

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear Parents, Friends and Students,

Easter is a great reminder that Christ died and rose once and for all and for each one of us. His death and resurrection can Transform our lives as we endeavour to live lives that know the freedom of goodness – lives that have love for our neighbour, lives that respect all creation, lives that restore hope and mercy.

Prayer

Lord, help us to accept the grace of Christ's resurrection.

Let us be renewed by God's mercy.

Let us know the love of Jesus.

Let us enable the power of his love to transform our lives.

Let us become agents of his mercy, channels through which God

can protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish.

Amen.

Thank you to every member of our beautiful school community for making our very first term so vibrant and happy. I feel privileged to be part of the fabulous school staff team working with your children every day.

May you have a holy and happy Easter and we look forward to seeing you again Monday 11 April to commence Term 2.

God bless,

Rosie



News from the APRE

The end of term has finally arrived both with sadness and with joy. As we draw to a close we can proudly reflect upon the wonderful effort put in by each and every class with their efforts to have a rewarding and productive term both academically and spiritually. I often wonder some days as to how we made it – there has been a tremendous amount of work put into getting the school up and running and to continue as a vibrant, enthusiastic and welcoming environment.

This week we have seen each class perform a ritual of the Holy Week events and I can truly say on behalf of all the staff what a joy it was to see the students perform with such reverence and tranquillity. We began each ritual with a prayer and then the scenes from Holy Week.

As mentioned it is sad for many reasons within our faith but also a joyous occasion to remember the sacrifice that Jesus made. On a personal note the students will be missed and we look forward to seeing you all in Term 2. Finally I would like to say "Thank you" to all of our St Joseph's community and wish you all a safe and enjoyable break.

Catholic Easter Prayer

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son
has given us new life and renewed hope.
Help us to live as new people
in pursuit of the Christian ideal.
Grant us wisdom to know what we must do,
the will to want to do it,
the courage to undertake it,
the perseverance to continue to do it,
and the strength to complete it.

source: New Saint Joseph People's Prayer Book

Blessings,

Amanda



St Joseph's News & 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



St Joseph's Parish School Website

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

Now live

School Assembly

Assembly will be held every Friday at 2.30pm



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.

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.

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>

Year Three News

Term 2 will be very busy and we are organising some wonderful extra-curricular opportunities for students at St Joseph's. We will be hosting a MONSTER BOOKFAIR in May, an ART SHOW and we are currently planning an inspirational NAIDOC week for the last week of term 2 to name just a few!

Cassie Lobley would love to hear from any parents who could possibly assist her in organising and running these large scale events. Please email your interest to

clobley@cns.catholic.edu.au

and she will be in touch to meet as a team in early term 2. All skills and enthusiasm are very much welcomed and appreciated!

Prep News

Preps have participated respectfully in the school Holy Week liturgies. They practised and worked effectively with the Year One class to share the story of Palm Sunday with the school. Preps have enjoyed completing Easter activities. The children's progress in play is the Way is evident as they have developed skills in team work and problem solving to achieve their goal. The preps are excited about going on their first school holiday after working well this term. We all wish you a happy and safe holiday.

Year One News

Year Ones have participated reverently with whole school Holy Week Liturgies this week. They shared the story of Palm Sunday alongside the Prep students. Students have developed their team building and social skills through play are the Way throughout this term. The students have been looking forward to the upcoming holidays and I would like to wish all our families a safe and happy Easter.

Year 4/5/6 News

This week is Holy Week and throughout the week we have been learning about the Easter story. Each class has been showing us what happened. The composite class will retell the story of Jesus' arrest, his sentencing and his crucifixion. The class has been busy making props and learning their parts in the play. During the week their parts have been very well rehearsed and it has all come together well. I am very excited for their performance today. I would like to extend my warmest wishes for a happy and safe Easter holiday and I will see everyone next term. Happy holidays :-)

Year two News

The highlight of our week was presenting the Holy Thursday ritual to the school. We learnt the importance of The Last Supper and that 'serving others' was the message Jesus gave wanted us to understand. We were all very proud of ourselves! The rituals have all taught us many things about the Easter story. We have enjoyed a relaxed week at school and are all very excited about the holidays after working so hard this term. Wishing all families a peaceful Easter.

THIS WEEKS STAR STUDENTS

PREP... Gemma Mellner, Summer Cox,

Olivia Price & Jesse Hutchinson

YEAR ONE.... Hailey Merkel & Samuel Hancock

YEAR TWO....

YEAR THREE....

YEAR 4/5/6.... ALL OF THE CLASS



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

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 11th 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 21st meeting, which all parents of students currently enrolled at St Joseph's may attend.



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