

Catholic Education Week Keeping each part honest!

Dear Families

As a Catholic School, each year we take the time to celebrate what it means to be part of the Catholic Education System in Queensland. This year we will be marking Catholic Education Week in a big way, as it coincides with our very first year as a Queensland Catholic School. "So", I can hear you asking, "Why should we celebrate Catholic Education?" The reasons are manifold, but a couple of things in particular stand out for me. Catholic schools are Catholic communities. Catholic schools are faith communities. It is as a community that we grow. All of us – parents, students, teachers, administrative and support staff – walk and grow together on our faith journey. Obviously, our growth is primarily a relationship with God, who called us by name at our Baptism. But the response of each of us to that growth is both personal and communal. We grow in our faith in the nurturing atmosphere of our Catholic community, be that our local parish, our home, or our Catholic school community.

I take the concept of Catholic education very seriously, and I often reflect on just how well we are fitting the 'education part' and the 'Catholic part' together. Our St Joseph's school motto "Bringing faith and learning to life" alludes to this. I think of it as being like two friends keeping each other honest. The 'education part' of Catholic Education must keep the 'Catholic part' honest when it comes to the formation of the whole person, including the intellectual dimension. The 'Catholic part' must keep the 'education part' honest, too. Otherwise, Catholic schools may achieve academic excellence or worldly success but at the expense of forming disciples. What is clear to me about the authenticity of Catholic Education, is that it strives to make a difference in the lives of those in our school and in the wider community by challenging them to live out the message of Jesus, and to reach their full potential as compassionate, contributing, life-giving members of society.

The Theme for Catholic Education week this year is 'Opening the Doors in the Year of Mercy'. At St Joseph's we have chosen to highlight this theme through the articulation of our school values *Humility Justice Compassion*

Our community has been made visible through the activities organised for students and families throughout the week with classroom activities; window displays; Random Acts of Kindness and our Doors of Mercy liturgy yesterday. The Catholic Education week events for St Joseph's Weipa will conclude this evening with the parents and families 'Thankyou' function from 5 till 7pm.

So it is in saying all of this that I wish everyone a very HAPPY CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK. I thank you for your ongoing support of our beautiful school community and look forward to seeing you this evening.

God bless,

Rosie

St. Joseph's Athletics Carnival - Day 2

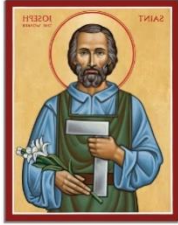
St. Joseph's Athletics Carnival - Day 2 will be held on **Friday the 5th of August, 2016** at St. Joseph's School for Years 3 – 6.

We will begin with the Shot Put event at 9.00am and continue with High Jump after that approximately starting at 11.00am.

Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control our Age Championship Medals have not arrived and therefore we will hold off on Presentations and announcing the results until the following Friday's Assembly (12th of August).

If you are able to assist at the St. Joseph's Athletics Carnival - Day 2 on the 5th of August please contact me on mturner@cns.catholic.edu.au

Looking forward to another great Carnival for St. Joseph's School.



News from the APRE



News from the APRE – Week 3 Term 3.

This week we celebrated our week by promoting our distinctive mission and school values of Justice, Humility and Compassion. I would like to personally thank all the staff and students who participated with reverence during our celebration on Thursday afternoon. A special mention should also be made for our Senior class who were heavily involved with assisting me in preparing and running not only the celebration but the Random Acts of Kindness day.

It was lovely to see the surprise and smiles that were given and received during the day on Wednesday. I was lucky enough to receive a beautiful hand written card that absolutely made my day. Each year there is a different theme chosen and my hope is that we can outdo ourselves in 2017.

I would also like to personally thank the staff who have shared and opened the doors this week in our Year of Mercy. They have taken the theme and applied the activities and resources with the students which was demonstrated in their attitudes and actions for the week. Our windows in the multi-purpose room look amazing. Please make sure you have a look at the work displayed.

A friendly reminder about our Parent 'Thank you' evening – Friday 29th July from 5 to 7 pm. Please come along and join us for some informal chatter with nibbles and refreshments.

Mercy Prayer to share:

Christ our light, illumine our minds that we may see you in our sisters and brothers. Let the darkness of doubt and discouragement never keep us from the good you would have us do. You send us to be light to your people. Let us shine forth as witnesses to your love. We ask this with confidence in your faithfulness. Amen.

Thank you and blessings for a great weekend,

Amanda



St Joseph's News & Reminders

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

**More details to come ...*

- 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
- 5th August** Years 3 – 6 Athletics Carnival Day 2
- 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
- 18th 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

Thank you to all parents and students who contributed towards making our first Bake day sale a success. We raised \$142 for our Tuckshop – don't forget the next sale will be on 17th August so bring your \$2 coin & grab yourself a scrumptious treat!



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



Class News

Prep News

Celebrating Catholic Education week has been an important focus in prep this week. The Preps have learnt about what is important in Catholic schools. They discussed compassion as we prepared a poster with Year 1. They identified ways they could demonstrate compassion by sharing, caring and showing love to others. Importantly they learnt that these are ways we can be God's hands and show we follow Jesus. The Preps shared a message with other students at St Joseph's School as their Random Act of Kindness this week. They extend this message to everyone who is a part of the St Joseph's School community.

You are special! Have a wonderful day!



Thank you also to the families for sharing your stories of when you started school. The children really enjoyed telling us about what was the same and what was different as well as what their parents really liked about school. A+ parents!

Year 1 News

This week in year one we have participated in Catholic Education Week 'Opening Doors of Mercy'. Throughout the week we engaged in reflective prayers and learning experiences about being merciful to others. As a combined activity with the prep class, we used our fingerprints to decorate letters and wrote words onto cut out hearts and hands. With these, we dressed a window with the theme 'compassion' in the multipurpose room. We wrote invitations for our whole school Liturgy and participated on Thursday afternoon. We started reading a class chapter book the children have all enjoyed called *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl. We went on a safe and respectful search for insects outside in the playground. The children found a small variety of insects including bugs and ants got to view some eggs on a leaf under a magnifying glass that Miss Bronwyn had brought in to school. During a lesson with Miss Grant we reviewed some skills of safe use of technology including handling of the iPads and learnt how to select and arrange photographs of insects.

Year 2 News

Our focus this week in maths has been counting on in 2's, 5's, 10's and 100's from any number to increase our understanding of numbers over 100. The mega challenges were enjoyed by many and we all feel more confident now starting off from random numbers with our counting ability. We are really enjoying learning lots of interesting facts about the Olympics and having great discussions about comparing Australia to Brazil. As part of Catholic Education Week we talked about the virtue of HUMILITY. This was a difficult virtue to explain, but as we looked at images and quotes on google, we became more aware of what it means. As a class we decided that every one of us has humility, the ability to listen quietly, not expect to be recognised for our efforts and not to show off or boast. We have had a great week of learning and the Random Acts of Kindness was a lovely way to celebrate how everyone does good things every day!

Year 3 News

What an amazing week. This week was Catholic Education week and we were busy helping to organise the Random Acts of Kindness day which was not only enjoyable but fulfilling. In class we have been working on our Country and planet information reports. WOW there have been some unique and wonderful facts being shared. Our teachers have also told us how wonderful we are trying to do our best and that if we try to be resilient and persistent we can only grow with our learning.

Year 4/5/6 News

We are practising shotput because we still have to do high jump and shotput for the Athletics carnival before age champions can be decided. Choir started this week, they learnt Roar and Let It Go. In Maths we have started a fun Maths inquiry based on a trip to Rio de Janeiro for the Olympics. The Olympics start on the 5th August. In Geography we are learning about Being Sustainable. Our religion unit is focused on the message of Jesus. 4/5/6 will have a fun filled day of science next week.

By Caleb and Patrick.

** STAR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK **

Prep... Nate McLellan & Charlotte Guy

Year 1... Hayley Merkel & Jimmy James Cox

Year 2... Swaroop Bhat & Jessica Hynes

Year 3... Jay West & Kunio Sagigi

Year 4 5 6... Makayla Lobley & Patrick Dorahy

