

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear Families,

Last Friday I was in Cairns for meetings but was lucky enough to get out to the Peninsula Cross Country carnival and watch Delphina compete for St Joseph's. I felt very proud of her efforts in running and her gracious sportsmanship with the other competitors. Delphina finished the 10 years girls race in 10th position.



I was also able to visit St Mary's College, Woree whilst in Cairns and receive the winning entry in the St Joseph's portrait competition. The winning artist was St Mary's College year 10 student Merinda Walters. Her school community were delighted that her work was chosen as the winner as well and it had been hanging in pride of place in the front foyer of the College.

The picture is now in the hands of a picture framer and we look forward to it remaining with us here in Weipa once complete



Congratulations to the Mission House Team for winning the Cross Country Carnival this morning. Well done to all three of our teams for their magnificent effort. The children are to be congratulated on displaying such a positive attitude and fabulous sportsmanship for their house teams. Our running sessions leading up to the Cross Country have certainly made a huge difference to increased fitness levels of many students – a big thank you to Mrs Vass and Miss Libby and our willing band of parent volunteers for leading this initiative for the children.

The lessons of participating in Cross Country go way beyond the event for our students - it is all about knowing that when times are difficult, they can work tough, push through the pain and not give up. The sense of achievement they feel gives them an enormous amount of self-confidence for future challenges.

Thank you also to the many parents who supported our first Cross Country event in some way – from the training sessions to loan of tents & marquees as well as helping with course marshalling on the day. You all make the day a huge success.

The great St Joey's community spirit rises to the fore once again!

Today St Joseph's farewell Mrs Jenni Schouten from our school community as she and her husband Jeff leave to take up work opportunities closer to home in Brisbane. Jenni was the first member of staff to come on board here in Weipa with me in the days when we shared a very cramped office space over in the Court house precinct. As mentioned last week Jenni was present for many of initial family interviews for enrolment and the first 'face' of St Joseph's that our families experienced. Today the children farewelled her at Assembly with special prayers and blessings for the wonderful qualities she has shared with us whilst here at St Joseph's and with our fondest wishes for a bright and happy future. We will all miss her bright and cheery personality around the school dearly.

Have a great week everyone.

God Bless,

Rosie



I may not remember the things you have done or the words you have said but I will always remember you for the way you made me feel.

News from the APRE

This week I have been talking with some friends and mentioning about just how lucky we are at St Joseph's for the amount of families or are willing to volunteer and offer support in many ways for our students learning and with school events. Just in the last week I have had to call on families and businesses for their generosity of time and equipment for the opening, Mother's Day, Book Fair and Cross Country.

It is always hard to know how to thank them but I was always told that the best way to say thanks or show gratitude is simply through acknowledgement. However, when searching for an inspirational quote or phrase I came upon this story about God's Toolbox and it brings to mind how special the people are in our St Joseph's community.

The Church is like God's tool box. God has a lot of jobs to do and he has given the people in His Church different gifts and talents to help Him to do those jobs. We are His tools! To some he has given musical talent to help lead others in worship. To some He has given the talent of teaching so that they can help others to learn more about Him. There is no one person in the church that can do everything. The Bible says, "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us."

It doesn't matter what your talent. What does matter is that when God has a job for you to do, you need to be right there in His toolbox, ready and willing for Him to use you.

Thank you to all those who volunteer their time, equipment and support at St Joseph's.

THE LOUD FENCES MOVEMENT

In recognition of International Day for Protection of Children on Wednesday, 1 June 2016, we will participate in the **Loud Fences Movement**.

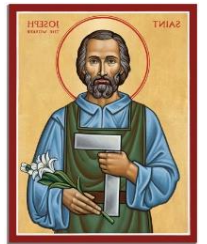
The Loud Fences Movement aims at encouraging individuals to tie brightly-coloured ribbons on the fences of Catholic institutions, as a symbolic act of solidarity with survivors of sexual abuse, their families and communities. The movement, which has spread as far as the Vatican, Bali, China, New York City, and has been recognised widely across Australia during the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse as a peaceful form of support for victims and their families.

Embracing Pope Francis' proclamation of 2016 as the 'Year of Mercy', Loud Fences is a medium to show solidarity and hope for the future.

Students are encouraged to bring a coloured ribbon to tie on the school fence commencing on Wednesday, 1 June 2016, Week 8, continuing until the end of Term 2 on Friday, 24 June 2016. Please note that this is not a protest or place of action and some ribbons will be supplied if you do not have any.

Thank you all so much and blessings for a wonderful weekend,

Amanda



St Joseph's News & Reminders

** SCHOOL PHOTOS **

Please be reminded that School photos will take place on **Monday 30th May 2016**.

Please make sure your order form is dropped into the school office no later than **8.30am Monday morning**.

Payment can be enclosed in cash inside the envelope or can be made online using the instructions found on the packs.

It is vital that all our students are dressed in their complete school uniforms including black shoes and navy socks on the day (no sports uniforms please). Refer <http://www.stjosephsweipa.qld.edu.au/for-parents/school-uniform/> for uniform policy information.

Jumpers have arrived...

Our school jumpers have arrived and are ready for purchase

The jumpers are \$35 each. If you wish to make a purchase, please visit our school office EFTPOS available

Just a reminder that there is **no Auskick Wednesday**

Afternoon 1st June. The sessions will resume the

Following Wednesday 7th June 3.00-4.15pm

For further information, please contact Robert Stephens 0418 854 771



School
Assembly

**Every
Friday
at
2.30pm**

dates to Remember

1st June

Art Show

2nd June

Prep Enrolment interviews
commence

Week 6th - 10th June

Prep Enrolment interviews continue

13th June

Fishing Comp community holiday

20th June

P&F Meeting 7pm

23rd June

Student reports emailed to parents

24th June

End of term 2

- TUCKSHOP CLOSED -

Our tuckshop will be closed for the last week of school

20-25th June.

We apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause

Sorry Kitchen
CLOSED

TUCKSHOP HELP NEEDED

We are in desperate need of helping hands

Monday Wednesday & Friday 9-11am

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

PLEASE CALL SUSANNE 0429 698 245

STUDENT BANKING

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.

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 however we will continue to accept applications up to the week of 6th June. If you require more information, please contact our office.

Prep News

After the visit from the Morcombes, The Preps discussed the importance of having five adults they know they can talk to if something is wrong or they have a problem. They also discussed the importance of not talking to strangers and the important fact that strangers never need a child to help them.

The Simultaneous Story Reading and Book Fair were big hits with the Preps. The Preps really enjoyed listening to the story knowing that children all across Australia were doing the same thing at the same time. They all looked fantastic in their fancy hats and had a great time in the school parade. Their creations reflected lots of wonderful support at home so thank you to families for great work with the children.

The St Joseph's Weipa Inaugural Cross Country was a wonderful event for the Preps. They all participated enthusiastically, did their best and enjoyed having a go. Well done to everyone!

Year 3 News

Year 3 have been busy working on their assessment pieces for English, History and Geography this week. We have moved on from newspaper articles and are now focusing on procedural texts. Their next assessment piece will be a multi-modal presentation demonstrating their procedural skills. We've enjoyed Bookfair this week and the visit from the Morcombes where we learned about family passwords and identifying people we feel safe with. Can you please check-in with your child to see if they need any other stationary items as we seem to be running out of things like pencils, erasers and glue. Thanks!

Year 1 News

Throughout the week we have been learning that participation and doing our personal best in events is important. We learnt more about our personal safety this week and enjoyed purchasing books at the Book fair. Alongside the rest of the school, we joined in the whole school story reading of the book *I Got this Hat* by J and K Temple. All students participated in the hat parade and following this, they designed and drew a hat. We started roller paintings with stencils for the upcoming art show. We have been learning the Our Father prayer and lead Assembly this week.

Year 4/5/6 News

Thank you to everyone who helped to contribute to the success of the first Saint Joseph's Cross Country. I am so grateful for the effort everyone made, including staff and parents, to make it a very special day for the children. The children all ran eagerly and competed in their races with spirit, enthusiasm and humility. It was so wonderful to see children hugging each other at the finish line, cheering each other to the end and congratulating each other on their efforts. Well done kids, I am very proud of each and every one of you all. A big mention to the seniors who helped teachers to organise students, races and during set up and clean up times. Thank you leaders. You did a great job!

THIS WEEKS STAR STUDENTS

PREP.... Jesse HUTCXINGSON Levi Payne & Louis ARGENT

YEAR ONE.... Mistee SAGIGI, Amy Stone & Ryan POTTER

YEAR TWO.... SWAROOP Bhat

YEAR THREE.... Ella Weston & Ryley WELLBY

YEAR 4/5/6.... Damian PARR & Brianna Peet

PRINCIPALS AWARD.. DELPHINA Day



Year 2 News

A topsy turvy week in class this week. We loved the Book Fair and discussing many new books available. All the class received merit for the creativity and effort that went into their hats for the Hat Parade. Each hat had a story and that was the main part, being part of our community and joining in. The Daniel Morcombe Safety Awareness Visit raised valuable discussion in class. I told the kids my story about how I lived close by when and where Daniel was taken, so it is still very real for me and my children and how we walked the Day for Daniel many times on the Sunshine Coast. What a credit to Bruce and Denise for their amazing work and the message they are delivering.

The children have enjoyed comparing text types in class about Wolves. Fairy tale stereotypes versus Non-fiction texts that we researched. We learnt heaps! Next week we will be looking at the same text type comparison using a different topic.....I know the kids will love it. Wishing everyone luck and good teamwork and high spirits for our Cross Country tomorrow! GOOOOO EMBLEY!!!