

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

EDITION 201721 WEEK 1, TERM 3 2017



Important dates ...

- ✓ *Monday 17th July – The North Queensland Cowboys
Brent Tate and Josh Chudleigh Visit 2.00pm – 3.00pm*

- ✓ *Monday 24th – Saturday 29th July – Catholic Education Week*

- ✓ *Friday 28th July – Planet Ark Tree Planting Day*

Woolworths Earn and Learn

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 whereby 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.



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News from Ms Harrison..

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 3. The half way point to our school year has arrived and I just cannot believe that we will soon be turning towards the latter half of 2017 and thinking about planning into next year. It has been lovely to be greeted and welcomed so happily by the children and families as I return from my long service leave break. Congratulations must go to Mrs Amanda Saunders for her great work in keeping everything at school humming along in my absence. We are fortunate indeed to have a group of teachers and support staff who work collaboratively as a team to make our school a happy, vibrant place.

Already I sense that this term is going to be extremely busy, especially with NAIDOC Week activities this week, CTJ next week and Catholic Education Week fast approaching. All this amidst the Stage 2 building construction.

NAIDOC activities have been the focus of our week this week and provided us much to be proud of at St Joseph's Weipa. Our newsletter will provide a snapshot of our classroom and whole school activities and those deserving acknowledgement. I strongly encourage all families to navigate their way through each section and you will uncover the busyness of our endeavours this week. In particular I would like to highlight the work of Mrs Tari Sagigi, our Indigenous Liaison Officer for the fantastic array of NAIDOC activities planned for our students. I would also like to acknowledge the support of our Indigenous Education team from Catholic Education Services, Cairns for allowing Lillian Miller to be here with us for the week of activities.

Plans are underway for Catholic Education Week beginning the 24th July. You will see some of our students Kimberley, Delphina and Makayla featured on the Catholic Education week posters displayed around the school. This week we received an invitation to the state launch of Catholic Education Week in Cairns. I am very pleased to announce that Caleb Hill and Brianna Peet will be accompanying me to represent St Joseph's Weipa at this launch in Cairns on the 26th July.

As always, congratulations to all members of our community who actively participate to make it as viable as it can be. I would like to highlight the current work being undertaken by our P and F Committee coming together to perform different roles and responsibilities. Behind the scenes they have been applying for grants, putting plans together to beautify our school and create a stimulating space for our children to thrive and learn in. "Fizzics" Education plans are in the works for our activities early in September. Our next P & F meeting will be held on Monday 24th July at 7pm.



Lastly I extend thanks to our Catholic Education Services team in Cairns and particularly Mr Andrew McKenzie for his ongoing support of St Joseph's Weipa. Late last term, three of our parents, Donna Machan, Thu Bui and Amanda Scikluna were sponsored to attend a professional learning event that focussed on parent engagement in Cairns. World renowned speaker in this particular field, Dr Debbie Pushor shared her knowledge and conversation about the positioning of parents in relation to school landscapes. She asserts that parent engagement involves all people in the life of a child or young person working together to create a stimulating and supportive environment for their learning and development.

For parents and families this means taking opportunities in the everyday interactions they have with their children to promote and support learning, and to connect learning at school, in the home and in the community. For schools, it includes looking at ways to work in partnership with families, helping to build their capacity for effective parent engagement. I encourage parents to have a look at this short clip which explores the opportunities we have as a school community to build genuine engagement for all families.

Have a blessed weekend everyone and enjoy perusing the newsletter this week.

Rosie

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Classroom News..



Prep..

We've had a great first week of Term 3. We celebrated NAIDOC week this week, which began with a whole school Liturgy. Throughout the week we participated in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural activities including singing, weaving, games, clay tile and damper making. We made Dharis using the colours of the Torres Strait Islands' flag. On Wednesday, our class joined with visitors from Napranum and C & K kindergartens here at school for some games and morning tea. We began an outdoor Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) with Year One this week. The students learnt some songs this week which were sung at the Kup Mari event on Thursday night. At the end of the week we went on a bus trip to Hibberd Park where we celebrated Under 8's day with games and fun filled activities with the rest of the Weipa Community.



Year 1..

Can you believe we are in Week One of Term 3, wow! We are half way through the year already. This week has been very busy. We have celebrated NAIDOC week participating in a NAIDOC Liturgy, weaving with coconut palms, making damper and creating a tile using clay. The children have had a wonderful week participating in all of these activities. As well, we have been focusing in English on how we have been at school for 100 days this year and the children have had to write what they have learnt in 100 days of school. Today, the children participated in under 8's day in the park participating in a variety of activities. Next week, the children will have Mrs. K on Thursday and Friday, as Miss Henderson has to travel to Cairns for some PD. This term homework will start in week 2 and be due every Friday. Our Library day will stay as Friday, so everything is due on a Friday and hopefully this will make things easier.

If any parent is available in the mornings from 8:40-9:00am we will continue with reading in the flexible learning area.

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Year 2..

What an exciting week we have had! Our first day back from holidays we welcomed a new student Peta-Rose who has settled in so well, and our student teacher Miss K who has been delightful in class and taken on many lessons with the students. We all enjoy listening to everyone's adventures over the holidays and I am amazed at what so many families pack into a holiday!

What an inspiring NAIDOC celebration we have experienced: from tile making, weaving, damper making and learning sign language and songs to the wonderful Kup Mari last night. I can see how much the students benefit from these experiences, encouraging inclusiveness and celebrating indigenous culture and story. We have been reading many dreaming stories this week as part of NAIDOC week. Today our Under 8's day was super fun and enjoyed by all. Everyone will need a good rest this weekend!

Year 3..

It's been a very busy first week back with NAIDOC weaving, damper making, singing and dancing and learning to sign our songs. Mrs Saunders has been away this week so Mrs Bienvenu has been filling in with Ms Cass. In English we're starting our information reports and in Maths we've been practising our multiplication facts. In Science this term we're focussing on space and in HASS we're looking at civics and citizenship's law and order. On Friday we enjoyed going to Under 8s day and playing with all the kids.

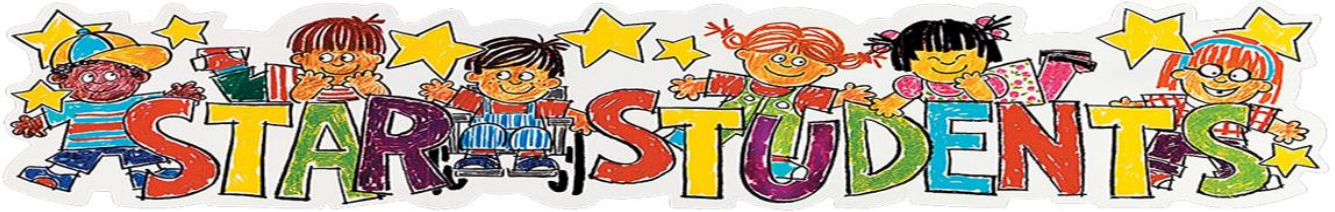
Year 4..

This week Year 4 have been enjoying NAIDOC activities, including weaving, beading, damper making, tile decoration, and learning Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander songs and dances. We also learnt why this year's theme of "Our Languages Matter" is very important. In Maths we have been focusing on multiplication and the specific language of multiplication - rows, groups and product. Mrs Haardt brought back some exciting new books from the English conference she attended as well as some prizes! Our novel focus for the first couple of weeks for the Term will be on short stories written by Andy Griffiths, these will form the inspiration for us to write our own short stories. Our writing focus will be on narratives and learning to engage our audience when writing stories. We started our Religion unit this morning, focusing on "What is Community?" Year 4 will be involved in Science days this Term, where we will spend the whole day learning about Science skills and knowledge. There will be some home activities that you will be notified about in the coming weeks.

Year 5 - 6..

Welcome to Narnia! This week we started reading "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe" by C.S. Lewis. We also started thinking about the definition of Poetry so that later this term we can write our own in the form of song lyrics! In Maths, we have been looking at 3D shapes. Year 5s have been focusing on how to connect these to their nets and Year 6 have been looking at how to make these shapes. The students did a great job creating their family trees in French so that later this term they can produce a poster about special events that they've celebrated with their family. All students thoroughly enjoyed this week's NAIDOC activities. Weaving was an overwhelming favourite and our prayer table is now home to some very impressive coconut leaf crosses. Year 5/6 would like to thank Miss Tari, the School Officers and all other helpers for putting together such incredible activities.

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- prep.. Ta'Layah Bond + Philemon Agale
- Year 1.. Luke Wright + Zoe Van Der Westhuizen
- Year 2.. Mistee Sagigi + Peta-Rose Deegan
- Year 3.. Sophie Steele + Cordelia Foo
- Year 4.. Ethan Marlow + Holly Jackson
- Year 5-6.. Delphina Day + Brayden Keough

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NORTH QUEENSLAND TOYOTA COWBOYS

**NORTH QUEENSLAND
BULK PORTS**

JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE TRAINING SESSION

MONDAY 17 JULY
4PM - 5PM
Napranum PCYC
Mounding Road, Napranum

**SKILLS AND DRILLS
WITH BRENT TATE AND
JOSH CHUDLEIGH**

**OPEN TO PARTICIPANTS
AGED 6 - 16 YEARS IN THE
NAPRANUM AND WEIPA REGION
FREE ENTRY**





DIAMOND
Spirit

ENGAGE *Empower* EDUCATE

LEAD AND EMPOWER YOUR COMMUNITY TO GET INVOLVED IN NETBALL

FREE PRACTICAL COACHING WORKSHOP

Lead and empower your community to get involved in netball!

This workshop will provide you with the necessary skills and resources to deliver fun, engaging activities that focus on a game sense approach to coaching netball, other sports and physical activity programs in your community.

Prior coaching experience is not necessary. If you are a student, teacher, parent, community member, volunteer, professional coach, club coach, beginner coach or athlete, you are welcome to come along.

Please wear comfortable clothing including sports shoes and bring a drink bottle with you.

What are the benefits?

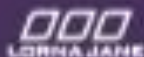
- It's free!
- Learning the basic rules of netball
- Learning how to deliver an engaging NetSkill program in your community
- Personal Development
- The opportunity to go on and gain Foundation Coaching Course Accreditation
- Helping more kids in your community get active!

WEDNESDAY 26 JULY 3:30PM – 5:30PM

NAPRANUM PCYC, NAPRANUM

Come along and join in!

Contact Amanda Mudge - Netball Queensland - 0417 432 020



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