

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

EDITION 201725 WEEK 5, TERM 3 2017



Important dates ...

✓ Monday 14th August – School Photos

✓ Monday 21st August – P & F Meeting 7.00 pm

✓ 11th – 13th September – School Dentist Visit



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 from Wednesday 26th July. There will be a box in the School Office where you can drop your stickers and sticker charts into or drop off to the office. The more we collect the more resources we can purchase. For every \$10 spent you receive one sticker. So start collecting from Wednesday 26th July.

Feel free to drop them off to the office to Aimee.



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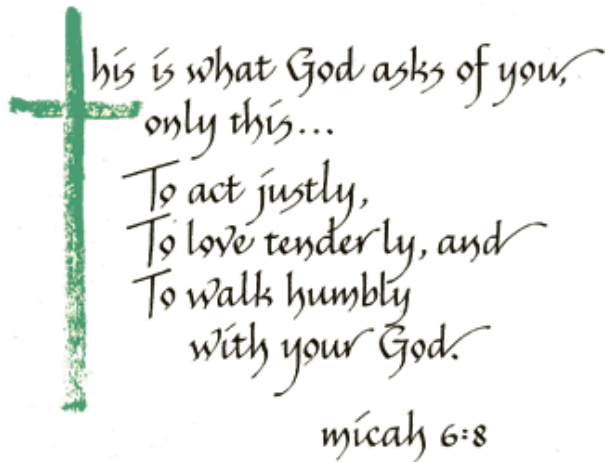
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News from Ms Harrison..

Dear Families,



The theme of Micah quoted above is where our St Joseph's Weipa values of **humility, justice and compassion** come from. While we all want to make a positive impact in our world, it can often seem that there are too many competing demands for our time and money. There are too many needs in the world...poverty, injustice, starvation, drought, war, violence, trauma and tragedy for starters. It can be overwhelming! What can we do?

As Catholics, we can look for guidance in biblical passages and Church teachings and traditions. Based on Jesus' life and teachings, Catholic Social Teaching helps us to prioritise what is important, and covers all spheres of life – the economic, political, personal and spiritual. Caritas Australia lists the principles of Catholic Social Teaching as:

- * Dignity of the Human Person
- * Stewardship of Creation
- * Common Good
- * Preferential Option for the Poor
- * Solidarity
- * Subsidiarity and Participation

At St Joseph's these are the principles we teach to even our youngest students through our words and actions. In the coming weeks I will share some aspects of each of these principles and how we can work together to teach them to children.

You might like to say the Prayer for Justice with your family this week:

*Father, you have given all peoples one common origin.
It is your will that they be gathered together as one family.
Fill the hearts of mankind with the fire of your love
and with the desire to ensure justice for all.
By sharing the good things you give us,
may we work for equality for all our brothers and sisters throughout the world.
May there be an end to division, strife and war.
May there be a dawning of a truly human society built on love and peace.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord.
Amen.*

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One way of helping to bring justice and dignity to some of those in dire situations, is to make a donation to the Street Swags currently striving to help those who are homeless and have nowhere safe and warm to sleep at night. This week you may have seen the plight of many homeless people in Sydney who have set up a tent city in the CBD. We are reminded of how lucky we to have a safe place to sleep each night and our thoughts go these people less fortunate than ourselves. On the last Friday of this term we will have a Pyjama Day at St Joseph's to raise money in support of the work this charity organisation does.



Congratulations to our Spirit of Mary MacKillop Award winners announced this week.

Silvie Hynes

Mya Ward

Judson Gay

Jasmine Scikluna

George Myall

Makayla Loble



These students were chosen by their teachers for demonstrating the qualities of Mary MacKillop, strength, courage, faith, hope and compassion.

Have a great week everyone,

Rosie

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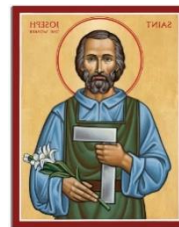
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APRE NEWS – Week 5.

A big hello from Brisbane this week as I away studying for the Enhancing Catholic Identity school project (ECSIP). It has been a very intense start to the week but can truly see the benefit of being a part of this initiative and how beneficial it will be for us as a new school. Our Catholic identity is a huge part of who we are and what we as a community value. It is my hope that upon completing this unit of work I will be able to explain in more detail the benefits and how we can interpret our data to determine what challenges we face and how we can enhance our culture, charism and identity.

In the words of Mary MacKillop – “never see a need without doing something about it.” – It is the need for us to be recognised as a Catholic school now and into the future. Our involvement in this project is doing something about this need.

This week we celebrated Mary MacKillop and next week we will see the Church celebrating the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. The 15th August is an important day, which has long been celebrated by Catholics to celebrate Mary as our spiritual mother and the mystery of her rising into heaven, body and soul. The Feast of the Assumption celebrates both the happy departure of Mary from this life by her natural death, and her assumption bodily into heaven.



The Feast of the Assumption is a celebration of God’s gracious love. In raising Mary into heaven, God affirms and honours Mary’s faithfulness to Him and is now blessed abundantly for that faithfulness; for her belief that God would do all that He had promised. Teachers will discuss this with students in class and pray for Mary on this day.

I wish you all well for the remainder of this week and hope you all have a wonderful week ahead,

Many blessings,

Amanda

Prayer for the week:

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 in Prep we celebrated St Mary MacKillop Feast Day with a whole school Liturgy. We talked about how Saint Mary MacKillop is Australia's first saint and how she advocated children's education. Throughout the week, we continued with our English rotations and PMP with the year one class. In our group work we have used sentence strips to make and write sentences, making sure that we remember to start with a capital, include spaces between words and have a full stop at the end. We each made a cut out character of 'Mrs Wishy Washy' in Arts this week and next week we will make the cow, pig and duck characters to use in our retell of the story. In Maths we have been making AB, ABB, AAB and ABC patterns with concrete materials and drawing them. We also sorted some picture cards by colour, shape and size. We drew weather symbols, words and pictures of things that we can wear or do in different types of weather. We are noticing how our plants in the classroom are growing taller and increasing in number. In History we revisited the terms past, present and future. We thought of a memory of personal significance and drew a picture of it. We identified and circled the pictures of digital technologies in a room for example a computer monitor, wireless headphones and a remote control and chose our own Class Dojo character that can earn points for positive learning behaviours this week. Thank-you to our parent helpers with reading in the mornings.

Year 1.. Well, we have made it to half way through term 3! Our focus this week has been on focusing all of the time in class. This week for English, we have read a big book called "Pet shop" by Joy Cowley and some of the students have helped by reading different parts of the story. We have started writing an acrostic poem about our Dad's for Father's Day. In Mathematics, we have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes and discussing how many corners, edges and faces each shape has. We have also continued with the perception motor program (PMP) focusing on each student's motor development. In Religion, we have celebrated Mary MacKillop and all of the students attended the liturgy on Tuesday and we have continued doing a few minutes each day of Christian meditation.

We will continue with student reading in the flexible learning area between 8:40am and 9:00am. Thank you to all of the parents for your continued support with reading in the mornings.

Remember our Library day is on Friday, if your child forgets to bring their library bag in on a Friday, please feel welcome to see Mrs. Smith during the week to change them.

Year 2.. We have been learning our 2 times tables this week in class and looking at all the different ways they can be represented (groups, arrays, doubles). We continue to learn about water and love the songs about the water cycle we sing every day. In Health we looked at our families this week and how they affect "our Identity" as a person. We are starting to gather information about "our Identity" so we can start on our Personal book in a few weeks.

Year 3.. This week in Year 3 we've been busy working on our information reports and our assessment task. We've been focusing on having quality bookwork ruled up with margins and headings. In Maths we are learning about multiplication and division and have also been working on finding the change in money problems. We enjoyed a lovely liturgy for Mary MacKillop this week and our readers made our class very proud! Ms Cass will be away on Monday morning as she's taking the St Joseph's students out to compete at Peninsula in Cairns. They all fly home on Monday night. Good luck to the students and make us proud! Golden Pencil Award goes to – Sienna Williams!

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Year 4.. This week Year 4 have been busy whilst Mrs Haardt has been away on family leave. She will return on Monday, ready for school photos. We can't wait to share all our new knowledge with her next week. Although she doesn't even need to be here to know what we have learnt in religion as we shared our St Paul's posters with her in Google Drive. This week we enjoyed celebrating the feast day of Mary the Cross MacKillop. We have also continued to write our amazing narrative

Year 5 - 6.. This week we started writing our poetry in the form of song lyrics. All students are aiming to create a rhythmic poem, using the strategies we have studied over the past 4 weeks. In maths we completed our work on probability with a whole class investigation into pie graphs and how these can be used to show the percent chance that a given event will occur. We have started learning about angles and placed masking tape all around the room to mark the different angles that we found. We will continue learning more about this concept as we measure and create angles before completing our own investigations and the properties of angles next week. In religion, we are conducting group research projects on different Catholic organisations to learn more about how the Catholic church has impacted Australia over time. History saw the completion of our assessment piece for this unit where we compared Australia before and after settlement. Congratulations to those students in our class who will be attending Peninsula Athletics this weekend. We are so proud of you and we know you'll give it a red hot go! We look forward to hearing all about your adventures upon your return.



Prep.. Ruby Scarabello + Jayce Christie + Lilla Campbell

Year 1.. Myles West + Jesse Hutchinson

Year 2.. Brendan Ward + Sydney Van pelt

Year 3.. Edward Rees + Jake McDonnell

Year 4.. Kate Merkel + Wylie Clarke

Year 5-6.. Kimberley Hutchinson + Kiarah Baylis

Learning Support

Ms Cass has been working on a Lifeskills program at St Joseph's with the help of Miss Libby and she's had several students working with her in the kitchen and out in the school garden maintaining the weeds and mulching.

This week's **special award** goes to: **Sisco Bosuen** for his excellent culinary skills in the kitchen and hard work in the gardens.

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Well done Kimberley

Last week The FNQ Regional Swimming Association awarded Kimberley Runner up Age Champion – 9 YO girls for the FNQ Long Course Championships. We are very proud of her achievements, dedication and amazing sportsmanship. Well done Kimberley.



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Peninsula Track and Field Carnival 2017

Tomorrow 4 students will fly to Cairns represent St. Joseph's Parish School, Weipa in the Peninsula Track and Field Carnival in Cairns on Sunday 13th and Monday 14th August.

12 Year Old Boys

Caleb Hill – Shot Put

Taj Barba – 100m

11 Year Old Girls

Delphina Day – Long Jump

10 Year Old Girls

Maykayla Lobley – Shot Put

We wish the students all the best in their events and are very proud of them representing our School.

School Photos

Don't forget Monday 14th August is School Photo Day.



School Dentist Visit in Week 10

The Dentist will be visiting from Monday 11th September – Wednesday 13th September. Notes have been sent home and are to be returned to the office.

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Flying Scientists visit the Cape!

A FREE community event

When: Tuesday 29 August

5:30pm for 6pm-7pm – followed by supper

Where: Western Cape College Resource Centre

Central Avenue, Rocky Point

- Meet Flying Scientist, Dr Shihu Hu - a water engineer at the The University of Queensland. Shihu is involved in developing sustainable wastewater treatment technologies
- Also, Wonder of Science Ambassador, Dr Soi Law – an immunologist who is passionate about medical science & getting more students involved in science study and careers
- Following the presentations please stay for a Q&A with the scientists as well as a light supper

Note: Attendance is **FREE** but numbers are required for catering – please email with number of attendees to Debi Latino d.latino@uq.edu.au by Friday 25 August.

This event is brought to you by *Wonder of Science* in partnership with the *Office of the Queensland Chief Scientist* - proudly supporting the *Queensland Government's Advance Queensland Initiative*.



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