier for dads to use their career to perhaps mismanage time and be absent from home during important times. However, eliminating society's barriers begins in the home, with a father's choice to be a full and willing partner in all aspects of home life, especially contact time with children.

Fathers can bring unique strengths to their relationships with children, and children with both a mother and father can benefit from more caring, as well as a variety of caring styles. For example, dads have a rougher and tumble approach to physical interaction in which they challenge their children to explore their own strength and their ability to do new things. Their play introduces healthy competition and demands respect for limits and boundaries.

There is an agreement amongst psychologists that children with a secure attachment to their father have an increased chance to be happy, successful and well-adjusted as children, adolescents and during their progress into adulthood. Furthermore:

- Dads are more likely than mothers to provide problem-solving competencies and independence in children.
- Father-involved children are more confident and successful in solving complex mathematical and logical puzzles.
- Dads help curb violence in boys by teaching and modelling to them socially acceptable ways to express their masculinity.
- Dads who have a warm involvement with their children in their early years, help raise children who become empathetic and compassionate adults.
- Girls with involved fathers are happier, more confident and willing to try new things than girls without that father's involvement.
- Children who felt similar to, admired and wanted to resemble their dads are strong in personal moral judgement, moral values and respecting rules.
- Dads who live with their children and are actively involved with them, have high levels of good health and high levels of self esteem.

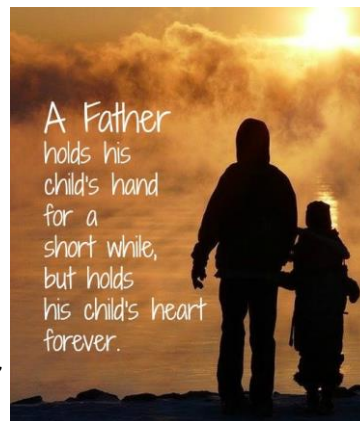
There is no doubt that every child has a longing to be held and loved by a father-figure and to be mentored through to their adult life by a father who is there for them.

*"And like our Heavenly Father he's a guardian and a guide, someone we can count on to be always on our side." (Helen Steiner Rice)*

Happy Fathers' Day to all our Dads this coming Sunday. Every Blessing for a great week ahead,

God bless,

Rosie



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

*\*More details to come ...*

**29<sup>th</sup> August** Weipa Hospital Dental Clinic staff will visit.

**1<sup>st</sup> September** Father's Day Science Night 5-7pm Flexible Learning Space

**4<sup>th</sup> September** Father's Day

**7<sup>th</sup> September** Tuckshop Bake Sale Day bring a \$2 coin

**8<sup>th</sup> September** \*School Liturgy Celebration of Our Mother Mary's Birthday

**16<sup>th</sup> September** Last Day Term 3

**3<sup>rd</sup> October** Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

**4<sup>th</sup> October** First Day Term 4

**7<sup>th</sup> October** \*Swimming lessons commence every Friday

**12<sup>th</sup> October** \*Crazy Sock Day

**24 – 28<sup>th</sup> October** Lillian Millar School Communication Engagement Officer visit

**26<sup>th</sup> October** \*Socktober family movie night

**17<sup>th</sup> November** \*Swimming Carnival

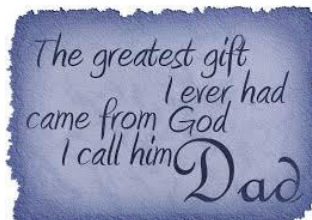
**25<sup>th</sup> November** Last Day Term 4

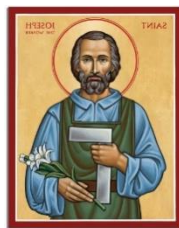


To all our wonderful organisers and volunteers who worked for many weeks to put together the activities for the Father's day STEM night.

Judging by the delightful photos of children engaged in the activities with their Dads and families the whole evening was a huge success.

On behalf of the children I thank you all for making this a very special time for them to spend with their "Dad" in acknowledging Father's Day.





## ***News from the APRE***

**Father's Day** is a celebration honouring fathers and celebrating fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society. It is a day, I believe, worthy of much accolade on the family calendar, being the perfect opportunity to celebrate the important role that fathers, step-fathers and other male role-models play in the lives of their children. I hope you are all suitably spoiled, and have a magnificent day filled with love, laughter and celebration.

As I pondered upon the immense contribution that my stepfather had on my life, my thoughts waivered to those who may not look upon this day with such fondness, instead remembering fathers sadly no longer with us. Thoughts and prayers go out to those members of our community experiencing circumstances such as these. I hope that you can draw strength from those around you, and find a fitting way to pass the day.

At this time, we also think about our Patron Saint Joseph who is the Father of our Lord and the customary day for the celebration of Fatherhood dates back to the Middle Ages and was traditionally observed on 19<sup>th</sup> March. Here in Australia it has always been celebrated on the first Sunday of September, which is the first Sunday of Spring.

A huge thank you must go to the P & F and the mothers for the wonderful organisation and running of our Father's Day Science night – fun was had by all. I have included a prayer below for all those fathers and fatherly figures in our lives.

### **Annual School Satisfaction Surveys.**

It is great to see a number of parents have completed the surveys. You will continue to receive reminders until the 12<sup>th</sup> September. This is important for the future planning and direction of St Joseph's.

### **Blessed Virgin Mary's Birthday and Feast Day**

Next Thursday we will be holding a Liturgy at 2.15pm to celebrate our Blessed Virgin Mary. I wish to extend an invitation to you all if you are able to attend.

Thank you and blessings for a great weekend,

Amanda

#### **A Salute to Fathers**

Today, Almighty God, as we observe Father's Day, I lift all the fathers of this world up to You with adoration and love. Fathers play an integral role in the lives of our children, as mentors, providers, caregivers and so much more and also provide a firm foundation on which our children stand. Thank You, Jehovah Jireh, for Your provision and for showering them with Your divine blessings. I pray that You would consecrate fathers and set them apart for Your purpose.

# \*St Joseph's Message Board \*



## PLEASE note ~ CHANGE TO PE DAY WEEK 10 TERM 3

PE will be on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September in our final week of term. Please ensure sports uniforms are **worn on the Monday** instead of the Wednesday.



Thank you to our Fundraising committee and to all the volunteers who made the Father's Day Science Night a great success!

From the P&F Exec Committee

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Delphina Day and Patrick Dorahy for representing St. Joseph's School at the Peninsula Sports recently at Barlow Park in Cairns.

Patrick and Delphina represented our school in the following events: 800 metres, 200 metres, 100 metres and Delphina also competed in the Long Jump.

Both students said they enjoyed the experience and got to meet lots of new friends.

## *The language of Resilient families*

### No. 4 Who have you spoken to about this?

Sometimes a listening ear is all that's needed!



**STRATEGY:** seeking help

**GOOD FOR:** kids who experience bullying and social problems; handling all types of personal worries Resilient people seek solace in the company of others when they experience difficulty. That's why social connection is such a strong preventative strategy for young people. The promotion of help-seeking behaviours is one of the best coping strategies of all. Even if kids don't overtly talk about what's bothering them it can be immensely reassuring to spend time around others who are empathetic, understanding and willing to listen and help.

*St Joseph's Parish Church*

Weekend Services

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 8:30am

For further inquiries, please contact  
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# Class News

## Prep News

Preps wish to say thank you to Mrs Lemaire for teaching them over the last four weeks. The preps have enjoyed their time with Mrs Lemaire and wish her well as she completes this part of her studies and heads to Melbourne.

Preps really enjoyed the Fathers' Day Stem evening. It was wonderful to see those fathers who were able to come in and enjoy all the activities with their children. A huge thank you to Ms Collette Keenan and all the volunteers who donated their time generously to prepare all the resources and activities for the evening. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and ensured the success and enjoyment of the evening for the children and their fathers.

Preps loved making their gifts for Fathers' Day. We wish all fathers and grandfathers a relaxing and fun-filled day on Sunday. Happy Fathers' Day!

Preps thoroughly enjoyed the mini-Olympics on Friday. Thank you to Miss Stewart, Miss Cassie and the Year Threes for preparing the sports events. It was lots of fun for all the children. Congratulations to all the St Joseph's mini-Olympians for your great participation! Well done everyone!

## Year 1 News

In year one this week we enjoyed making gifts, writing cards and planning how we could make Father's Day this coming weekend a special day for our Dads. A lot of our families came along to the join in the fun at the Father's Day Science Night this week at school. Year one students took their Dads on a tour of the science stations throughout the school and had photos taken in the photo booth. We learnt how to tell someone else our birthday, including the date, month and year that we were born. The mini Olympics were lots of fun as students participated in teams for events from different countries. Throughout the week, we continued reading the story *Charlotte's Web* by E.B.White.

## Year 2 News

Everyone is very excited about the Father's Day presents we made for our dads. Lots of great ideas and writing to prove there are some pretty fabulous dads out there in Weipa! Wishing you all a great day. Our literacy focus this week was adjectives. We listed heaps, found them in books and in our room and we have used them in our writing. The students now understand better what an adjective does and how adjectives really help stories be more interesting and engage the reader. We also looked at silent letters in words and tried to find as many as we could in our books. Lots of reading this week!

## Year 3 News

Year 3 have finalized their term 3 assessment pieces and have begun with their additional extra curriculum units focusing on biographies in English, extending our reading comprehension through guided reading workshops daily, completing hands-on experiments in Edible Chemistry as well as beginning our Computer Science unit using coding and Minecraft Education edition.

## Year 4/5/6 News

This week the 4,5,6's have been busy starting assessments such as Geography. On Tuesdays with Mrs Turner we have been learning the levels of emotion such as worried William, sad Sally and how they affect our choices in everyday life. Recently we have been finishing off studying *Charlotte's Web*. In Geography we have been given multiple choices on which country we can study on to find more information about. We will be leading class prayer this week at assembly.

Written by Lizzie McInnes + Brianna Peet

## \*\* STAR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK \*\*

*Prep... Olivia Price & Summer Cox*

*Year 1... Jackeal Day, Sisco Bosmen & Ryan Potter*

*Year 2... Brock Blain & Daniel Scarabello*

*Year 3... Wylie Clarke & Ella Weston*

*Year 4 5 6.... Jett Dawson & Damian Parr*

*Principal... Lexi Laine - Geldens*



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