

# ST JOSEPH'S PARISH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Important dates ...

✓ Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August – P & F Meeting 7.00 pm

✓ 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> July.

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 Parents,

As parents we are all concerned about the wellbeing of our own children and hopefully that of other children as well. Wellbeing is often thought of as happiness but it is more than that. We need to feel worthwhile, with lives that are fulfilling and meaningful.

We need the skills to create close personal connections and a network of strong relationships that give us a sense of belonging. We need the skills of emotional intelligence and social competency if we are to really feel like "WELL-BEINGS."

Australia, despite its wealth and high standard of living, has alarming levels of childhood depression, self-harm and suicide. Our so called "good life" has not protected us from this sad fact. Evidence proves that children with strong pro-social behaviour tend to lead more positive lives, have more meaningful relationships, enjoy better physical and mental health and do better at school.

In the light of such evidence, St Joseph's has made a commitment to the sustained and thorough development of pro-social behaviour.

School though, is not the only place where children learn. Even with five hours a day, for five days a week, for four terms a year, children still do most of their "learning for life" outside school. In fact, most of their character shaping comes from family influences.

What they learn within the family allows them to apply it outside the family. Hopefully, what they have learnt allows them to conform to the demands and expectations of community standards in behaviour and to the requirements of everyday school life and learning.

Everyone in a school community has a role to play in helping children become independent, mature, socially competent, emotionally intelligent and successful human beings.

The first step for us all is to be the best role models we can be. It is said, and we believe it to be true, that children need models more than they need critics. With that in mind, let us accept our role as the adults in their midst and offer them the commitment, care, firm guidance and help they need to acquire the skills that lead to meaningful and fulfilled lives.

In the following clip Wilson discusses why children need good manners not only in their building of relationships with friends but also through life: "manners help us slip and glide past each other in life". A common question Wilson often encounters is: "why don't my children have many friends?" His answer is: "do they have good manners?"

### [The Importance of Good Manners](#)

Sadly we will farewell one of our staff members at the end of this term. Mrs Emily Haardt will be moving with her family to the Newcastle area due to her husband, Eric's work commitments.

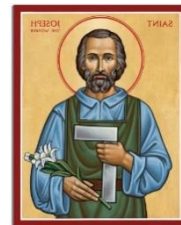
We wish Emily well in her future teaching endeavours and we will especially miss the presence of Emelia and Ewan in our school as well.

I hope to inform you of Emily's replacement of the Year 4 class prior to the holidays to ensure as smooth as possible transition for the students and families of Year 4.

Have a great week everyone,

*Ronie*

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It is always pleasing to see our students achieving at their very best and it gives me great pleasure this week to let you know that the results for the ICAS Science, Spelling & Writing tests have arrived.

Congratulations to the following students on their results in the recent ICAS testing.

### Science Test

#### **Credit**

Year 2 – Isabella Fahey,

#### **Merit**

Year 4 – Lucas Hancock,

#### **Distinction**

Year 2 – Judson Gay,

### Spelling Test

#### **Distinction**

Year 2 - Isabella Fahey

#### **Merit**

Year 5 – Ava Steele

**All other students who participated in the ICAS Science, Spelling & Writing will receive a Participation certificate. These certificates were presented on assembly today.**

Last week I mentioned I was away completing some study around the Catholic Identity project and just wanted to give you a quick update as to where we are at this time. We completed our surveys in May and the results will be returned to us around October. The staff next week and again in Week 9 will be attending twilight sessions to learn more about the theological background of the project and how this is going to benefit us as a Catholic school. If at any time you are interested in finding out anymore please just come and see me.



**Road Safety Week** is running from 21 – 25 August, with plenty of events and activities happening across Queensland to make our roads safer. I would like to ask everybody who accesses the Boundary road crossing at the end of the school day to be vigilant and where possible escort students across the road to parked cars. Please be mindful that the speed limit along Boundary Road and McLeod Drive is 40km/hr during school designated hours. Thank you for your support in providing a safe environment for all our students and families.

On Tuesday 29th August we will have young science ambassador, Dr Soi Law visiting us as a part of the Flying Scientist visit to Weipa and it is wonderful that they will be able to spend some time with our upper school. Below are the details of the visit.

**Tuesday 29th August**

**11.10 to 1.10 pm Sessions based around Earth and Space science**

**A suggested timetable:**

1. 11.10 - 12.10 Year 3 and 4 to attend (39 students)
2. 12.10 - 1.10 Year 5 and 6 to attend (20 students)

Should you wish to see her profile here: <http://www.wonderofscience.com.au/next-generation-researchers-1/>

Many blessings for a wonderful weekend with your families,

*Amanda*

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**Prayer for the week:**

**A blessing for you this week:**

May you find peace, so you can pass it on;  
hope, so you can share it,  
beauty, so you can reflect it.  
joy, so you can scatter it,  
and love, so you can live it.  
In Jesus' name ...  
Amen

## Classroom News..



**Prep..** In Prep this week we continued with our retell of Mrs Wishy Washy by Joy Cowley. We sequenced pictures from the story and acted as the characters in the various scenes through role play. In Health we talked about how special our families are and drew pictures of them in a 'family tree'. We worked with concrete materials like MAB blocks to make patterns and model addition stories in Maths. We did Eggy words, Jolly Phonics, Geoboard and Reading Eggs on the iPads. We identified digital technologies and investigated how they are used, for example a remote control to change channels. We continued looking at the weather this week and sorted different pieces of materials into groups that would need a light wind or a strong wind to move them. We did our PMP program and learnt some new games in Play is the Way. We also enjoyed watching the Saibai dancers on Thursday afternoon. It was great seeing Kazu's Aunt and Uncle perform.

**Year 1..** Week 6 already and only four weeks until the holidays. This week the students have had their school photos taken, they were all told to have their best smile. In English, we have read a big book called "The Farm Concert" by Joy Cowley and some of the students have helped by reading different parts of the story. We have written our spelling words in water on the basketball court using a paint brush, the students really enjoyed this activity and were more amazed that their words were disappearing as the word evaporated. Our acrostic poems are sounding amazing and all putting in their best efforts. We have also been doing show and share. In Mathematics, we have been learning about 3D shapes, addition and subtraction. In Religion, we have written a thank you prayer thanking God for creating things. The students will have Mrs. Turner next Wednesday and Thursday as Miss Henderson will be away attending professional development. On Thursday afternoon the students were able to watch some Torres Strait Islander dances, which were amazing.

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..** It was lovely to have a few days away-good mix of work and family time. The students gave me a beautiful welcome home yesterday morning so that was really lovely. This week we have been continuing to learn and consolidate one and two times tables. We learnt a game called Kaboom, which is a fun way to improve recall of these. As part of our creation theme in Religion, we read the Rainbow Serpent and enjoyed hearing the dreamtime way how our earth was made. Next week we listen to another creation story then compare them all and discuss how we are Caretakers of our Land. In Science we made Water posters to help us remember ways to recycle and save water. Thanks to Miss Cassie who held the fort while I was away!

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**Year 3..** This week in Year 3 we have been working towards starting our History and Media Arts assessment pieces. We have researched and discussed what a classroom looked like in Mary MacKillop's time of the 1800's as compared to our classroom today. In Maths we have been working with fractions and having a great time using the language to divide groups and work with equivalent fractions. Spelling this week involved using the prefixes un, re, up and mid.

Golden Pencil Award goes to – Baią Spodniewski

**Year 4..** This week in Year 4 we have been investigating probability in Maths. This was fun as we got to use dice, counters and paddle pop sticks. Did you know there are 36 different combinations you can throw using 2 dice? Also, the numbers 2, 3, 11 & 12 are the least likely to be thrown. We had a Science Day on Tuesday where we looked at the properties of different rocks. We found out about the three different types of rocks and how they are made. Next week please remember to bring in your soil samples for our next Science lessons. We are finishing our stories in English and next week we will be helping Mrs Haardt make her story better. In Geography we continue to research renewable and non-renewable resources in the countries of Australia, Brazil and Chad. Lastly in Religion we are talking about Jesus' miracles, including healing the blind man.

**Year 5 - 6..** The term is flying by in year 5/6. This week we finished off our song lyrics in the form of poetry. The crowd favourite was a song titled "Chicken Nuggets" which certainly made our tummies rumble with hunger. For spelling we are focusing on the suffixes "-able" and "-ible". In Maths we have completed our unit on angles and are moving on to working with Cartesian planes to record locations on a grid. Our religion unit is narrowing down now to particular people from the Catholic Church who have had an effect on Australia. We conducted individual research tasks on Great Australian Catholics of the past and present. In HASS we have moved on to Civics and Citizenship where we are focusing on how we can be global citizens and make global connections. Please remember that next week we will be undertaking our French assessment task. This involves bringing in photos of at least three family members. The students are looking forward to describing "leurs familles" in French.



**Prep.. Jasmin peet + Evie Chiesa + William Bassett**

**Year 1.. Taj Kappu + Oscar Argent**

**Year 2.. Oliver Dyer + Isabella Fahey**

**Year 3.. Ramona Bond + Sam McNamara**

**Year 4.. Alyssa Carlsen + Lucas Hancock**

**Year 5-6.. Emelia Haardt + Brianna peet**

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## *Aspiring Leaders Program*

Congratulations to our Cassie and Emily for completing the Catholic Education's Aspiring Leaders program. Cassie presented her research titled "Transforming learning through contemporary environments, curriculum and pedagogy". Emily presented her research on "Data informed practices".



## *School Dentist Visit in Week 10*

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

## *Lost Property*

The lost property box is rather full. Could you please come in and grab your items before we kindly donate them to the Community Centre.



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## Uniform Orders

School Uniforms can now be ordered through Flexischools, the same as Tuckshop. Orders need to be placed by 12.00pm on Wednesdays to pick up your orders on Fridays. You are still able to arrange a time to try on uniforms if required. If you have any questions please see Aimee in the office.



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### **Muyngu Kokapar Saibai Island Dance Team!**

This amazing dance team travelled from Saibai Island - the furthest Island away from Australia, only 3km off PNG. We were privileged to have them bring their culture into our school. They opened the act with an Island Broom dance – a dance to welcome the spirits to be amongst them. They also shared dances about their totems – Beidam the Shark. They Imitated seaweed and danced about travelling across the seas to reach their destination.



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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](mailto: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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