

## Important dates...

- ✓ Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Prep Parent Information Session
- ✓ Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Prep Orientation Morning
- ✓ Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Prep Orientation Morning
- ✓ Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 7:00 pm – P & F Meeting
- ✓ Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 4:00pm to 8:00pm – Swimming Carnival
- ✓ Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Starry Starry Night
- ✓ Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Graduation Dinner
- ✓ Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 12:00 pm – Last day of Term 4

## Student Services Team Visit

Students Services Teams will be visiting St Joseph's in Week 5. Marama, our guidance officer and psychologist will be here for the week. If you have any concerns about your child or their learning, please make contact with Cassie so she can arrange for you to meet.

## Are you planning a move?

At present many preparations are being put in place for the 2018 school year. If you are aware that your family is being transferred, moving towns, etc. for the 2018 school year, could you please let the school know of your intentions? This will assist with the early notification of acceptance of these families who are currently on our waiting lists. Many thanks for your thoughtful considerations.

## St. Joseph's Swimming Carnival 2017

The St. Joseph's Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> November at the Town Pool from 4.00 to 8.00pm for Prep to Year 6. We are looking for parent volunteers so if you are able to assist with this event can you please email me on [mturner@cns.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mturner@cns.catholic.edu.au)

## 2018 School Uniform Orders

2018 School Uniform Order Forms are ready. If you need to order new uniforms please fill in the order form and drop it into Aimee in the Office. They will be ready for collection closer to the end of term.

## **Humility - Justice - Compassion**

## News from Ms Harrison..

It is lovely to be back at school today and see everyone in a sea of red in support of the Day for Daniel. The Year Six students returned last night, tired and weary from their fabulous camp experience at Coolumb and Brisbane. While we were in Brisbane the students attended the Catholic Mission Mass at St Stephen's Cathedral in Brisbane along with about 500 other Catholic school student leaders. Archbishop Mark Coleridge made special mention of the St Joseph's Weipa students when he spoke to the children during the liturgy. We were lucky to meet students from two other St Joseph's schools at Nambour and Corinda. These two schools were excited to hear about our Ugandan Dolls project and are keen to implement the same idea in their own schools. It seems our little school has started a ripple effect of "Joeys helping Joeys" with their social justice spirit and efforts for children's mission around the world.

It's World Teachers Day today and a wonderful opportunity for us to honour and recognise the wonderful teachers in our lives who share so selflessly their time, talent and wisdom. We consider that all our staff members at St Joseph's are teachers in some shape and form and on your behalf I thank them most sincerely for the difference they make to the life of our school community. I have said this so often, but I consider myself blessed and fortunate to work alongside such an amazing group of people.

We have almost finalised our staffing for 2018. We have several new staff members joining our team next year as our school continues to grow. Mrs Stacey Edmonds from Cairns; Miss Andrieka Knight from Darwin; Mrs Sandy Matthews from Weipa; and Mrs Megan Pearce from Darwin. All are very excited about joining our school community here in Weipa. Class Teachers for most classes are finalised at this stage as follows:-

Prep: Andrieka Knight

Year 1: Kristie Henderson

Year 2: Libby Lange

Year 3: to be advised

Year 4: to be advised

Year 5: Miss Alycia Cook

Year 6: Mrs Amanda Saunders and Mrs Kelly Bienvenu

Learning Support Teacher: to be advised

APRE: Mrs Amanda Saunders

SEL/PE Teacher: Melanie Turner

Arts Teacher: Amanda Scicluna

Teacher Librarian: Mrs Yvonne Grant

School Officers: Kate Mellner, Peta Hancock, Chrissy Van Pelt, Jo McNamara, Karen Smith and Tari Sagigi.

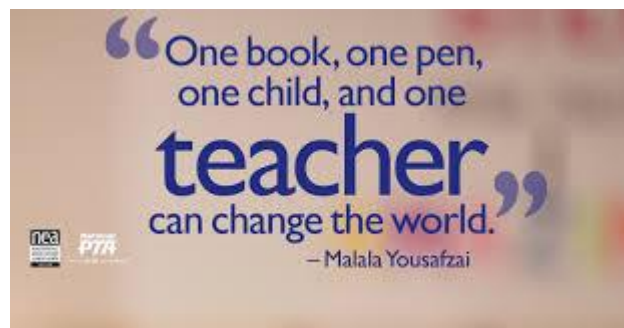
Admin Officer: to be advised

Finance Officer: Laura Krall

Tuckshop: Mrs Thu Bui

God Bless,

*Rosie*



***Humility - Justice - Compassion***

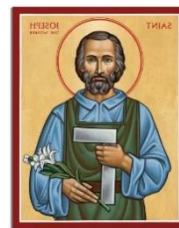
Ph. 07 4069 9500

Email: [secretary.weipa@cns.catholic.edu.au](mailto:secretary.weipa@cns.catholic.edu.au)

Web: [www.stjosephsweipa.qld.edu.au](http://www.stjosephsweipa.qld.edu.au)

Boundary Road, Rocky Point QLD 4874 Postal: PO Box 1409, Weipa QLD 4874

## APRE News



Wow! The end of Week 4 so we are now halfway through our term, who would have thought. We have covered so much already and there is still much to come. We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone for their support with our Mission collections this month as we are well on track to beating our set goals. The Crazy Sock day and coin race held on Wednesday were a raging success. The winning class for the longest line of coins was Year 2 with 19.04m – WELL DONE! We decided to leave the announcement of the winning class for the most money raised until assembly today.

Father Dariusz was in Weipa over the weekend and had the opportunity to stay on Monday where he visited the Year 3 class and blessed all of their Rosary beads. It was lovely to spend some time with him and have him talk to the children about the Rosary. It was even more special for the children as Father had his own personal set of Rosary beads with him that his mother had given to him when he left Poland to move to Australia. The sense of pride he described to the children when he heard them recite the Rosary for the day was beautiful. I do hope we get some more opportunities with him in 2018. He will be returning to spend time with the children during our last week of school this term.

This week we also celebrated our annual "Day for Daniel" with a sea of red being worn to educate and recognise the importance of child safety awareness. The Morcombe Foundation has set up this cause as a goal to make Australia a safe place for all children, so thank you for recognising and participating.

Today we also spent some time recognising the wonderful work our teachers do every day. All teachers are making a difference educating and inspiring young people in their care. This is an important opportunity to acknowledge and say thanks for their significant contributions both in the classroom and within communities.

Next week in the religious life of our school we will celebrate 'All Saints' Day so please look out for the time when our liturgy will be held and feel free to come along. Remembrance Day falls on a Saturday this year so as a whole school we will be celebrating on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 11.15 am.

With blessings for a wonderful week ahead,

Amanda

### **Prayer for Teachers.**



Almighty God, We come to you today and give thanks for all our teachers.  
Thank you for the way in which they give of themselves each day in the classroom,  
serving and instructing the next generation of this land. We thank you for them all now.

Father, please fill their hearts with courage now by your mighty Spirit.  
Fill them with your strength, so they may rise to every challenge and not grow weary.  
Fill them with your wisdom, so that they may be able to make good judgement when guiding and helping others.  
Fill them with your peace, so that when stress and anxiety comes it would not overwhelm them.  
Fill them with your joy, so that the passion they have for their subject may become an infectious passion that spreads.

We ask all this in the wonderful name of Jesus.

Amen.

*(A short prayer for teachers from [www.lords-prayer-words.com](http://www.lords-prayer-words.com))*

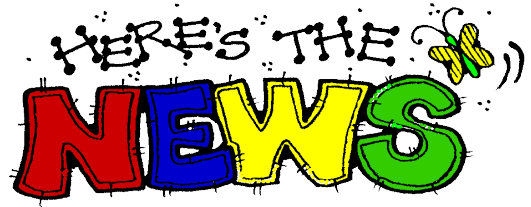
## **Humility - Justice - Compassion**

Ph. 07 4069 9500

Email: [secretary.weipa@cns.catholic.edu.au](mailto:secretary.weipa@cns.catholic.edu.au)

Web: [www.stjosephsweipa.qld.edu.au](http://www.stjosephsweipa.qld.edu.au)

Boundary Road, Rocky Point QLD 4874 Postal: PO Box 1409, Weipa QLD 4874



## Classroom News...

**Prep...** This week in Prep we had lots of fun on "Crazy Sock Day" and enjoyed having the coin race out on the basketball court with the whole school. In Maths we matched the correct number digits, with number words, dots and picture cards. In English we wrote a recount about going swimming on Friday mornings together. We also continued our English group rotations with year one. In Health we revisited the terms "Recognise, React and Report". In Science we made observations and drew pictures of things that move inside the classroom and outside the classroom. In Geography we drew a picture of a place that is special to us and listed ways that we can care for this special place. We also looked at reasons why places are special to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People. We would like to wish all of our Grandparents a "Happy Grandparents Day" this weekend.

**Year 1...** This week we have all been doing a lot of assessments and working really hard. The students all came to school wearing their best crazy socks and as a school, each class lined up their amount of coins collected and measured the length of the collected coins. Our class made nearly 5 metres, this was a very good effort. We have done a few science experiences focusing on light and sound. In Health, we have been talking about identifying situations that feel safe or unsafe. We have continued saying the Rosary and all of the students are becoming more confident in saying the Hail Mary. In our Religion lesson this week we discussed what the Hail Mary prayer means. The students have continued to enjoy swimming and are demonstrating their organizational skills very well. If anyone is available between 8:40 and 9:00am, we will continue with student reading in the Flexible Learning Area. Library day will stay on a Friday and Homework will be due on a Monday this term.

**Year 2...** All the Year 2 students have been working really hard this week and I am so proud of the way many of the children are showing resilience and persistence, especially when learning gets tough and they get tired. This is a life skill and I think we are doing this pretty well at St Joseph's. In Maths we are continuing to look at using the hundreds board and a number line to help us add 2 digit numbers together (eg  $33 + 56$ ) as well as use partitioning strategies. We are learning how important it is to count efficiently in 10's, 5's and 2's to help us with these tasks. We continue to discover what life was like in Jesus' time through some Bible stories, and we completed an assessment task on this today. Our houses are coming along and it has been a great challenge for many of us as well as learning skills about clay and natural materials. In class we have been looking at Roald Dahl as our focus Author and we are cringing at the antics of The Twits story, but lots of laughs! Our Poetry work is developing well and this week we have written 2 acrostic poems and 2 couplet poems. For our History unit every student has been set a speaking task about a Toy from the Past and we have been looking at how technology has changed our toys, our transport and other things. Best news for the kids is that we won the coin line challenge for the Crazy Sock day!!!



***Humility - Justice - Compassion***



**Year 3...** This was another jam packed week of learning and assessments. Miss Cass has been working with us on evaluative language, spelling of ordinal numbers and completing their end of year assessments. We have also spent time this week learning how to research our volunteer organisations for our Civics assessment and putting the information into a Google slide for presentation. Mrs Saunders explained to us the different sources of energy and we discussed how to make a solar oven. We will be constructing our ovens next week and cooking ourselves a treat or meal on Thursday. The best day was Wednesday when we were able to learn about the Torres Straits from Miss Tari who was born on Thursday Island and her local knowledge was exciting to ask questions about.

**Golden Pencil:** Xavier Loblely

**Ripper Reader:** Baia Spodnieski

**Year 4...** This week we built our marble runs and realised that the designs we imagined were very tricky to build practically. We wrote a reflection on materials, properties, friction and design solutions. In Maths we excelled at decimal numbers, Mrs B had to think of some tricky problems to try and stump us. We are nearing the end of our class novel, Tom Appleby and are selecting an historical figure to research for our final English and History assessment. This was a busy week in Religion – we had fun wearing our crazy sock and we raised \$62.50 for Sock it to Poverty, we are very proud of this. We also discussed the sacrament of Reconciliation and what this means for us individually, as a school community and as a church community.

**Year 5 ...** The year five students had a splendid time in their small class of nine. This girls only class tackled each task with determination and completed each task ahead of time. The students have been working tirelessly on their dance performances with quite a few goosebump moments as they are outstanding. All teaching staff are very proud of the upcoming leaders of the school. They have displayed wisdom, respect and kindness throughout the week. Well done girls!



**Prep..** Evie Chiesa + Ashton Childs + Silvie Hynes + Jasmin peet

**Year 1..** Olivia Price + Jesse Hutchinson

**Year 2..** Oliver Dyer + Jessica Hoad

**Year 3..** Xavier Loblely + Matilda Machan + Ethan Edmondson

**Year 4..** Alyssa Carlsen + Jay West

**Year 5-6..** Annabelle Clements + Kiarah Baylis + Mikayla Loblely

***Humility - Justice - Compassion***

## *North Queensland Toyota Cowboys Visit*

On Monday the 23rd of October the North Queensland Toyota Cowboys personalities, Liam Bartlett, Gavin Lloyd (Game Development) and Matthew Bowen who has played 270 games for the NQ Cowboys visited St. Josephs' Parish School, Weipa. We would like to say a big thank you to the North Queensland Toyota Cowboys for visiting and the Year 4 and 5 students thoroughly enjoyed performing drills with the players. Also a big Thank you to our Tuckshop Convenor Thu for providing the players and staff with a fabulous lunch.



***Humility - Justice - Compassion***

Ph. 07 4069 9500

Email: [secretary.weipa@cns.catholic.edu.au](mailto:secretary.weipa@cns.catholic.edu.au)

Web: [www.stjosephsweipa.qld.edu.au](http://www.stjosephsweipa.qld.edu.au)

Boundary Road, Rocky Point QLD 4874 Postal: PO Box 1409, Weipa QLD 4874



## Donations Needed

During the month of November, St Joseph families will be supporting Weipa Community Care's "Buddy Bag" donation drive.

### **GIVING KIDS A CHANCE**

Providing children who access crisis accommodation with essential care items



WEIPA COMMUNITY CARE'S NEW INITIATIVE "BUDDY BAGS" ASSISTS CHILDREN FROM THE BROADER COMMUNITIES OF THE WESTERN CAPE YORK REGION WITH THEIR OWN PERSONAL ITEMS BAG

If families of St Joseph's Primary School would like to support the Western Cape Women's Crisis Shelter and this new initiative, we would greatly appreciate donations of new pens, pencils, colouring books and note pads.

***Humility - Justice - Compassion***

Ph. 07 4069 9500

Email: [secretary.weipa@cns.catholic.edu.au](mailto:secretary.weipa@cns.catholic.edu.au)

Web: [www.stjosephsweipa.qld.edu.au](http://www.stjosephsweipa.qld.edu.au)

Boundary Road, Rocky Point QLD 4874 Postal: PO Box 1409, Weipa QLD 4874

# Year 6 Camp 2017

## Day 1: Travel Day

9 students and their parents/guardians lined the drop-off point at Weipa airport last Sunday, full of nerves and excitement. We couldn't believe the day had finally arrived. We were headed to Brisbane! After saying goodbye to our families, Ms Harrison, Miss Cook and Mr Dorahy took the 9 year six students under their wings. We checked-in, boarded, and headed off on our adventure. Each flight was filled with laughs, and memorable moments. On the way to Luther Heights Youth Camp in Coolumb that evening, our bus driver was courteous enough to allow us to stop for a special Macca's dinner.



## Day 2: Australia Zoo

Our morning started off with a hot breakfast at Luther Heights, which quickly became our favourite meal of every day. We headed off by bus to Australia Zoo where we took a tour around the zoo then experienced a keeper chat and pat. This included getting up close to a koala, blue tongue lizard and snake! We learnt all about echidnas, crocodiles, and even the zoo's albino python. After our education programs, we ate lunch in the Crocoseum with a great view of the Wildlife Warrior show. Our free time to wander the park included a visit to the new meerkat enclosure, which reminded us of the way some members of our class stand up straight and alert when they hear a chip packet opening. We finished off the day with a walk along the beach.



***Humility - Justice - Compassion***

Ph. 07 4069 9500

Email: [secretary.weipa@cns.catholic.edu.au](mailto:secretary.weipa@cns.catholic.edu.au)

Web: [www.stjosephsweipa.qld.edu.au](http://www.stjosephsweipa.qld.edu.au)

Boundary Road, Rocky Point QLD 4874 Postal: PO Box 1409, Weipa QLD 4874



### Day 3: Camp Activities

This was one of the most highly anticipated days of the trip. After weeks of excitement, we would finally face the challenge of the MASSIVE flying fox. The morning was filled with a “warm-up” in the cold Brisbane waters during body boarding lessons with the Coolum Surf Club. The kids and Miss Cook really enjoyed being able to swim in the ocean without the worry of crocs. Mr Dorahy also had some fun catching some waves on his surf board. After lunch we strapped into our harnesses and zoomed down the hill on the zip-line. Miss Cook led the way and both her and Ms Harrison then waited at the base of the hill to help each child off the line. We almost lost Patrick as he didn't quite make it to the end, and Miss Cook had to rescue him with a rope! The coffin-drop, a running start, and turning upside down were a few of the favourite moves experienced at this activity. To finish off our day of fun, we went down to the dam to try our hands at problem solving. The students were given bamboo poles, some big plastic tubs and some rope to build a raft that would get their team to the other side of the water. Both teams had lots of fun building and “sailing” their rafts. Although they learnt that each knot should be checked before leaving the harbour as both rafts fell apart not long after departure!



### Day 4: St Stephen's Mission Mass & Sir Thomas Brisbane Planetarium

We travelled into the city via bus and caught the train to central station. From there we walked to St Stephen's Cathedral where they were holding this year's Mission Mass to celebrate the “Sock it to Poverty” initiative and bring awareness to Mission Month in the Catholic Church. The Cathedral was stunning and all students represented our school well. Afterwards we had a BBQ lunch with the other schools in attendance and met 3 other year 6 groups from St Joseph's schools! They were very impressed with the Ugandan doll we had brought with us and are excited to take up the project as well. The bus then took us to Mt Coot-tha where we visited the Brisbane Planetarium. The live show was incredible and we learnt so much about how stars are made. The students (and staff/parent) were exhausted, so it was early to bed before our trip home.



***Humility - Justice - Compassion***

## Day 5: Travel Day

Up at 6am to leave at 7am for the airport. 12 tired Weipians ate their final hot breaky, thanked the amazing staff at Luther Heights, and bundled themselves into the bus. It was a long day of travel and the students handled themselves well. We were lucky enough to be able to travel out to the shopping centre in Cairns for lunch during our 4 hour layover, giving the students a chance to stretch their legs. They arrived back in Weipa safely at 6pm to the embrace of family with many exciting stories to tell.



Ms Harrison and Miss Cook would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Jamie Dorahy for being such a superstar on this trip. We could not have done it without our “big kid” around. You are a true champion.

Thanks also to those staff who spent the week teaching the year 5 students whilst Miss Cook was away. We have heard such wonderful things about the year 5s’ learning and leadership and the students should be proud of themselves!



***Humility - Justice - Compassion***