

## PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of our first term and are running a little low on energy and enthusiasm the following Lenten reflection on what to give up for Lent is quite a timely reminder to remain positive.

### WHAT TO GIVE UP . . .

- Give up complaining. . . . . focus on gratitude.
- Give up pessimism. . . . . become an optimist.
- Give up harsh judgments . . . . think kindly thoughts.
- Give up worry . . . . . trust Divine Providence.
- Give up discouragement . . . . be full of hope.
- Give up bitterness . . . . . turn to forgiveness.
- Give up hatred. . . . . return good for evil.
- Give up negativism . . . . . be positive.
- Give up anger . . . . . be more patient.
- Give up pettiness. . . . . become mature.
- Give up gloom. . . . . enjoy the beauty that is all around you.
- Give up jealousy . . . . . pray for trust.
- Give up gossiping . . . . . control your tongue.
- Give up sin. . . . . turn to virtue.
- Give up giving up. . . . . hang in there!

Hang in there, keep the positive vibe alive and well in our school community and have a well-deserved and fabulous Easter break. I also wanted to share an article from Wilson McCaskill on positive growth mindset. See below an excerpt written by Wilson and sent to me this week. A link to the full article is included.

by Wilson McCaskill

Everyone is talking about the growth mind-set (the idea that you can grow your abilities by believing you can) versus the fixed mind-set and most seem to agree that developing students with a growth mind-set is highly desirable.

Put very simply, Carol Dweck, the mastermind behind this hot button concept, informs us that if we praise intelligence we raise the fear of failure and aid in developing students with a fixed mind-set.

However, if we acknowledge effort we improve a student's ability to apply it and in turn facilitate the development of a growth mind-set.

Some are cherry picking Dweck's ideas and research to arrive at the notion that developing the growth mind-set requires little more than praising children for their effort.

Alfie Kohn has gone to some lengths to help educators steer clear of this erroneous, perhaps even dangerous, idea. (See further reading at the end of this article)

My experience is that teachers acknowledging effort do little more than praise it. Consequently, unwarranted and superlative laden praise merely shifts from being about the child's performance and person (Brilliant spelling! You are amazing!) to include an additional remark about effort (Wow! What a sensational effort!)

### To read the full article:

<https://www.playistheway.com.au/img/cms/Acknowledging%20Effort.pdf>

God Bless,

Rosie





Week 8 and what a week it has been. We started with the weather turning and the heavens opening up for some beautiful and well needed rain. Tuesday we welcomed Andrew Chinn and I know from the smiles, laughter and joy that we saw exuding from the children and parents, it was a huge success. The week continued with St Patrick's Day and the introduction of a Leprechaun on staff and finally our St Joseph's activities to celebrate St Joseph, the father of Jesus. He was a man of justice, compassion and humility. Thank you all for getting involved and wearing green to school for the day.

#### **PROJECT COMPASSION.**

If your family has a contribution box at home, could you please send it back to your class teacher. All monies will be collated and a final amount will be calculated for distribution to those in need. A huge thank you to all who contributed whether it be by a donation to the boxes or supporting our other fundraising ventures.

#### **St Joseph's day.**

I truly hope you all enjoyed the activities as we celebrated St Joseph the patron saint of the Church.



St. Joseph was the foster father of Jesus on Earth. He took care of Jesus and the Blessed Virgin Mary and taught Jesus to work as a carpenter. St. Joseph was declared a saint before the canonization process officially started in the 12th century. He is so special and such a powerful intercessor that he has TWO feast days in the church calendar: March 19th (Feast of St. Joseph) and May 1st (St. Joseph the Worker). He has been declared as the patron of the Universal Church, and he is also the patron saint of carpenters, the dying, people in doubt, and those trying to sell their homes amongst others. "Ite ad Joseph!" is Latin for "Go to Joseph!" Let us always remember this special saint who took on raising the Son of God along with the Blessed Virgin Mary!

#### **Holy Week**

Holy Week is next week. A warm welcome is extended to you all to come along and listen as we travel with Jesus through the events of the week. We will begin with an introduction on the Monday and have a small presentation each day until Thursday afternoon whereby we will conclude with Good Friday and a small assembly. Prayer rituals will be held each day and a final timetable will be sent home via email and/or the school Facebook page. On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March a ritual will be held just before school closes for the Easter holidays.

Blessings,

Amanda



## **Uniforms**

From the very beginning of the year we have received feedback from both the parent and wider Weipa community as to how smart the children from St Joseph's look in their school uniforms. This is achieved by keeping the uniform requirements as simple, affordable and accessible as possible. I thank you, as parents for ensuring your children come to school each day looking smart and ready for their school day.

There have been a few incidences of children wearing different socks to school as part of their uniform. Our current school Uniform Policy stipulates that the children wear Navy socks with both their every day and Sports uniforms. This is applicable for both boys and girls alike.

So that we do not have a variety of socks being worn at school, I ask parents to check that children are compliant with our Uniform Policy and wear the Navy socks supplied by our Uniform Shop here at school.

The school uniform requirements can all be purchased from our school administration.

## **Holy Week 2016**

### **Week 9**

<i><b>Day</b></i>	<i><b>Time</b></i>	<i><b>Class</b></i>	<i><b>Activity</b></i>
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	12.30pm	Prep/Year 1	Introduction and Palm Sunday – Jesus' entry into Jerusalem
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	12.30pm	Year 2	Last Supper – echo mime
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	12.30pm	Year 3	Gethesemane – The arrest of Jesus under the trees.
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	12.30pm	Year 4/5/6	Whole school gathering – Good Friday re-enactment/narrated story. Year 4/5/6

- Each class to participate/conduct an activity to present to the school. Parents to be invited to attend if possible.
- A final liturgy will be held at 12.30 pm on Friday in the multi-purpose room to end our Holy Week.

# Community News

Albatross Bay Dance Studio

Announcing their

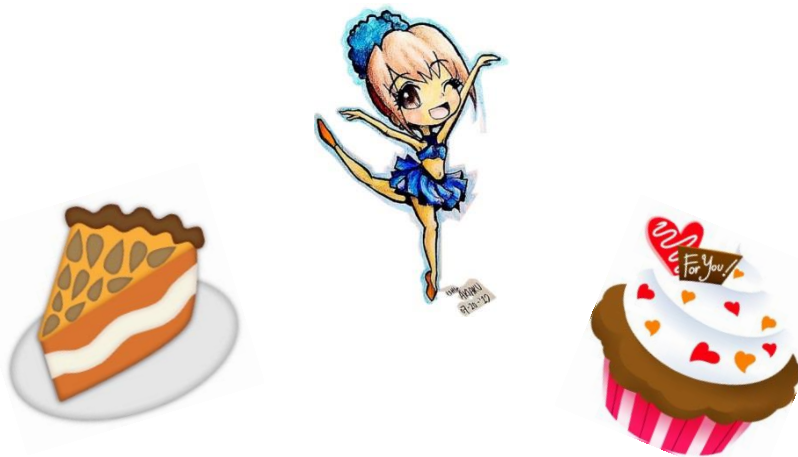
## **Bake Sale**

Saturday morning 19th March 8:30am

Outside Woollies.

Yummy treats for all

Please come and support our local dance students who will represent Weipa later in the year



## **National Day of Action (ND)**

Due to the weather our combined walk with WCC students to school was postponed today.

We will keep you posted of the future date .

## **School Assembly**

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



# St Joseph's Reminders

## **Student Absences.**

Thank you to those families who have remembered to let the office know when their child is going to be away. It is a requirement upon enrolment that if your child is going to be absent for any reason, you must inform the school with either a phone call, email or a note so this can be recorded.

PH: 4069 9500

Email: [secretary.weipa@cns.catholic.edu.au](mailto:secretary.weipa@cns.catholic.edu.au)



## **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.**

# Easter Raffle

In our lead up to Easter we will have a Huge Easter.

Raffle draw next Thursday.

In order to achieve this I would ask each of our school families to donate a Chocolate Easter Egg to the school. Ideally this could be purchased with your family groceries from now until next Wednesday. It need only be something small that can put with other donated eggs/items to make up a prize. The more eggs donated, the more prizes we can draw from the raffle.

Any donated eggs can be left at the Office Administration in a donation basket and will be on display there until Thursday.

All proceeds from this Easter raffle will go to Caritas' Project Compassion.

Raffle tickets will go on sale via our senior school leaders on Monday morning.

Tickets will cost 50c each or 3 for \$1.

## *Bell Times*

*8.30 School Starts*

*10.40-11.00am Morning Tea*

*1 pm---1.45 pm Lunch*

*3.00m School Ends*



## Year Two News

Our play is The Way game "Snake" has been very popular this week, teaching us the importance of teamwork and cooperation, as well as remembering the rules when playing a team game. We have enjoyed writing a descriptive retell about Jack and the Beanstalk, using lots of adjectives and similes. Some very scary giants but some very exciting writing from Yr 2 students! Ms Harrison was very impressed when she saw some of the writing pieces. This week we also located and plotted where we live on our Weipa map and this is now displayed in class. We learnt how to use a grid to help us find places. We are now looking at the map of Qld and locating important or special places of interest to your children. What a fantastic week with St Patrick's Day first and now today St Joseph celebrations! Parent and teacher meetings have been most valuable to learn more about your child and your family. Thank you to all parents for attending. We look forward to next week for some well-earned rest and rewards!

### THIS WEEKS STAR STUDENTS

**PREP... CHARLOTTE GUY**

**YEAR ONE.... JESSICA HOAD**

**YEAR TWO.... CORDY FOO**

**YEAR THREE.... KUNIO SAGIGI**

**YEAR 4/5/6.... AMBER PEET**



## Prep News

preps have been learning about St Patrick and St Joseph and how the saints show people ways to follow God. They have been very excited about celebrating these important feast days. They have acted out the story of Palm Sunday and know when we celebrate Palm Sunday this week, it is the start of Holy Week.

preps have been reading sight words and using them when writing. They are also retelling the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar through their art and craft. In Maths, they have answered questions to gather data and discuss their findings.

## Year Three News

Year 3 have been busy little bees finishing off their assessment pieces for this term and have enjoyed the extra unit on perspectives with our student teacher Mrs Bienvenu this week and their writing has been hilarious! In History the students have been learning about significant events in Australia that have shaped our culture such as Australia Day and ANZAC Day and they've looked at these events from a variety of perspectives. They've LOVED dressing up for St Patrick's Day on Thursday and all the extra things they get to do here at St Josephs. This week's St Joseph award goes to Kunio Sagigi for demonstrating the qualities of St Joseph — Humility, Justice and Compassion

## Year One News

This week we celebrated St. Patrick's Day. We learnt about how St. Patrick used the shamrock to teach people about the Trinity. We celebrated St Joseph's day and did activities in rotations in mixed class groups. We have been learning to read calendars in Maths this week. Our new reading strategy is Flippy Dolphin which helps us remember to flip between short and long vowel sounds in tricky words when we are reading.

## Year 4/5/6 News

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the wonderful parents/carers who have attended parent/teacher interviews. I feel so blessed to work with your children and in each interview, I was able to provide positive feedback about your children and show their progress this term. This week we have a lot happening. Our visit from Andrew Chin was the highlight and the seniors helped Andrew by dancing and singing in the concert. We have some very confident children in the composite class!! This week we have also commemorated St Patrick's day and we showed our support by wearing green and a big thank you to Chris for the delicious green muffins. Yummo :-)

One week to go! Some students will be leaving early so I wish all the families and children a Happy and safe Easter. Let's try to remember the real reason behind the holiday and thank Jesus for giving his life for us. See you all in term 2.

### HEAD LICE

In recent years the incidence of head lice in schools has been increasing. Children suffering from head lice are not normally excluded. On discovery of an infestation, parents are advised to treat the problem immediately and to check hair regularly to prevent reinfestation. Parents will be informed by letter or newsletter if any child in the class has head lice. It is important to note that head lice are not caused by unhygienic conditions, and can be caught by anyone regardless of the cleanliness of the hair. It is therefore important to be vigilant in checking your child's hair regularly, especially if they have an itchy scalp. Long hair should be tied up.

<http://conditions.health.qld.gov.au/HealthCondition/condition/14/165/351/Head-Lice>



# FUN WITH ANDREW CHINN IN CONCERT

FUN AT  
ST JOSEPH'S



SINGING, DANCING,  
PRANCING + LAUGHTER



### 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

#### MARCH 2016

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

Term 2 begins Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April



### 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

For those families that wish to purchase additional uniforms,

Day Uniforms

4 to 14 available,

Limited stocks size 8 boys.

Sports Uniforms

Sizes 4 to 10 sports.

Polos.

Size 12

Please call Jenni to organize pick up

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.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**NEXT WEEK**

**PLEASE CALL SUSANNE 0429 698 254**



Laure Eden

School Counsellor

Next Visit

Mon 18/4 to 22/4

### Parents and Friends Discernment

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

On Monday a further email will go home with a nomination form attached for anyone wishing to nominate for others for positions of the Parents and Friends executive/office bearers

These positions are usually:

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

Also with this email will be procedures as to how the nomination and voting process will work.

Voting for these positions will occur at the March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, which all parents of students currently enrolled at St Joseph's may attend.



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