

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

EDITION 2017/16 WEEK 6, TERM 2 2017



Important dates ...

- ✓ *Thursday 1st June - Ribbon Day for Student Protection*
- ✓ *Tuesday 6th June - Reporting and Parent Portal 7pm Flexible Learning Space*
- ✓ *Friday 9th June - Track & Ball Games Athletics Carnival*
- ✓ *Wednesday 14th June - Wonders of Living parent session 7-8pm Flexible Learning Space*
- ✓ *Friday 16th June - Field Athletics Carnival (Years 3-6 only)*
- ✓ *Monday 19th June - P&F committee Meeting, 7:00pm*
- ✓ *Tuesday 20th June - 1:1 Device Info Session 7pm*
- ✓ *Friday 23rd June - Last Day Term 2 School*
- ✓ *Monday 10th July - First Day Term 3*
- ✓ *10th - 13th July - NAIDOC Week Celebrations*

TUCKSHOP CLOSED

9th JUNE, FOR SPORTS CARNIVAL & 23 JUNE, LAST DAY OF TERM 2.

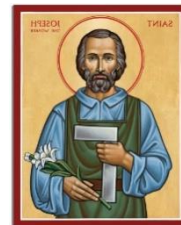
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Week 7 from the Acting Principal

As you are aware Ms Harrison is away on Long service leave and we hope she has had some time to begin this with lots of rest and spending valuable time with her family. In her absence I will be reporting to you on what is happening around the school.

All of our weeks now seem to be filled to the brim with lots of projects underway, testing and assessment being finalised, report writing has begun along with the usual flurry of everyday school life. Quite a few more students undertook the ICASS Science tests this week and it was great to see more students enquiring about whether they could do them as well. Unfortunately I did have to order the tests earlier this year, so numbers have been limited. There will be more opportunities next year to participate if your child has not registered this year.

Stage 2 Building update

On morning duty this week I have had a few parents ask about our Stage 2 progress and to date there has been no further update except that the Tender has been awarded and we should see some progress with builders moving in within the next few weeks. I ask that we please be patient as these works begin as we do not yet know how it is going to affect us.

National Reconciliation Week

This week began with our Prayer liturgy on Monday afternoon and I must congratulate all of our students as they sat reverently and listened to the prayers and meaning behind this momentous occasion. The students also participated in a pledge with Miss Tari which was absolutely beautiful. Thank you to all who read and joined in for the service. Unfortunately our 'Sea of Hands' display keeps being blown away so we will have to look at an alternative for next year.

End of Semester Reports

Teachers have started with the reporting process and it is important to share with our parent community that this is just one avenue for us to provide feedback about your child's learning. We are reminded that many of the important aspects of learners can't be formally assessed and that these reports are summative by nature – they don't tell the full story. This semester we will again be holding a parent information session to explain the reporting process within our Diocese and how this reflects what is required by the Australian Curriculum. It would be great to see you there on Tuesday 6th June at 7 pm. The session will be approximately half an hour in length.

Homework / Home Learning Policy

There has been some discussion over the previous weeks as to what homework/home learning (as we would like it to be termed) should look like and at St Joseph's we believe that this is another avenue for you to be able to share in your child's learning journey. Over the coming weeks we will be reviewing our policy to determine what this is going to look like as we progress in our journey of Contemporary and Visible Learning. As we progress through this reflective process we will keep you informed about what it will look like.

We at St Joseph's Parish School believe that home learning should be reflective of the well-being and development of children at primary school age and provide opportunities for families to share in learning experiences. Recent research on traditional homework has shown there to be negative or no effects on academic achievement. Watch this space for more information but the most urgent matter that parents can be attending to when we speak of homework is that of reading.

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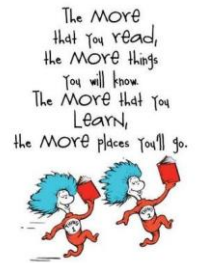
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THE IMPORTANCE OF READING

The chart below shows how important it is for parents to ensure and/or encourage their children to complete their reading homework each night. The only way to improve in anything is to practice and this is particularly true with reading. Thank you to all those parents who consistently listen to their children read. You are definitely making a difference in your child's education.



WHY READ <u>20 minutes</u> AT HOME?		
Student A Reads:	Student B Reads:	Student C Reads:
▶ 20 minutes per day	▶ 5 minutes per day	▶ 1 minute per day
▶ 3,600 minutes per school year	▶ 900 minutes per school year	▶ 180 minutes per school year
▶ 1,800,000 words per year	▶ 282,000 words per year	▶ 8,000 words per year
		
Scores in the 90th percentile on standardized tests	Scores in the 50th percentile on standardized tests	Scores in the 10th percentile on standardized tests
By the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read only 12 school days, and Student C will have read 3. (Nagy & Herman, 1987)		
want to be a better READER ? a better WRITER ? a better COMMUNICATOR ? READ!		

Thank you and blessings for a wonderful weekend,

Amanda

Prayer for the week.

Dear Lord,

Thank you for another week — of breath, of life, of smiles. I take my very life for granted so much, but the fact that you have brought me to another weekend is indeed praiseworthy. May we spend this time graciously and thankfully with our family and friends.

Amen.

The Athletics Carnival for Track, Relays and Ball Games events is scheduled for Friday the 9th of June at

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St Joseph's Oval. Below is an outline of the day.

Track Event Program 9th of June

9.00am - 800m by nominations (Year 3 - 6)

60m - Prep and Year 1

80m - Year 2

100m - Year 3 - 6

200m (Year 3 - 6) this race will be done at a later date at Andoom Oval.

10:40am - Morning Tea

4 x 60m Relay - Prep and Year 1

4 x 80m Relay - Year 2

4 x 100m Relay - Years 3 - 6

Prep – Year 2 Ball Games

Tunnel Ball

Ball in the hoop (modified Leader Ball)

Over and Under

Year 3 – 6 Ball Games

Tunnel Ball

Leader Ball

Over and Under

1:10pm - Big Lunch

The P & F will be providing a Sausage Sizzle at second break and the children are asked to bring their own morning tea. **Tuckshop will be closed for the day. The coffee Van will also be arriving at 11am on the day.**

We are looking for Parent Volunteers on Tuesday the 6th of June at 3.30pm to line mark the St. Joseph's oval and on Friday the 9th of June for job allocations. If you are able to assist in anyway please contact me on mturner@cns.catholic.edu.au.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Melanie

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FUNTASTIC FRIDAY

As a celebration for demonstrating consistent positive behaviour and making responsible choices, students can choose an activity run by the teachers around the school. Last week we included Bike Club with a washing station and maintenance area and this week we also included Pony Club. It was seriously the funniest thing we have ever seen and we expect more horses next Friday in the stables for show jumping and dressage.

If you'd like to offer your services to run a club on Fridays from 12:30 - 1:10pm, we'd love to hear from you. It can be anything you like! We're thinking a gardening club might be good as it finishes at second lunch so then could continue if you needed extra time, or cooking or music. There's lots of kids who'd love to build something like a billy cart if you're handy. Please email Cass Lobley if you can help in any way. clobley@cns.catholic.edu.au

Have a wonderful weekend!

Cass

For the tutorial on how to make one please see:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=TAnvVwh6-tI>

For the competition, details please see:



<https://www.facebook.com/playgroundenglish/videos/460460490953953/>

Giddy Up!

WE NEED HELP IN OUR TUCKSHOP...

If you have some spare time in the mornings from 9am, even if it is just half an hour, please write your name in the Roster we have placed on the Noticeboard to help Thu in the Tuckshop.

Remember, many hands make light work ☺

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Classroom News..



Prep..

In Prep, we did some footprints for the theme of Reconciliation week, which is 'Let's take the next steps'. We participated respectfully in a whole school prayer. We have been busy doing our literacy activities including reading groups, writing, comprehension, spelling, reading eggs and sight words. We have been learning some rhyming words and listened to a long text called Hairy Maclary by Lynley Dodd. We have been continuing to learn the days of the week and months of the year. We noticed our calendar month changed to June and our season changed to winter. We did number writing, counting, tangram shape puzzles and enjoyed hands on Maths games where we solved problems and built and created things. We did some role play acting in drama and had our final AFL lesson in PE.

Year 1..

Every Year One parent should be very proud of all the hard work and good behaviour their child has demonstrated this week. In English, our big book this week was called "Mrs Wishy-Washy and the Big Wash". We used our comprehension cubes to ask questions relating to the story. We have also been looking at what tricky words are. In Mathematics, we have done some graphing and looked at the possibility of something occurring using the language of will, won't or might happen. Please remember homework is due on a Wednesday and our Library day is on a Friday. To help support our Prep and Year One students with role playing, we are asking if anyone has any children's dress ups they would like to donate to help assist us. Thank you in advance.

Year 2..

This week in Maths we have been exploring positions of objects, talking about directions and pathways and looking at reading a grid. Today we drew our own treasure map and then wrote directions for someone to find the treasure! We have been learning about the importance of Reconciliation and making up our own prayers each day to help us understand how we can all be part of Reconciliation. Our focus book was Red Riding Hood and we really enjoyed comparing different wolf characters and finding wolf facts. We have read lots of different versions and are understanding how different books can influence how you feel about a character. Our Weipa map is finished so now we are moving onto learning about Qld and Australia. A busy week!

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Year 3..

This week we've been focusing on gathering facts from a variety of sources to report in a newspaper article. The students also completed their latest reading assessments and have been focusing on extending their comprehension skills. In maths they've been learning about place value of numbers to 10 000. This morning, Kim Hockey (a biosecurity officer) helped us to set up an experiment checking for exotic fruit flies in Weipa. The students set up the experiment with locally grown fruit and vegetables and will observe them over the next few weeks. The results will be sent to Cairns for further analysis and has real life context so the students were thrilled to be a part of the process.



Year 4..

This week saw Year 4 begin an inquiry research project about Charlotte's Web. We are researching all kinds of things to do with the book. Like; what would happen in Charlotte's Web 2, what type of spider could Charlotte have been, what is the biggest Ferris wheel in the world and how Ferris wheels are made. In Maths we are focusing on time, especially problem solving with time. Here is an example: if parents spend 15 minutes every Friday reading the school newsletter. How long do they spend reading the newsletter over a Term? Or even over a full school year? Our Science unit "Friend or Foe" has us looking at bees and how they are attracted to flowers to pollinate them. Did you know that some plants are self-pollinating? Lastly in History this week we looked at Aboriginal creation stories, as well as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander totems.

Year 5 - 6..

This week year 5/6 completed their persuasive oral presentations on whether Australian schools should become more like French schools. It was really great to see so many different persuasive techniques being used and very strong arguments persuading us to believe each presenter. In Maths we looked at how to find a fraction of a whole number and started to link our knowledge of fractions to decimals. Our Technologies unit was wrapped up when we created our yummy, healthy smoothies! We had a blast making these and they were all delicious. Students self-assessed their work and gave it to a friend to taste and assess as well. In Religion we have been looking at the meaning behind reconciliation week. In particular, the students reflected on what it means to them, why it is important to reconcile, and how they are going to be the change that they want to see in the world. It's important that we remain mindful of being open to differences and treating others as we would like to be treated.

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Prep.. Lilla Campbell, Jayce Christie and Ashton Childs

Year 1.. Tre Bobongie and Hamish Myall

Year 2.. Brendan Ward and Isabella Fahey

Year 3.. Luke Clegg and Sophie Steele

Year 4.. George Myall and Holly Jackson

Year 5 — 6.. Makayla Lobleay and Taj Barba

We appreciate every bit of assistance.

If anybody has any old uniforms that are torn, damaged or irreparable we are in need of the uniform fabric for a craft activity to fundraise for charity. Any old or disused uniforms can be left at the Administration office with Ms Harrison. Thank you.

 Your
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is greatly
appreciated

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Watch your email for log on details. Our free 2 week trial will start Monday 5th June, 2017.

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- Vaccinate—children over six months can be vaccinated.



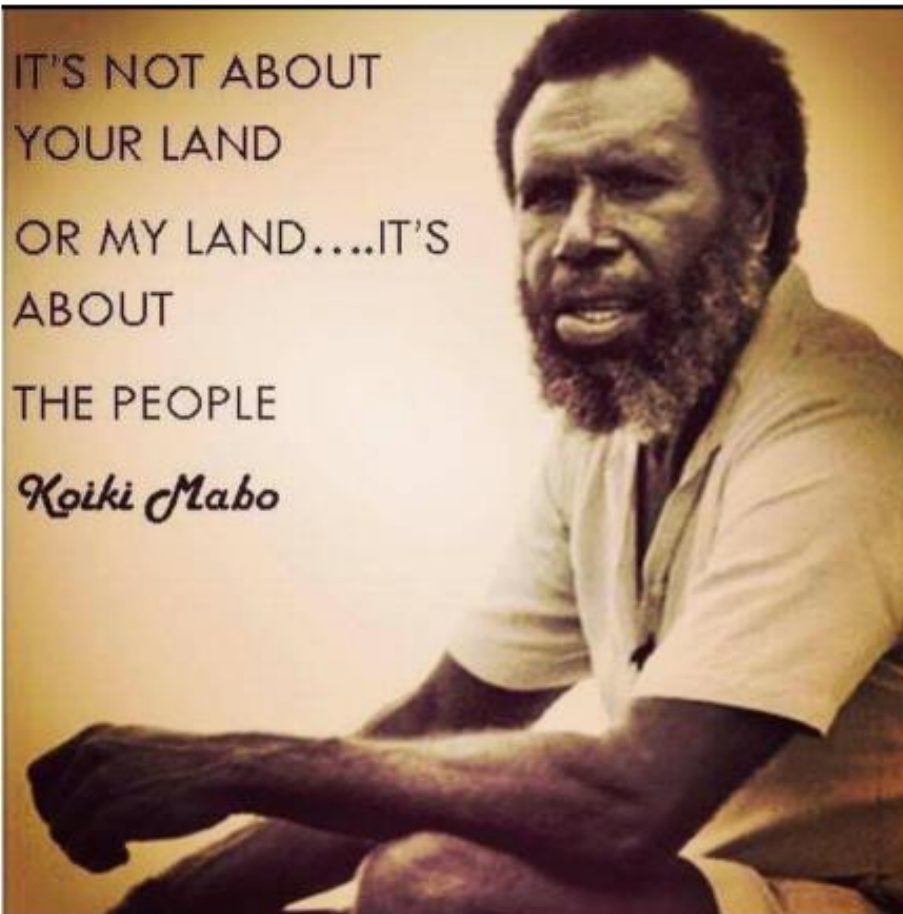
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MABO DAY COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS

SATURDAY 3 JUNE 4PM-9PM
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**National
Reconciliation
Week 2017**

27 May to 3 June

let's take the next steps

Reconciliation Event **Mission River Bridge Reconciliation Walk**

WHEN

**SATURDAY 3 June
3pm**

WHERE

Mission River bridge, WEIPA

**ALL AGES
EVENT**

WALK

Water stations
available at north
and south side of
bridge

Limited transfers
provided -
Carpooling is
recommended

Barricades in place
between 2:45pm –
4pm either side of
bridge – no cars able
to cross the bridge
during this time

SUPPORTED BY

Rio Tinto
Weipa Town Authority

HOSTED BY

Western Cape Aboriginal
and Torres Strait
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22 & 23 July 2017

Andoom Oval



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WHEN
10th - 13th
July

**Our Languages
Matter**

WHERE
St Joseph's Parish School Weipa

WHAT
A variety of workshops and activities on offer
throughout the week - Stay tuned for the timetable

MAIN EVENT
Thursday 13th July

Join us in a night filled with Indigenous performances
and enjoy a Traditional Torres Strait Island Kup-Mari
feasting with our school community.

FOR MORE INFO
Contact Tari Sagigi tsagigi@cns.catholic.edu.au

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