

# ST JOSEPH'S PARISH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

EDITION 201722 WEEK 3, TERM 3 2017



## Important dates ...

✓ 1st August - 4th August - Marama Forster School Counsellor visit

✓ Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August - School Photos

✓ 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.



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## **Catholic Education Week 2017**

Thank you to Mrs Saunders for all her behind the scenes work to bring our St Joseph's celebrations of Catholic Education week to fruition. The wonderful cut out dolls that you will see displayed around the school were a wonderful collaborative way of us sharing in the journey even though we are one of the most remote Catholic schools in Queensland.

Congratulations to Caleb Hill and Brianna Peet who represented our students at the Queensland launch in Cairns on Wednesday. Their beautiful manners and wonderful leadership qualities were demonstrated from the moment they boarded the plane until we returned to school on Thursday. You were wonderful ambassadors for St Joseph's Weipa.

### **Kids need to get gritty and get their hands dirty**

Getting outside - beyond our four walls - and experiencing the natural world helps children grow grit, resilience, critical thinking, problem solving and emotional intelligence. Research also shows that outdoor learning and nature time fosters cognitive, emotional and physical development in children.

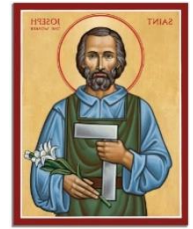
These key findings have been released in our 2017 research report, sponsored by Toyota Australia, titled *Learning from Trees - Life Lessons for Future Generations*. 200 teachers across Australia were asked to identify the key skills children need to learn now, to be prepared to tackle global challenges such as climate change, in the future. 60 per cent of teachers cited problem solving and critical thinking, 'grit' or resilience, and emotional intelligence as the most important skills for facing future challenges; teachers also ranked these same skills as their students' weakest.

Parents, schools and the wider community all have an important role to play to ensure the next generation develops a strong connection to nature. Simple actions like teaching a class outdoors or getting your hands dirty on National Tree Day ticks a lot of boxes.

We thank Elissa Nash and Kylie Argent for all their behind the scenes work to promote Planet Ark National tree day at St Joseph's Weipa this year. The array of beautiful local plants organised for the day was stunning. The children spent some time during Funtastic Friday activities planting native trees around the perimeter of the school as part of Planet Ark National Tree Day. We would like to thank those families who took up the challenge to ADOPT A TREE. Your generous donation will be acknowledged on a plaque and in years to come you can care for and watch your tree grow. I will be away next Tuesday and Wednesday attending the combined Townsville and Cairns Principal's conference. Mrs Saunders will be acting Principal in my absence.

*Rosie*

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What a wonderful way to begin our week with our prayer service to celebrate Catholic Education week. I must say a very big thank you to all of our teachers and students for taking on board the theme of 'Sharing the Journey.' This week all classes undertook with enthusiasm the task of completing a doll figurine in the theme to represent our own journeys. They all look amazing and a display will be placed around the school for everybody to admire.

During Term 1 and 2 we started on a journey together to begin a process of looking at our School's Catholic identity and some surveys were completed to collect data. The report from these surveys will be distributed later in the year but as a lead up to understanding the results, the staff will be attending some twilight sessions this term. These sessions allow us to look at the research behind the project so we can interpret and respond to the results.

In relation to the Catholic Identity project I also applied for a scholarship to undertake some study relating to the project and was successful. In Week 5 of this term I will spend a week in Brisbane studying with a number of other APRE's from the Diocese during an intensive. This study relates to the Leuven university research from which the Catholic Identity project has been established. During this time Mrs Kelly Bienvenu will be relieving in Year 3 alongside Mrs Cassie Lobley.

Whilst I am away we will be celebrating the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August and we invite you all to come along and celebrate the wonderful work of Australia's first Saint. Further details will be distributed via email and notices to students in class.

Australia Zoo visits have been scheduled at Western Cape College next week and further details will be distributed to the relevant classes once the details have been finalised.

Thank you and blessings for a wonderful week ahead,

Amanda

### *Reflection for Catholic Education week...*

J is for JOY on the Journey!  
Jesus showed us how to be JOYFUL!

O is for OFTEN!  
We must pray OFTEN on the Journey

U is for US, Our Community sharing and caring for others!  
All of Us share and care on the journey!

R is for Responding to the call for justice!  
Responding to those in need!

N is for Now, this is the time to act to make a difference in the world  
Now we act to make a difference.

E is for Everyone, everyone working together.  
Everyone working together

Y is for YES! We can DO IT!  
YES! We can be the change to a better world!



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# Classroom News..



**Prep..** This week we have celebrated Catholic Education Week at school. The state launch of Catholic Education Week was hosted for the first time by Cairns Catholic Education. The theme this year is "Sharing the Journey" and we participated respectfully in a whole school liturgy and did some activities including a class mat of footprints. In Maths we were investigating numbers in our environment and the students enjoyed walking around the school grounds searching for and finding numbers. We began looking at digital technologies and identifying what they are as well as the difference between software and hardware. We revised the terms of past, present and future and what memories are in History. We continued observing the weather this week and investigated the answers to one of our questions which was what clouds are made of. We planted some sunflower, tomato, herbs and strawberry seeds last Friday and already have some plants that we have taken care of by giving them sunlight and water. We took part in the plant a tree for Planet Ark tree planting with the school. We have continued with student reading in the mornings between 8:40am and 9:00am. Thank you to all of the parents for your continued support with reading in the mornings.

**Year 1..** This week the students have read the story called "Oh, jump in a sack!" by Joy Cowley. The students have had to write a description about a character in the story. In Mathematics, the students have been focusing on addition and subtraction and we have learnt about what makes a calendar. The students have been participating in a perception motor program where they balance on beams, walk backwards, hop and do many more things. The students have enjoyed this program so far. In Science, we have looked at what things will change in our environment and what things will stay the same. The students' pea seeds have already started to grow, which was very fast, they have been very excited watching them grow. In religion, we have celebrated Catholic Education Week and all of the students have participated in a liturgy and a few activities, one was painting a wooden template of a person as a class. They all really enjoyed this and it was great to see all of the students taking turns and working together to complete the activities.

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..** We have loved having Miss K teach us this week again. She has really engaged the students with our Water unit and this week we explored what ground and surface water are, how a dam works, how to recycle water. We have loved reading the Whizzy Water book, learning about the water cycle and what happens to water and how it gets to our taps.

All our Dreamtime stories about Tiddalick are finished and they are awesome. Next week every student will be reading their story to a Prep or Yr 1 student which will be great for them to share their success in writing their own story. In Maths we have been consolidating place value understanding, using an app and lots of hands on use of MAB and partner work.

Catholic Education Week has been a focus, we have all made feet to represent our journey in Yr 2 as well as each student designing a street sign representing what they think "Sharing Our Journey" means. We have enjoyed making our mascot "ALEX", who is a visual story of how we work together, learn together, grow in our friendships together and show respect. Lots of learning and growing as individuals this week. Enjoy your weekend everyone!

A big thankyou to Miss K as she continues on her journey to become a teacher soon. She has certainly brought warmth and lots of happy memories for all of us.

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**Year 3..** Year 3 are learning to research and turn their notes into paragraphs under sub-headings and settling fact from opinion. They are researching about the real rocks and minerals from Minecraft and we had Mr Spodniewski, a real Geologist, come in to speak with the children and share his knowledge. We have another parent coming in with their collection of crystals next week and the Machan family have kindly shared their rock collection which is on show in our class museum. Feel free to come and visit anytime!

Golden Pencil Award.. Sam McNamara & Jasmine Scikluna.



**Year 4..** In Year 4 this week we have calculated the perimeter and area of 2D shapes. We worked out that a shape can have the same area but a different perimeter. Mrs Haardt continues to read the funny short stories of Andy Griffiths, including Chubby Bubbies, Band-Aid, Busting and A Crazy, Bad, Dumb, Bad, Bad, Dumb, Crazy, Bad Idea. We are continuing to write our stories and some students are up to publishing their stories. In Digital Technology Year 4 will continue to learn coding, building on from their knowledge of last year. There are two new apps on their iPad which we will use next week. In Geography, the students researched what a desert and rainforest area is, and where to find them in Australia, South America and Africa. Our main focus this week however has been on Catholic Education Week, where we looked at the theme of "Sharing Our Journey". The students talked about the disciples and how they needed the courage and knowledge given to them by the Holy Spirit to continue sharing the story of Jesus and to start the Christian church that we have in the world today. A very important person was Paul, hence our cut out 'doll' that each class decorated is named Paul.

**Year 5 - 6..** Our spelling program is well and truly on track this week as students focus on etymology and how to use the origins of a word to work out its spelling. We are looking at words with greek prefixes, including ATHlete, Diverge and DECathlon.

We continued studying poetry, focussing on how we can create a rhythm with words. It turns out that rhyme and structure are the major contributors to this. Maths saw the introduction of long multiplication and the box strategy for multiplying larger numbers together. It was great to see so many students giving it a red hot go when faced with something different. Year 5/6 really enjoyed decorating "Derek", who was our wooden figure for Catholic Education Week. We decided to outline and paint the shapes of our feet to represent sharing the journey and walking the path of the Lord. It was fitting that we also learnt about the history of Vinnies this week, which is a tale of coming together and helping others when they are in need. We hope that over this year we can find even more ways to share the journey with each other and the wider community.

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Prep.. Ashton Childs + Sophie Hoad + Silvie Hines

Year 1.. Yuri Lesic + Chelsea Steele

Year 2.. Ryan Potter + Judson Gay

Year 3.. Ewan Haardt + Romona Bond

Year 4.. Ryley Wellby + Isaac Morton

Year 5-6.. Damian Parr + Jay Deegan

### *School Photos 2017*

School Photo packs were distributed last week and will be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August. All forms need to be handed into the office no later than Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August. If you need a new form or a sibling photo pack come in and see us in the office.

### *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.

#### Sacramental Program.

If there are any families with children in Year 3 – 6 who are interested in the Sacramental program please let Mrs Saunders know before Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August. Father Dariusz will be returning mid- August and we will have to meet to determine dates for conducting the preparations and celebrations.

If there is anybody interested in Baptism please let her know as well.

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## Catholic Education Week



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# *Physical Education and Social Emotional Learning Concepts for Term 3*

What a fabulous and busy start we have had for the term and already it is flying by as we finish up Week 3. There has been visit from the Cowboys and we have jumped straight into our Term 3 units.

Today we congratulated at Assembly the following people:

## ***Age Champions – Athletics Carnival 2017***

2008 Boys – Ethan Abood

2007 Boys – Lachlan Hohns

2007 Girls – Kimberely Hutchinson

2005 Boys – Taj Barba

The students participated with enthusiasm and demonstrated Confidence, Persistence and Resilience.

This Term P.E units are as follows:

Prep: How to be a good sport.

Year 1: How can I show values for Myself and others?

Year 2: Ropes and Rhymes.

Year 3: Scoot, Scoot.

Year 4: Catch, Howz that?

Year 5/6: Built for B-Ball

## *Social Emotional Learning*

This Term the students will be focusing on the keys of Confidence and Resilience and learning about the following key concepts in their SEL lessons.

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## Confidence

Lower Primary Lessons 1 – 3: Revision.

Lower Primary Lessons 4 – 6: Making Mistakes, Cool Cucumbers, Helping Sad Sally and Worried William be more like Charlie Confidence.

Middle Primary Lessons 1 – 3: Revision.

Middle Primary Lessons 4 – 6: How does your Cooke Crumble?, Bloopers, Confidence is our Game.

Upper Primary Lessons 1 – 3: Revision.

Upper Primary Lessons 4 – 6: My own spokes get me going ahead, Who's Perfect, My Confidence Plan.

## Resilience

Lower Primary Lessons 1 – 3: Revision.

Lower Primary Lessons 4 – 6: Things to do to be Resilient, Resilient Thinking, Pulling it all Together.

Middle Primary Lessons 1 – 3: Revision.

Middle Primary Lessons 4 – 6: Resilience Boosters, Using your Head, Where to from Here?

Upper Primary Lessons 1 – 3: Revision.

Upper Primary Lessons 4 – 6: Practical Tips for Building Resilience, Thinking your way to Resilience, Where to from Here?

We would like to say a big thank you to North Queensland Bulk Ports and the North Queensland Toyota Cowboys for visiting St. Joseph's Parish school, Weipa. The children thoroughly enjoyed the talk and performing some drills with the players. Also a big thank you to our Tuckshop Convenor Thu for providing the players and staff with a fabulous lunch.



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