

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

EDITION 201702 WEEK 2, TERM 1 2017



Important dates for month of February...

Sunday 5th February Working Bee

Time: 8-11am

Location: School Grounds

Tuesday 7th February Years 3 – 6 Parent information evening

Time: 5pm

Location: Classroom

Thursday 9th February Prep – Year 2 Parent information evening

Time: 5pm

Location: Classroom

Friday 10th February Welcome Mass

Time: 9am

Location: Flexible Learning Space

Friday 10th February Welcome BBQ

Time: 4 – 6pm

Location: Undercovered Area

Wednesday 15th February Volunteer Training

Time: 9 – 9.30am

Location: Flexible Learning Space

Week 6 commencing 27th February details to come about Shrove Monday & Ash Wednesday...

WORKING BEE SUNDAY 5TH FEB 8-11AM

If you can please bring along: shovel, wheelbarrow, gerni and ute/trailer

- Book covering in the library
- Handy work: fix basketball hoop and put soccer goals together
- Gardening: remove dead trees/branches and builders rubbish; clean garden beds and refill sandpit
- Cleaning: wheelie bins and mouldy doors, gerni eating area

RSVP for catering purposes:

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News from Ms. Harrison...

Dear Families,

Our school year has started well and it is hard to believe we are almost at the end of our second week. It is heartening to see both children and staff having an "I Can Do It" attitude, eager to experience all that the new school year brings. We truly are blessed with a great staff group, who go the extra yards to make school a positive learning experience for our students. We have high expectations for all children here at St Joseph's and our school has achieved great success in supporting students to develop a growth mindset, which is paramount to their success in life. If you would like to learn more about what we mean by a growth mindset, have a look at the video link below.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EIVUqv0v1EE>

Strong family/school partnership is one of the hallmarks of our school and I look forward to seeing many parents at the Parent Information Night taking place this Tuesday evening, 7th February for Year 3,5, 6 and Thursday 9th February for Years P ,1, 2 and 4 starting at 5pm . Early, regular and personal communication really does make a difference to that partnership. I thank the many parents who have already made contact with their child's classroom teacher to discuss particular learning needs for their children.

Should you be unable to attend the night's information session, please make another appropriate time to meet with your child's class teacher for any important information regarding classroom procedures and routines. Class teachers will provide a Term Overview of what is happening for their class this term.

What constitutes Bullying?

Quite often, we hear students describing behaviours at school as "bullying". This has sparked a great discussion among our school staff as many children can quickly label behaviours as bullying when in fact it is not bullying.

Dr Ken Rigby (in Working Together: A toolkit for effective school based action against bullying, 2010. P.6) defines bullying "as a systematic and repeated abuse of power. In general bullying may be defined as:

- Dominating or hurting someone;
- Unfair action by the perpetrator and an imbalance of power

The Queensland Schools Alliance against Violence Working Together Toolkit (2010. P. 6-7) identifies five types of bullying:

1. Physical Bullying

When a person (or group of people) uses actions to bully, such as hitting, poking, tripping or pushing

Repeatedly and intentionally damaging someone's belongings is also physical bullying.

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2. Verbal Bullying

Repeated or systematic name calling, insults, homophobic or racist remarks and verbal abuse.

3. Covert Bullying

Such as lying about someone, spreading rumours, playing a nasty joke that make the person feel humiliated or powerless, mimicking or deliberately excluding someone.

4. Psychological Bullying

Examples include threatening, manipulating or stalking someone.

5. Cyber Bullying

Using technology, such as email, mobile phones, chat rooms, social networking sites to bully verbally, socially or psychologically.

The following behaviours **DO NOT** constitute bullying:

- Mutual arguments and disagreements (where there is no power imbalance)
- Not liking someone or a single act of social rejection
- One-off acts of meanness, intimidation or violence

While these behaviours would not be constituted as bullying (because they do not involve deliberate and repeated harm and a power imbalance), they need to be addressed in the same way as other inappropriate student behaviours. For more information, visit the Bully No Way homepage via this link <http://www.bullyingnoway.com.au/>

Educating Leaders

Great Student Leadership does not just happen by accident. It needs to be nurtured by the right program and through supportive guidance from all in our school community. Our student leadership program is a tremendous opportunity for all students in their final years of primary school.

Our Year 5 and 6 students have already begun developing their personal and public leadership skills, which are so necessary for developing confidence as they transition to high school. In the coming weeks students will participate in a student leadership training day. We wish them well and look forward to watching them grow as true leaders in our school. The Leadership Commissioning ceremony will be held in Week 5 where students will be presented with their student leadership badges for the year.

Please join us on Friday February 10th at 9am for our Opening School liturgy as we ask God's blessing on our school year. Our Welcome BBQ function will be on this day as well now at the same time from 4 – 6 pm.

Have a great week.

Rosie

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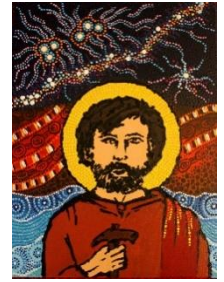
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APRE News..



Week 2 has come and gone as quickly as blinking an eye. We are now in full swing with classes and next week is going to prove to be just as busy. Routines are being established and reviewing some of our systems from last year have started to take effect. Over the coming weeks and terms as the year progresses I hope to keep you all informed about the events, celebrations and the pedagogy that will be evident within our school life and community.

During weeks 5, 6 and 7 I will be attending the Los Angeles (LA) Religion Congress as well as a honeymoon so I will endeavour to keep you all posted as this nears and where you can access any information.

School events.

- Parent Information nights – will be held next week on Tuesday night for the Year 3 to Year 6 classes. Please see the newsletter for details.
- Children's liturgies on Sundays – see below for more details.
- Working bee on Sunday 8am – 11am
- Welcome BBQ next Friday 10th Feb 4-6pm

Children's Liturgies.

Father Dariusz has asked that an invitation be passed on to all families about our Children's Liturgies. On the Sunday morning on weekends when a Priest attends (usually the first and fourth weekends of the month) any children attending Mass will have the opportunity to be part of a children's liturgy. Some parish members will take the children to a meeting room at the school to complete a worksheet on the Gospel reading of the day. Children will return to the church after the Homily so they can be a part of Communion.

Over the next couple of weeks, I will also be focussing on the upcoming season of Lent and how this affects us as Christians.

Shrove Tuesday/ Pancake Day /Ash Wednesday

My apologies also with the confusion about the dates and names for these events. Father Dariusz will be here the weekend prior and has asked if we could move Shrove Tuesday to the Monday and Ash Wednesday to the Tuesday because he has to return to Cairns on the Tuesday afternoon flight.

He is now a big part of our school and would love to be able to celebrate these two special events with our students and school community. Further details about these events will be distributed in the coming weeks.

Please stay in touch if you need any further information.

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Amanda
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Classroom News..



Prep

In Prep this week we continued learning about the St Josephs' Covenant and our routines and transitions, including keeping our hats in the top pocket of our bags for easy location. We have been exploring how words and illustrations add meaning in texts, as well as understanding that we can express likes and dislikes about stories using language. One of the stories we have read this week is called *The Very Blue Thingamajig* by Narelle Oliver. We have been learning to make quantities with concrete materials and order numbers from the smallest to the largest. We talked about what people need to stay alive including water, air/oxygen, food and shelter. We learnt how to throw underarm with direction, using mini beanbags and continued our Reading Eggs program on the iPads. We joined in with the whole school for a visit from the Cowboys team who talked with us about the importance of respect.

Year 1

Each week for English we will read a picture book that will be our focus book for the week. We will read the book a few times over the week to understand the meaning of some tricky words. This week our book was called "Big Rain Coming". The students have enjoyed this picture book, as they have been able to watch the clouds build up in the afternoon, just as they do in the story. In mathematics, our focus has been counting in 2's, 5's and 10's and looking at numbers that come before and after a chosen number. I am super excited to see what next week will bring!

Year 2

What an exhausting week! So many new things to learn and remember. We have continued to talk about being bucket fillers and children now have their own real bucket to be filled. We have started our 'Star of the Day' student and setting daily goals every morning has helped us focus on positive choices and behaviour in class. We absolutely loved playing Snakes and Ladders in PTW and BUZZ in class. Our maths learning was adding multiples of 10 on a hundreds board and we blitzed it. I would like to thank every child for making my birthday on Wednesday so special and thank the many parents who spoilt me!

Year 3

Week 2 and we have now started all of our new units for the year. We have had an exciting time learning about the Ten Commandments in Religion, Who makes rules and why we have rules in Civics, Living and non-living things in Science but the most fun was beginning our Technology unit. Mrs Saunders gave us a blank A4 piece of paper and we had 5 minutes to make a wallet. It is going to be exciting because each week for three weeks we will be given a 5 minute challenge to begin our session. Technology this semester is all about design and how having a design team works to create amazing products.

Congratulations to the year 3 Student Prefects for week 1 and 2 who were awarded a purple ticket to enjoy a celebratory catered picnic lunch on Thursday with Miss Cass and iPad entertainment. We have had plenty of students who got close and we hope to see them make consistent choices next week to attend next Thursdays lunch date for prefects.

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In addition to our class management chart, we also have student voted prefects daily by peers for demonstrating our school covenant behaviours. The student with the most votes wins the teachers chair and their own desk the following day. Congratulations to all these students also.

It is not our abilities but our choices that make us truly great-Dumbledore



Year 4

The Fab Fours have had a great week of learning. In Maths, we have been learning about place value and enjoyed playing dice games trying to make the biggest and smallest numbers. We performed the Good Samaritan song and play at assembly. "Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing" by Judy Blume is our novel focus for the term and now we know why our classroom theme is turtles. The main character Peter won a turtle at a birthday party. Imagine that! Next week we will welcome Mrs Kelly Bienvenu as a practising teacher for four weeks.

Year 5 - 6 Written by Caleb Hill, Kiarah Baylis, Delphina Day and Miss Cook.

This week we had our first leadership meeting and started working towards making the school a better place. On Friday we are having a whole class handball game for Funtastic Friday to celebrate an awesome week of learning. We have started arts with Mrs Scicluna, which includes Dance and Drama. Right now, we are focussing on Media! We have started French and its fantastic! In Maths we are learning about problem solving strategies and in English we are reading choose-your-own-adventure stories so that we are ready to write our own later in the term.

Social Emotional Learning (S.E.L) & Physical Education (P.E)

This term we have the following routine for S.E.L & P.E children are to wear their P.E uniform on the corresponding day please.

Wednesdays: Prep – Year 2

Thursdays: Year 3 – Year 6



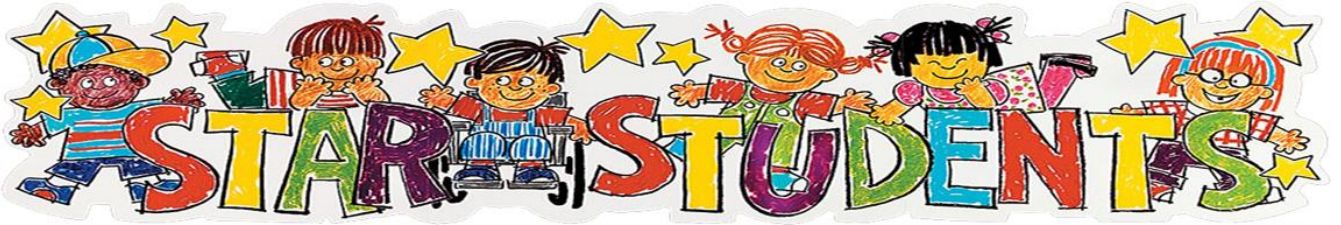
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Prep..	William Bassett, Natalie Foo + Sienna Hill
Year 1..	Myles West + Hamish Myall
Year 2..	James Hayman + Oliver Dyer
Year 3..	Sophie Steele + Xavier Loble
Year 4..	Mia Wright, Lealand Gay + George Myall
Year 5 – 6..	Delphina Day, Annabelle Clements

School Banking

School banking will resume next Wednesday. Please bring bankbooks into school on Tuesday and give them to Miss Laura in the office, on Wednesday they will be returned to students by their Classroom teacher. For those of you not already participating and wish to get started all you need is to take your Birth Certificate in to the QCCU Branch and ask to begin in the school-banking program.

Tuckshop..

Our Tuckshop would love some helping hands each day, if you are able to lend a hand please contact Sue Gane in our Tuckshop on 4069 9500...

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Weipa swimmers shine at Tablelands carnival

WEIPA'S swimmers managed to upstage some of their bigger town rivals at a carnival in Atherton last week.

Four swimmers made the trip to the Tablelands for the event and all of them placed in events.

Brayden Keough finished first in the 11yo 100m breaststroke and third in the 11yo 50m breaststroke.

Jessica Hynes was second in the 7yo 25m breaststroke, while Kimberley Hutchinson was second in the 9yo 50m breaststroke.

Jesse Hutchinson finished third in the under-7s 25m breaststroke.

Two of the swimmers met time standards and became eligible for nomination to compete and represent the Peninsula at the Queensland 10-12 years state swimming championships in Brisbane.

Erica Hutchinson from the Weipa Swimming Club said the club required sponsors to support the swimmers.

"We also need community support to assist with club activities and positions on the committee," she said.

The club is also searching for another coach.



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Social Signing at the Centre



Six week Signing Course starting Tuesday 7th February

This course is available to anyone interested in learning sign language

Where: Weipa Community Centre

When: Tuesday evenings

Time: 7pm

Gold coin donation appreciated

This is a non-certified non formal course. For further information please phone Mitch from Weipa CapeAbility on 0448 044 754.

To enrol please contact Erica or Ash on **4069 9272** or sign up at the Community Centre.



WEIPA JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB 2017



Sign On 4th Feb 2017 at the P & C Shed on the WCC school oval between 8.30 – 10am. Registration is open to children born 2012 (turning 5) to 2000. Registration Fees are \$130 per player plus a refundable jersey deposit of \$25 per child and \$50 per two or more children. Games are held Saturday mornings between 8.10am – 11.30am on the WCC School Oval and will start on 11th February 2017. Any queries please contact: Tim Ryan 4069 7724 or Arron Armstrong mobile 0457 933 779.

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