

Dear Families,

A warm welcome back to Term 4! It is extremely hard to believe that our 2016 journey is coming to an end, but not before the busyness of the next eight weeks. I hope you enjoyed some quality time with your children over the break and managed to recharge their batteries in preparation for the term ahead. Term 4 is a busy one, focused on preparing for the following year.

The Term 4 Calendar with reminders of the regular happenings for each day of the week will be published in this newsletter this week, please check for all upcoming dates.

Just a reminder that we will not be able to use the oval playing area for a few weeks to allow the turf to take before 80 little sets of feet land on it. I thank everyone in advance for their patience whilst these works have been carried out. The grass is looking great and is getting greener by the day !!!

As we start our final term in our first year I want to thank all those who have contributed in some way to the success of our school so far this year. It is wonderful to see how many of our parents and grandparents are actively involved in school life supporting our classroom programs, sporting activities, library, tuckshop and P&F events. They are the unsung heroes of our school and we are truly appreciative of the difference they make.

As always, I am mindful of the importance of keeping parents informed of details around staffing, teacher allocation and the 2017 school budget, and will ensure that you are updated when the time is right.

As we begin this new term, my mind is focused on the development of a new annual Improvement plan for the next four to five years. This strategic plan will set our direction, identify what we want to achieve and how we will go about meeting these goals. It will provide our whole community with a clear vision for the future of St Joseph's Parish School that we can each actively share and contribute to.

Our next strategic plan will be developed within a context of a range of challenges and opportunities including:

- Productive School Community partnerships
- Effective Pedagogical Practices
- Differentiated teaching and learning
- Systemic curriculum delivery
- An expert teaching team
- Targeted use of school resources
- A culture that promotes learning
- Analysis of data
- An explicit improvement agenda

Staff are currently discerning the 'big rocks' of our new strategic plan throughout this term. Once this draft plan has been established, your input will be required as a means of value-adding to the foundations already provided. The final plan will then be finalised prior to the end of the 2016 school year. I encourage you to be on the look-out for our draft plan, once developed, and ask for your active contribution of feedback to this process.

Thank you to Mrs Melanie Turner for the superb organization of our school swimming program which kicked off today. There were many excited little people heading off to lessons this morning before school. I managed to get to the pool just as the Prep class were finishing, and the year 1 class were starting their lesson in the pool. Check out the photos from today included in this newsletter. Also a huge shout out to the wonderful group of parents who assisted with swimming today, your help makes these events all the easier to manage.

Every Blessing for a great week ahead and, again, welcome back to this new term.

Rosie

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

12th October *Crazy Sock Day

14th October Swimming Program

21st October Swimming Program

24 – 28th October Lillian Millar School Communication
Engagement Officer visit

26th October *Socktober family movie night

28th October Swimming Program

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

4th November Swimming Program

11th November Swimming Program

17th November Swimming Carnival

25th November Last Day Term 4

School resumes 23rd January 2017



News from the APRE

Welcome back to Term 4. I trust you all enjoyed a pleasant break and the holiday period with some well-earned quality time with family. I would personally like to thank the school choir and the whole school community for your beautiful song and wishes for my wedding. I was so excited before leaving and happy to say that our day was absolutely perfect. For some of you the return to school this week was also no doubt a welcoming feeling and getting students back into routine. Term 4 as always will be a big term, particularly towards the end as we celebrate the year that was 2016.

Mission Month - Socktober

The month of October is Mission Month and Catholic Mission is again calling it 'Socktober.' The fundraising event we have chosen this year is to hold a 'Crazy Sock Day' next Wednesday 12th October. Students are encouraged to wear their school uniform with crazy socks for the day with a gold coin donation to help raise funds for the Missions and be as creative as you possibly can.

In Australia, Catholic Mission designates one day in October each year as Children's Mission Day to promote mission in a manner appropriate and relevant to students, and to celebrate the wonderful fundraising efforts to support Catholic Mission's work with children worldwide. When we allow God to act through us in love for others, bringing the fruits of the spirit into the world - reconciliation, forgiveness, justice, peace, harmony, joy, and love - we build God's family and help everyone experience fullness of life. The 2016 Catholic Mission schools appeal with the theme, *'Just as you did it to one of the least of these you did it to me'*, takes students into the lives of children in Cambodia who cannot go to school because their families live in poverty.

We can all act to reduce poverty around the world and improve the quality of life for all our brothers and sisters of God's family. We can stand in solidarity with all who suffer exclusion, poverty and injustice and whose life is in some way diminished. We hope that the students' understanding of 'mission' and 'missionaries' will be nurtured and a special prayer will be undertaken on this day to help celebrate and make relevant for the students this message and the understandings of what Catholic Mission is trying to achieve and promote.



Our Lady of the Rosary

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This coincides with the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary and was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.

The Rosary is a simple, repetitive prayer by which we reflect on the life, death and glorification of Christ through the eyes and heart of his mother. The Rosary is one way we can prayerfully contemplate the mysteries of our faith.

Staff will introduce the Rosary to the Students this month and teach them the meaning and how to say a decade of the Rosary. By praying the Rosary we are asking Mary to help us to come closer to God. The Mysteries of the Rosary trace the life of Jesus. The focus of the rosary is two- fold. While praying each Hail Mary, one is meant to ponder the aspect of Jesus' life captured in the name of the Mystery.

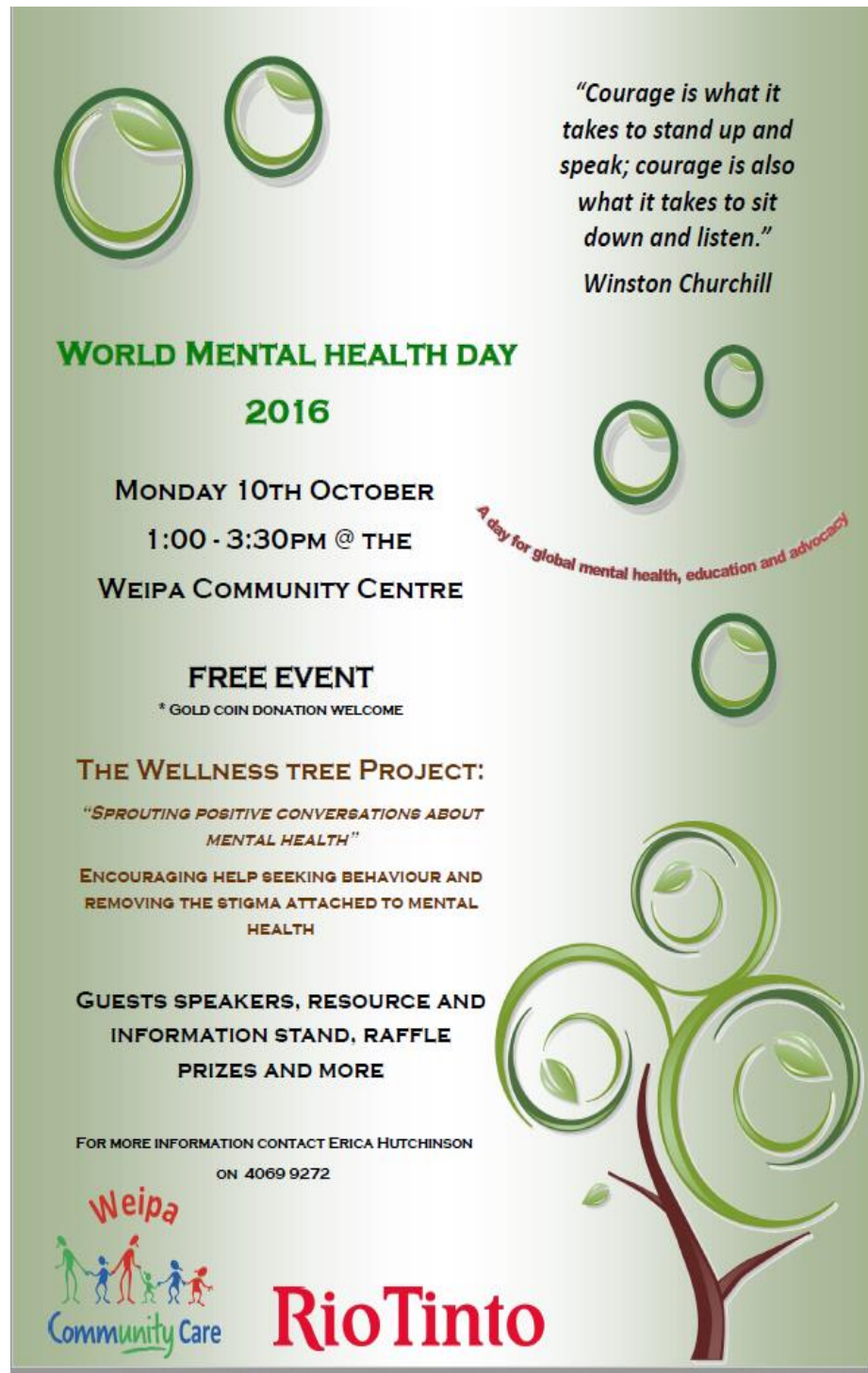
There are four sets, with five mysteries in each set - The Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries. Praying a decade consists of – The Sign of the Cross, 1 Our Father, 10 Hail Marys, 1 Glory be to the Father and finishing with the Sign of the Cross. During the month of October, let us consider this beautiful prayer of the Rosary as a means that we too can use in order to draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation.

Thank you and blessings for a great weekend,

Amanda



St Joseph's Message Board



"Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen."
Winston Churchill

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY 2016

MONDAY 10TH OCTOBER
1:00 - 3:30PM @ THE
WEIPA COMMUNITY CENTRE

FREE EVENT
* GOLD COIN DONATION WELCOME

THE WELLNESS TREE PROJECT:
"SPROUTING POSITIVE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH"
ENCOURAGING HELP SEEKING BEHAVIOUR AND REMOVING THE STIGMA ATTACHED TO MENTAL HEALTH

GUESTS SPEAKERS, RESOURCE AND INFORMATION STAND, RAFFLE PRIZES AND MORE

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ERICA HUTCHINSON
ON 4069 9272

Weipa Community Care
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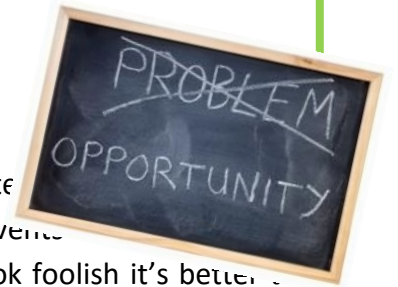
A day for global mental health, education and advocacy

The Language of Resilient families By Michael Grose

No. 6 What can you learn from this so it doesn't happen next time?

STRATEGY: Positive Reframing

GOOD FOR: kids who make mistakes, let others down or experience personal disappointment. One of the common attributes is their ability to find a learning, or look for a message, in difficult or negative situations. Parents can help kids reframe even the most negative things differently. For instance, rather than regarding a public speaking opportunity as problematic and a chance to look foolish it's better to reframe it as a challenge and a chance to shine. It also helps when parents model reframing so kids see you changing how you view seemingly negative or worrying situations



Weipa Parkrun offers an opportunity for all members of our local community, male or female, young or old, to come together on a regular basis to enjoy our town and get physically active in the process. We want to encourage people to walk, jog or run together *irrespective of their ability* – this event is truly open to all and best of all it really is **FREE!**

Taking part is easy – just register in advance by 6pm on the Friday before your first ever parkrun event. St Joseph's has Parkrun profile & student's participation can be included in the overall points for our Sports Houses so get amongst it! To be able to gain points children need to select their sports house as their running club in the profile section. e.g. St Joseph's - Pine, St Joseph's - Embley, St Joseph's - Mission. The great thing is that you only ever need to do this once! Then just set your alarm for Saturday morning and get you

Come down and see what everyone is talking about tomorrow 645am for 7am start. Need to register? no problem click on link it's free to sign up and print your barcode and you're ready to go. <http://www.parkrun.com.au/register/>



Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Saunders!



Sports Uniforms when to wear in Term 4

Please be reminded that Wednesday's are PE days and the full sports uniform is **mandatory**.

In addition, as we will be running our Swimming program this term it is optional for student's to wear their sports uniforms on Fridays.

NAIDOC Shirts are not to be worn to school

Welcome back to Term 4



We have started the Term off with a splash with the St. Joseph's Swimming Program commencing today.

The children had a fantastic time and must be commended on their participation and positive behaviour.

A very big THANK YOU to our wonderful parent helpers and also to our Instructors Rochelle McDonald, Elissa Nash, Kate Mellner and Peta Hancock.



We have grass!!!



Class News

Prep News

Preps started the new term with great enthusiasm. Their growth as learners across the year is clearly evident as they are well organised and ready for all learning activities. The children enjoyed writing about their holidays and painting a picture of what they did or where they went over the break. Prep has a new student, Lincoln who joined us in prep this week. Welcome to St Joseph's and Weipa, Lincoln.

The preps were happy to see the beautiful turf growing on the oval. What a fantastic transformation and great to see the lush, green grass growing.

Preps participated keenly in the first swimming lesson of the term. They completed activities that focus on skill development and water safety. Swimming also provides a great opportunity for further development of organisational skills as children get ready for lessons after returning from the pool.

Year 1 News

This week in year one we shared stories, did a painting and wrote about something that we did during the holidays. We noticed the new grass on the oval had arrived during the holidays. In History we identified some words that we can use to talk about the passing of time. We did some Maths with the year three class and learnt about Symmetry. We looked forward to our swimming lesson at the pool all week and had our first class bus trip.

Year 2 News

This week began with lots of amazing journal writing about the students and their holiday events. You, as families are very fortunate to travel so far and wide and experience so many different places while living here. Our focus this term is on sentence structure and using more descriptive words in our writing, so this was really pleasing for us all to see that we can write with more expression!

We are continuing to read the BFG, and I can say wholeheartedly that every student is engaged in the story as we finish the last few chapters. Their listening skills and the enjoyment from hearing the story read aloud has been quite amazing! Our writing tasks are based around "Character Profiles" this week. Working collaboratively, the students are creating a class book and describing different characters and creating illustrations to help us consolidate our understanding of what a character looks like, how they talk, sound and feel. This task will integrate some ICT skills as well as visual arts to complete a class BFG book. Each child will have the opportunity to bring this home to share with you once it is completed. In Maths we have been transforming shapes and the students have learnt to determine if it is a flip, slide or turn and they are learning to express how this occurs. We have started learning times tables in class at last!!! We welcome Jasmine Scikluna to our class this week, she has been very resilient in fitting in with our class routine and making connections easily with her peers.

Year 3 News

This week Year 3 have hit the ground running and have been super busy trying to fit everything in. In music we are learning about 'ta' and 'ti-ti' time symbols, notes on a staff and have focussed on rhythm. In science we have started our electronics unit and have been learning about electronic devices and the role of electricity in our lives. In Civics we are creating our own positive and productive community in Minecraft. In PE we are finishing our scooter unit. Can they please bring in their scooters + helmet next Wednesday. They started swimming today with much success. In English they've been working on simple, compound and complex sentence structure under demand writing conditions using writing stimulus.

Year 4/5/6 News

This week is our first swimming lesson of the year. We are looking forward to getting ready for the swimming carnival later this Term and setting some fast records that might stand for a long time. In English we are listening to the novel "Tom Appleby Convict Boy" written by Jackie French. In Maths we have been learning about equal equations and the order of operations. Who Influences Me is our topic for Health and we have been researching famous Australians. We also welcomed a new student into 4/5/6 this week, welcome Taj.

** STAR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK **

Prep... *Antonia Sebasio & Summer Cox*

Year 1... *Samantha Guy & Oliver Dyer*

Year 2... *Brock Blain & Kayla Ruth Barton*

Year 3... *Isaac Morton & Jay West*

Year 4 5 6.... *Ava Steele, Jay Deegan & Taj Barba*

