

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you for the wonderful support and enthusiasm you gave towards the very successful Athletics carnival yesterday. A huge thank you to Mrs Melanie Turner for her superb organisation and coordination of the day. The day ran smoothly without any major hiccups and the Weipa weather was favourable as well.

A big shout out to the Payne family who have donated a large gazebo to the school which can be used on sports days in the future for St Joseph's. This will be a gift that keeps on giving shade for many years to come. I have had word this week from WTA that the part for the water meter should be installed next week so that our irrigation works for the oval may commence. A company from Mareeba have been the successful tender for this irrigation work so all going well we should see some major changes in our playground landscape by the end of August.

Letters will go home this week offering places for our 2017 Prep class. Many of our existing families have Prep students starting next year as well as a number of new families to our school. Enrolments have also been very strong for places in our other classes. At present we estimate that we will have approximately 120 students for 2017. I am also happy to confirm all our existing classroom teachers will be returning in 2017 with the addition of one more full time teacher to accommodate our growth in classes. We will have 6 class groups next year. They will be Prep, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and a multi-age Year 5 and 6 group.

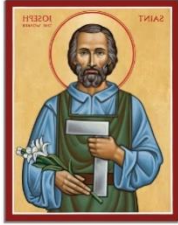
Tomorrow I meet with architects in Cairns for the planning of our stage two construction. This will entail the construction of 2 more classrooms and the extension of the flexible learning space. It is hoped that plans can be finalised as soon as possible to allow the tender process to get underway. My aim would be to have construction as early as possible to allow us to have students moved into new classroom spaces in the latter half of 2017. As soon as plans are drafted we will make them available for St Joseph's community for consultation.

Amanda and I met this week with Noel Rawlins Principal of Western Cape College. Noel, Amanda and I discussed at length how our respective schools can collaborate and work cohesively alongside one another. One decision made was that the leadership teams from both schools, will regularly meet/ communicate to develop and forge positive connections as educational communities within Weipa. I look forward to St Joseph's experiencing the fruits of this endeavour.

I would also like to acknowledge the dedication and work of Cassie Loble as our Learning Support teacher. We have recently received some additional funding from our Catholic education system for students in support of their Literacy and Numeracy learning. Cassie has worked extremely hard at ensuring the allocation of these funds are maximised for the students. I am pleased to announce that as result of this funding that our existing School Officers, Kate Mellner and Peta Hancock now have their hours extended to full time until the end of the year. In addition, for this initiative Mrs Ali Dawson will commence 23 hours per week in learning support for students and in Administration support. Mrs Collette Keenan will commence 15 hours teaching time per week in release time for teachers to support the literacy and numeracy needs of students in their respective classes. Overall a massive gain for the students in our school.

God bless,

Rosie



News from the APRE



News from the APRE – Week 2 Term 3.

WOW what a wonderful and busy week. The Athletics carnival was a success and we are truly grateful for all help and donations received to make it such a success. The day was a chance for the students to shine and focus on participation and fun whilst engaging in a positive and healthy competition. A huge thank you to the students for all having a go and achieving their personal best. Next week is fast approaching and it is with great pride that we have the opportunity to celebrate what Catholic Education means for us as a school and community. The theme of the week is, “Opening Doors in the Year of Mercy.” We will have a liturgy on Thursday afternoon at 2.30pm to celebrate and you are very welcome to attend. This will be held in the multipurpose room.

This is a chance for us to promote our distinctive mission and ethos. At St Joseph’s this will reflect our values of Justice, Humility and Compassion. A number of activities and events will be held during the week in classrooms. Students will engage with daily prayers and reflections, Wednesday will focus on Random Acts of Kindness, Liturgy on Thursday and finish with a Parents ‘Thank you’ evening on Friday night.

As stated in the Catholic Education Week website, “The Catholic Education Week 2016 theme is ‘Opening Doors in the Year of Mercy’. Celebrations will reflect the Year of Mercy, drawing on the symbolism that Catholic schools ‘open doors’ for students in a holistic educational sense. At St Joseph’s as with all other Catholic Education schools we will celebrate and work together to strive to make a difference in the lives of those in our schools and in the wider community by challenging young people to live out the message of Jesus to reach to their full potential as compassionate, contributing, life giving members of society.

There will be lots of work happening within classrooms and the final displays as a result of this work will be evident on Thursday at our liturgy. Keep an eye out on the progress during the week in our display windows.

If you are able to attend our Parent evening could you, please let Laura in the office know so we can cater accordingly.

Thank you and blessings for a great weekend,

Amanda



St Joseph's News & Reminders

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

**More details to come ...*

22nd July School closed Cairns Show Holiday

25th July P&F Meeting 7pm

25th - 29th July Catholic Education Week(CEW) in Week 3

27th July Tuckshop Bake Sale Day bring a \$2 coin

28th July CEW Liturgy 2.30pm Multipurpose room all are welcome

29th July Parent Thank you evening 5 – 7pm

1-5th August Laurel Eden School Counsellor & Lillian Millar School Communication Engagement Officer visit

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

19th & 20th August Weipa Bull ride

4th September Father's Day

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

9th September Tuckshop Bake Sale Day bring a \$2 coin

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

17th November *Swimming Carnival

25th November Last Day Term 4

St Joseph's Parish Church
Weekend Services

Saturday Vigil 6pm
Sunday 8:30am

For further inquiries, please contact
Pastoral Leader Kath 40699346

School Counsellor
Laurel Eden

Next Visit
1-5th August

For further inquiries, please contact
Laurel 0417 505 492



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

- ✓ Wednesday 27th July
- ✓ Wednesday 17th August
- ✓ Wednesday 9th 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



CONGRATULATIONS!

Well done everyone on a fantastic first Athletics Carnival for St. Joseph's School, Weipa.

The day was a huge success and the children participated with enthusiasm and great sportsmanship. It was so great to see all the students demonstrating confidence and persistence in all events.

Thank you to all the parents for supporting the event and all the helpers, days like these run well because of you.
I would also like to Thank the Staff for your planning and assistance throughout the day and for making this day so meaningful for the students.

We are not finished the Athletics Carnival as of yet as we need to complete 2 more events to finalise points - High Jump & Shot Put. The date for these events will be announced next week.
Final points will be announced after these events have concluded.



Class News

Prep News

Preps really enjoyed their very first St Joseph's School Sports Day. The children all did their best as they participated in the sprints, relays and ball games. The children showed wonderful team spirit and sportsmanship as they cheered for their houses and acknowledged the efforts of others. Congratulations to everyone in prep! Box construction has been a big hit during Fantastic Friday activities. The children participate well with children from other year levels as they produce a variety of creations. The new playground has also been a big hit during break time. Preps loved meeting Mrs Yasmine Kemmerling who taught Prep this week for the first time at St Joseph's as a relief teacher. Welcome to St Joseph's Mrs Kemmerling!

Year 1 News

Throughout the week, we talked about team spirit for our Athletics Carnival and doing our personal best as part of a team. We participated in the Athletics Carnival and cheered for our team mates in all of the various events on the day. We talked about the upcoming Olympic Games and found Rio on Google Earth. We got to observe things with a magnifying glass and explored a variety of books with pictures of insects and mini beasts in Science.

Year 2 News

What a week of teamwork and learning about being resilient and having a red-hot go! All our training for events paid off and I am super proud of the efforts shown today from every child for participating and trying their best. It is so important for adults to role model for children that even when you are tired and you may not win, keep going and participate and support your team and this was demonstrated beautifully yesterday. In class we have enjoyed making Olympic passports and continuing to increase our understanding of addition and subtraction connections through word problems.

Year 3 News

Well what a busy week. This week Miss Stewart has introduced us to our new Religion and Health units. We will be looking into the meaning of the name 'Messiah' — given to Jesus in some of our Bible stories and just what this describes about Jesus and his ministry. In Health we are looking at what is and what makes a 'Good Friend.' We are also excited about starting our Go for Gold journey to look at the Olympics and the values associated with being an Olympian as well as a good person. Some of us also had a discussion Mrs Turner about having a red hot go and achieving to our personal best on Athletics day. This was also a highlight of our week.

Year 4/5/6 News

On Wednesday, at the Andoom oval, we were all ready to participate in the 2016 Athletics Carnival for St Josephs. First race was the 800m run, 100m sprint + 200m sprint. Next events were Year 6 long jump while the prep, Year 1 and Year 2's did relays and ball games. It was then time for Prep, Year 1 + Year 2's to walk back to school. The Year 3, 4, 5 + 6 students stayed back and competed in ball games and long jump. Amber and I helped run the long jump for Years 3-5. It was then time to pack up and walk back to school to relax. Everyone had a really fun day!

Mrs Haardt has been reading the book 'Storm Boy' to our class and we are enjoying it

This week has been very busy and has gone very fast.

We hope you enjoy your long weekend.

By Peyton and Amber ☺

** STAR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK **

*All students have been congratulated this week for giving it a
RED HOT GO
at the Athletics Carnival, striving to achieve their personal best &
demonstrating top sportsmanship!*

Well done everyone...

