

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Important dates ...

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

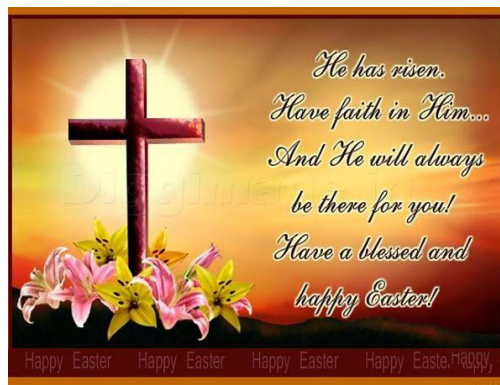
Volunteers!



On Tuesday 4th April we will be working in the Flexible Learning Space to catch up on covering a lot of new resources. If you have any spare time during the times of 9am to 12noon please come and join us. Morning tea will be provided for those covering.



Tuesday 18th April P&F Meeting 7pm Flexible Learning Space - Agenda items to include all the busy activity around grants and the eating area.



An Easter Blessing..

*May the glory
And the promise
of this joyous time of year
Bring peace
And happiness to you
And those you hold most dear,
And may Christ,
Our Risen Saviour, always be there by your side
To bless you most abundantly and be your loving guide*

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News from Ms. Harrison...

Dear Families,

St Joseph's Day Awards

We would like to acknowledge and congratulate the following students, who received the 2017 St Joseph's Day Awards for displaying many of the wonderful qualities of our patron saint in the way they *demonstrate humility, justice and compassion every day at school.*

Prep – Ben Machan

Year 1 – Ayden Vogler

Year 2 – Jessica Hoad

Year 3 – Daniel Scarabello

Year 4 – Kunio Sagigi

Year 5/6 – Annabelle Clements

Challenging Ourselves and Setting New Goals

Our Parent Teacher Interviews are almost complete and it has been great to see so many parents around the school keen to work with the teachers in supporting their child's growth and development. We know that for each student to achieve success then their attitude to learning must be positive.

The beliefs children have about intelligence, effort, and struggle impact the choices they make about their learning and the goals they set to improve.

People tend to hold one of two different beliefs about intelligence:

- Children with a **growth mindset** believe that intelligence can be developed. These students see school as a place to develop their abilities and think of challenges as opportunities to grow.
- Children with a **fixed mindset** believe that intelligence is fixed at birth and doesn't change or changes very little with practice. These students see school as a place where their abilities are evaluated; they focus on looking smart over learning, and they interpret mistakes as a sign that they lack talent.

How we talk to our children and the language we use has a big impact on the type of mindset they develop. In the Flexible learning Space are these words – “**Change Your Words – Change Your Mindset**” with examples of the language of a growth mindset.

Let's support our children by helping them develop a growth mindset, knowing the brain can get smarter; putting in effort is a way to build our abilities and failure is a natural part of the learning process. Children may not be able to do something yet, but with hard work and effort it will happen.



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Cross Country

You will be reading this newsletter after the Cross Country. However, as I'm writing this article on Thursday we look forward to seeing many of our parents at the Cross Country event tomorrow. Mrs Turner has done a magnificent job of coordinating this event so it runs smoothly for us all. As I write, the children are out practicing their team war cries and getting very excited. Our staff members are also talking up some friendly rivalry amongst house groups and planning to make the day all the more exciting for the kids. As well as the usual awards for students running well and achieving a placing, special acknowledgement tomorrow goes to children who are demonstrating resilience, persistence and getting along. Mrs Turner has prepared some special boxes with tickets for students 'caught' showing these fabulous team and sportsmanlike qualities tomorrow.

A big shout out to our band of P and F helpers who are coordinating the BBQ for the students and families tomorrow. Thank you to our local Woolies here in Weipa for donating the sausages for this event.

This will be our final newsletter for Term One. It is hard to believe the first term has gone so quickly. I extend a warm Easter blessing to all our families, for those of you travelling during the holidays may you be safe and well. We look forward to seeing you back at school immediately following the Easter public holidays on Tuesday, 18th April for the first day of Term 2.



Rosie

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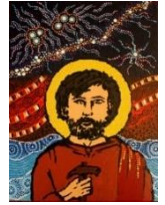
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As we finish our first term for the year parents are reminded of the important events coming in our church calendar. At the end of these holidays we will begin the celebration of Holy Week which begins with Palm Sunday, the day Jesus triumphantly enters into Jerusalem. Due to Holy week falling in the school holidays this year, we will celebrate the events of Holy week as a whole school when we return in Week 1 of Term 2.

What is Holy Week?



Holy week begins with Passion or Palm Sunday which falls on the 9th April. During Holy Week we are called to enter this time with reverence and celebrate its rites with care and devotion.

Holy Thursday – Maundy Thursday 13th April is the celebration of the Lord's Supper. At the mass of the Lord's Supper, the focus is on the celebration of the Eucharist and what happened.

Good Friday – 14th April is the day we remember the passion and death of Christ on the cross. It is usually a solemn day and when the celebration finishes with the prayer over the people. Catholics should abstain from eating meat on Good Friday.

Easter Sunday 16th April is the most significant day in the Easter celebration for Catholics. We celebrate the saving love and new life given to us through the resurrection of Jesus.

ANZAC DAY Celebrations



Week 2 Term 2 will see an important focus on celebrating and remembering the ANZACs and all who have served their country. The human qualities of mateship, courage and sacrifice are associated with the spirit of the ANZACs and proudly embraced as a part of our National Identity. Service members who served under the Australian flag in conflicts and peacekeeping missions, demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to the freedom of our Country (and continue to do so still!). Sons and daughters of our nation were prepared to pay the ultimate sacrifice to defend their homeland and save its people. Ironically, through their sad sacrifice, we have been given freedom in our lives.

As a whole school we will gather to celebrate and remember so please make sure to keep abreast of what is happening so we can show our solidarity at this time. We will be providing details on the ANZAC service in the first week of Term 2.

Thank you and blessings for a wonderful break,

Amanda

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Prep

This week we have done literacy rotations including writing our sight words on the mini whiteboards, reading the book called Common Wombats and sorting sounds with matching pictures. We have been doing numeracy rotations including making quantities of counters, matching numbers on the 100's board game and counting forwards and backwards to twenty. We have used language to communicate our ideas and shared stories of anticipation of what we are going to be doing on the holidays. We finished the week with our first Cross Country. All students who participated showed an amazing effort and did their personal best for their team. We have learnt and achieved a lot in our very first term at school. Well done Preps! Hope you all have a very Happy Easter.

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

We have made it to week 10! Thank you to all of the parent helpers in term one, your support has been *amazing*. Our class goal this week was to do a nice deed for someone else. This week in year one we have looked at warm colours in art and painted a turtle using the warm colours. In English we have started looking at the features of writing a sorry letter and continued on with using the reading eggs program. In Mathematics we have been learning how to graph, using a picture graph. We graphed our class eye colour and looked at the collected data. Today, the students all participated in the cross-country. **Please pack any unreturned library books in your child's library bag for their first day back, Tuesday 18th April.** Please keep reading books and going over sight words during the holidays. Have a wonderful break and we will see you all bright and fresh next term!

Year 2

This week we have been researching the life cycle of Mealworms and to the surprise of many children, we discovered what they turn into! Many children will be worm sitting on the holidays. In Maths, we enjoyed making an April calendar, looking at the seasons and months of the year and using data to help graph our birthdays. We hope all the good deeds done by the children this week were noticed. We are all so looking forward to having a well-earned rest over the holidays! Enjoy everyone

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Year 3

This week we have spent quite a bit of time listening to and viewing the Project Compassion videos of those less fortunate than us. It has been important for us to realise and appreciate the struggles some people have to endure each day. We have also tried hard this Lent to remember those less fortunate and to be more like Jesus each day. Mrs Saunders was keen to have us complete some of our assessment and talked to us about how important it is to remember our St Joseph's Way and be kind to all. In English we have been finishing our persuasive assessment pieces and completing our latest reading assessments. In Math we have been focussing on time.

Year 4

Well the turtles have all left our classroom, which leaves us wondering what Mrs Haardt has planned for us next Term? We will just have to wait and see. In Maths we finished the Term with 3D shapes, finding out about faces, vertices and edges. We finished our geography unit on Refugees and came up with some great ideas on how to reduce, reuse or recycle waste around St Joseph's. Remember to keep up the reading over the holidays and we can't wait to get back and share our holiday adventures with everyone.

Year 5 - 6

This term has just flown by. A lot of focus has been placed on finishing our narratives this week. All students successfully completed their choose-your-own-adventure narratives and many kept Miss Cook up all night because they were so insanely scary! We completed our mathematics investigation by drawing conclusions about the types of readers in our class. It turns out that year 5/6 prefer longer books and those by a large variety of authors! In science we learnt about penicillin and how it is mould that is used to save lives in the form of antibiotics. We all agreed that micro-organisms are really cool. Thank you to every member of the class and their families for a great start to the year. We look forward to achieving more personal bests next term.



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Physical Education (P.E)

..Cross Country..

Today St. Joseph's Parish School, Weipa participated in then 2017 Cross Country. The children sat in their House Colours - Mission, Pine and Embley and cheered for their class mates. All students participated with enthusiasm and demonstrated Confidence, Persistence and Resilience.

The Parents and Friends provided a BBQ for the students and it was a fabulous day with a wonderful sense of Team Spirit. We concluded with the presentation to Pine being the overall House Winner and Age champions announced today.

Thank you to the P and F, Parent helpers, Teachers and School Officers for a very successful day

Age Champions – Cross Country 2017

2012 Boys – William Bassett

2012 Girls – Sophia Hoad

2011 Boys – Elroy Spodniewski

2011 Girls – Olivia Price

2010 Boys – Aiden Clegg

2010 Girls – Ewa McNamara

2009 Boys – Luke Clegg

2009 Girls – Baia Spodniewski

2008 Boys – Sam McNamara

2008 Girls – Sienna Williams

2007 Boys – Jay West

2007 Girls – Mia Wright

2006 Boys – Patrick Dorahy

2006 Girls – Delphina Day

2005 Boys – Damien Parr

Congratulations to everyone and thank you again for making the 2017 Cross Country a success.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and Happy Easter and look forward to seeing you all in Term 2.

Mrs Turner..

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- Prep.. Lopeti Huni + Kooper Bayliss
- Year 1.. Jesse Hutchinson, Elroy Spodniewski, Levi Payne
- Year 2.. Hailey Merkel, Mistee Sagigi + Isabella Fahey
- Year 3.. Sienna Williams + Charlie Hockey
- Year 4.. Lucas Hancock + Kate Merkel
- Year 5 – 6.. Makayla Loble, Tom Hockey + Caleb Hill

**BIG
SHOUT
OUT!!**

Woolworths 



Parents
and Friends

A big thank you to Weipa Woolies for donating the sausages for our P&F Cross Country Sausage Sizzle!

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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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