

Important dates...

- ✓ **Monday 13th November 7:00 pm - P & F Meeting**
- ✓ **Thursday 16th November 4:00pm to 8:00pm – Swimming Carnival**
- ✓ **Wednesday 22nd November – Starry Starry Night**
- ✓ **Thursday 23rd November – Graduation Dinner**
- ✓ **Friday 24th November – Last day of Term 4 finishing at 12:00 pm**

St. Joseph's Swimming Carnival 2017

The St. Joseph's Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday the 16th November at the Town Pool from 4.00 to 8.00pm for Prep to Year 6. We are looking for parent volunteers so if you are able to assist with this event can you please email me on mturner@cns.catholic.edu.au

Are you planning a move?

At present many preparations are being put in place for the 2018 school year. If you are aware that your family is being transferred, moving towns, etc. for the 2018 school year, could you please let the school know of your intentions? This will assist with the early notification of acceptance of these families who are currently on our waiting lists. Many thanks for your thoughtful considerations.

2018 School Uniform Orders

Can all orders for 2018 School Uniforms please be made by Friday 17th November 2017, this will insure that orders are ready for collection in January. All orders can be made via Flexischools.com, Thank you.

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News from Ms Harrison..



Orientation to St Joseph's

It is once again that time of year when new students and their families are engaged in an Orientation process into our school, helping to ensure a successful and smooth transition. This week we welcomed our new children and families of our Prep class for 2018. The Information evening on Monday night was well attended. Thank you to those parents who were able to help out with the Prep Parent Orientation sessions on Tuesday and Thursday morning. Your interest and engagement in your child's education is to be commended and your support of new families is very much appreciated.

Children's Orientation mornings took place this week for our new Prep students. It was a wonderful opportunity for our new Preppies to experience school first hand, meet their class mates and Year 6 Buddies for 2018. The students were also able to meet their new teacher Miss Andrieka Knight via a video clip.

Congratulations to our current Year 5 and Prep class for the wonderful St Joseph's welcome offered to our incoming Preppies.



Transition Day for all:

All students from Prep – Year 5 will also have the opportunity to be acquainted with their classroom learning space for next year and meet their new teacher. We are awaiting completion of the Building Project and hope to have access to classrooms in the last week of school. Tentatively we are looking at Wednesday of that week as the day we offer students a session with their new teacher for 2018. Dates and times will be confirmed as information on the building handover comes to hand.

Staffing Update

Sadly we farewell Mrs Cassie Loble from St Joseph's at the end of this year. Many of you would already know that Cassie has been appointed as head of Diverse Learning at St Patricks College in Launceston, Tasmania. Cassie, Aaron, Makayla and Xavier will be sadly missed in our school community.

Mrs Majella Boundy will be taking twelve months leave next year. We wish Majella and her husband Craig well as they make the move back to be closer to family in southeast Queensland.

God Bless,

Rosie

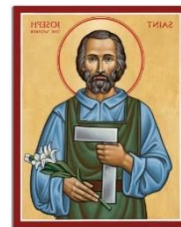
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It seems a little unbelievable that we have only two weeks remaining for the year and it is hoped that our last two weeks – no matter how busy they are – will be ones of productivity and celebration. There is a lot to still happen as teachers complete the reporting process, preparations for our farewells, the completion of Stage 2 building works and our final lessons for the year.

This time of year, is also a time for reflection and celebration of all the great work that we have achieved and the lessons we have learnt along the way. As mentioned in previous newsletters we will no longer be publishing the reports in paper form as they will be posted onto our parent portal. From today a list of instructions on how to access the portal will be sent home via email. If you think this will be an issue for you, please contact the school as soon as possible so that we can sort something.

This Sunday, at St Joseph's Church, Alyssa Carlsen will be baptised into our Catholic family with a celebration being held at the 8:30 am Mass. This is a special time for her and her family and on behalf of our school and Parish we welcome Alyssa and look forward to sharing in her faith journey throughout her time here at St Joseph's.

Our new Prep students for 2018 were welcomed into our school this week and what a wonderful time it was to spend with them over the two days. Ms Harrison, Mrs Boundy and I enjoyed being part of the preparations and collecting some photo memories which can be shared on their first week in 2018.

Remembrance Day

As is our custom, we pause on the day nearest to Remembrance Day (11th November) to fulfil our civic duty to remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice of their lives in the service of our country. Today we celebrated with a prayer service with our upper and lower grades throughout the day. It was a reflective time used to remember those that gave service for Australia and I would like to thank all who participated.



With blessings for a wonderful week ahead,

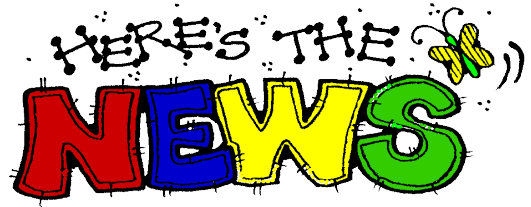
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Blessing for Remembrance Day

May the God of healing and hope touch our lives and bring us peace;
Forgiving our mistakes, calming our fears,
Healing our hurts, encouraging our efforts.
And may God who is source of all being
Jesus the Healer
and the spirit who is the life force
Bless us now and forever.

Amen.

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Classroom News...

Prep... This week in Prep we welcomed the new families coming to Prep in 2018. We joined in the Prep Orientation Liturgies held over Tuesday and Thursday mornings and the students enjoyed saying "Welcome to St Josephs" and giving the new students a gift bag. Tuesday was also Melbourne Cup Day and we talked about how this is held once a year on the first Tuesday in November. All of the students enjoyed watching the race together with the rest of the school. In Maths we matched number digits to quantities and did some graphing of data. In Health we identified "safety helpers" that we can go to if we need help. We practiced our speaking and listening skills during show and tell and wrote a recount about going swimming. We said "goodbye" to Sophie Hoad and her family this week and wish them all the very best for the future.

Year 1... This year is coming to an end very fast! We have continued finishing off a lot of assessments. The students have learnt about Remembrance Day and participated in a Liturgy on Friday. In English, we are working on writing a letter to Ms Harrison to let her know what we have learnt in Year 1 this year. On Wednesday, the students got to learn how to use another app on the iPads with the help from Miss McGuinness our teacher librarian. The students really enjoyed playing with the app and I am sure we could have spent all day on it. The students have continued to enjoy swimming which is pleasing to see. This week will be our last week to borrow any library books and the students are asked to return all home readers and library books by next Friday. Miss Henderson will be always on Thursday afternoon and Friday attending some professional development.

Year 2... The History presentations this week have been amazing, so interesting and well prepared. Well done to parents for supporting your child and thumbs up to kids for really stepping up! Now we are finished we will do an assessment task on posing questions about one of these toys and explaining how they have changed from past to present. In Maths we have been revising lots of number concepts and looking at positions and grids on maps. In Religion we have explored two more Bible stories about Jesus and how he gives people strength when things get tough. We have worked hard at making couplets in Poetry, it has been challenging but we are getting the hang of it!! Sadly, we said farewell to Jessica who will be missed in our class. We wish her all the best in her new school and home. The next 2 weeks will be busy, please check in on how your child is going and ensure they are getting lots of sleep!

Year 3... This week Year 3 have been reading and analysing children's books for their main ideas and messages. We've been consolidating our comprehension and inferential questioning techniques in our analysis of each text. All students have had a recent reading assessment and spelling assessment completed also and have enjoyed seeing their progress from term 1 to term 4. In other areas this week we have looked at the human and natural features of Australia in Geography and finalising some of our assessment pieces in Civics, Health and Media Arts. We have created some amazing magazine covers using the Comic life app and making videos of our solar oven cooking using Quik app. Reading Stamina goes to: Sophie Steele Golden Pencil goes to: Maddison O'Connor

Year 4... This week in Year 4 we have been improving our writing and making it more interesting by using figurative language. We have been writing about many topics including racing in the Melbourne Cup, Remembrance Day and our class novel. We began reading Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes and the students are really connecting to the concepts in this story. We have been consolidating our Maths knowledge by practising our strategies and applying these to problem solving. We have found a home for Lucky for the holidays, thank-you to all the families who offered to look after him.

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Year 5-6... This week Year 5/6 continued to write their book reviews for "Wonder" by RJ Palacio. In Maths the students have been learning how to multiply decimal numbers by integers. Geography saw everyone working with comparative statistics. The year 5s are comparing a major Australian city to Weipa whilst the year 6s are comparing a country in Asia to Australia. All students have been learning about the Christmas story through Bible readings and more modern re-tellings. It has been fun to compare the different tellings and separate truth from fiction. Our science investigation involved making water wheels to test the effect of kinetic energy and machines. The students have been developing their problem solving skills in Health as they learn how to assess and act in unsafe situations. The year 6s made mini Pac-Man symbols out of circles of plastic. Once again, thank you to WCC staff and students for being so accommodating.



Prep.. Ben Machan + Ta'Layah Bond + Philemon Agale + Sophia Sorbello.

Year 1.. Ayden Volger + Levi Payne + Myles West + Yuri Lesic

Year 2.. Samantha Guy + Ryan Potter + Mistee Sagigi

Year 3.. Jasmine Scikluna + Daniel Scarabello

Year 4.. Kunio Sagigi + Wylie Clarke

Year 5-6.. Delphina Day + Corey Clarke

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Donations Needed – Only 2 weeks to go

During the month of November, St Joseph families are being asked to support the Weipa Community Care's "Buddy Bag" donation drive. If you have any new pencils, pens, notebooks or colouring-in books feel free to drop them into the office. Thank you.



During our school swimming carnival the P&F will be holding a sausage sizzle.
If you are able to assist setting up, serving or packing up
Please contact Donna Machan 0427 792 941



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SEL Celebration with Snacks



Dear Parents,

This Semester in SEL we have focused on the keys Resilience and Getting Along and to celebrate the students hard work Prep and Year 1, Year 2 and 3 and Year 4 and 5/6 are having a

SEL Celebration with Snacks.

On Tuesday the 14th of November we will be watching a G rated Movie that focuses on the keys of Resilience and Getting Along. The children may bring in some kind of snack to munch on while watching the movie.

We ask that you please remember that we are a nut free school.

Regards,
Melanie Turner.

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School Age Program

Expression of interest: -

School age activity program for St Joseph's students.

Dates: -

Monday 27th November – 1st December 2017

(first week of the holidays)

Please contact Lauren at Weipa Community Care

(fdc@weipacommunitycare.com) **with details of days and hours you would require and how much you would pay for the program.**

The program would have activities ranging from craft to sporting activities. The proposed location is the Weipa Cyclone Shelter.

This will only be able to run if there are adequate numbers of children booked into the program.

Weipa Community Care

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