

Dear Families,

Time is indeed moving by at a very fast pace and the end of the school year is looming, with just on four weeks remaining until we close the doors at St Joseph's for 2016. There is a sudden sense of urgency to complete everything that needs to be completed. I am sure that the same can be said for all of us at this busy time of year.

One of my favourite traditions in Catholic schooling is the end-of-year community gathering in the spirit of thanksgiving. It is a great platform for celebrating our terrific little St Joseph's family, and taking the opportunity to show our gratitude and thanks to the many wonderful people within our community who have contributed to making the year a success. The 'glass of life' here at St Joseph's is genuinely 'half full' and there is no end to the opportunities we have to be a grateful community.

The 2016 message of Bringing faith and Learning to Life has heightened the need to bring as many people together as we can, and offer thanks to them for their contribution this year. Our end of year Starry Starry Night community event will therefore seek to do just that. All families are cordially invited to attend this end of year thanksgiving event on Thursday, 24th November from 6:00pm. A BBQ sausage sizzle will be served, along with drinks for all members of our community. We began the year with a similar event, so it is fitting that we end the year on the same note. I also extend an invitation to join us for our closing liturgy on Friday 25th November at 11.00am. Fr Dariusz will be here in the community to lead this closing liturgy. Please give some thought to coming along and sharing in our message of thanks to this great community.

Every Blessing for a great weekend,

Rosie



News from the APRE

Week 5 Term 4

With only three weeks to go we are still no closer to slowing down as there are many teaching opportunities to still undertake, swimming lessons to finish, assessment to complete and preparation for our final week. During this time please remember to also take the time to slow down and appreciate all of the things happening around and with your family. Remember to:

Take Time

Take time to rest – it is the foundation of health and vitality.

Take time to think – it is the source of achievement.

Take time to read – it is the foundation of wisdom.

Take time to play – it is the secret of staying young.

Take time to be quiet – it is the opportunity to seek God.

Take time to share – it is too short a life to be selfish.

Take time to be aware – it is the opportunity to help others.

Take time to laugh – it's the music of the heart.

Take time to be loved – it nourishes the soul.

Take time to be friendly – it is the road to happiness.

Take time to pray – it is the greatest power on earth.

Take time to dream – it's the well of inspiration.

There is time for everything.

Pledge of Thank You's"

- To those students and families who have contributed to our Catholic Mission Month fundraising. If you would still like to contribute, please send in your loose coins and place them in our Mission boxes in the classrooms. I will be collecting them from teachers in Week 7.
- For the wonderful messages and support shown to all of our teaching staff last week on 'World Teachers Day'.
- And, the support towards 'Day for Daniel.'

Over the past 4 weeks we have also been fulfilling all our testing obligations. Children from Year 1 to Year 6 completed their PAT (Progressive Achievement Tests) R (Reading) and M (Maths) tests online. The data gathered from any assessment leads to the judgements of your child's academic progress and helps teachers make a professional judgement for reporting at the end of the year.

Thank you and blessings for a great weekend,

Amanda

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

31st October – 4th November Laurel Eden, School Counsellor visit

4th November Swimming Program

11th November Swimming Program

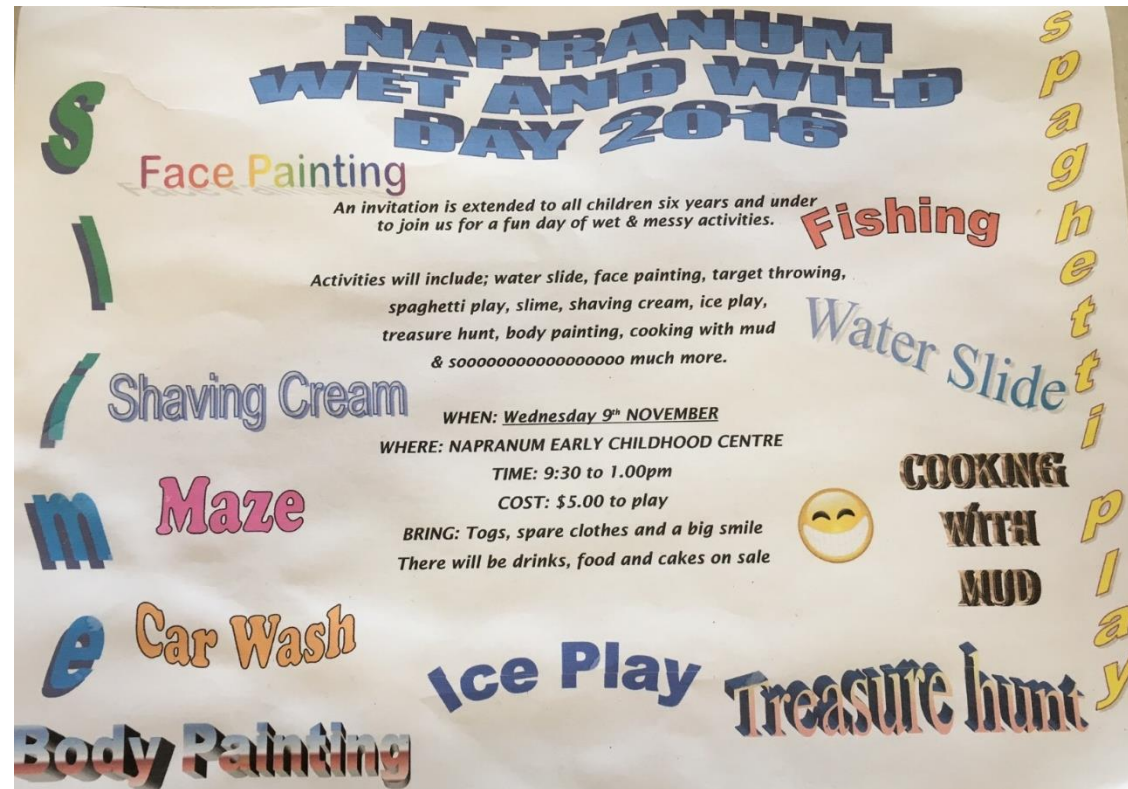
17th November Swimming Carnival 4pm – 8pm

23rd November Starry, Starry Variety Night 6pm

25th November Last Day Term 4 *school finishes at 12pm*

School resumes 23rd January 2017

Important Announcements



Last day of Term 4

Our last day at St Joseph's is Friday 25th November, school will be finishing at 12pm on this day.

11.00am Assembly & Liturgy

A poster for 'Storm Surge Shelter Open Day' by the Weipa Local Disaster Management Group. The top features a photo of a modern, multi-story building. The title 'Storm Surge Shelter Open Day' is in large, bold, blue letters. Below it, the text reads: 'The cyclone season is here again so please join us at the Storm Surge Shelter Open Day! Come and have a chat to one of our Weipa Disaster Management staff about your family and pet's emergency plan and to understand your evacuation options.' The event details are: 'Saturday, 12th November 2016', 'From 10.30am - 1:00pm', 'At Hibberd Drive, Rocky Point'. A list of activities includes: '*Sausage sizzle and light refreshments available', '*Live music', '*Live fire displays by the Rural Fire Services', and '*Emergency kit raffle, donated by Weipa SES'. For further information, it says 'Get Ready visit: www.getready.qld.gov.au'. For up-to-date cyclone information, it says 'tune into ABC Radio (1044AM) or log onto www.bom.gov.au'. The bottom of the poster features logos for the Weipa Town Authority, Rural Fire Service, and RACQ Get Ready Queensland, along with a Facebook link and the website www.weipatownauthority.com.au.

Class News

Prep News

The Preps have been very busy lately with assembly and orientation. They did a wonderful job this week participating in the welcome liturgy for the preps of 2017. Prep were joined by Years 4/5/6. This was the culmination of lots of practice and preparation leading up to this important day. The Preps prepared a welcome gift to share with the new preps. The current preps looked very grown up and showed everyone how responsible they are especially now that they are near the end of their prep year. Well done preps of 2016!

Year 1 News

This week it was our turn to lead the Assembly Prayer. We greeted new families at the Prep Orientation morning. We watched the Melbourne Cup with the whole school. We practised logging in to laptops and iPads with our user names and passwords to do some numeracy and literacy tasks. We did Maths rotations of skip counting on number lines, writing the time to the hour and half hour on analogue clocks and buying grocery items with (plastic) Australian coins. We have been reading the *Hairy Maclary Treasury* by Lynley Dodd each day. We watched National Geographic kids and learnt about sound and the reflection of light. Throughout the week, we began planning a class party together and had lots of fun doing swimming in PE.

Year 2 News

The students have been working with chance and data this week in maths, looking at the possibility of events and then using tally marks and graphs to share the information. We learnt to pose questions about this information to help compare and understand it. We also wrote a narrative story which we are still working on. This was a combination of descriptive ideas and following the criteria set and joining it altogether. The students worked really hard on this and we look forward to sharing these in class next week.

Year 3 News

The year 3 busy bees have been finishing their assessment pieces for English, French, Civics, and Music for Miss Cass. They've completed their world in Minecraft and have made amazing pieces of original music for composition. We've been using iPads to make our own Voki characters to share.

Year 4/5/6 News by Peyton Wellby + Jay Deegan

On Monday 4/5/6 + prep practice songs {welcome to God's house + God's blessing} for the following Wednesday. On Tuesday, we did our song in the prep classroom again we found out who was reading and doing reflections. On Wednesday we did a welcoming parade to the preps of 2017 it was exciting for all. This week, the year 6 girls participated in a home economic lesson with Mrs Gane making creamy zucchini soup.

** STAR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK **

Prep... Oscar Argent, Louis Argent, Charlotte Guy

Year 1... Jessica Hoad & Samuel Hancock

Year 2... Swaroop Bhat, Matilda Machan & Abi Touron

Year 3... Ella Weston & Kunio Sagigi

Year 4 5 6... Peyton Wellby & Jett Dawson

