

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Important dates for month of March ...

Cross Country Training

Our final Cross Country training will take place this Thursday morning 7.30am start, be sure to bring your running shoes and your full school uniform to change into afterwards..

What was discussed at our March P&F Meeting?



- Sustainability committee: garden design ideas and sourcing resources
- Grants committee: grants applied for; grants pending and future opportunities
- Principal's Report: grants for teacher's Professional Development; and Stage 2 Development
- Executive Reports: P&F 2017 budget & priorities
- REAP grant for STEAM!!!!
- Ideas for our STEAM event in Term 3
- Maintenance levy and book packs

Friday 31st March

Cross Country Carnival / Last day of term

Tuckshop will be closed

Easter Holidays commence 31st March, school resumes 18th April

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News from Ms. Harrison...

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Delivering Excellent Learning & Teaching

One of the major strategies our teaching staff is engaged with this year, is to ensure we deliver excellent learning and teaching, especially in the area of Literacy and Numeracy. This Literacy and Numeracy focus enables us to analyse the impact our teaching has on student progress and achievement.

Our staff has a high level of expertise in supporting literacy and numeracy learning and is strongly committed to professional learning, continually refining our practice in line with what are proven and effective teaching and learning practices in a contemporary 21st Century learning environment.

We see ourselves as lifelong learners and already this year our teachers have participated in professional learning in the areas of Literacy, Visible Learning and Play Is the Way as well as Professional Development, which is part of our Catholic Education system requirement. All this enriches the opportunities for St Joseph's students.

Four of our teachers have been successful this year in acquiring scholarships to support them in enhancing their capability as teachers. Congratulations to Emily Haardt, Alycia Cook, Kristie Henderson and Melanie Turner.

Thank you to the parents who came along to our 1: 1 Devices Parent information session last night. Your interest and support in rolling out this program to our students is greatly appreciated. Some of the feedback from last night will inform some future parent education sessions including:

- Use of Google drive
- Cyber safety and
- 'Youtubing'

School Routines

It is a delight to see our Prep students really starting to blossom now that they are feeling more familiar with school and its routines. An important aspect of the start of a new school year is establishing routines across all year levels which enable the children to feel safe and secure. Teachers spend a lot of time helping their students know and understand school routines because they realise how these routines help our students to focus more on their learning, rather than feeling anxious and worried about what might be happening.

Included in the newsletter is another link of parenting ideas from Wilson McCaskill for you to view at your leisure. Wilson McCaskill, author of 'Play is the Way', talks about how important role modelling is in good parenting. When raising children parents must choose to become good role models: children "learn to do as we do, not as we say".

[Role Modelling for your Children](#)

School Crossing Update

Great news communicated to us today in regards to the school crossing on Boundary Rd. Main Roads have informed us that flashing lights will be installed in the near future on the Boundary Rd crossing at the front of the school and that they were working in conjunction with WTA on improving the signage on McLeod Drive.

Overall a big improvement and step forward for the safety of our students at St Joseph's School.

Peace and blessings for a wonderful week ahead,

Rosie

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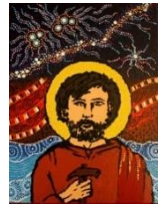
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ADPRE News..



Within the last week we have celebrated St Patrick's and St Joseph's Day so it is with great pleasure we announce this week our winners for the St Joseph Awards for 2017. This award is decided by teachers for those students who have consistently displayed the values of Justice, Humility and Compassion. Congratulations to:

Prep – Ben Machan
Year 1 – Ayden Vogler
Year 2 – Jessica Hoad
Year 3 – Daniel Scarabello
Year 4 – Kunio Sagigi
Year 5/6 – Annabelle Clements



Our Lenten focus for this week is on "The Deeds of Love." When we do things for other people we are acting the way Jesus wants us to. We all feel very good after doing a special deed for somebody else. Let's make an extra effort to do a special deed for somebody else during the week.

Easter Eggs.....not yet!

As we are currently in the liturgical season of Lent and will be right through most of the school holidays, it is not appropriate to share Easter eggs at this time. Students are most welcome to bring in and share Easter eggs as we commence Term 2 when we will have just celebrated Easter and will still be in the season of Easter.

Safeguarding Children Conference.

This year Catholic Education Services is excited to announce that their annual Safeguarding Children Conference theme is Every Child Matters.

We hope that you are able to join us on Saturday, 6 May 2017 at the Pullman Cairns International.

Please note that there is no registration cost but places are limited.

Conference information and registration details can be accessed via the conference website:

www.2017safeguardingchildren.weebly.com

Next week information will be distributed about the ANZAC Day arrangements for early next term so please make sure you catch up on this news.

Thank you and blessings for a great weekend,

Amanda

Lenten prayer for the week:

God of love, bless us and be with us so that our hearts may be filled with love for You, love for each other and love for ourselves. Bring us closer to You and help us change our lives as we prepare for the great feast of Easter. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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Classroom News..



Prep

We participated in a variety of activities to celebrate St Joseph's day with the rest of the school this week. Some of the activities we did included tracing our handprints, cutting them out and folding them to make lily flowers. We have continued with our Lenten Journey and this week we have added the symbol of a gift to our class rainbow to represent "The Deeds of Love". We have learnt that kind deeds are actions or things that we can do for others. We had a lot of fun making different kinds of boats out of materials and testing them out in a tub of water. We have been getting ready for our Cross Country Carnival next week by practicing our war cries in our sports team and running some laps around the oval.

RAWR YOU WANTING TO HELP???? PRESHISTORIC PREPS



As part of a leadership action research project. Cass Loblely is working with Mrs Boundy to create a flexible and contemporary learning environment in Prep based around indoor and outdoor play based learning. Cass is running the Enrichment Program here at school on Monday and Tuesday to create the resources and stimulus for Preps in Term 2 but she still needs some parent volunteers to help please. You can work here at school or at home to help us make papier-mâché eggs, frozen eggs, salt dough dinosaur bones and skeletons, dough fossils, footprint stamps and a whole stack of cool things! If you can help or would like to do some over the holidays with her can, you please email your interest to cloblely@cns.catholic.edu.au.

Year 1

This week in year one our focus was on speak to please not to tease. In English we have started our reading eggs program on the computer. In mathematics we have continued focusing on measurement. We have continued on with our Lenten Journey and this week we have added the symbol of a gift box, to our class rainbow to represent "The Deeds of Love". The focus is on making a special effort to do a special deed for somebody else. We celebrated St Joseph's day on Monday and the students participated in a few activities. In History we have finished talking about milestones and the students have recorded their own milestones and are ready to present their milestones and special item to the class. The students don't have any spelling words this week for homework, however please continue to focus on reading and sight words. The students have been asked to make a journal of the things they do while on holidays and when they return to school during the first week we will use this as our show and share.

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Year 2

This week most students have presented their Information Reports to the class. It has been great seeing the variety of animals chosen and the amazing pictures and information researched. Great effort kids! We have been working hard learning about Fractions this week and exploring different ways they can look and how we use them in our daily lives. Our spelling words were Contractions so we did lots of activities to help us understand how to make a contraction and remembering where the apostrophe goes! We loved making our St Joseph person and talking about the special qualities he had and how we can be like this at times. Enjoy the weekend!

Year 3

This week we have been busy catching up with Mrs Saunders and her trip to four different States in America which was very interesting. We have discussed and learnt about the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives on living and non-living things. A big thank you to Miss Tari for helping us out with this as well. In Religion we focussed on our using our 'Minds of Love' to be thoughtful to others and set some personal goals on how we can achieve being more like Jesus. In English we have been learning about writing persuasive letters to change people's minds. We've been analysing other people's perspectives on certain issues and using informed opinions to respond. In Maths we've been revising money and making change, and converting measurement units as well as practising our measuring skills using rulers.

Year 4

This week the Fabulous Four's have been looking at 2D Shapes and how many sides and angles they have. Irregular and regular shapes, as well as the acute, obtuse and right angles that shapes have. In English, Mrs Haardt has started reading the sequel to Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing, called Fudge-A-Mania. Fudge is still trouble and very funny. Mrs Haardt has asked us to write a persuasive writing task about whether she should read the book to next year's Year 4 class. We are going to publish this writing and make a class book with Mrs Haardt looking at all our reasons. I wonder what her decision will be?

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Year 5 – 6

We had an eventful start to week 9 as we celebrated St Joseph's day together with the grade 3s. On Tuesday we celebrated Harmony Day by making classroom decorations. We traced our hands and expressed what harmony day meant to each of us. Most of us have now started typing our choose-your-own-adventure narratives on the laptops. We are using google slides so that the choice components can be connected via a hyperlink within the document. Finally, we started working on our maths investigations to find out what kinds of books our class likes to read. This will help us to choose exciting books to order for the library and will be taken into consideration when Miss Cook chooses our class novels for the rest of the year.

YEAR 2 – 6 PREHISTORIC MUSEUM – MONDAY & TUESDAY WEEK 10



Students in the enrichment program must be able to work in small groups, pairs and independently. They will research and dinosaur and create a labelled artefact for our schools Prehistoric Museum including salt dough bones, skeletons, papier-mâché eggs and fact cards.



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Physical Education (P.E)

..Cross Country..

The Cross Country is rapidly approaching and we are getting excited, training and practicing War Cries.

Please note: Our final training session will run this Thursday 30th March at 7.30am.

The **Tuckshop will be closed** on Cross Country day, we ask that all children come to school with packed lunches.

Acceptable clothing for Cross Country includes a sunsafe plain coloured T Shirt in the House colours, Blue – Mission, Green – Pine & Orange – Embley. No zinc or hairspray please.

The P & F will be providing a complimentary sausage sizzle that will be served closer to second break.

Below is an approximate guide for Cross Country Day on Friday 31st of March.

8:45 am Administration and marking rolls. Move to basketball court

8:55 am Welcome, Prayer & Briefing

9:00 am Sports House War Cries

9:10 am Race 1 – 2012 Girls

Race 2 – 2012 Boys

Race 3 – 2011 Girls

Race 4 – 2011 Boys

Race 5 – 2010 Girls

Race 6 – 2010 Boys

Race 7 – 2009 Girls

Race 8 – 2009 Boys

10:40 am Morning Tea

11:00 am Race 9 – 2008 Girls

Race 10 – 2008 Boys

Race 11 – 2007 Girls

Race 12 – 2007 Boys

Race 13 – 2006 Girls

Race 14 – 2006 Boys

Race 15 – 2005 Girls

Race 16 – 2005 Boys

1.00pm Lunch Time

2.15pm Assembly & Presentations

3.00pm Dismissal

We **desperately** need volunteers for the day so if you could assist in anyway please contact me mturner@cns.catholic.edu.au and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask. Let's make this event the best yet!

Thank you,
Mrs Turner

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- Prep.. Kazu Sagigi + Aidan Fay
- Year 1.. Oscar Argent + Evan Ah Shay
- Year 2.. Jackeal Day + Casey Oastler
- Year 3.. Matilda Machan + Archie Armstrong
- Year 4.. George Myall + Eva Payne
- Year 5 — 6.. Delphina Day + Makayla Lobley

A message from the Tuckshop...We need your help!

Our Tuckshop is becoming more and more popular with an average of 30-40 orders each day..

If you have some spare time in the mornings from 9am, even if it is just half an hour, please write your name in the Roster we have placed on the Noticeboard to help Thu in the Tuckshop.

Remember, many hands make light work ☺ Thankyou..

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