

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

The month of May has been dedicated by the Church as a time of devotion to Mary, who is honoured as the first disciple, Mother of God and Mother of the Church. Mary is recognised as the one who listened and responded to the call of God, not such an easy task for a young girl in a very traditional and strict Jewish household. This Sunday we also mark another very special day in May with Mother's Day.

Christians see Mary as a human being, who willingly allowed grace to work in her. St. Luke tells us that from the moment that Mary was told that she was chosen to be the Mother of God, she expressed her natural human feelings: "Mary was deeply troubled by the angel's message..." and "Mary pondered those things in her heart". All mothers ponder things about their children. Mary, like us, had to strive to understand the mystery of the revelation made to her with regard to her Son, Jesus. She had to make her personal journey of faith as we now make ours. St. Bernard called her "Stella Maris" the "Star of the Sea" our guide and our assurance, as we journey on the stormy tossed waves of our lives.

We ask blessing on all our mother's this Sunday that their lives will continue to be enriched by the joy of children in their lives.

Mary, we ask you to obtain for us the strength to lead a

life offered to God in thanksgiving and praise.

Be present with us at all times.

Guide us safely into the presence of your Son, Jesus,
so that we may, with you and all the saints, share His life,
happiness and love. Amen.

God Bless

Rosie



News from the APRE

May is now upon us and in the Christian calendar the month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of the Church. This seems so appropriate as we ourselves spend the next few days thinking about our own mothers and what it is that makes them so special.

At school children will hear stories about Mary the Mother of Jesus and maybe praying a few prayers to Mary. Below are some prayers the children may like to say at home.

A Child's Prayer to Mary

Holy Mary, mother fair, filled with love for God, pray for us in all our needs. Pray for us today. Amen.

The Hail Mary

Hail Mary full of Grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death, Amen.

Mother's Day Liturgy.

A very special thank you to all those mums who were able to share in this special celebration. For me it was even more significant as I was able to have my mum join us in the celebration. In all the years I have been teaching I have never had this opportunity largely due to distance and yet, now that I am even further away the chance has arisen.

May you all have a very special weekend with your mums and families. Next week I will endeavour to start putting out some information with regards to NAPLAN and our Student Reporting System (SRS).

Blessings,

Amanda

MOTHER'S DAY LITURGY & MORNING TEA

It was great to see mums, grandmothers, aunts and female carers at the liturgy and morning tea. Thank you to the teachers and students for preparing a very moving liturgy. Special thanks to the staff for coordinating and preparing the lovely morning tea for our Mums.

A big thank you to our P&F mums for organising such a lovely Mother's Day Stall. The variety of gifts for our children to purchase was sensational and the children enjoyed shopping. Check out our pics from the stall further on..

Have a lovely Mother's day on Sunday.

NAPLAN Testing

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The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

Why do students do NAPLAN tests?

NAPLAN is the measure through which governments, education authorities, schools, teachers and parents can determine whether or not young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy. The assessments provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the assessments. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and which areas need to be prioritised for improvement.

At St Joseph's, NAPLAN is included as one aspect of the school's assessment and reporting process and does not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance. We wish our Year 3 and 5 students well as they participate in these tests this week.

The test Program is as follows:

Tuesday 12 May - Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Writing

Wednesday 13 May - Reading

Thursday 14 May - Numeracy

Friday 15 May - 'Catch up' day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Enjoy each day with your children - they are God's greatest gift!

Cross Country Carnival

Our inaugural school cross country carnival will be held on Friday 27th May, the carnival will include all the students of the school.

In order to prepare for the carnival we are going to have two early morning training sessions on offer each Tuesday and Thursday morning leading up to the carnival which will commence this Tuesday the 12th May at 7.15 for a 7.30am start. Students are to meet Mrs Vass and Miss Libby by 7.15am at school in the outdoor area adjacent to the multipurpose room.

We have requested that all students bring running gear and a spare pair of shoes and socks in case the grass is wet in the morning. We are expecting good weather, but early morning dew may still be on the ground. Additionally, if there are any parents who can come along and run with the students for their training that would be much appreciated. Please contact the school to let us know if you are available for the early morning sessions on the Tuesday or Thursday.

Further detail and arrangements for the Cross Carnival will go out to families next week.



Enrolments 2017

Applications are now being accepted for 2017 Years P-6.

Parents are asked to obtain an Enrolment Pack from the school office or download from our website.

Please inform family or friends if they have children who are eligible to enrol.

The cut off for Prep enrolments for 2017 is 27th May with interviews to commence 2nd June.

For more information please contact our office.

St Joseph's News & Reminders

Student Absences

Thank you to those families who have remembered to let the office know when their child is going to be away. It is a requirement upon enrolment that if your child is going to be absent for any reason, you must inform the school with either a phone call, email or a note so this can be recorded. PH: 4069 9500

Email: secretary.weipa@cns.catholic.edu.au



St Joseph's Parish School Website

<http://www.stjosephsweipa.qld.edu.au/>

School Assembly

Assembly every Friday at 2.30pm



MONSTER BOOK FAIR

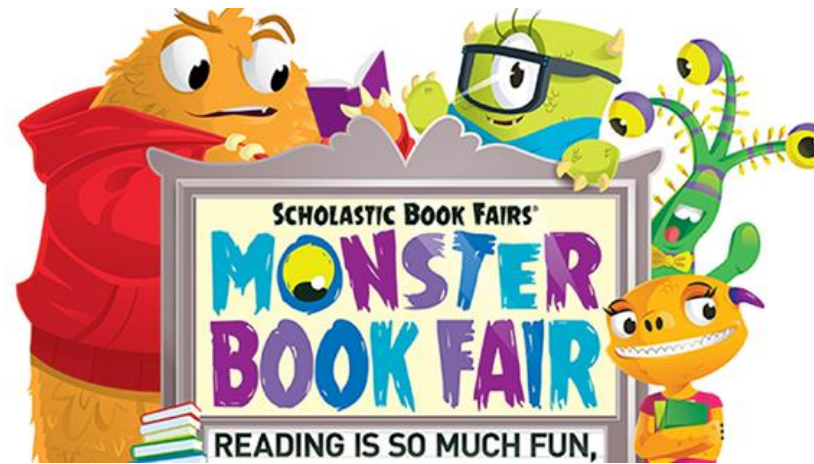
Wednesday 25th May

All book purchases help us fundraise for other resources in our school. Pre-purchases can be made from the Book Fair catalogue sent home last week but more available from school. We have 2 volunteer parents to help man the shop but may need more please. Any time available would be appreciated to help with sales, set up and distributing posters around town. Please email Cass.

7:30 – 8:30 – Open for sales to all

8:35 – 10:40 am – Classes scheduled to purchase

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11:30



Bell Times

8.30 School Starts

10.40-11.00am Morning Tea

1 pm-1.45 pm Lunch

3.00pm School Ends



Disco

Zumba Dance Party Style

Date: Saturday 7th May

Time: 4.15 - 5.15 Ages Prep and under

5.30-6.30 Ages Year 1 – 3

6.45-7.45 Ages Years 4 – 6

8.00-9.00 Ages Years 7 - Adult

Place: the PAC, Western Cape College.

Entry: Child/Student \$5; Adults \$10

Refreshments, glow products and
merchandise for sale

Prizes to
be won

THEME: FLURO

COME DRESSED IN YOUR BRIGHTEST COLOURS

This is a fundraising event for the Comp students of Albatross Bay Dance Studio

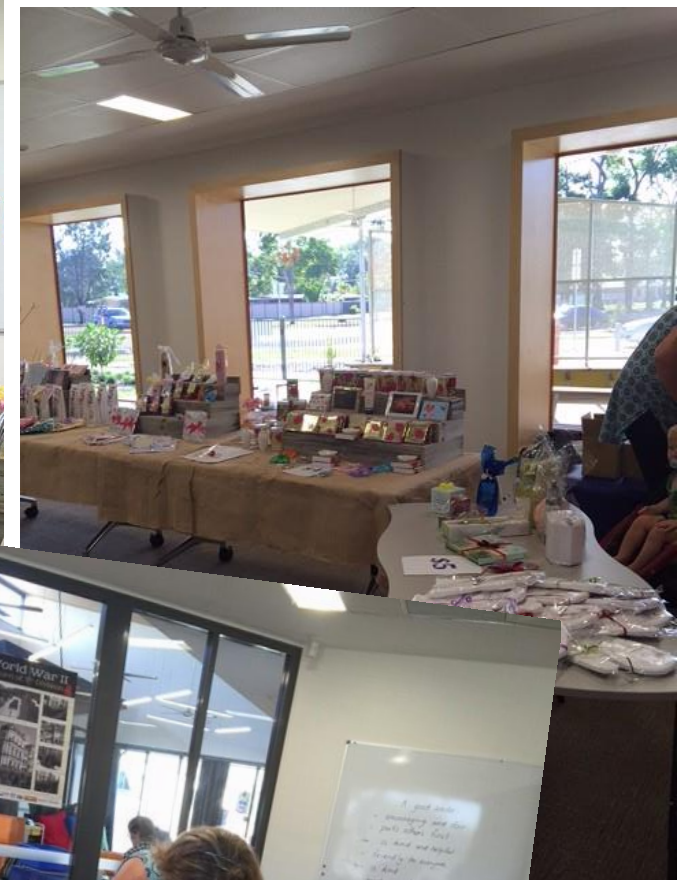


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A big thank you to everyone who helped make our Mother's Day Stall a great success!



Prep News

Preps had a valuable lesson in the multipurpose room with Miss Grant about I pads. The Preps learnt more about caring for and using the I pads as well as using a new app . Thanks Miss Grant. Preps have been investigating features of school and areas close to school as they learn about places. They identified that school is a special place for students and families and close by we can see the church for people to go to pray and celebrate special occasions. Other places we can see from school include Western Cape College and people's houses.

The Preps have been very excited preparing for Mothers' Day. They really enjoyed buying their own gifts at the Mothers' Day stall. The gifts were all beautiful and Preps want to say a big 'thank you' to all the volunteers who helped with the stall and also assisted with gift selection. Preps also say 'Happy Mothers' Day' to all mums and grandmas. Enjoy your special day.

Year 1 News

This week in year one we wrote about why our Mum's are so special to us. We started learning about identifying Australian coins in Maths this week and used money to buy gifts at the Mother's Day stall. We had a lesson on using I pads this week with Miss Grant and learnt about powering them on and off correctly, carrying I pads safely and how to do a book review using the Chatter Pics app.



Year 2 News

We are getting closer to finishing our Information Reports which we will be making into a class book and also reading out to our peers. We are learning about inserting pictures and also how long it takes to type up our work! In Maths we have been describing and drawing 2D shapes and in Religion our focus story has been Noah's Ark. Thank you to Mrs Haardt for looking after us this week while Miss Libby was away. We hope all our mums love the presents we made and bought for them!

Year 4/5/6 News

I cannot believe that we are already nearing the end of week 4. It appears this year is going to fly by quickly. In the multi-age class we have been recognising and sharing strategies that we use to mentally compute maths problems. It is important to understand a variety of different strategies. I am very impressed how the students are able to identify and verbalise what they are doing inside of their heads to work out a problem and to help others. In literacy we are learning how to structure and write persuasive texts using specific language features. I would like to wish all the mum's and grandma's a big HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY for Sunday and I hope you all get treated well and spoilt a little bit. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish the year 5 students in our class the best of luck for NAPLAN testing next week.

Caleb Hill welcome to our class and we hope you are going to love Saint Joseph's just as much as we do :) Thank you for a wonderful first week.

Year 3 News

Year 3 have worked like superheroes this week on their persuasive writing using high modality, practising their persuasive techniques and charging their arguments with literary devices. Very impressive! The students have also been conducting science experiments with sources of heat and measuring transference of heat which was fun. Mrs Kylie Whitley (1st year Prac student) has been taking some lessons this week also and has been welcomed kindly by our class and is doing a great job. In art we've been using clay to create some interesting sculptures for the Art Show and everyone has enjoyed our new Play is the Way games this week.

THIS WEEKS STAR STUDENTS

PREP... Nate McLellan

YEAR ONE.... Sisco Bosken, Jackeal Day and Samantha Guy

YEAR THREE.... Holly Jackson and Wylie Clarke

YEAR 4/5/6.... Lizzy McInnes & Caleb Hill



UPCOMING ART WORKSHOP Fun!

Next Workshops will be **Origami \$2 Wednesday May 11th** and **3D Sea Creatures \$5 on Thursday May 12th** at school from 4pm – 5pm.

If you wish for your child/ren to participate ***please complete the permission slip at the end of the Newsletter*** and return before Wednesday 11th

so Cass Loble can organise materials. No limit this time.

If you participated in the photography workshop, please email your chosen photograph THIS WEEK to Cass so she can get them printed and mounted for the show!





Please have bank books in by **Tuesday** to your child's teacher. They will be collected early Wednesday morning and returned to your child on Thursday by their teacher. School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for students to learn about money and develop good savings habits.

Laurel Eden
School Counsellor

Next Visit
Mon 16/5-19/5



School Opening
17th May

Morcombe Visit
24th May

Book Fair
25th May

Art Show
1st June

WHEN TO WEAR SPORTS UNIFORM

Sports uniforms are to be worn on the following days:

- ✓ Years Prep, 1, 2 & 3 Wednesday
- ✓ Years 4, 5 & 6 Thursday

Should you have any queries, please contact the SC



School Fees

School Fees have been issued

Please be mindful that your booklists will be included on this invoice.

For future school fee payments could you please pay all amounts into the following account using your 10-digit reference number located on the bottom of the remittance slip (no names needed).

BSB 084-352

AC-00001-8854

TUCKSHOP HELP NEEDED

We are in desperate need of helping hands

Tuesdays & Fridays

9-11am

Only need one volunteer each day. If you can help...

PLEASE CALL SUSANNE

0429 698 254

UNIFORM SHOP

Our uniform shipment has finally arrived, for those wanting to purchase extra uniforms you may now do so.

Please call Jenni on 4069 9500

We now have EFTPOS for your convenience.

**WE HAVE
STOCK**

Parent Info – Kiss n Ride Rules

Kiss n Ride and No Parking zones operate under the same conditions- parents may stop to drop off or pick up children for a maximum of 2 minutes. If you need longer time, please park elsewhere.

The Driver must remain within 3 metres of the vehicle

Rules apply only within hours displayed.

Under no circumstances are you to overtake another vehicle in this zone.

Kiss n Ride zone is for your child's safety, your convenience, and to minimise congestion and confusion.

Please Remember

- Do not leave your vehicle!
- Be timely!
- Stay in Sequence!
- Child Safety- ensure your child gets in or out of the vehicle on the kerb side. Safety guidelines state that children under 13 years must travel in the back seat.

Thank you for your cooperation!



***** ART WORKSHOP PERMISSION SLIP *****

I _____ give permission for my child/ren _____ to participate in

☐ Wednesday 11th May **Origami** at school from 4pm – 5pm. Cost \$2

☐ Thursday 12th May **3D Sea Creature workshop** at school from 4pm – 5pm. Cost \$5

I will/will not be attending to help. I have enclosed \$_____ cash per student to help cover costs of materials. Signed: _____

- Please place cash in an envelope with the signed permission slip
- Permission can also be emailed to clobley@cns.catholic.edu.au please ensure envelope with cash is clearly marked with names of your child/ren.