

# ST JOSEPH'S PARISH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

EDITION 2017/13 WEEK 3, TERM 2 2017



## *Important dates ...*

✓ *9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> May – NAPLAN Testing*

✓ *Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Mother's Day Stall & 2pm Mother's Day Liturgy*

✓ *Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Sorry Day*

✓ *Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Ribbon Day for Student Protection*

✓ *Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Track & Ball Games Athletics Carnival*

✓ *Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Field Athletics Carnival (Years 3-6 only)*

✓ *Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Last Day Term 2 School resumes 10<sup>th</sup> July*

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## *News from Ms. Harrison...*

Dear Families and Caregivers,

We all know that children receive the best education when parents and school staff work as a team. Parents' enthusiasm, support and involvement are integral to the success of our school, as are the skills, dedication and professionalism of our wonderful staff. Together, staff and parents can provide the educational excellence necessary for every student, so that they can achieve their personal best, academically, physically, social, emotionally and spiritually. Together, we can support one another to provide a friendly environment and when appropriate, celebrate the multitude of our achievements.

Our school is unique and very different from the school environment that many of our parents and students may have experienced in the past. Feedback from parent information sessions held late last term and early this term around the One to One device rollout indicated parents would welcome more opportunities of this kind. During term 2 St Joseph's staff would like to offer a series of Parent Information Sessions as an opportunity to tap into some of the educational trends in teaching and learning here at St Joseph's, Weipa. Proposed sessions this term include further topics around the use of electronic devices; 21st Century/ contemporary learning spaces as well as sessions on our diocesan marking and grading systems.

Let's face it, if parents are informed and involved in school life and decisions, student achievement will improve and student relationships will be cooperative. This will ultimately lead to the enjoyment of high quality education. Our staff members are committed professionals with training and experience, and their conduct is guided by professional codes of conduct. Parents know their children better than anyone and, when shared, this knowledge can be an invaluable resource in the progress of children's education. It is specifically important that parents and teachers have good communication opportunities. Productive communication is about speaking and listening actively and respectfully, and about not making assumptions or having minds made up before conversations have commenced. Conversation is not simply an exchange of words but about listening and hearing. If problems arise, they do not have to be stumbling blocks; they can be opportunities to work together to find positive and creative solutions – solutions that will benefit our students and your children.

Within our school, we can all try to model God's love for each one of us, by being a renewing community where all members are valued, affirmed and empowered; where our commitment to Gospel values is expressed in every facet of our school's endeavours. For this sentiment to continue throughout 2017, it will require our collective wisdom and generosity of spirit to be at the forefront of all our communications. The St Joseph's community belongs to all of us and I look forward to seeing us all take up the call to partner each other in our collective role of Catholic education.

Parent Engagement Workshop Cairns

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Coming up on the 27th May is a wonderful opportunity for parent engagement in our Cairns diocese. Please see the attached flyer with details of this workshop for parents being held at St Monica's in Cairns. The workshop is designed to involve parents, teachers and school leaders in a constructive discussion about how families can work with schools to enhance student learning and wellbeing.

Please see Donna Machin or myself for any further details.

## School Crossing Update

You may have noticed staff from Road safety Cairns, visiting this week. They have been on site at both schools this week conducting assessments of our school crossings and meeting with local stakeholders from the schools, WTA and Police. We are expecting to receive some recommendations from the Dept of Transport and Main Roads following this visit which will improve the overall safety of pedestrians using the school crossings in Weipa.

## School Pick Up and Drop Off Zone

Included today is the Guide for the use of the Zone for both morning and school pick up time. Parents if you have someone other than yourself picking children up after school, please let them know of these rules as it can cause delays in the smooth flow of traffic through the zone.

**A reminder for all to please not walk through or between cars in this zone as it is extremely dangerous.**

## Prep Enrolments for 2018

We are now taking enrolments for our 2018 Prep class. Siblings of existing students still need to ensure they have a completed enrolment form submitted to the office by June 9<sup>th</sup>. It is expected that our 2018 class will have a significant number of younger brothers and sisters of current students, leaving limited vacancies for new families. If you know of anyone from outside of our existing school community wishing to enrol, please direct them to the front office to collect an enrolment pack from Laura. Interviews and offers of places for Prep 2018 will be made as early as possible in Term 3.

## Executive Director visit

This week we welcomed our Executive Director, Mr Bill Dixon to St Joseph's for his annual school visit. Bill was delighted to see the crop of beautiful green grass on our school oval, much different from the red dirt of his previous visits. Bill took the opportunity to meet with staff and students as well as some of our

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P and F representatives whilst here. Our community thank Bill for his leadership and ongoing support of St Joseph's as we continue to grow and flourish.

Rosie

PRINCIPAL



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 😊

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.

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## Two-Minute Zone

### Process for Using Two-Minute Zone

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There have been problems last year in the 2-minute zone. Please familiarize yourself and anyone else who collects your child with the pickup zone process.

The 2-minute zones are there for the safe drop off and pick up of your children.

Without your cooperation, your children's lives are at risk.

## DO

Display sign

Use the zone like a quick moving taxi rank.

Allow your child to embark or disembark only when your vehicle is in position 1, 2, 3 of the queue.

Stay in the car unless assisting loading of baggage and passengers.

Drive off only when your vehicle is the front position.

Drive around and re-join the back of the queue if your child is not at the waiting area.

Please follow teachers' directions as they are there for your child's safety.



## DO NOT

Obstruct the intersection in front of the Church

Leave your vehicle in the 2-minute zone.

Overtake another vehicle to enter or leave the zone.

Remain at the front of the queue if your child is not ready to enter your vehicle, drive around and re-join the back of the queue.

## Helpful Tips

In the afternoons, delay your arrival until after 3pm, as it is impossible for the children to be dismissed from class and be at the zone at exactly 3pm.

Ensure that your child knows exactly where to wait and to move directly to the undercover area at the conclusion of school.

If you are walking to your car, do not cross through the pickup zone.

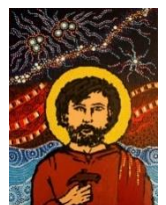
Ensure your child is watching for your arrival and siblings are waiting together.

Ensure passengers remove backpack and secure seatbelts before driving off.

If the 2-minute zone is full and not moving, please go around the block and re-join the queue.

## APRE News..

Another short week has passed us by and things are well under way for Term 2. This week an email was sent to all families with regards to the Catholic School Identity Project (ECSIP) and we would like to ask that as many families as possible complete these surveys for us before the 19th May. If for any reason you are unable to complete or do not have access at home please let us know as



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soon as possible. There is a parent session being held in week 4 if you are able to attend and I can assist you to complete the logins.

This term we will also be holding a series of Parent information sessions around a number of topics – Contemporary Learning environments, Reporting and Parent Portal as well as the 1:1 Devices. The sessions will run from 7.00 - 7.30 pm and the dates for these are below:

- ✓ Contemporary Learning environments – Monday 22nd May
- ✓ Reporting and the Parent Portal – Tuesday 6th June
- ✓ 1:1 Devices – Tuesday 20th June

Just a quick reminder that NAPLAN testing will also be in progress next week so please be mindful when visiting that you are not disturbing those classes undertaking the tests. If you have a child in Year 3 or Year 5 and need to get a message to them could you please leave it with the office and it can be delivered after testing has finished for the day. Again we would also like to remind parents that NAPLAN is a 'one off test' and that they have been well prepared by their teachers. It is important that throughout this process we care for our children's well-being and not place undue pressure on them. Thank you for your support as we work together for the well-being of all our students at this time.

May - the Month of Mary May is the month that Christians dedicate to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of the Church. We can do this by incorporating any of the Marian prayers into our daily prayer life. Below is a selection of prayers you may find useful this month.

#### A Child's Prayer to Mary

Holy Mary, mother fair, filled with love for God, pray for us in all our needs. Pray for us today. Amen.

#### The Hail Mary

Hail Mary full of Grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death, Amen.

#### The Holy Rosary

In the Western Church the Holy Rosary is the foremost prayer dedicated to the Blessed Virgin. There are a number of Rosary Apps available for both Android and Apple devices which will guide you through how to pray the Rosary.

Thank you and blessings for a wonderful weekend,

Amanda

## Classroom News..

### Prep



In Prep this week we went for a walk around the school and identified places and objects. We then made our own maps and drew a dotted line showing where we went and the direction taken. Each student made

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a poster about being safe, responsible and respectful at school. Our illustrations included wearing hats outside and playing safely by climbing up the ladder and going down the slide. We learnt about others being our 'neighbour' and talked about how we can treat others the way that we like to be treated ourselves. We looked at Google Earth maps and talked about the ground being the colour it is here in Weipa because of Bauxite. We talked about how Bauxite is mined here and then turned into Aluminium. We sorted pictures of places of significance in Weipa, which included places like our school, the church, the airport, the boat ramp and Woolworths (one of the first places identified by Prep). We talked about how we can care for animal wildlife around Weipa by keeping our rubbish off the ground and out of the water. In Art this week we worked on our piece for the upcoming Weipa Wildlife Art Show.

## Year 1

Week 3! It's been another short week. Our focus this week was on always doing your best. This week the students have started their wildlife art creations for our school wildlife art show. We have continued looking at procedural texts and verbally explaining this to our peers. In Geography, we have looked at Google Earth and we had a little fun pretending we were in a spaceship zooming in and out of the earth looking at our town, Weipa and Cairns. The students came up with the idea of putting on a space helmet and a seat belt, they really enjoyed this activity. Just to let you all know Miss Henderson will be away on Thursday and Friday next week attending Professional Development.

***WE WOULD LOVE YOUR HELP!*** We will continue with parent reading every morning from 8:30 - 9:00 am if any parents are available to help, you can come in on any day your available. Thank you all for your wonderful support.

## Year 2

This week has been full of life-long learning experiences in our classroom! We have been revising how to partition numbers up to 100 - 500 and for some students beyond 1000 in Maths. This is such an important skill to master to use in future life. We started our Geography unit which is all about "Where Are We?" in our world and the students have written questions they would like to learn about and find out about in connection with Weipa and our local area, which fits in so well with our History unit. We have explored Weipa Wildlife and have started on our artwork for the Art Show, this generated lots of interesting discussion and many talents have been shared as well as great cooperative learning. We loved the challenge of the Crazy Walks game for PITW and it helped many students understand the importance of not giving up, working as a team and having some fun! We have started talking more about our learning and why we are doing a specific task so the students have a better understanding of how it will help them and why they are learning these concepts. More on this next week. Loved hearing about the adventures so many of your children have had on the long weekends! Hope you have all started on your History task at home. Happy weekend.

## Year 3

This week in year 3 we have continued working on our procedure genre with students writing recipes to make popcorn, creating scripts for their cooking segment on popcorn and practising creating their show. They've learned

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valuable video techniques and the importance of practise to build confidence in their voice and body language. We've negotiated a student feedback criteria sheet so students in their groups will formatively assess their peers as well as Miss Cass. Their groups will provide their peers with constructive feedback based on the criteria sheet they have created which includes volume of voice and pitch, use of formal and informal language devices, body language, explicit and clear instructions, video technique and entertainment value. Their overall assessment for Year 3 is saved in their Google drives so they can access it from home at any time. In Maths we've been concentrating on number and place value to 10 000, improving our mental computation skills and revising on previous concepts.

## Year 4

Our Science unit "Plants in Action" has certainly allowed us some hands on investigation this week, with two experiments. One of these will continue over the next couple of weeks as we watch in anticipation as a seedling hopefully emerges from a seed. In English, our information reports on a type of spider are nearing completion. Maths saw us learning about unknown quantities, which can be a bit tricky to work out. Lastly, our religion focus is on the Old Testament.

## Year 5 - 6

This week we started creating our prints for the Art Show and they are absolutely incredible! We are looking forward to sharing these with the school community in a few weeks' time. We also focused on the recount genre by talking about our personal experiences in a written format. Students are invited to bring in an item from home on Monday to help them to construct their final recount piece. We also practised writing narratives under test conditions to prepare the year 5s for NAPLAN and the year 6s for High School. By developing these skills, students will be better able to manage their work under time constraints. In maths we took a quick look at measuring perimeter and area to provide context for learning about decimals later this term. Thank you to Mrs Turner and Mrs Scikluna for their help this week while Miss Cook was at a PD in Cairns. We really appreciate it!



Prep..

Kazu Sagigi, Silvie Hynes + Ella Borg

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Year 1.. Mya Ward + Dion Williams  
Year 2.. Judson Gay + Oliver Dyer  
Year 3.. Jake McDonnell + Sienna Williams  
Year 4.. Lucas Hancock + George Myall  
Year 5 — 6.. Kimberley Hutchinson + Corey Clarke

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## art THE show

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May from 5pm – 8pm**

\$10 per family entry. Beverages available for purchase. All student artwork for sale on the night. Parents and community welcome to participate



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Join us for a night of glitz and glam, Hollywood style.  
Prizes for best glam dressed male and female,  
best dressed celebrity and more...

**When:** Saturday 20th May 2017  
**Where:** Weipa Bowls Club  
**Time:** 6:30PM  
**Price:** \$65 Per Person  
**Tickets:** Includes Canapés, Drink on Arrival and  
Entry to Lucky Door Prize  
**Enjoy:** Live Entertainment, Raffles and more...

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