

Principal Message

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all those who came along last Friday for our welcome function. It was delightful to see so many of our parents and families take this opportunity to be part of our school community. At the forefront of all we do at St Joseph's it is my hope that we continue to develop into a strong family focussed school community group.

Next week teachers will conduct parent information sessions on Monday and Tuesday afternoon. I hope that many parents take this opportunity to come along and hear more about their child's class, classroom procedures and opportunities for their children during 2016. Communication between home and school is essential for us to be successful in our endeavours for the students, especially as we embark in partnership with our parents on our new school journey.

God Bless

Rosie Harrison

HOME AND SCHOOL

I dreamed I stood in a studio
 And watched two sculptors there
 The clay they used was a young child's
 mind
 And they fashioned it with care
 One was a teacher –
 The tools used were books and music and
 art;
 One was a parent –
 With a guiding hand and a gentle, loving
 heart.
 Day after day the teacher tooled
 With touch that was deft and sure,
 While the parent laboured by his side
 And polished and smoothed it over
 And when at last their task was done,
 They were proud of what they had
 wrought,
 For things they had moulded into the
 child
 Could neither be sold or brought
 And each agreed they would have failed
 If they had worked alone,
 For behind the parent stood the school,
 And behind the teacher, the home.
 Author unknown

Week 2 has come and gone as quickly as blinking an eye. We are now in full swing with classes and next week is going to prove just as busy. Easter is celebrated very early this year, so the season of Lent begins next week with Ash Wednesday on February 10th. This begins the special time of preparation for Easter. We will be holding two events this week with the children to prepare and begin our Lenten season. This is a time we also begin our collections for Project Compassion and more details will be sent out once our boxes and information have arrived from Caritas.

Shrove Tuesday/ Pancake Day

Next Tuesday 9th February, we will begin preparing for our Lenten Journey by celebrating Shrove Tuesday. This follows the tradition where people used up all of the fats in the house that they would go without until Easter. We will begin with a small prayer on Shrove Tuesday followed by distribution of pancakes to students at 10.30 am just before morning tea. Parent helpers are most welcome to assist in the preparation of the pancakes. If you are able to assist please let me know by Monday afternoon.

Lent is a time for self-discipline. Throughout the 40 days of Lent, people are called to fast and pray. But just before Lent starts, has become a time of merrymaking, culminating on Shrove Tuesday, or Fat Tuesday, the day before Lent begins. The name Shrove Tuesday comes from the custom of ringing the 'shriving bell' to summons the people to church to be 'shriven,' that are to confess their sins at the beginning of Lent. At that time, certain foods like eggs, milk, meat and rich buttery dishes were given up for the duration of Lent. One way that they used up the eggs, milk and fats in the house was to add flour to make special pancakes. In England, the popularity of pancakes caused Shrove Tuesday to be called Pancake Day, a tradition we also follow here in Australia.

Ash Wednesday Liturgy

Our Ash Wednesday liturgy will be held next Wednesday, 10th February at 10.00 am. Everyone is most welcome to attend. (Remember this is only a liturgy with the distribution of ashes). Ash Wednesday begins our special time of Lent.

Ash Wednesday begins the forty days of preparation for celebrating the resurrection of Jesus. The word 'Lent' actually comes from the old English word meaning "springtime". In Australia, in the Southern Hemisphere, Lent usually falls in the season of summer and autumn and the experience of what comes with springtime is therefore different. However, it is still a time with rich meaning and symbols. Lent is a time for strengthening our faith, a time to reflect on who we are and where we are going. It is a time of quietness and prayer, a time of penance and meditation, a time to become aware of our strengths and weaknesses. During Lent we try to make a conscious effort to prepare ourselves for Easter. We can do this by increasing our prayer, helping others, fasting, giving up things we particularly like, and supporting Project Compassion.

Lent urges us to identify and walk with Jesus as he travels towards Jerusalem and the place of his death and resurrection. In the spirit of renewal and conversion we observe Lent by reflecting on the central events of Jesus' life and welcoming the opportunity to grow through changing our lives.

Blessings,

Amanda



School Assembly

Assembly will be held every Friday at 2.15pm



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH SCHOOL STAFF AND STUDENTS 2016



Prep News

The preps have been settling into school life very well. They have been learning about the Golden Rule and our school covenant. Activities have included discussing and modelling the appropriate behaviours to ensure everyone is safe and happy at school. They enjoy Play is the Way games and have been working well as a team.

Year one News

This week Year 1 have been learning about our St Joseph's Covenant which includes the Golden Rule; "Treat others as you would like them to treat you". They discussed ways that they can treat others nicely. We commenced Play is the Way and worked together as a class team alongside the whole school.

Year Two News.

Our classroom has come to life with the student's artwork, stories and work. It has been wonderful hearing all about holiday adventures and learning about each student and their families. Our focus other than routines, has been how to be "a bucket filler" in our classroom. This goes hand in hand with our School Covenant and the Golden Rule. Miss Libby thinks we are awesome workers and can't believe how quickly we do our work! We are enjoying learning a song called "Every Move We Make" and we love the play is the Way games. Each afternoon our rotation activities have been fun and relaxing, well deserved after all our hard work. St Joseph's rocks!

Year Three News

Year 3 has begun with many exciting new units including learning about living and non-living things in Science. The wonderful students have been greeting each other in French and enjoying the magical literacy of fairy tales and mythical creatures through our Harry Potter class novel. Super Students are voted daily by the students for going above and beyond and their rewards include being able to wear a full wizard costume. Congratulations Kunio, Alyssa and Wylie for being voted our very first Super Student Class wizards. (photo) Both Mrs Stewart and Mrs Lobley are super PROUD of how well we've all begun this year and look forward to sharing many more stories of hard work, persistence and good choices!

THIS WEEKS STAR STUDENTS

PREP...SUMMER ALLYEN AND AYDEN YOGLER

YEAR ONE...MISTEE SAGIGI AND RYAN POTTER

YEAR TWO...BAIA SPODNIENSKI AND XAVIER LOBLEY

YEAR THREE... EYA PAYNE AND KUNIO SAGIGI

YEAR 456...LIZZIE McINNES AND DELPHINA DAY



Year 456 News

What an amazing start of a very busy year in the multi-age class. The following blurb was co-written by Lizzy, Peyton and Amber (our senior students).

At St Joseph's we have prayer in the mornings and we are learning how to meditate and pray quietly to Jesus. It is very relaxing and gives us the opportunity to ask Jesus to help those in need and thank him for all the wonderful things in our lives. We are learning some fun songs such as Rainbow and These Hands. The person who wrote this song, Andrew Chinn, will be coming to visit St Josephs this term. We are very enthusiastic about this.

The senior composite class also has the lunch time responsibility of giving out and collecting sports gear from the younger students. We are enjoying helping them have fun while keeping the sports shed functional and tidy. After lunch we have been showing the younger children where to line up and wait for their teachers. It is something we believe is our responsibility and we are enjoying being leaders and role models. This helps the younger children have a great day with their teachers.

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.



Reading

Formal homework reading will start after parent nights for the younger grades. In the meantime please keep up the home reading and enjoy lots of books every night.



CURRICULUM NEWS

Parent Information Evenings
Parent Information sessions will be conducted during Week 3 of term. Teachers will send notes home with dates and times for these sessions.



Monday 8th February Prep to Year 2

Prep: 4pm
Year 1: 4.20pm
Year 2: 4.40pm

Tuesday 9th February Year 3 -6

Year 3: 4.30pm
Year 4/5/6: 4.50pm

PE Timetable – Sports Uniforms

Class PE timetable has now been finalised. Sports uniforms are to be worn on the following days:

☑ Years Prep, 1, 2 & 3 Wednesday

☑ Years 4, 5 & 6 Thursday

Should you have any queries, please contact the school office.



Andrew Chinn Visit:



An outline of the day:

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

8:00 Arrive at St Joseph's

Set up in Flexible learning Space

Morning 8:30-10:40

8:40-9:30 set up

9:30-10:40 Choir Workshop-

Mid-morning: 11:05-1:00

11:10-12:30 Whole School Concert



Our school Facebook page is operational. This is another way to keep up to date with what is happening in our school. Please notify the school office if you do not wish your child's image to be used on the school Facebook page or website.

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Josephs-Parish-School-Weipa-1622459621351524/>

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY 2016

Parent Information

Mon – P-2

Tues – 3-6

Tuesday 09 Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday 10 Ash Wednesday

MARCH 2016

Tuesday 15 Andrew Chinn visit

Thursday 17 St Patrick's Day

Saturday 19 St Joseph's Day

Sunday 20 Palm Sunday

Monday 21 Harmony Day

Thursday 24 Term 1 concludes

Friday 25 Good Friday

Sunday 27 Easter Sunday

Monday 28 Easter Monday



School Fees

School fees will be generated late next week with payment options for you to choose from. The fees will be emailed to families. More info on these procedures to come next week.

Uniforms

For those families that wish to purchase additional uniforms, we have sizes 4 to 14 available, for day uniforms. Sizes 4 to 10 sports. Please call Jenni to organize pick up
WE now have EFTPOS for your convenience.

TUCKSHOP

The school tuckshop is still in the process of being setup. Thank you to everyone who responded to the survey sent out last week; your feedback has been invaluable in helping determine structures and procedures for 2016.

Look for more detailed information being emailed out to you next week about the menus, ordering and procedures etc.



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