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An important lesson to learn about the Olympics

While watching the opening ceremony last Saturday of the Rio De Janeiro Summer Games I couldn't help but be inspired as an educator at the story of Kip Keino. The life work he has made in honour of the children in Kenya is a great example for us all.

The first recipient of the Olympic Laurel asked the athletes of the Rio Games to follow him and help support the youth of the world. Kip Keino, a two-time Olympic champion who went on to open an orphanage in his native Kenya, gave a heartfelt speech at the opening ceremony of the Rio Games on Friday night. He thanked his supporters, then told the athletes inside Maracana Stadium that he had a humble request.

Keino said, "Join me and support all the youth of this world to get the basics of humanity: food, shelter and education. Education not only empowers our youth to be better citizens and leaders of the future, but it will also help them make a positive change and a mighty difference."

Change for good was a major theme of the opening.

With green Olympic rings and white kites, organizers of the Rio Games tried to stress two very important messages at the opening ceremony: Take better care of the planet, and each other.

Once the Brazilian delegation entered Maracana Stadium to end the parade of nations at the opening, rings carrying seeds and soil were moved into the Olympic five-ring shape — and displayed in green in a reference to transplanting depleted forests, not the traditional colours of the games.

Not long afterward, the "dove of peace" was flown, only in this case instead of a bird it was 200 white kites. The kites were taken to Kenya and given to children who had never played with ones before. They wrote messages of peace on them, and then the kites were taken back to Rio to be flown by children in Brazil.

May we too, as parents and educators grow these same seeds of peace and respect within the children in our care.

God bless,

Rosie

PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday 16th August 6.00pm

Please note the meeting time is changed from Monday to Tuesday and the start time is 6pm.

We will be hosting Carmel Nash, State President of the Qld Parents and Friends Assoc. Also visiting will be Luke Reed, Principal of Mary MacKillop College and Andrew McKenzie from Catholic Education Services.

The evening will commence at 6pm with a brief introduction and overview of the place of school P and F association and School boards by Andrew. Carmel will give a presentation from 6.30 till 7.30 on the function of school P & F.

The St Joseph's P & F will hold a brief meeting at 7.30pm.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**More details to come ...*

16th August P&F Meeting 6.00pm

17th August Tuckshop Bake Sale Day bring a \$2 coin

19th & 20th August Weipa Bull ride

29th August *During week 8 Weipa Hospital Dental Clinic staff will visit. Please keep an eye out for the information / consent forms which will be sent home on Monday 8th August. These need to be returned to your student/s Teacher/s.*

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

4th September Father's Day

7th September Tuckshop Bake Sale Day bring a \$2 coin

8th September *School Liturgy Celebration of Our Mother Mary's Birthday

16th September Last Day Term 3

3rd October Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

4th October First Day Term 4

7th October *Swimming lessons commence every Friday

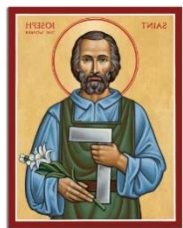
12th October *Crazy Sock Day

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

26th October *Socktober family movie night

18th November *Swimming Carnival

25th November Last Day Term 4



News from the APRE



This week has presented a lot of new opportunities for myself as a lifelong learner and saw me travel to Adelaide to listen to Professor John Hattie speak about Visible Learning and the Science on how to learn. This trip was due to a scholarship grant I received from Catholic Education Services to allow me to pursue some professional learning relevant to my role at St Joseph's.

I am pleased to say that even though 3 plane trips, early morning rises and some long days it was a worthwhile and inspiring 3 days. Visible Learning is a program for teachers that explores how evidence can be used to create innovation in the learning environment. CES has taken on board an implementation process of introducing Visible Learning into our Diocesan schools. Professor John Hattie is the leading researcher with this currently and what an inspiring man to listen to and speak with.

The next step in this journey is now how and what do we need to do as teachers, learners and students to see what actually will work in our school to improve learning. There will be times when we will require you as parents and students to complete surveys, respond to questions and even be interviewed for us to collect data. This data will then be analysed to form an action plan.

There are so many factors to consider that our best approach at this stage is small steps and as more information is available and needed I will keep you all informed.

I would also like to congratulate all the Age Champions who received their medals today at assembly. Every student has shown an amazing amount of courage and resilience to have a go at all of our sports events.

Well done and keep up the great sportsmanship.

Lastly this week I would like to give you some notice with regards to a survey that will be undertaken over the next 3 to 4 weeks that requires your attention. This survey is called the School Satisfaction Survey and as yet we do not have all of the details regarding how it will be distributed. It is envisaged that a random selection of parents and students will be given a login to complete the survey. As more information comes to hand I will let you know how to complete.

Thank you and blessings for a great weekend,

Amanda

St Joseph's News & Reminders

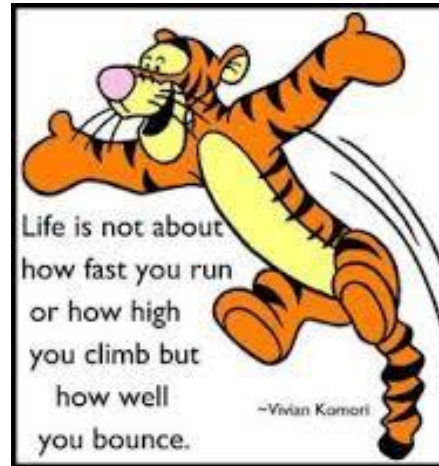
St Joseph's Parish Church

Weekend Services

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 8:30am

For further inquiries, please contact
Pastoral Leader Kath 40699346



The language of resilient families

No 2. Don't let this spoil everything

Good for: kids who feel overwhelmed; kids who experience rejection; perfectionists.

The ability to compartmentalise bad events and keep them from affecting all areas of life is a powerful coping skill. Sports people, politicians and others who work in the public arena need to be adept at it. When something unpleasant happens during recess, for example, kids need to park their thinking about that event so they can get on with the rest of the day. The ability to compartmentalise thinking is a fantastic life skill kids can learn within their family.

Don't let
little things
ruin your
day.

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To help fundraise for our Tuckshop, we will be holding cake/slice bake days, on the following days this term.

- ✓ Wednesday 17th August
- ✓ Wednesday 7th September

Bring a \$2 coin to school and choose from our selection of cakes & slices...

Thank you for your support.

Susanne Gane

Tuck Shop Convenor



Last Friday we completed the 2nd day of St. Joseph's Athletics Carnival with the events of High Jump and Shot Put for Years 3-6.

Congratulations to everyone on demonstrating a 'You Can Do It Attitude' and displaying Confidence and Persistence. Thank you also to the Prep – Year 2 and Parents who came to cheer and support the children in these events.

Now that we have completed the Athletics Carnival for 2016 the final scores are:

First place with a total of 243 points is **Mission**

Second place with a total of 206 points is **Embley**

Third place with a total of 203 points is **Pine**

St. Joseph's Age Championships Results for 2016:

2007 Boys - Lachlan Hohns

2007 Girls - Kimberley Hutchinson

2006 Boys - Patrick Dorahy

2006 Girls - Delphina Day

2005 Boys - Caleb Hill

2005 Girls – Peyton Wellby

2004 Girls - Amber Peet



The results
are in!

Congratulations
MISSION

From the results we have also have 2 children who have been nominated for St. Joseph's School, Weipa to attend the Peninsula Sports on Sunday the 14th of August and Monday the 15th August, 2016.

Name: Delphina Day **Events:** 800 metres, 200 metres, 100 metres & Long Jump **Name:** Patrick Dorahy **Events:** 800 metres, 200 metres, 100metres

We wish you all the best Delphina and Patrick in your nominated events.

Class News

Prep News

This week the prep class really enjoyed engaging lessons with Mrs Lemaire who has returned to St Joseph's School to complete a teaching practicum. Mrs Lemaire is very enthusiastic and will be working in prep for four weeks. Welcome back Mrs Lemaire!

In English, the preps are learning more about narratives including the structure as they identify the orientation (beginning), complication (middle) and resolution (ending). Preps are also discussing characters and setting and identifying any similarities or differences to their own experiences. Preps have learnt that Mem Fox writes lots of wonderful children's books. This week a focus text was Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge.

Preps also extend a huge thanks to Mrs Ali Dawson who donated lots of books to our school. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

This term, the new playground has been a big hit with the preps who are really enjoying their time playing there.

Year 2 News

This week we have enjoyed many activities and discussions about the Olympics, watching trailers and the students have started their own research task about the Olympics using Google Drive. This worldwide event leads into so many curriculum areas (Geography, History, Health and P.E.D, Maths, English) as well as the strong emphasis on teamwork and peaceful relationships. It is an exciting time for many of us as we watch the highs and lows of competitive sport and how these elite athletes carry themselves, and how their actions and spirit can impact so much on your children. We have been working hard in Maths on repeated addition, which becomes multiplication and looking at all the different ways this can be represented. This is a long term concept so we have just started. We also have been learning quarter to and quarter past in time, another tricky one! Highlights of the week were the Mary MacKillop activities and our own Yr 2 Mini Olympic Events.

Year 3 News

Year 3 have been writing their information reports for English and finalising their geography and science assessment pieces this week. They've been learning about the countries and the Olympic games in history and geography. They've been learning about the phases of the moon in science as well. Our daily guided reading sessions are definitely improving the student's reading strategies and comprehension skills and we will begin re-testing their reading levels over the next fortnight. Spelling is also improving with many students now getting 20/20 in their weekly tests and a marked improvement in their writing samples daily.

Year 4/5/6 News

This week, we have been learning about the Olympics and the Athletes that are holding world records. We also have been totalling our trip to Rio and found that we need thousands to go. We have just finished our work on the Storm Boy novel by doing fun activities in English. Now we have started reading Charlotte's Web. St Mary of the Cross MacKillop has been interesting to learn about because this amazing woman was the first Saint in Australia. In Science our class have taken jars home, these jars have been filled up with a soil sample from a secret place. After this we took them back to school and observed them, next we filled up these jars with water and are now waiting for two weeks to see what happens and if these soil has changed. We enjoyed being scientists for the day with our white lab coats and magnifying glasses. Written by Brayden and Mia.

Year 1 News

This week we celebrated the Feast Day of St Mary MacKillop. We learnt that Mary MacKillop is Australia's first Saint and how she was kind and always helped other people. We focussed on our St Joseph's Golden Rule of treating others how we like to be treated ourselves throughout the week. We worked collaboratively in teams alongside the preps in play is the Way this week. We have followed the progress of the Olympic Games, discussing events that we had seen throughout the week and have begun to recognise some of the flags from the different countries competing in Rio. We got to see an Olympic torch from the Olympics that were held in Australia in the year 2000. We also got to meet Mrs Ally Quartermaine who will be teaching the class next week. We finished reading *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl which was enjoyed by everyone in the class.

** STAR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK **

Prep... *Levi Payne & Antonia Sebasio*

Year 1... *Brendan Ward & Mistee Sagigi*

Year 2... *Samantha Dellar & Ethan Abood*

Year 3... *Ryley Wellby & Lucas Hancock*

Year 4 5 6... *Ava Steele & Lizzie McInnes*

