

# ST JOSEPH'S PARISH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

EDITION 2017/16 WEEK 6, TERM 2 2017



## Important dates ...

- ✓ Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June - Ribbon Day for Student Protection
- ✓ Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June - Track & Ball Games Athletics Carnival
- ✓ Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June - Field Athletics Carnival (Years 3-6 only)
- ✓ Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June - Last Day Term 2 School resumes 10<sup>th</sup> July

## A Prayer for the littlest of Learners

Father of all mercies  
We ask that you would bless  
the youngest and littlest of learners,  
the most helpless and powerless of persons,  
with Your infinite and loving mercy,  
granting them the strength to learn, concentrate,  
and act in love towards  
their teachers and fellow students.  
We also ask that You would watch over them,  
at home and at school  
and give them proper direction  
so that they may learn  
of Your wonderful virtues.  
We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen  
*David Bennett*



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## News from Ms. Harrison...

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As parents we are all concerned about the wellbeing of our own children and hopefully that of other children as well. Wellbeing is often thought of as happiness but it is more than that. We need to feel worthwhile, with lives that are fulfilling and meaningful. At St Joseph's we, as staff are committed to the wellbeing and learning of all students. It is at the heart of all we do.

We need the skills to create close personal connections and a network of strong relationships that give us a sense of belonging. We need the skills of emotional intelligence and social competency if we are to really feel like "WELL-BEINGS."

Australia, despite its wealth and high standard of living, has alarming levels of childhood depression, self-harm and suicide. Our so called "good life" has not protected us from this sad fact. Evidence proves that children with strong pro-social behaviour tend to lead more positive lives, have more meaningful relationships, enjoy better physical and mental health and do better at school.

In the light of such evidence, many schools are making a commitment to the sustained and thorough development of pro-social behaviour.

School though, is not the only place where children learn. Even with five hours a day, for five days a week, for four terms a year children still do most of their "learning for life" outside school. In fact, most of their character shaping comes from family influences.

What they learn within the family allows them to apply it outside the family. Hopefully, what they have learnt allows them to conform to the demands and expectations of community standards in behaviour and to the requirements of everyday school life and learning.

Everyone in a school community has a role to play in helping children become independent, mature, socially competent, emotionally intelligent and successful human beings.

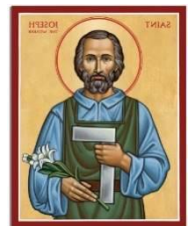
The first step for us all is to be the best role models we can be. It is said, and we believe it to be true, that children need models more than they need critics. With that in mind, let us accept our role as the adults in their midst and offer them the commitment, care, firm guidance and help they need to acquire the skills that lead to meaningful and fulfilled lives.

I will be finishing today for 4 weeks on long service, while I am away, Amanda Saunders will be the Acting Principal. If you have any inquiries please direct these to Amanda. I hope you all enjoy the weeks left of Term 2.

I look forward to seeing you all when we return in Term 3.

*Rosie*

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# APRE News..

## News from the APRE – Term 2 Week 6.

Half the term has lapsed already and lots has transpired. This week some of our students took part in the ICASS Digital Technologies testing and found it to be a very positive and glad they took on the challenge. Over the next few weeks a few more tests will be undertaken in different learning areas. If you nominated your child to undertake a test I will be in contact a few days prior to the test date.

Today at assembly we read a prayer to pay our respects to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of Australia to say sorry. Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May is National Sorry Day and it is this day that gives people the chance to come together and share the steps towards healing for the Stolen Generations, their families and communities. We as a school community were invited to write some messages onto hands that would be used in the 'Sea of Hands' display being constructed on the lawn of the Bishop's House. I was fortunate enough to be able to see the display being constructed and have included some photos below. In recognition and respect we will also be creating a 'Sea of Hands' to display next week at the front of the school so please take some time to have a look and reflect upon what it means.

The hands contain messages about reconciliation, equality, change, recognition, prayer and support. Next week we will also pay our respects by holding a Prayer service to begin Reconciliation Week. This service will be held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm on the lawn beside the basketball court. All are welcome to join us for this event which not only celebrates the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Referendum but also 25 years since the Mabo decision was handed down.

## END OF SEMESTER 1 REPORTS

Next week preparation will begin for the writing of reports cards for Semester 1. Report cards are one way that teachers provide feedback to parents about their child's learning. We are reminded that many of the important aspects of learners can't be formally assessed and that these reports are summative by nature – they don't tell the full story. This semester we will again be holding a parent information session to explain the reporting process within our Diocese and how this reflects what is required by the Australian Curriculum. It would be great to see you there on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 7 pm. The session will be approximately half an hour in length.

## Reminders:

Parent Information Sessions being held this term:

- Reporting and the Parent Portal – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 7-7.30pm
- Wonders of Living – Parent session Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 7-8pm
- 1:1 Devices – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 7-7.30pm

Thank you and blessings for a wonderful weekend, Amanda

## Prayer for the Week

God of Justice, we come to seek your guidance,  
wisdom and compassion  
as we pray for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander  
people who have been wronged in the past.  
May our hearts be open to receive your healing grace,  
So that we in turn bring healing to each other.  
We ask this prayer through Christ, our Lord.  
AMEN

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*Saying Sorry display on the Bishop's lawn.*

**WE NEED HELP IN OUR TUCKSHOP...** 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.

 **Your  
donation  
is greatly  
appreciated**



**Thank you to everyone who helped  
at the Parkrun BBQ Breakfast  
fundraiser last weekend**

After expenses, you raised \$750 for our P&F!



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# Classroom News..



## Prep..

In Prep this week we had a visit from Miss Tari who spoke with us about the importance of Country to Indigenous people. We made handprints and participated respectfully in a whole school Liturgy for Sorry Day. We have been learning about Informative texts and comparing them to Imaginative texts. We practiced writing sentences with capital letters and full stops at the end. We have been learning the days of the week, matching words to digits and placing numbers on a number line. We talked about the properties of a wooden cross and other materials in Science. We have had a great week!

## Year 1..

Every Year One parent should be very proud of all the hard work and good behaviour their child has demonstrated this week. In English, our big book this week was called "Mrs Wishy-Washy and the Big Wash". We used our comprehension cubes to ask questions relating to the story. We have also been looking at what tricky words are. In Mathematics, we have done some graphing and looked at the possibility of something occurring using the language of will, won't or might happen. Please remember homework is due on a Wednesday and our Library day is on a Friday. To help support our Prep and Year One students with role playing, we are asking if anyone has any children's dress ups they would like to donate to help assist us. Thank you in advance.

## Year 2..

Today is Sorry Day and we have had some really interesting discussions with the support of Ms Tari about what this means to us. Most people say Sorry to others when they know they have done something to upset someone. We teach this to our own kids at home and at school it is embedded in our school covenant. But the meaning of Sorry Day is much more than that, it is about acceptance, inclusion and treating everyone equally which we do really well here at St Joseph's. We spoke about how many people are still hurting and we have talked about remembering the traditions and culture of indigenous people, embracing the stories and celebrating the many successes which lead to Sorry Day. Our Yr 2 students really enjoyed designing their hand and other artwork which has helped increase awareness and made connections in our local area about Sorry Day.

## Year 3..

This week all the students performed their cooking procedure in their own TV segment as the culminating assessment piece for our third English unit. Never have I ever been more proud of the hard work and bravery it took to complete it. Their videos are on their google drive or Ipad ready for upload and editing. In Math we've been focusing on mental computation and subtraction. All the students' Ipads now have Targeting Maths 3 on there and they are busy completing the challenges at home to collect badges of merit. There are opportunities for multiplayer mental math so there is Math fun for the whole family! Next week we are starting our newspaper article unit and our class will transform into Junior Journos writing articles as well recording their own news shows using iMovie news templates. It is going to be exciting!

## Year 4..

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This week the Year 4's started their times table challenge in Maths. An email was sent out about this, please contact me if you did not receive this. We have also been learning how to write our own word problems when given an answer instead of a maths sum. In English we are finishing our character profiles about either Charlotte or Wilbur. We have finished reading the book and will have a movie morning when I have all students present at school. After this we will be completing individual inquiry questions relating to Charlotte's Web and choosing our own way of answering these to share with the class. Science has us looking at "Friends or Foe", where we are currently looking at how bees pollinate plants. Our History Unit on "First Australians" saw a new app being installed on our iPads. We have listened to the story in the "Ngurrara" app and enjoyed making rock carvings. Thanks Miss Tari for the app suggestion. You hopefully received a hello card with three different ways of saying hello in nearby Aboriginal tribal languages. Lastly in Religion we have been introduced to meditation. We are saying the chant "ma-ra-na-tha" whilst sitting with our eyes closed. It is a bit hard for some students but we are slowly getting better.

## Year 5 - 6..

The weeks seem to be flying by in 5/6. This week we started researching for and writing our persuasive speeches. We are arguing whether or not Australian primary schools should become more like French primary schools. Our arguments are becoming stronger every session and we are focussing on bringing together all our knowledge about constructing persuasive texts into one piece. Our maths focus was subtracting fractions. We found that these had the same process to follow as when we add fractions! We must first make sure that the denominators are the same. If they aren't then we need to find equivalent fractions to make them the same. Then we can add or subtract the fractions to find the answer. In religion we are studying parts of the Gospels to see how different authors have represented Jesus. Finally, in science we have finished studying solids, liquids AND gases. Next week we will be experimenting with heat and how this can change the properties of some of these materials.



Prep.. Sophia Clements, Sophia Sorbello and Aidan Fay

Year 1.. Antonia Sebasio, Zoe Van Der Westhuizen and Levi Payne

Year 2.. Mistee Sagigi + Samantha Guy

Year 3.. Edward Rees and Abigail Touron.

Year 4.. Jay West

Year 5 - 6.. Patrick Dorahy, Damian Parr and Delphina Day

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## Cross Country – Cairns

Last week 4 students represented St. Joseph's School, Weipa at the Peninsula Cross Country held in Cairns.

10 Year Old Girls – Mia Wright

11 year Old Boys – Patrick Dorahy

11 Year Old Girls – Delphina Day

12 Year Old Boys – Damien Parr

"Lots of people were there cheering and we got to meet new friends. It was very exciting and we enjoyed the experience". Patrick and Damien – Year 5/6.

We are very proud of you all, Well Done!

Next Week is the last week of AFL and Auskick. We would like to Thank AFL Cape York and Josh Hanlon for the great work and all the skills that he has taught us over the last 5 weeks.

Information about the Athletics Carnival on Friday the 9th of June will be in next weeks Newsletter.



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## #LikeaGirl

Girls Secret Society Club meets every Thursday at lunch with Miss Cass. Next week will be our third week. All girls are welcome to attend. In the group we are focusing on empowerment, inspiration and support for girls. We are educating girls and giving them the tools to be strong, independent, confident young women following the #likeagirl campaign. The girls will vote in a panel of support leaders and have the opportunity to discuss issues that arise in our classes and school confidentially and the panel of leaders advises them with the best approach with guidance from Miss Cass. Each week there is a new inspirational and thought-provoking video message with a joining activity to build friendship, support and confidence. If you have any questions, please feel free to come and see Cassie Lobley at school.



Boys Club will start next week on Fridays at lunch and all ages are welcome. In the club we will be focusing on friendship, having the courage to be bold, recognising and making powerful relationships and being strong on the inside and outside. If you have any questions, please see Miss Cass.

**Funtastic Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 12:30-1:00pm** there will be dressage and show jumping competitions followed by lunch jumping! It's going to be hilarious!!!

For the tutorial on how to make one please see:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=TAnvVwh6-tI>

For the competition, details please see:

<https://www.facebook.com/playgroundenglish/videos/460460490953953/>

Giddy Up!



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# Spread fun not flu!

Even healthy kids can get seriously sick from the flu and they can spread it to others.

To learn more visit  
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## Protect your child and others this flu season:

- Keep sick children at home
- Teach children to wash their hands and cover their coughs and sneezes
- Vaccinate—children over six months can be vaccinated.



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# National Reconciliation Week – (NRW) 2017

## Theme: “Let’s Take the Next Steps”

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) will be held between: 27 May – 3 June. This year in 2017, these dates will mark two milestones in Australia’s Reconciliation journey: The 1967 Referendum and the historic Mabo decision, respectively.

- 50 Years since the 1967 referendum
- 25 years since the historic Mabo decision



As we commemorate these significant milestones in the Weipa and surrounding areas, I remind you all of the planned events in our community and encourage you all to participate. Both events will be held during the afternoon Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June in Weipa

- Mission River Bridge Reconciliation Walk – 3pm Mission River Bridge, Weipa
- Mabo Day Community Celebrations - 4pm Rocky Point Parkland, Weipa

The Cape Cluster NRL Footy comp is scheduled for this day, however in support the comp organisers will reschedule the games to end around 2:30pm. Footy teams please come down to the bridge in your jerseys and boots and join in the walk for reconciliation!!

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are welcomed to walk in traditional dress – during the Mabo Day celebrations there will be an open stage for performers (see Kelly on the day or before).

Napranum and Mapoon Council’s will be providing a bus service for those community members wishing to participate who have no transport – please see your council for more details.

Business, organisations, community groups, sporting groups - come and walk together in uniform or with your family and friends.

Worried about walking the distance (which can take between 20-30min) then see a committee member and alternative light vehicle arrangements can be considered.

This is an invitation to everyone - please come, put this afternoon aside and be a part of the next big steps in our nations reconciliation journey.

**If you have any questions about either event please contact Kelly East on 0428 897 067.**

**Interested stall holders who wish to sell, display art and craft, food sales (WTA permit applies), performers (of any type) please contact me as soon as you can – no fees to have a stall but own set up required.**



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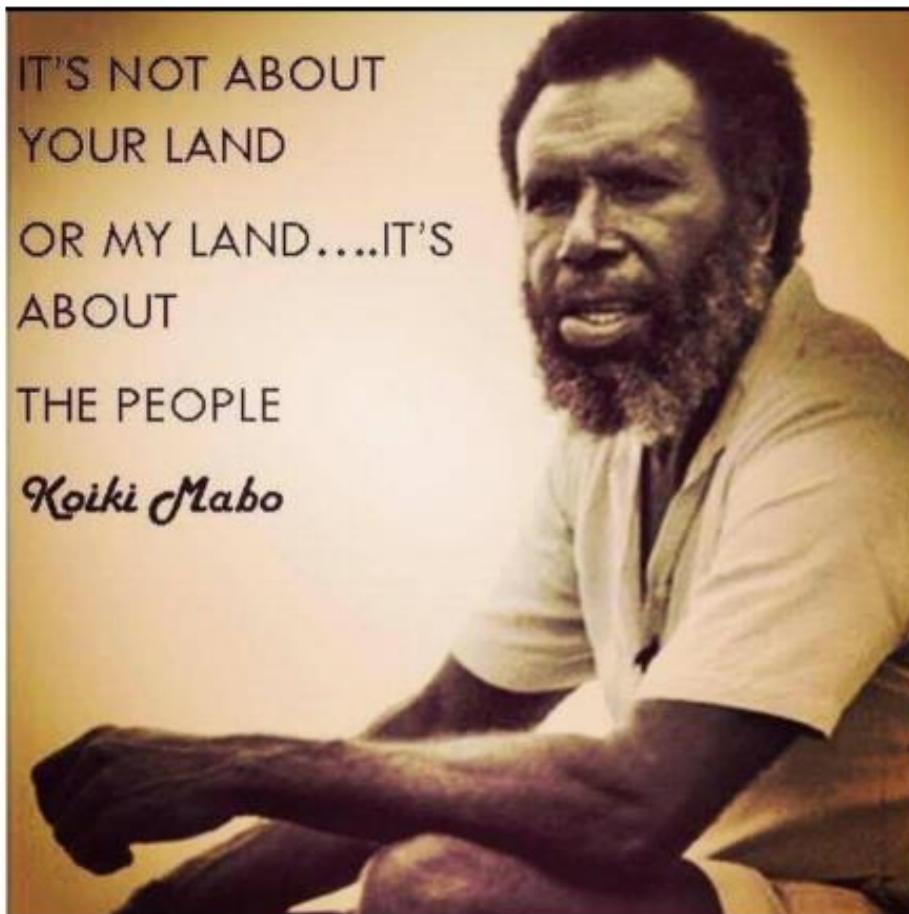
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IT'S NOT ABOUT  
YOUR LAND  
OR MY LAND....IT'S  
ABOUT

THE PEOPLE

*Koiki Mabo*



# MABO DAY COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS

**SATURDAY 3 JUNE 4PM-9PM**  
**ROCKY POINT PARKLAND – WEIPA**  
(GRASS AREA BEHIND GYMNASTICS CLUB)



**25 YEARS OF  
NATIVE TITLE**

**COMMUNITY EVENT!  
EVERYONE WELCOME**

**GUEST SPEAKER  
COMMUNITY STALLS  
WEAVING/CRAFT  
SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

**SCREENING OF  
"MABO' THE MOVE  
FROM 7PM**

**PG rated move – mild themes,  
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**National  
Reconciliation  
Week 2017**

27 May to 3 June

let's take the next steps

# **Reconciliation Event Mission River Bridge Reconciliation Walk**

**WHEN**

**SATURDAY 3 June  
3pm**

**WHERE**

**Mission River bridge, WEIPA**

**ALL AGES  
EVENT**

**WALK**

Water stations  
available at north  
and south side of  
bridge

Limited transfers  
provided -  
Carpooling is  
recommended

Barricades in place  
between 2:45pm –  
4pm either side of  
bridge – no cars able  
to cross the bridge  
during this time

**SUPPORTED BY**

Rio Tinto  
Weipa Town Authority

**HOSTED BY**

Western Cape Aboriginal  
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Islander Events Planning  
Committee

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22 & 23 July 2017  
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Join your community in an incredible overnight experience celebrating cancer survivors, honouring loved ones, and taking positive steps to fight back against cancer.

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