

Principal Message

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back to students, staff and families for Term 2. It has been wonderful to see so many happy smiling faces during the first days of this term. This term we welcome a number of new families to our school. The Clegg family, Aiden Yr. 1 and Luke Yr. 2; The Haardt family, Emelia Yr. 4 and Ewan Yr. 2; The Morton family, Isaac Yr. 3 and the Barton family, Brooke, Yr. 2. I am certain these new families will be welcomed and enjoy the lovely, warm family orientated community here at St Joseph's.

This week Mr Colin Harvey, Mr Gerard Kearney and Ms Vicki Bell from our leadership team at Catholic Education Services Cairns have visited the school and staff. All three visitors have remarked at the beautiful school surroundings we have here at St Joseph's. We have a number of visitors to our school over the coming weeks, including a visit from the Building Grants committee to do a review of our current buildings and also to plan for our next building stage in 2017. In May we will also host a team member from University of Melbourne, Dr Philippa Soccio. Pippa is a Research Fellow – Learning Environments Applied Research Network (LEARN) who is conducting some research in our brand new learning environments. Her research and insights will offer us valuable feedback on the way we structure our learning environments here at St Joseph's, Weipa. We may be remote but in many aspects St Joseph's is leading the way in teaching and learning innovation and practice.

Next week we will gather to mark our first ANZAC day as a school community. Detail of our school involvement in local ceremonies will go out next week. I encourage all students and families to participate in our locally organised activities. There will also be a special school liturgy for ANZAC day next Friday.

Next Monday evening is the time set down for our P and F Meeting which was postponed at the end of Term One. At this meeting we hope to have our P and F Executive finalised. Nomination forms were sent out at the end of term for discernment. This form will be sent out again to all families today. I ask that all parents give thought to nominating someone for one of the Executive positions, this will allow the meeting time on Monday night to flow smoothly.

May the peace, joy and energy of the Easter season fill us with renewed hope and happiness,

Rosie



News from the APRE

Welcome back everyone, I truly hope you had a relaxing and memorable holiday period. Even though we celebrated Easter over two weeks ago, we are still in the season of Easter. The readings at Mass now tell us about life after Jesus' resurrection. In the gospels, Jesus appears to His disciples and they seem frightened and unable to comprehend what was happening. To conclude after our beautiful Holy Week rituals, our Prep class will be conducting the prayer at Assembly to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. This will be a time we can share together to celebrate and be filled with new life and new hope.

Easter Prayer

Risen Lord,

Your resurrection revealed to the world the hope and promise of new life.

Help me to be a faithful, hopeful, loving presence to all people.

Amen.

Term 2 dates

This is an eleven week term and there will be many things happening and information will be given out as they are happening. Some of the celebrations we have to look forward to are:

ANZAC Day Liturgy – Friday 22nd April – 10am

Mother's Day celebration and morning tea

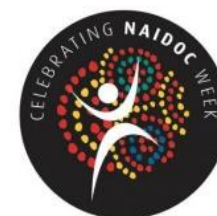
NAPLAN for the Year 3 and 5's

St Joseph's Official Opening on Tuesday 17th May – invitations for families will be distributed via email next week.

Book Fair

Art show

NAIDOC Week



It would be great to see our families at these occasions and we understand the pressures faced with rosters and working hours, so I am endeavouring to let you know as early as possible, so that you may be able to attend one event for the term.

Thank you again for all you do to make St Joseph's a community of not only faith, but one of compassion and friendship.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Blessings,

Amanda

St Joseph's News & Reminders

Parent Info – Kiss n Ride Rules

Kiss n Ride and No Parking zones operate under the same conditions- may stop to drop off or pick up children for a maximum of 2 minutes. If you need longer time please park elsewhere.

The Driver must remain within 3 metres of the vehicle
Rules apply only within hours displayed.

Under no circumstances are you to overtake another vehicle in this zone.

Kiss n Ride zone is for your child's safety, your convenience, and to minimise congestion and confusion.



Please Remember

- Do not leave your vehicle!
- Be timely!
- Stay in Sequence!
- Child Safety- ensure your child gets in or out of the vehicle on the kerb side. Safety guidelines state that children under 13 years must travel in the back seat.

Thank you for your cooperation!

A message from our Indigenous Liaison Officer



Hi All,

My name is Tari Sagigi and I'm the Indigenous Liaison officer. I have 2 children in St Josephs – Kunio in year 3 and Mistee in year 1. I'm pumped to be working with your children and building fun and friendly relationships with them. Term 2 looks like it's going to be a busy one. We have our NAIDOC celebrations at the end of term where we'll have activities held for the students throughout the week. I'm excited to showcase the amazing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture that we're so lucky to have in Weipa. For NAIDOC week this year we will be designing and organizing our own St Joseph's NAIDOC shirts that families will be able to purchase! Watch this space! Tari.



St Joseph's is a Nut Aware School

All parents and carers are reminded that we are a Nut Aware school.

We have 3 students and a staff member who have severe food or nut allergies and liable to have an anaphylactic reaction. We ask the cooperation of all families to ensure children are not sent to school with nut products in their lunch boxes – in particular peanut butter & Nutella.

Bell Times

8.30 School Starts

10.40-11.00am Morning Tea

1 pm-1.45 pm Lunch

3.00pm School Ends

Prep Enrolments for 2017

Applications are now being accepted for Prep 2017. Parents are asked to obtain an Enrolment Form from the school office or download from our website. Please inform family or friends if they have children who are eligible to enrol.

Prep News

The preps have settled back into school like champions. They are well organised and increasingly independent. This week preps enjoyed making teams with Year One for the Snake Game in play is the Way. This game requires the children to use social and emotional skills effectively to work together as a team to complete the slalom course of hula hoops.

Some examples of ways in which the preps are further developing their literacy and numeracy skills include new sight word games and Maths games. The preps have been busy preparing for assembly as they lead the school in prayer at assembly to celebrate the Resurrection.

Year 1 News

The Year Ones have settled back into the first week of school and have shared lots of interesting and exciting news about their recent holidays. In Geography this week, we located Weipa on Google Earth and looked at where we fly on the map when we travel to Cairns. Year One joined in with prep for play is the Way on Wednesday this week. They learnt a new game called the Snake Game where they used problem solving and social skills to complete the course.

Year 3 News

Year 3 have demonstrated their Super HERO (Helpful, Eager to be kind, Responsible and Organised) skills all week and have begun by learning digital news reporting skills on the class iPads, mapping skills and much more! There are super qualities in each and every one of them.

THIS WEEKS STAR STUDENTS

PREP....Ewa Mcnamara

YEAR 1.... Ryan Potter & Mistee Sagici

YEAR 2.... Daniel Scarabello

YEAR 3.... Alexis Laine-Geldens & Ryley Wellby

YEAR 4 5 6.... Mia Williams & Emilia Haardt

Principal's Award.....Ethan Abood



Year 2 News

We welcome 3 new students into Year 2! Kayla, Luke and Ewan have all adjusted very quickly into their new school and classroom routines. In Maths our focus has been on money. Our counting of money, ordering coins and writing amounts of money has really improved and we really enjoyed the 'hands on' activities and working in pairs. Some of the mealworm have finally turned in pupa, so we are excited to see what the next stage of this life cycle will be!

Year 4/5/6 News

Welcome back to everyone from a lovely Easter break. This term is a busy one so we have not wasted any time this week. We have been learning about decimal currency and how it was introduced into Australia in 1966. The students have been learning how to round to the nearest 5 cents, although the 5 cent piece will be phased out shortly. In PE this week we had lots of fun practising our kicking, throwing and catching skills to play Sharks and Minnows. We had lots of fun. We also welcome a new student to our class. Emilia has eased into our routines nicely and has made lots of new friends. Next week in Religion we will be studying the parable of the Good Samaritan. It is a story about being a good neighbour and helping others who are in need. This is a great message for the children to learn.



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

Thank you to all our parent volunteers for your help in getting home readers covered and ready to go out to students. It has been lovely to see some of our parents also volunteer to assist with reading groups at school. Please keep up the home reading and enjoy lots of books every night.



DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL 2016

ANZAC day 25th



MAY 2017

Mother's Day morning tea TBA

Official Opening day 17th May

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.



Uniforms

Our uniform shipment has finally arrived, for those wanting to purchase extra uniforms you may now do so.

We would love some Volunteers to help organise our uniform stock



Please call Jenni On 4069 9500
WE now have EFTPOS for your convenience.

School Fees

Thank you to all that have paid their school fees.

Book list invoices will be included in term two's School Fees that will be sent out early April.

For future school fee payments could you please pay all amounts into the following account using your 10 digit reference number located on the bottom of the remittance slip (no names needed).

BSB 084-352

Acc-00001-8854

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Please refer to our recent email with Flexi Schools registration information or visit the office for details of our online ordering

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



NEXT WEEK



PLEASE CALL SUSANNE 0429 698 254

flexischools

Parents and Friends Discernment

All families will have received an email last week with information and materials around the establishment and structure of our school Parents and Friends Association.

You would by now have the nomination forms for the positions for the P&F

These positions are usually:

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

We look forward to your attendance and participation.

Voting for these positions will occur on

Monday April 18th at 7pm

meeting, which all parents of students currently enrolled at St Joseph's may attend.



Visit Our Website

<http://www.stjosephsweipa.qld.edu.au/>

School Assembly

**Assembly will be held every
Friday at 2.30pm**



St Joseph's Parish Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday Service 8.30am



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Laure Eden School Counsellor

Next Visit

Mon 18/4 to 22/4