

# ST JOSEPH'S PARISH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

EDITION 201728 WEEK 8, TERM 3 2017



## Important dates ...

- ✓ Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September – P & F Meeting – 7:00 pm
- ✓ Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September – Pyjama Dress Up Day for Street Swags.  
Gold Coin Donation
- ✓ Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September – Last day of Term 3
- ✓ Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Beginning of Term 4

No Tuckshop on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September



### 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 Families,

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 the **Preferential Option for the Poor**.



What is **Justice for the poor**? Caring for the poor is everyone's responsibility. Preferential care should be shown to poor and vulnerable people, whose needs and rights are given special attention in God's eyes.

We discuss poverty and inequality in the world in relation to Jesus' teaching that he wants everyone to flourish: **"I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full" (John 10:10)**. When reflecting on this verse, Pope Francis said: "Men and women of all times and all places desire a full and beautiful life... a life that is not threatened by death but that can mature and grow to its fullness."

This week while I have been in Auckland I have been reminded that poverty and homelessness is a global phenomenon. In some of the school communities I have visited families that are obviously not as well off financially as we are in Weipa. Long term unemployment is common. I have been told that in the school community that I visited today the average family income is around \$19,000 per year. These schools are not nearly as well-resourced as ours in the Australia. I also noticed this afternoon some people who are homeless and living on the city street.

When we discuss this with children, they are generally able to discern that it is the essentials that are most important... food, clothing, shelter, medicine, love. The real challenge is not just teaching them to be grateful for what they have, but to help them see that as we are all brothers and sisters in this human family, **we all have a responsibility to care for each other... particularly the poor and vulnerable**. While some children are particularly sensitive to the needs of others, there are many who need ongoing support to develop their awareness. Let's continue to work together to teach our children (through our words and actions) about how we can respond to the needs of people all over the world.

Next week our St Joseph's Pyjama Day will lend our support to the Streetswags charity which supports homeless and poor people by providing a warm, dry swag to sleep in. Children are encouraged to come to school in their PJ's next Friday, our last day of school for the cost of a gold coin. All proceeds will go to the Streetswags charity. You can visit the streetswag charity website at [Streetswags](http://Streetswags.com.au).

You might like to say this Prayer for Human Flourishing with your family this week...

Gracious God, you gave us your son, Jesus,  
that we may all have life to the full.  
We pray for THE SUFFERING...  
the hungry... the refugees... the prisoners... the persecuted...  
all who bring sin and suffering to others...  
all who seek to bring care and relief...  
We give you thanks for all that we are and all that we have.  
Your mercy knows no limit.  
Send us your Spirit that we may be strengthened  
to take up your call to be Christ in the world for all.  
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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May we follow in the footsteps of St Mary of the Cross and continue to inspire each other to be more like Jesus every day.

A big THANKYOU to Donna Machan for all her work in coordinating the Fizzics Education visit for our school over the past two days. Donna has spent many hours in phone calls and emails in the lead up to this event ensuring the visit ran smoothly and was a success for our St Joseph's students. This Fizzics Ed visit was a joint STEAM project of the P and F in partnership with the school. It is fabulous for our students to have the opportunity of such a visit to our school community and it enhances their knowledge and understanding of science and technology. The children are still 'abuzz' with their learnings from the Fizzics lessons yesterday and today.

Also a big shout out to our parent helpers who assisted with the BBQ and events for The Fizzics Science show last night. The children love to see their parents active and involved at this type of school event.

Peace and blessings!

*Rosie*



Thank you to Rachel Steel and the  
Father's Day Stall Volunteers.

The stall was a huge success and  
appreciated by so many Dads!



Thank you to the many parents and staff who helped make the  
Fizzics Education science shows a huge success.

All the school workshops were so much fun for everyone and  
the Thursday night Show and BBQ was an amazing experience.

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## APRE NEWS



Another week has passed us by and what a busy week. We started off with a quiet day on Monday but then it all ramped up with staff enjoying a twilight session based around our Catholic Identity and then Thursday and Friday activities with Fizzics Education. A huge thank you to our P & F for the dedication and assistance they provide for our community. Also thanks must go to Rachael Steele and her volunteers for a fantastic Father's Day stall – the array of gifts was amazing.

Last week I put out a call for help with making a driftwood cross and just want to say a huge thank you to those parents who got in contact to offer assistance. It looks like we can start planning.

### **Sacramental Program**

Last fortnight when Father Dariusz attended for the weekend masses we were able to have a conversation around what was going to happen with the Sacramental program for our students. We are going to be able to offer Baptisms in Term 4 however the topic of Confirmation and First Eucharist are still dependent upon the arrangements with the Bishop. Father Dariusz has scheduled a meeting with myself and Kath Newman this weekend when he is Weipa for us to discuss possible dates for the Sacraments, and what this is going to look like for us at St Joseph's. Father will bring with him some information about when the Bishop is available but at this stage it is looking likely that they will have to be conducted in Term 1 of 2018. I will endeavour to get information to you as quickly as possible after our meeting on Sunday.

### **Satisfaction Surveys 2017**

This is a friendly but an IMPORTANT reminder about our Satisfaction surveys being conducted at this time. We are still seeking your support by completing the survey which will run until Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September. There is only 3 days to go and we value your input about our St Joseph's Community to allow us data to inform our planning.

As we are heading into our last week of the term it is also important to remember a few items:

- Please check your child's stationary supplies and refill as needed for Term 4.
- A reminder to call the office if your child is not attending for reasons of illness or being away for family reasons.
- Next Friday our assembly will start at 2.15pm.

### **Mary's Birthday – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September.**

We know that everyone has a birthday and the Bible doesn't say anything about Mary's birth, but like all parents, Mary's parents—we call them Joachim and Ann—probably took one look at their newborn daughter and knew that she was special. Joachim and Ann loved God very much, and they were filled with gratitude to God for the gift of a child. They raised Mary as a child of God, teaching her to love and serve God. When the angel Gabriel told Mary that she had been chosen to be the Mother of Jesus, she already had great faith in God. Her strong faith and trust allowed her to say yes to God's plan for her. We cannot be certain what the future holds for any newborn infant, but we do know that the life of each person has meaning and purpose.

Today we thank God for the gift of life, and give honour to both Mary and Jesus by showing respect and concern for one another—remembering that God has created each person with love and with a call to something very special in life. I would also like take this opportunity before the end of the term to thank everyone for their input into our school over the term. What we do here at St Josephs' cannot happen without your support and assistance.

With blessings and gratitude,

*Amanda*

### **Prayer for Mary.**

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

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**Prep..** This week we had lots of fun with Fizzics Education visiting our school. Prep participated in a number of experiments including mixing materials, making sherbet and goop and testing objects that float. The Prep students really enjoyed these activities, which were followed with a Fizzics Science presentation and family barbeque in the evening at school. In Maths we continued recognising digits, number words and quantities and matching them. We're also learning the days of the week and months of the year each morning. We did our PMP rotations which included an obstacle course. We did writing of a recount of the story "Mrs Wishy Washy" by Joy Cowley, reading groups, spelling activities, sight word snap games and dramatic play within our rotations with year one.

**Year 1..** This week the students have done a range of different things. We have finished off some assessments. We have continued reading the Rainbow Fish and learnt some new tricky words. The students have created their very own Rainbow Fish using a range of different materials. In Mathematics, we have been learning doubles and how likely or unlikely the chance of an event occurring. We have had some science fun creating lots of different experiments with the help from a scientist. We have also talked about electrical safety in class, overall it has been a very busy week.

Could all of the library books and home readers please be returned by Thursday or Friday next week before the school holidays, thanks.

**Year 2..** The science workshops were fantastic this week! Our little scientists did lots of mixing, floating, measuring using the skills of predicting, observing, inferring and reasoning. We have been measuring volume and capacity this week in Maths. Working with a partner we measured how many cups of water different containers held and then the volume of blocks in an object. Lots of great discussion during this. Our "A Day in the Life of ...." books are on display in the library and are amazing, great effort everyone! We have been doing some assessment this week and finishing off lots of things.

**Year 3..** This week the year 3's have been writing Haiku's and Limericks and analysing rhyming patterns and their structure. We've been practising our rhyming and rapping abilities in a variety of fun games as well. Mrs Bienvenu has been working with our class after morning tea covering Mrs Saunders and working on their final assessment pieces for the other learning areas. Our History dioramas looking at classrooms from the 1800's to today will be on display next week in the Flexible Learning Space.

**Year 4..** This week in Year 4 we have completed two Science experiments, one where we made a rock and one investigating layers of soil. We are also excited to share our Fizzics Education Science experiments with our family this afternoon. In Geography we finished our sustainability ideas for Weipa and also identifying the countries of Chad, Australia and Brazil on a world map. This means we will start our History Unit next week, it is based on the First Fleet and the first British settlement in Botany Bay. The Novel we started reading last week "Tom Appleby Convict Boy" written by Australian author Jackie French complements the history unit. We also finished our Religion unit on Building a Christian Community. The hardest part of the unit was trying to understand the story of the Jesus healing the blind man from three different points of view; Jesus', the disciple who wrote the story, and what the story means for us today.

Lastly, I am excited and very sad that next week will be my last week at St Joseph's Weipa and with the Fabulous Year Four class. I will fondly remember many exciting events such as getting our own iPads, having the first athletics carnival on the new oval, teaching in the "Bat Cave" and our fish Lucky and many others.

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**Year 5 - 6..** This week we watched "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" to follow up from reading the book this term. We have started to talk about the differences between these two types of texts and next week we will focus more on how CS Lewis built his world, then how this has been interpreted by the director of the film. In Maths, we have been transforming shapes using translation, rotation and reflection. Next week we will complete our post-test to see how much we have learnt this term and measure our growth. We started a new Religion unit this week and during this unit we will learn all about Mother Mary. Civics and Citizenship saw discussion about what it means to be a global citizen and we did some brainstorming about the different needs of people all over the world. We started our new science unit about energy, which will bring some electrifyingly good learning! If you would like to meet with me to discuss your child's progress and personal learning goals there are still times available for week 10, so please feel free to request a time via email before the end of term.

## Term 4 Physical Education Swimming Programme for St. Joseph's School, Weipa

Dear Parents,

The St. Joseph's Swimming Programme will begin in Term 4, Week 1 and runs for seven weeks. (Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> of November). The Learn to Swim is an excellent programme and all children are encouraged to participate fully. The swimming teachers for Term 4 are Mrs Melanie Turner, Mrs Peta Hancock, Mrs Kate Mellner and Ms Elissa Nash who are qualified swimming instructors with Swimming Australia. The children will be transported by bus to and from the school. Below indicates lesson times.

### Prep Lesson

Lesson from 9.00 – 9.40am

**(Prep children may come dressed to school in their swimmers etc. and change back into their uniform after their swimming lesson)**

### Year 1

Lesson from 9.40 – 10.20am

**(Year 1 children may come dressed to school in their swimmers etc. and change back into their uniform after their swimming lesson)**

### Year 2

Lesson from 10.20 – 11.00am

### Year 3

Lesson from 11.00 – 11.40am

### Year 4

Lesson from 11.40 – 12.20pm

### Year 5/6

Lesson from 12.20 – 1.00pm

An email will be sent with more information and a permission form. Please read and complete and return to your child's classroom teacher by 15<sup>th</sup> of September.

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

Regards,

*Melanie*

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# RUOK?™

A conversation could change a life.

**In support of RUOK? Day Weipa Community Care will be hosting a FREE community meditation and yoga session followed by a morning tea based around inspiring that simple question "are you ok?"**

**Conversations that are geared towards people who feel loved, supported and connected do make a difference.**

**So come along and join us.....**

**When: Thursday 14th September**

**Where: Kumrumja Park (Rocky Point) followed by morning tea at the community centre.**

**Time: 10am (meet at Kumrumja Park) till 12.00.**

**What to bring: Water bottle, towel, sunscreen and a smile. 😊**

**(Kate is providing Yoga mats or you can bring your own)**

**What to wear: If you have a yellow t-shirt please wear it to support this amazing cause.**

**For further information please contact Erica Hutchinson on 4069 9272 or email: [development@weipacommunitycare.com](mailto:development@weipacommunitycare.com)**



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