

# ST JOSEPH'S PARISH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

EDITION 201727 WEEK 7, TERM 3 2017



## Important dates ...

- ✓ Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September – Book Week
- ✓ Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August – Dress up for Book Week
- ✓ Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August – School Assembly today not Friday
- ✓ Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September – Father's Day Stall
- ✓ Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September – Family Science Show & Sausage Sizzle
- ✓ Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September – Fizzies Education Science Show
- ✓ Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September – P & F Meeting – 7:00 pm
- ✓ Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 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. 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 Parents,

This week we continue to look at some of the principles of Catholic Social Teaching and how we embed this into the everyday curriculum at St Joseph's.

\* **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 **Common Good**.



We can only live life in all its fullness when we are in relationships with others – through community. But what is true 'community'? It is created when we work together to improve the wellbeing of people in our society and the wider world – when we work for the Common Good. People who care for the Common Good are able to look beyond themselves to the circumstances of others.

This is another principle of Catholic Social Teaching which competes against societal pressures that emphasise the rights of the individual to personal possessions. Jesus teaches us that we need to move beyond a purely selfish way of thinking. Our own needs must be balanced with the needs of the disadvantaged and dispossessed.

Children learn to be good people by being around other people. They learn to be kind, to share, to take turns and how to make things fair, not just to some people, but to everyone. At school, our Social Emotional teaching programs and our St Joseph's Way approach to life teaches children that to live in community we don't need to be best friends with everyone, but we need to be:

- **Welcoming** – greeting, treating and speaking to people as we like to be
- **Encouraging** – acknowledging the efforts, achievements and stories of others willing to
- **Say Sorry** – able to admit when we've done the wrong thing and be ready to make up
- **Thankful** – appreciative of all that we are, all that we have and all we are given

Other strategies used at school to teach children concern for the Common Good are shared tasks; awareness raising activities; fundraising activities; acts of kindness and group projects. Our Play Is the Way Program is another way that we bring this to life in our school curriculum.

In the video below Wilson McCaskill discusses 'How to prepare children for school'. He identifies ways that home life and school life can work together to help children function more effectively at school. He focuses on rights, responsibilities, rules and routines and how these should be consistent across both home and school settings. These are things parents can institute at home to help build the social skills that children can benefit from in the school environment.

Parent Video - The video below is from the Play is the Way website.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H-if\\_UnJOUY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H-if_UnJOUY)

Wilson McCaskill has worked extensively with St Joseph's staff over the past 2 years to help embed the wonderful program of Play is the Way in our school. The program helps us all (students and teachers) to manage emotions, relationships and behaviour.

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Families are promoting the Common Good when they involve children in family and community activities like household chores; parish events; "Clean-up Australia"; working for a cause; and team events. Are your children getting the opportunity to work with and for others?

You might like to say this Prayer for the Common Good with your family this week...

**O God, You promise to be with us always,  
even to the end of time.  
Be with us now  
as we seek to work for the common good of all.  
Guide us to see the implications of our actions  
and give us the courage to act.  
Breathe into us the restlessness and wisdom  
to work to make this world a better place for all,  
that the Spirit may use our gifts for the glory of Your name.  
Amen.**

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

Peace and blessings for a wonderful week ahead,

*Rosie*

#### **PARENT SCHOOL SURVEY – PLEASE COMPLETE**

St Joseph's has a regular cycle of renewal of collecting data about our school in accordance with Cairns Catholic Education Services practices. This year we have added an extra 10 questions to our parent satisfaction survey around our own school context which we ask for your feedback. The data you provide will inform us of areas for improvement and identify areas of strength. A Survey will be sent on Monday to all parents. We ENCOURAGE you to complete the survey so that we can make informed decisions about our school. Please note that all questions require a response and your responses are anonymous. Through this survey, your feedback will assist us to set priorities for 2018 and beyond. The survey will open from Monday 28 August. Thank you in anticipation of your support and cooperation. It is greatly appreciated.

**BOOK WEEK PARADE** – Thursday 31st August – Children will come dressed as their favourite book character. There will be a fancy dress parade with prizes being handed out at a special Assembly at 2.30pm. Please note this Assembly will be on Thursday instead of Friday next week. Many thanks to Mrs Karen Smith for coordinating this special fun day for the students and teachers.

#### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR STAFF**

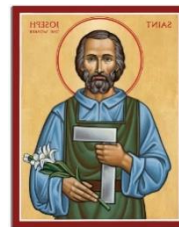
Throughout the year teachers will sometimes be absent from class to participate in Professional Development. These opportunities are essential to ensure that St Joseph's continues to build the professional capacity of all staff to ensure that students receive the best possible teaching and learning. It is important that parents understand that when a staff member is away a thorough plan is required to be provided to the relief staff so as to ensure continuity in the class curriculum. Leadership will endeavour to reduce the impact on classes due to professional development and also inform parents when professional development absences are occurring.

#### **AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION**

A reminder to parents that staff are on duty until 3.20pm in the afternoon. If parents are on site during this time or after this time, then they are responsible for supervising their own children. Any child who does not have a parent on the grounds at 3.20pm will be taken to the office to await pick-up. A reminder also that supervision in the mornings begins at 8.10am. Any child arriving prior to this time needs to be supervised by a parent.

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## APRE NEWS – Week 7.



Well we are close to the end of another term – WOW how fast they are passing us by. So in saying that don't forget that this week sees us celebrate Book Week and Mrs Smith has posters up promoting all of the new books being short-listed this year. Don't forget to come along one lunch hour and read some of the new stories. Due to so many events this week we are going to celebrate with a Dress-up parade next week at Assembly. We are encouraging all students to come dressed along as a character from their favourite book or their Dad's favourite book character seeing as we are celebrating so close to Father's Day.

We will also be holding a special prayer and blessing ceremony for our Dad's at assembly next week as well. Keep your eye out for all the special characters the staff will be dressed up as for the day. It will be great to share all of our favourites together and if any parent would like to join in and attend in a costume, please do so and join in with the fun.

### SATISFACTION SURVEYS 2017

As part of our ongoing commitment to continuously improving the school, we believe it is critical to seek each parent and guardian's opinion on a range of issues relating to St Joseph's. Your feedback is very important to us as we continue to build a successful school and strengthen our reputation as an 'educator of choice'.

As such, we have engaged the professional services of MYP Corp to undertake a **strictly private and confidential School Results Survey** on our behalf. The survey should take approximately 10 - 15 minutes and will need to be completed online between Monday 28th August and Monday 11th September. There are no right or wrong answers and we ask that you respond honestly to each statement.

Please note that this that this survey will be **confidential**. No member of the leadership team at St Joseph's will have access to your individual responses. We will be provided with a summary of **collated** results only.

MYP Corp will undertake the following process to ensure anonymity:

1. Parents and guardians will be emailed **individual** survey logins.
2. Results will be collated externally.
3. A summary of collated results will be provided to the school leadership team.

**On the survey start date, survey instructions and a personalised login link will be emailed to all parents. You will continue to send friendly reminders during the survey period until you have submitted the survey.**

**If you do not receive your survey instructions on the survey start date, please check your spam and junk email folders before contacting the office or Mrs Saunders.**

**While we strongly encourage you to participate, the survey is not compulsory. If you decide that you do not want to complete the survey, simply click 'Unsubscribe' in the instruction or reminder email.**

Thank you for your assistance in helping to shape the future direction of St Joseph's.

Many blessings for a wonderful weekend with your families,

*Amanda*

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**Reflection:** the Book Week theme is "Escape to Everywhere."  
Never forget the opportunity that not only can we read everywhere, but we can pray everywhere.  
So in the words of Dr Suess:



## Classroom News..

**Prep..** At the start of the week we continued with our English group rotations and we have been trying hard to remember to use our reading strategies independently when we come across words that we don't know. We traced, wrote and made sentences in our writing groups and continued with our sight words snap games and Reading Eggs program. We practiced 'counting on' a mathematical strategy with animal counters and some simple addition stories in our Maths group work. In Science we explored the weather, looking at different types of weather and suitable clothing. I have been away in Brisbane and would like to thank Yas Kemmerling and Amanda Scikluna who have also taught the Prep class this week.

**Year 1..** This week in English, our focus book was called "The Rainbow Fish". We will be using this story for the next few weeks as our focus will be on writing a description about the rainbow fish. We have also continued with show and share each day. In Mathematics, we have been learning about 3D shapes and directions. Plus, in Religion we have been talking about Noah's Ark and discussing why that story is important to us.

A big thank you to Mrs. Turner for having the year ones for two days this week while Miss Henderson was away doing some Professional Development.

Parent teacher interviews will be offered to all, starting in week 9. Look out for the email with the available times in the next few days.

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..** This week we have been learning about Fractions in maths and have enjoyed playing games and doing hands on activities to help us understand this tricky concept of halves, quarters and eighths. We have had a tricky spelling pattern also and it is great to see so many students identifying words every day that match it. In Science we are finishing up our Water unit and next week will be doing assessment on that. We have started making our Identity books and there are some very excited children and some amazing writing happening. We loved playing Cat and Mouse in PTW also.

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**Year 3..** Year 3 have finished their unit on Information Reports and their museum of "The Real Rocks and Minerals of Minecraft" is on display for the school community to learn from. Next week we will begin our unit on poetry and will be learning about literary features such as rhyme, rhythm, similes and metaphors and alliteration.

In Math the students have been learning about measurement and revising fractions. In HASS they're comparing a modern day classroom with one seen in Mary McKillop's day and they're busy building their dioramas to showcase the differences.

Golden Pencil goes to: Daniel Scarabello

**Year 4..** This week has been a busy one in Year 4. We have completed our probability and symmetry assessments in Maths. Next week we will be learning about maps and how to locate specific locations and give directions. In English we made Mrs Haardt's terrible story much better by adding more details and adjectives, we also corrected the punctuation too. Next week we will finish our narrative story unit. Mrs Haardt will assess our reading and email our Term 2 and 3 reading goals home, so you know how to help us with our reading. Our Science Unit will be completed in Week 9 as we have a few students away next week. Keep sending in the soil and rock samples. The Geography sustainability project is due next week and Mrs Haardt is looking forward to seeing the many different ideas we have come up with to make Weipa more sustainable. In Religion we are learning about the sacraments, including Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick, and Holy Orders.

**Year 5 - 6..** Well, Week 7 has come and gone, and what a week it was! Year 5/6 delved further into "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" by connecting Aslan to other characters and historical figures. We were able to make many strong connections between Aslan and Jesus and students are excited to see what happens next! In maths, we looked at coordinates. Year 5's used grid references to locate objects and describe routes, whilst year 6s used Cartesian plane ordinate pairs to conduct a similar activity. All students enjoyed practising these skills through games of "battleship". In Science and English, we have continued to create our explanation comic strips to explain that "the Earth is part of a series of planets that orbit the sun". Most students also completed their coding course for technologies, with the rest set to complete this by next week. This course shows that the students have a basic understanding of coding terms. With each passing week the year 6s are growing more excited about the prospect of moving into high school and all are excited about the plans that are coming together for their **Year 6 camp** to be held next term! Ms Harrison and Miss Cook will be holding an information night regarding this next week. Further, please note that **parent-teacher interviews** will be open to all 5/6 parents for weeks 9 and 10. Please check your email for details about these events.

**Please note that School Assembly will be**  
**Thursday next week – 31<sup>st</sup> August**

***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.

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Prep.. Hayley Coult + Ben Machan + Sophia Sorbello

Year 1.. Hamish Myall + Lewis Rees + Ewa McNamara

Year 2.. Jessica Hoad + Hailey Merkel

Year 3.. Kyan Wellby + Jasmine Scikluna

Year 4.. George Myall + Mia Wright

Year 5-6.. Ava Steele + Tom Hockey

### *Book Week 28<sup>th</sup> August – 1<sup>st</sup> September*

Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup> of August will be dress up as your favourite book character **or** because it is so close to Father's Day you can choose to come dressed as Dad's favourite Book Character.

There will be prizes for best dressed.

## CBCA CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK



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Thank you to the super mums who helped with  
the Bull Ride clean up work.

Your assistance was greatly appreciated.



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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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# MATTHEW STANLEY FOUNDATION

## ONE PUNCH CAN KILL WALK AWAY CHILL OUT

A PRESENTATION THAT DEALS WITH THE  
IMPACT OF ONE-PUNCH ASSAULTS ON  
BOTH VICTIMS AND PERPETRATORS.

### WHEN

**THURSDAY**  
**August 31 @ 6:30pm**

### WHERE

**Western Cape College**  
**Weipa Campus**  
**Performing Arts Centre (PAC)**

PRESENTED BY - **PAUL STANLEY**  
SPONSORED BY - **WCC P&C ASSOCIATION**

EMAIL TO REGISTER - [pandc@weipnortss.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@weipnortss.eq.edu.au)



**FREE  
COMMUNITY  
EVENT**



In 2006, Matthew Stanley aged 15, lost his life after being bashed outside a teenager's party. Matthew was survived by his parents Paul and Kay and brother Nick. With an outpouring of community grief, Paul and Kay responded and were joined by good people to create the Matthew Stanley Foundation. The Matthew Stanley Foundation seeks to promote nonviolence and mutual respect among young people, and responsible behaviour in the adult community.



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**ST JOSEPHS  
PARISH SCHOOL**  
Father's Day  
Stall

Friday  
September  
1st

Gifts from \$2

No individual item over \$5

Multiple purchases available

**STUDENT PURCHASES  
ONLY DURING  
SCHOOL HOURS**

**STALL WILL RE-OPEN AT  
3PM FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 1ST  
FOR SIBLING PURCHASES**

A CAREGIVER MUST  
BE IN ATTENDANCE  
WITH A CHILD  
AFTER 3PM

Mugs  
Tools  
Cards  
Coolers  
Keyrings  
Wet Pack  
& more....

**Gift Bags  
\$1**




## PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

please write your name on the volunteer list located on school noticeboard if you are able to assist

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ST JOSEPHS PARISH SCHOOL

*Father's Day Stall*

A sample of some of the products  
available....lots more to choose from!









If your child would  
like to purchase a  
gift, please send  
money in a zip  
locked bag clearly  
named.

Hats  
Ratchet Set  
Can Coolers  
Tape Measure  
Grooming Set  
Travel/Toilet Bag

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# **FIZZICS EDUCATION SCIENCE SHOW 7-8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Science shows and workshops for all grades throughout Thursday and Friday 7-8<sup>th</sup> September.

Family science show and sausage sizzle  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September

**Family  
science night  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>  
September  
5:30pm**

**Family night  
includes  
science show  
and a sausage  
sizzle &  
drinks for sale**



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