

## PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Thank you to the children and families that came along to represent St Joseph's at the Anzac day memorial dawn service, I'm sure parents, like me, were very proud to see the children in uniform marching as a school group for the first time.

I am heading to Brisbane this weekend for an early Mother's day with my daughters. I have a sneaking suspicion that there is mischief afoot in something they have planned. This reminds me of a friend of mine that has developed a wonderful parenting strategy which she calls the "Look." I have seen her use it to great effect with her teenage sons. It requires practice but, once perfected, it reduces unnecessary conversations, painful negotiations and almost always results in action. She believes that anyone wearing glasses has an added advantage as they tend to magnify the eyes and hence, the Look. Failure to perfect this manoeuvre before using it on unsuspecting offspring can render them helpless with laughter, as you do tend to look like a cross between a character in a low budget horror movie and one of the Three Stooges. So practise it in the bathroom mirror until perfected.

I share this snippet of personal information after reading about the latest bestselling parenting book, "French Parents Don't Give In," by Pamela Druckerman. She suggests a long list of parenting strategies, a few of which I share with you. She is also a champion of the Look strategy, which in French translates as "les gros yeux" or "the fat eyes." Some of her wise suggestions are as follows:

- At mealtimes everyone eats the same thing
- You choose the foods; your child chooses how much
- Extracurricular activities are for pleasure, not competitive advantage
- Give children meaningful chores
- Show children you have a life apart from them
- On matters of discipline, never contradict your partner in front of the children
- Punish rarely, but make it count and don't raise a praise addict

It promises to be an entertaining and thoughtful read.

So hop to it and start practising the "Look" or, as my kids would say, the "Teacher's Stare." A word to the wise, take your sunglasses off first!

God Bless

*Rosie*

## News from the APRE



Last Friday we celebrated a very moving ANZAC Liturgy and I would like to thank all of the readers and participating students and teachers for their dedication to ensuring this was memorable. It was also pleasing to see so many attend the Dawn Service on Monday, thank you for showing your support to those who have allowed and continue to allow us the freedom we have today.

Next week we will be focussing on our mums. The P & F Association will be holding a stall throughout the week that allows students the opportunities to purchase a lovely gift for their mums and grandmothers. Mother's Day is a very special day when we honour our mums and show our appreciation for the love they show us. So please be sure to read the times in the newsletter on when the stall will be held so it is well supported.

***Mother's Day Celebration – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 9.30 am  
followed by a morning tea. Please join us.***

Over the next few weeks I will be publishing information with regards to NAPLAN and the reporting system that we, in Catholic Education, use as an avenue for releasing information about student achievement. This system is called SRS – Student Reporting System.

Again we are lucky to be having another long weekend so please be safe and enjoy your quality family time together.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Amanda

## Enrolments 2017

Applications are now being accepted for 2017 Years P-6.

Parents are asked to obtain an Enrolment Pack from the school office or download from our website.

Please inform family or friends if they have children who are eligible to enrol.

The cut off for Prep enrolments for 2017 is 27<sup>th</sup> May with interviews to commence 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

For more information please contact our office.

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



## St Joseph's Parish School Website

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

Now live

## School Assembly

Assembly every Friday at 2.30pm



## St Joseph's Parents and Friends



Dear Parents,

Remember that next Wednesday May 4th is our Mother's Day Stall where children get the opportunity within school hours to purchase gifts for their much loved mums.

We are still looking for parent helpers to assist running the store between 8.30am - 11.30am. Even an hour of your time is appreciated if you can't make commit the whole morning.

We are also still requiring donations you may have around the home that may be suitable to add to our stall. If gifts can be simply tied with ribbon or cellophane ready for display at the stall or donated as is. Please drop donations into the office by Tuesday May 3rd.

On the day you will be asked to provide your child with \$5-\$10 in a snaplock bag for easy return of leftover change.

If you have any queries please contact Nikki Di Costa on 0400 884 404 or at [info@wholefoodhub.com.au](mailto:info@wholefoodhub.com.au)

Regards,

St Joseph's P&F Committee

## Bell Times

8.30 School Starts

10.40-11.00am Morning Tea

1 pm-1.45 pm Lunch

3.00pm School Ends



# Disco

## Zumba Dance Party Style

Date: Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May

Time: 4.15 - 5.15 Ages Prep and under

5.30-6.30 Ages Year 1 - 3

6.45-7.45 Ages Years 4 - 6

8.00-9.00 Ages Years 7 - Adult

Place: the PAC, Western Cape College.

Entry: Child/Student \$5; Adults \$10

Refreshments, glow products and merchandise for sale

Prizes to be won

## THEME: FLURO

COME DRESSED IN YOUR BRIGHTEST COLOURS

This is a fundraising event for the Comp students of Albatross Bay Dance Studio



## Prep News

The Preps learnt about the importance of being Croc Wise and ways to keep yourself safe around Weipa and the Cape during the recent talk from the Department of Environment and Heritage.

Preps really enjoyed the first school fantastic Friday. Participation in these activities means the children have made positive choices throughout the week. Well done Preps. The Preps thoroughly enjoyed their AFL session during HPE time this week. In Religion, Preps have been listening to stories from the Old Testament including the creation stories from Genesis. The children have written recounts of Anzac Day. Preps are also practising to lead the school in prayer for Mothers' Day at assembly in week 4.

## Year 1 News

During show and tell we talked about what we did last weekend which included how we celebrated ANZAC day. We learnt some kicking and ball handling skills in the AFL football lesson in Health and Physical Education. We looked at pictures and recognised some different types of digital technologies that we find inside the home. We worked out directions like turning left or right and going forwards or backwards for a floor robot to collect coins and reach a treasure chest on a map. We began some drama in the Arts as we acted out some scenes from a story called Grandpa and Thomas and the Green Umbrella by Pamela Allen.

## Year 3 News

Year 3 have had a very busy week practising their persuasive arguments and learning about states of matter in science. In art we've been using clay to make animal models for the art show. We are on assembly this week showcasing our skills. We hope you enjoy it!

## Year 4/5/6 News

In the composite class this week we have been busy finishing off assessment tasks from term 1 and we have already started new units in term 2. At Saint Joseph's we have been talking about how we treat and help others. Jesus loved to help those in need and he was a very kind and compassionate man. The girls and boys are trying to be more like Jesus in how we treat others and speak to people around us. We have talking about The Saint Joseph's Way and treating others how you would like to be treated. A perfect example of this is how kind and caring the children have been towards their teacher who has been 'restricted' this week on crutches. I want to thank each and every one of you for all of your compassion towards me.

## Year 2 News

This week we have concentrated on typing our Animal Information Report into a word document using the laptops and learning about how to change the size, font and colour of our text to make it interesting. This has been a great learning experience for many students and I am very proud of the way students have learnt so quickly-the Interactive Whiteboard is such a valuable teaching tool! We are investigating Local Places of Interest in our History unit and we look forward to hearing more about this in the next few weeks. Fantastic efforts in our play is the Way game of Running Raiders. It has taught us lessons about working together, teamwork and coping when things don't go our way! Awesome attitude from Yr 2!

## THIS WEEKS STAR STUDENTS

**PREP... OLIVIA PRICE**

**YEAR ONE.... OLIVER DYER AND HAILEY MERKEL**

**YEAR TWO.... BROCK BLAM & SOPHIE STEELE**

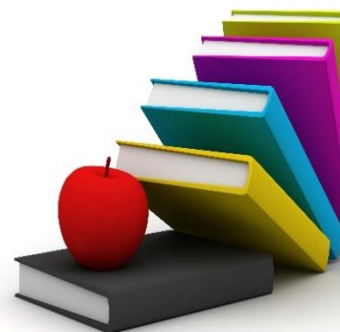
**YEAR THREE.... LUCAS HANCOCK & EYA PAYNE**

**YEAR 4/5/6.... MAKAYLA LOBLEY & KIMBERLEY HURCHINSON**



## HELP.....

Our Library books need covers, we would love your help to get them done! Please see Karen..



## 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.

## 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.



**Laurel Eden**  
**School Counsellor**

**Next Visit**  
**Mon 16/5-19/5**



**Mother's Day Stall**  
**4<sup>th</sup> May 8.30 - 11.30am**

**School Opening**  
**17<sup>th</sup> May**

**Morcombe Visit**  
**24<sup>th</sup> May**

**Book Fair**  
**25<sup>th</sup> May**

**Art Show**  
**1<sup>st</sup> June**

## WHEN TO WEAR SPORTS UNIFORM

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.



## UNIFORM SHOP

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

Please call Jenni on 4069 9500

We now have EFTPOS for your convenience.

**WE HAVE  
STOCK**

## School Fees

### **School Fees have been issued**

Please be mindful that your booklists will be included on this invoice.

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  
AC-00001-8854

## TUCKSHOP NEWS

Please refer to our recent email with **Flexi Schools registration information.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**EVERY DAY**

**PLEASE CALL SUSANNE**

**0429 698 254**



## **Parent Info – Kiss n Ride Rules**

Kiss n Ride and No Parking zones operate under the same conditions- parents 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!



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