

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

EDITION 2017/11 WEEK 1, TERM 2 2017



Important dates ...

✓ Monday 1st May – Labour Day Public Holiday

✓ 9th – 11th May – NAPLAN Testing

✓ Friday 12th May – Mother's Day Stall & 2pm Mother's Day Liturgy

✓ Friday 26th May – Sorry Day

✓ Thursday 1st June – Ribbon Day for Student Protection

✓ Friday 9th June – Athletics Carnival

✓ Friday 23rd June – Last Day Term 2 School resumes 10th July

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News from Ms. Harrison...

Dear Parents,

Thank you to those students and families who attended the Weipa dawn service on Tuesday morning. It was lovely to see so many young students proudly join in the marchpast and Dawn service in such a respectful manner. As a school community we acknowledged ANZAC day with a beautiful and very moving liturgy led by Mrs Saunders and Mrs Turner on Monday afternoon.

It is important when speaking of ANZAC day and remembering the tragic loss of life and sacrifice of Australian men and women that we turn the conversation to the importance of the peace, love and respect that we enjoy today. Our hope and prayer is that such tragedy never happens again and that our children will only ever know a life of peace.

Something to think about...

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them."

Laurence Binyon



School Crossing Update

St Joseph's school and local authorities are continuing to work together in providing safe access for our students to travel to school each day. Last weekend the WTA updated much of the line marking at both entrances to the school. Local police have also increased patrols before and after school as a visible presence to slow traffic down in these areas. Yesterday we received word that a Road Safety Officer from Cairns will be visiting Weipa next week to carry out some assessments on the existing and future needs of school crossings. These are all positive steps forward in making our existing crossings safer for our students.

NAPLAN:

NAPLAN testing for all Year 3 and Year 5 students will occur on May 9th, 10th & 11th. For those year levels, please ensure that any non-essential appointments are not made for those days, as it is preferable for all students to sit the tests at the same time. Should your child be sick on any of those days, they will be able to sit the tests on a make-up day within that week, but outside of that all test materials will be returned to Test Administration. Should you have any concerns or questions regarding your Yr 3 or 5 child's participation in the NAPLAN testing program, please see your class teacher as first point of contact.

Supervision of Children before and after school

One of the lovely aspects of our school is the number of families present here before and after school. We welcome parents and younger siblings to join in games and play before school, especially on the basketball court and play equipment. One provision we have asked of our students is that if they are on the play equipment they must be supervised by their parents at all times. Teaching staff are on duty, but not in the playground area at these times. We have also asked that all students remain in the seating area at school pick-up time at 3pm to ensure that we can see

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where all students are as they await pick-up by parents. Any students on the play equipment must be supervised by their own parents after school.

Mothers Day Stall

Many thanks to Rachael Steele for her behind the scenes work in organising our Mother's Day stall. The stall is shaping up to be the 'place to shop' for our students for the big day. Please check the Stall notice on the board outside the Flexible Learning Space for further details.

Have a wonderful long weekend.

Rosie

PRINCIPAL



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 ☺ We appreciate every bit of assistance..

If anybody has any old uniforms that are torn, damaged or irreparable we are in need of the uniform fabric for a craft activity to fundraise for charity. Any old or disused uniforms can be left at the Administration office with Ms Harrison. Thank you.

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appreciated

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A huge thank you to all those students, parents and staff who attended the Dawn service on Tuesday. It was a lovely service and the students made us extremely proud of their dedication and respect paid to our servicemen and women both past and present.

This week on Wednesday an email was sent to all families with regards to the Enhancing Catholic School Identity project and we would appreciate it if these could be completed before the 19th May. A link has been included below and an email will also be sent with some instructions, but if you wish to attend there will be two sessions held at school for those who may require some explanation for some of the questions. This is important for us to be able to collect data so we can complete the project and understand how our Catholic identity is expressed in work and practice.

<http://www.schoolidentity.net/>

NAPLAN 9th, 10th and 11th May 2017

"NAPLAN is a point-in-time test of just a few, albeit important subjects which can be compared to the same data collected at other times and around Australia, to help work out, among other things and alongside other data, the effects of different educational programs and policies, and the places where additional resources could make the greatest impact. NAPLAN does not replace the much deeper, more sophisticated and more frequent formative or summative assessments of student learning done by school teachers, nor does it provide judgement on how 'good' a student, teacher or school might be.

We are asking that all parents of students in Year 3 and 5 to discuss with their child, that NAPLAN is a 'one off test' and that they have been well prepared by their teachers. It is important that throughout this process we care for our children's well-being and not place undue pressure on them. Thank you for your support as we work together for the well-being of all our students at this time.

ICAS COMPETITION

Thank you to all those students who registered for the ICASS Competition this year. It is great to see that we have so many students participating from Year 2 – 6. ICAS dates are outlined below:

<i>Test paper</i>	<i>Sitting date</i>
Digital Technologies	Tuesday 23 rd May
Science	Tuesday 30 th May
Writing	Monday 12 th - Friday 16 th June 2017
Spelling	Wednesday 14 th June
English	Tuesday 1 st August
Mathematics	Tuesday 15 th August

Thank you and blessings for a wonderful weekend,

Amanda

Prayer for the week:

May your troubles be less
and your blessings be more
and nothing but happiness
come through your door.
Have a great up and coming week.



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Classroom News..



Prep

In Prep this week we commenced the AFL program which was really popular with the class. We have started some rotation groups focusing on numeracy and literacy with the Year One students some mornings each week. We continued with our KWL chart about Weipa wildlife leading up to our school art show. One of our class discussions was about places which can be far away or close by, including places of significance to students here in Weipa. We started learning some new sounds that can be made with more than one letter. We have been doing our own Fantastic Friday activities, so it was even more exciting to join in with the rest of the school for the first time this week ☺

RAWR YOU WANTING TO HELP???? PRESHISTORIC PREPS



As part of a leadership action research project. Cass Loble 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 clobley@cns.catholic.edu.au.

Year 1

Wow, week two already! The students attended our ANZAC day liturgy on Monday afternoon. Thank you to the students who attended the ANZAC day dawn service. We have started some rotation groups focusing on literacy and numeracy with the prep students, which has started off really well. In English we have started looking at procedural texts. In Science the students have built a tower using some marshmallows and raw spaghetti. They all did an amazing job working together as a group to build a tower using these materials. There are some photos of the towers in our classroom, please come in and have a look. We will continue with parent reading every morning from 8:30 - 9:00am if any parents are available to help, you can come in on any day your available.

Please encourage your child to read every night as this wonderful quote highlights it all:

"The more you **read**
the more **things** you know.
The more that you **learn**
the more **places** you'll go."
-Dr. Seuss

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Year 2

Last Friday we were very excited about going on our Yr 2 Excursion! We visited Red Beach and learnt about the importance of the scarred trees and the shell middens. We saw and found lots of wildlife and then we went to the Cultural Centre where Auntie Flo spoke to us about many different things. It was a great day out and we all learnt something about our Local Area and the history of Weipa.. In our learning we have been exploring the value of coins in maths and our focus was on Anzac Day and why it is so important to us.

Year 3

This week we have settled back into routines now and making sure we are focussed with our spelling and maths tasks. Mrs Saunders set us up with our 1:1 devices last week and a typing program to enhance our keyboarding skills. It is a program we can practice at home on as well. In Geography we were able to dabble with Google earth and some of us discovered street view which was really cool. Miss Cassie has set us up with our English assessments and these are going to be amazing. Students have started to write recipes including vegemite sandwiches (which were disastrous; just ask us why!?), pancakes (which we got to eat) and we're researching what recipe we're going to make for our assessment piece in our My Classroom Rules TV show. Students are asked to practise their speaking and presenting skills and start researching their recipes. A copy of their assessment for English is on their google drive in their English folder. Copies of their mental math booklets are also saved in their google drive folders to practise at home if they're bored.

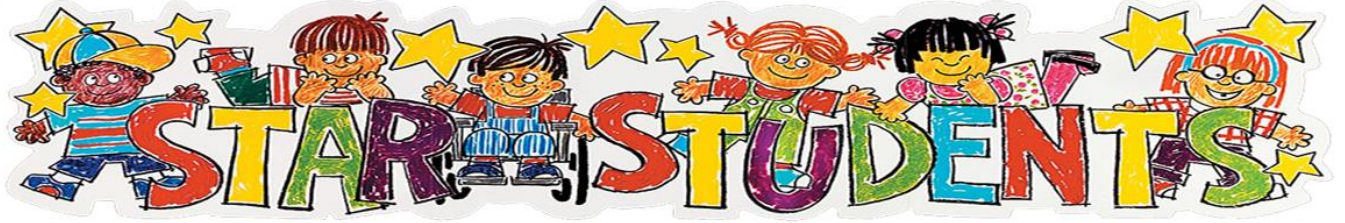
Year 4

This week we have continued reading and looking at interesting words (WOW words) in Charlotte's Web. We have learnt that it is lonely being a pig and that Wilbur finally has a friend called Charlotte, who is a spider. In Maths we have been looking at measurement. There are lots of things we can measure and lots of different words that we use for formal units of measurement. We have had fun choosing our own activities to do with different measurements to complete in groups. We started our Science Unit on Plants in Action, where our first home activity using our iPads will be to take photos in our home gardens with a "garden buddy". Next week Mrs Haardt is away on Wednesday and Thursday but she will leave us lots of work to complete.

Year 5 - 6

This week was jam packed with Maths and Literacy. Year 5/6 continued to learn about fractions and discovered ways to find equivalent fractions. We used our fraction walls to extend our thinking and made posters for our room. We made class definitions for the different types of fractions and then applied these to our learning. In literacy, we have continued learning about persuasive writing and applied the techniques to our own piece of writing. Mrs Harrison helped us to deconstruct an article from the newspaper to improve our own writing. Next week we will continue to work on these ideas and apply our learning in different ways.

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Prep..	Natalie Foo + Ben Machan
Year 1..	Summer Alleyn + Chelsea Steele
Year 2..	Jackael Day + Sarah Bond
Year 3..	Jessica Hynes + Maddison O'Connor
Year 4..	Riley Wellby + Holly Jackson
Year 5 — 6..	Brianna peet + Patrick Dorahy

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art THE show

Wednesday 17th May from 5pm – 8pm

\$10 per family entry. Beverages available for purchase. All student artwork for sale on the night. Parents and community welcome to participate



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WEIPA KINDERGARTEN
AND PRESCHOOL INVITES YOU TO...

WINE BY THE SEA

Oscars Party

Join us for a night of glitz and glam, Hollywood style.
Prizes for best glam dressed male and female,
best dressed celebrity and more...

When: Saturday 20th May 2017
Where: Weipa Bowls Club
Time: 6:30PM
Price: \$65 Per Person
Tickets: Includes Canapés, Drink on Arrival and
Entry to Lucky Door Prize
Enjoy: Live Entertainment, Raffles and more...

Tickets available from:

- Kindergarten
- Weipa Bowls Club
- Western Cape Real Estate Office
- Every Saturday outside
Woolworths until sold out.



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Community Information Session Team Captains Meeting

Saturday 29th April
3pm
Weipa Bowls Club

Relay For Life - find out more
Fundraising - hints, tips, share ideas
Meet our 'Face of Relay'
Meet the committee
Sign up your team
Help us make a difference!

A message from your local volunteer committee



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