

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Important dates ...

- ✓ Thursday 7th September – Family Science Show & Sausage Sizzle
- ✓ Thursday 7th – Friday 8th September – Fizzies Education Science Show
- ✓ Monday 11th September – P & F Meeting – 7:00 pm
- ✓ Friday 15th September – Pajama Dress Up Day for Street Swags.
Gold Coin Donation
- ✓ TBA – School Dental Visit



Earn and Learn is back!!!!

The program involves our school community getting to stick together and collect the stickers which becomes transferrable into educational equipment and resources for our school from MTA. We are asking you to take part and start collecting the stickers from Woolworths. There will be a box at Woolworths and in the School Office where you can drop your stickers and sticker charts in. The more we collect the more resources we can purchase. For every \$10 spent you receive one sticker. So start collecting. Feel free to drop them off to the office to Aimee or place them into the box at Woolworths.



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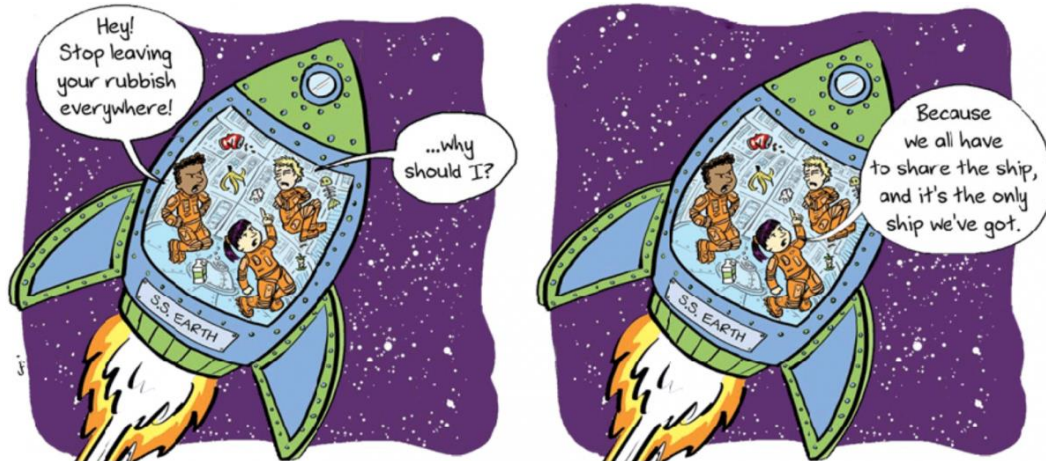
News from Ms Harrison..

Dear Parents,

As we continue to explore the principles of Catholic Social Teaching:

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| * Dignity of the Human Person | * Stewardship of Creation | * Common Good |
| * Preferential Option for the Poor | * Solidarity | * Subsidiarity and Participation |

This week we focus specifically on **Stewardship of Creation**.



The earth and all life on it are part of God's creation. We are called to respect this gift. We are responsible for taking care of the world we live in and for sharing all the wonders and resources the earth gives us.

Our changing environment prompts us to stop and think about how we live on our planet. We are called to respond and to adopt new ways of living as Pope Francis highlights in his encyclical, [Laudato Si': On the Care of our Common Home](#). It is the world's poorest communities who are affected by changes to our planet. (Caritas Australia Website)

One way that we can work together to teach children authentic ways to take care of creation is to teach them the Four R's:

Re-use; Recycle; Reduce; Repair

Because if we make less rubbish we will help look after our world.

This is by no means an easy feat. In a society that encourages us to keep replacing what we've got with the latest and greatest, it's easy to be part of the throw-away generations. We need to learn from our ancestors, who used what they needed; mended things that were broken or worn; handed on things that were no longer needed; or repurposed them. And we need to teach our children how to do so as well.

Here at school, one thing we are trying (but struggling with!) to do is teach the children the difference between lunch rubbish that can be recycled and that which needs to be thrown away. The amount of rubbish we throw out every day is terrible. We want to reduce the rubbish we send to landfill by encouraging the use of reusable containers and a reduction in the use of pre-packaged goods. Together we can make a difference!

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You might like to pray this **Prayer for Creation** with your family this week...

*God of Creation,
through your hand and through your Word,
you have given us life
and given life to all our world.
You call us to be stewards and co-creators.
Awaken within us a deep respect for where we walk.
Help us to tread lightly on this land
and to cherish the gifts endowed upon us.
We make this prayer through the Holy Spirit,
who has moved in this world for all time.
Amen*

May we all strive to make better choices in the way we use our world's resources.

Mad Scientist Week

On September 7th and 8th is our annual STEAM Mad Scientist Days. On these days St Joseph's celebrates the wonderful world of science. Students across the school will participate in crazy, fun, interesting and exciting science related activities throughout the entire day. We welcome a visit from Fizzics Education on Thursday and Friday. This a joint initiative of the school and St Joseph's P and F, Special thanks and RECOGNITION must go to Mrs Donna Machin who has wonderfully organised this amazing event for the children. The P and F will host a BBQ prior to the Fizzics show on Thursday evening from 5.30pm. Details of the Fizzics Ed event on Thursday evening are included with this newsletter.

Pyjama day last day of school

Don't forget our upcoming Pyjama day on the last day of school, Friday 15th September. The children may come to school dressed in their PJ's for the cost of a gold coin donation. All proceeds from this day will go to supporting the Street swags charity.

Principal's Study Tour of NZ

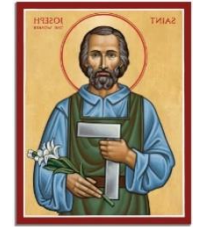
Next week I will be away from Weipa attending a Principal's Study Tour with other Catholic school Principals from the Cairns Diocese. This study tour is based in Auckland and takes in visits to schools which are leaders in contemporary learning as well as some time at Auckland University exploring topics around Student Learning and Wellbeing. I look forward to sharing valuable insights with the St Joseph's school community upon my return. Whilst I am away Amanda Saunders will be Acting Principal. For next week we welcome Mrs Kelly Bienvenu who will be sharing the teaching of Year 3 with Mrs Cassie Lobley from Monday through to Friday.

On a personal note I have become a grandmother for the first time last Sunday. My daughter Maddie and her husband, Lachie welcomed baby Hamish on Sunday afternoon. I will get to meet him and give him a big nanna hug for the first time tonight. His arrival will add an extra special highlight to Father's Day in our family this year. Happy Father's Day to all our Dads and Grandads for Sunday. Special thanks to Rachael Steele and her willing band of helpers for the beautiful Father's Day stall for the children organised today at school. The stall was a huge success, and the sounds of delight in the children as they were able to purchase a special gift for their Dad was lovely to see and hear. Thankyou.

Have a fabulous Father's day and a wonderful week ahead,

Rosie

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This week has been as action packed as many others this year and we have had the pleasure of a Flying Scientist visit for the Year 3 to 6's, we held our annual Book Week parade and what a wonderful display of creative flair with some of the costumes.

The teachers were a mass of pirates for the day and the students loved having a few pirate conversations to match the theme of the day. Thank you to Mrs Smith for her organisation and getting the prizes ready for each class.

Help needed: I am looking for some help from any parent who likes to dabble in a little woodworking or has some skills working with wood. I have collected two beautiful pieces of driftwood that I would love to have constructed into a cross for our school liturgies, but unfortunately, I am not skilled in this area and am seeking some help. If you are interested or can help me in any way please let me know ASAP.

Satisfaction Survey: Just a friendly reminder about our Satisfaction surveys being conducted at this time. It is important part of our ongoing commitment to continuously improving the school, we believe it is critical to seek each parent and guardian's opinion on a range of issues relating to St Joseph's. Your feedback is very important to us as we continue to build a successful school and strengthen our reputation as an 'educator of choice'.

The survey timeframe runs from Monday 28th August until Monday 11th September so could you please check your emails and complete as soon as possible. We thank you in advance for your assistance with this data collection.

If you do not receive your survey instructions on the survey start date, please check your spam and junk email folders before contacting the office or Mrs Saunders.

While we strongly encourage you to participate, the survey is not compulsory. If you decide that you do not want to complete the survey, simply click 'Unsubscribe' in the instruction or reminder email.

Thank you for your assistance in helping to shape the future direction of St Joseph's.

Father's Day: Most importantly, this week we celebrate all of those special men in our lives – our fathers, grandfathers, step and foster fathers.

Reflection: Fathers play a significant role in the lives of their children. Be they living or dead, present or absent, a father profoundly shapes the life of his child and who that child becomes. Traditionally fathers are attributed with some of the God-like qualities such as loving us, protecting us, guiding us, supporting us, being a strong and stable influence and providing for our most basic needs. On this occasion we pause to reflect on the gift of our own father and to honour and affirm the place of human fatherhood in our own family, our society and our world. Take some quiet time to consider the goodness of your own father.

A Father's Day Prayer:

A prayer for absent Fathers/Grandfathers:

We remember our father who is no longer with us...

Bring us deep peace in our loss and grief.

Give us a grateful heart for good memories of this special man.

On this special day for fathers, we pray that we might come to know and love you, our God, more deeply as your children. Amen.

(Father's Day reflection and prayers taken from www.liturgyritualprayer.com)

Many blessings for a wonderful weekend with your families,

Amanda

A Father's Day Prayer

God,
Bless all the fathers in the world. Father, we ask that You guide them to be good role models and loving to their children. We also ask that You help them to be a father like You are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way.
Amen

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Prep.. We've had a great week this week in Prep. We have been doing activities for learning the days of the week including reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle. We noticed the different things happening on the days of the week throughout the story. After reading the story, we made hungry caterpillars that sequenced the days in the correct order. We played snap with the days of the week cards and looked at our calendar each morning. We made a weather report on the weather in Science. We practiced our alphabet formation and activities in our Writing Time text books and continued with our Reading Eggs program. Thank-you to the parents helping us with reading in the mornings. It was lots of fun dressing up as book characters on Thursday. We decorated the front and back cover of Father's Day cards and wrote a message to Dad on the inside. We'd like to wish all of our Fathers a "Happy Father's Day" this weekend.

Year 1.. Only two more weeks until holidays! I do feel the students are getting tired and are ready for a well-deserved break. In English, we have been focusing on reading and developing our fluency. We have also continued with show and share each day and every child has spoken very clearly presenting their show and share. In Mathematics, we have been completing a lot of assessments. This week we have celebrated Book Week and the students have had the opportunity to dress up in their favourite book character. Thank you to all of the parents for your amazing work on creating these characters, all of the students looked amazing. Parent Teacher interviews will be offered to all, starting next week. We will continue with student reading in the flexible learning area between 8:40am and 9:00am. Thank you to all of the parents for your continued support with reading in the mornings.

Year 2.. We have loved reading lots of the Book Week books this week, our favourite was *Don't Call Me Bear!* We had lots of discussion about how illustrations and the language used in books makes them so interesting. The Book Week costumes were amazing, thanks parents for making such an effort. The kids had a great day. In Maths we have been exploring properties of 3D shapes and we even did some Year 4 work on Study Ladder to show how clever we were. We have been working hard on our books about ourselves and they are nearly finished. We are super excited about these. We have also loved making our Father's Day cards and gifts. What a busy week.

Year 3.. This week in English we finished a demand writing task on Gemstones where we were provided with notes that we then turned into sentences before organising them into paragraphs for our final information report. We've started our Poetry unit and chose landscapes as our first topic to create poetic lines of prose. We painted watercolour backgrounds for our final pieces and they're on the wall in the classroom so please feel free to come and share in the beauty that is poetry! Our NAPLAN results were handed out this week and both Amanda and Cassie were super proud of the children's efforts overall. Our History assessments are almost complete with only our commentaries to finish. The students have written a commentary to go with their dioramas that explains some of the differences and similarities between a classroom in Mary MacKillop's time (1800's) to our classroom today. Students were given an example with some sentence starters and then prepared their own. They will either handwrite these onto cards or provide a video recording of the commentary. This week in Maths we have been working with Cardinal Directions on the Compass, using co-ordinate grids, following and locating objects using direction. We had some fun with using real compasses and using a compass on our iPads. Golden Pencil: Cordy Foo

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Year 4.. Year 4 have had a productive week this week. We finished off our narrative unit in English, with many amazing stories written. In Geography we had many ideas for the sustainability project, as well as students being able to locate the countries of Brazil, Chad and Australia on a world map. Last week and this week in Religion we looked at the seven sacraments and how they help us belong as part of Catholic community. In Maths we looked at location and how to follow compass directions, as well as how to read the scale on a map. Hopefully we will have the majority of students back next week and can complete our "Mad Scientists Day". Lastly, Happy Fathers' Day to all our Dad's. We hope you have a great day.

Year 5 - 6.. This week we said "farewell" to Narnia, as we headed back through the wardrobe and returned to the Professor's mansion. However, all students are excited to have the opportunity to return next week when we view the film in class. Permission notes have been distributed via hardcopy and email. Thank you for ensuring that these are returned as soon as possible. In Maths we have created a wonderful Fathers' Day gift for our fantastic dads and guardians. We won't spoil the surprise, but they look very special! Year 5/6 were lucky enough to enjoy a visit from the Flying Scientists on Tuesday. All students enjoyed learning more about the good and bad bacteria and micro-organisms inside the body, as well as applying their knowledge about space to a fun planet activity. In Civics and Citizenship we researched different groups of migrants who have travelled to Australia over time and were surprised to find that Australia's population grows by one person every 1 minute and 23 seconds! It was great to see so many students getting involved in the Book Week parade and share their love of literacy. Thank you for putting in a fantastic effort.



Prep.. Summer-Lee van pelt + Sophia Clements + Kazu Sagigi

Year 1.. Tre Bobongie + Toby Abood

Year 2.. Sarah Bond + James Hayman

Year 3.. Sienna Williams + Abigail Touran

Year 4.. Eva Payne + Ryley Wellby

Year 5-6.. Jedda Booth + Makayla Lobleby

School Dentist Visit

The Dentist has informed us that they have had to cancel their visit in week 10. Once they have sorted new dates we will let you know. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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Book Week 2017

BEST DRESSED WINNERS

PREP – Taylah Simpson – There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly

YEAR 1 – Lincoln Scikluna – Sponge Bob and Detective Lincoln

YEAR 2 – Samantha Guy – Where's Wendy

YEAR 3 – Riley Van Der Westhuizen – Diary of a Wimpy Kid

YEAR 4 – Ethan Marlow – Black Beard the Pirate

YEAR 5 – Emilia Haardt – Paper Back Princess

YEAR 6 – Brayden Keough – Harry Potter

Even though it was not announced yesterday our amazing judge, Karen Smith, voted the best dressed staff member as Libby Lange. Congratulations to everyone and thank you to Mrs Smith for organising a great week.



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Parent Book Swap



Karen, in the Library, would like to set up a Parent Book Swap. The idea is to have a collection of Adult books to be read, exchanged and swapped. We have already started a small collection of books, including some really good autobiographies. If any parent or caregiver have any suitable books that are sitting at home just collecting dust, it would be great if they could bring them in to be added to the collection. Once we have a good collection of books we can start the Book Swap.

← This is one idea that Mrs Smith seen while away for Personal Development Training.



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Weipa Community Care in conjunction with Child Safety Weipa will be hosting a family friendly event as part of National Child Protection Week .

JOIN US ON MONDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

We have an action packed morning for you to enjoy.... including:

- BBQ breakfast
- Children's activities
- Guest speakers
- Music
- Entertainment and much more!

Having even one positive adult in a child's life can help them overcome negative experiences and build healthy brain foundations. You can, or might be, that one person!



8.30 am - 11am at the storm surge shelter



For further information please contact Erica Hutchinson on 4069 9272 or email development@weipacomunitycare.com

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FIZZICS EDUCATION SCIENCE SHOW 7-8TH SEPTEMBER

Science shows and workshops for all grades throughout Thursday and Friday 7-8th September.

Family science show and sausage sizzle
Thursday 7th September

**Family
science night
Thursday 7th
September
5:30pm**

**Family night
includes
science show
and a sausage
sizzle &
drinks for sale**



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