

Important dates...

- ✓ **Monday 23rd October – North Queensland Cowboys Visit**
- ✓ **Wednesday 25th October – Crazy Sock Day**
- ✓ **Friday 27th October – Day for Daniel & World Teachers Day**
- ✓ **Monday 6th November – Prep Parent Information Session**
- ✓ **Tuesday 7th November – Prep Orientation Morning**
- ✓ **Thursday 9th November – Prep Orientation Morning**
- ✓ **Thursday 16th November 4:00pm to 8:00pm – Swimming Carnival**

North Queensland Toyota Cowboys Visit



The North Queensland Toyota Cowboys personalities, Liam Bartlett, Gavin Lloyd, who work in Game Development and Matthew Bowen, who has played 270 games for the NQ Cowboys. Will be visiting St. Josephs Parish School, Weipa on Monday the 23rd October at 1.30 – 3.00pm.

The players will perform skills and drills with the Year 4 and 5 students.

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. This week I have been working on the financial budget as well as staffing for next year. We are also experiencing quite a number of enrolment applications for next 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. I hope to have all 2018 staffing finalised by next Friday. Announcements regarding teachers and classes will be made as soon as possible.

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News from Ms Harrison..

I have COME so
that they may have life and have it to
the FULL John 10:10
2017 World Mission Appeal

catholic
mission
Reach out. Give life.

Missionary activity is, fundamentally, a going out of oneself in love, a reaching out to see God in everyone and to share God's love with each person we meet – **especially our poor and marginalised**.

At St Joseph's we will celebrate a special Mission Day on **Wednesday 25th October** to raise awareness of the need for missionary work, to pray for missionary needs and to raise funds for Catholic Mission. Here at St Joseph's it is also about teaching our students ways in which they can, as children do something to help make a difference in the lives of others.

It is quite timely then during Mission month that we highlight the mission work of our St Joseph's students in the support of the Ugandan Dolls project.

Last year our 3 year six students were able to meet with the founder of the Ugandan Kids charity, Mr Paul Fyth while they attended the Mission Mass in Brisbane. Paul shared with our students some videos and stories of the children at St Joseph's in Uganda. In the pictures we could see how little the school children had as far as school resources were concerned but we could also see how proud the children were to be wearing a school uniform and belonging to a school community.



From this conversation the children were given the project idea of creating some paper dolls wearing our school uniform to make and then sell to raise money to help purchase uniforms for students attending St Joseph's school in Uganda. Over the past two terms the students have planned and created lots of these "Ugandan Dolls" as we call them. We have set a school target of one doll per student here at our school which would mean \$1300 we could pass on to the children of St Joseph's in Uganda.

These dolls are now on display in our front office and for sale at \$10.00ea if you would like to purchase one to display on your fridge at home or desk space at work as a reminder of the helping hand our children here in Weipa have extended to the children of St Joseph's in Uganda.

Next week I will be away with Miss Cook and the Year 6 students on camp from Sunday till Thursday. We are really looking forward to this time away with the students and I know that the students are extremely excited at the prospect of the activities planned for their week away. A big, big thank you to Jamie Dorahy for offering to come along to help out with supervision. It is very much appreciated that his own work and family time has been given up for the week. Thank you also to Alycia Cook for taking on much of the organisation and planning of the camp. I am sure the children will return with lots to share after their time away.

God Bless,

Rosie

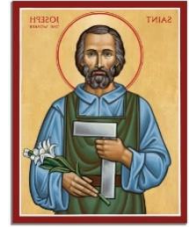
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A huge thank you to Aimee Robinson for taking on the organisation and collection of the Picture Products fundraising items in my absence and also to express my gratitude to all of those families that supported the fundraising. We have sold quite a large number of products and they will be delivered over the holidays once they have been returned. A final invitation for the year to any families who might wish to have their child/children baptised. Father Dariusz and I will begin lessons for these children commencing next Monday 23rd October with these concluding with a ceremony before the end of term.

Next week on Friday 27th October we will be celebrating not only World Teachers Day but also Day for Daniel. These 2 events are significant in our school calendars and it is appropriate for us to make mention and reflect on the meaning behind their significance.

Crazy Sock Day

As mentioned last week, Wednesday 25th October is designated as Children's Mission Day. This day is a time to promote mission in a manner appropriate and relevant to students, and to celebrate the wonderful fundraising efforts of Catholic Mission's work with children worldwide. We will be holding our Crazy Sock day and running our coin race. Please help support this cause to help raise money to support the children in Uganda. Year 3 set themselves a class goal to raise \$28 to enable a catechist to complete their lessons for four months – they are well underway and have almost achieved their goal. When discussing the purpose and mission of the appeal the children were also hopeful that we as a whole school could raise \$272 so as to provide school materials and uniforms for five children in Uganda – I am confident that we may come close to this amount. So again please help us support this worthy mission.

Day for Daniel

As St Joseph's is teaching the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum, it is important that we recognize Day for Daniel on Friday 27th October by wearing red. This day is an awareness raising day and not for fundraising. Everyone is invited to wear a red shirt and/or socks for the day to raise awareness of child safety. Normal school uniform applies for shoes and hats.

With blessings for a wonderful week ahead,

Amanda



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Classroom News...

Prep... This week in Prep we have been doing lots of fun learning experiences. In Maths group work we did our Perceptual Motor Program (PMP), sorting objects by attributes of shape, colour and size, writing digits and counting forwards and backwards from 0-20. We have been connecting routine events to the different days of the week. In English we did our group work rotations of writing, reading, sight words and the Reading Eggs program. We have been doing a verbal recount of swimming on Fridays, which includes the order of events beginning with getting the bus, then getting in the water, followed by the lesson and finally the return trip back to school. In Science we did a movement dice game. When the dice rolled onto a word we had to do the different actions like a roll, slide, push, pull or spin. In Health we have been learning about staying safe and in Geography we have been learning about special and important places.

Year 1... This week, we have had a big focus on not calling out in class and waiting for our turn to talk. It has taken all week but together we have achieved this. The students have created a bird for our visual arts unit to go with their cultural recount of "How the Birds got their Colours". In mathematics, we have looked at chance and data. In geography, we have looked at places that are managed. In science, we have been looking at places where there is light and places where it is dark and discussed why? We have also learned that we need vibration to make sound happen. 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... In Maths our focus has been on counting to and back in 2's, 3's, 5's and 10's. We have been using the hundreds board to help us and yesterday we used a 300 board so we are really improving. We also looked at how zero is really important in numbers and how it affects the value of the number. In Religion we finished our book creator task about Jesus and started building our houses which are made out of clay and other natural materials. These will take a few weeks to complete but the kids are super excited about it. We look at Toys from the Past and Collette brought in some of her old toys which was really interesting to hear about and where they came from. We also started our Child Safety unit in Health and really enjoyed our first Reading Stamina session. We made 12 mins!

Year 3... This week year 3 has been continuing their work on reviews and critical evaluations. We focussed on reviewing games that provide an overview of the game, the rules and their critical recommendations. In Math we've focussed on revising symmetry and looking at 3D objects. In Science we executed some fun experiments looking at how heat is conducted through materials such as plastic, wood and metal. We also looked at objects that produce their own heat or require it from other areas such as electricity or friction.

This week's golden pencil goes to Ramona Bond.

Year 4... This week in Year 4 we have been learning about decimal numbers and how prevalent they are in everyday life. We are continuing to read our class novel, and have been writing different texts about life as a convict. In Religion we have been learning about relationships and how they heal our world. We have also been talking about Sock it to Poverty, and are collecting coins to donate to poorer children. In Science, we have continued our unit exploring forces and the students are ready to make their marble runs.

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Year 5 - 6... This week we have focused on completing our speeches for Civics & Citizenship. Please be aware that due to other unplanned activities that have cropped up this week we have pushed the due date for this task back to Wednesday 1 November. In Maths the year 5s have been focusing on division and the year 6s have worked with integers on a number line. In science we conducted an investigation about which metal cans conducted solar energy the best by putting half a cup of water in each experiment and comparing it to our control can. We discovered that the black metal can had the highest temperature. We will be looking more closely at the reasons why in weeks to come. Our class has also been busily making Ugandan paper dolls to sell and raise money for students overseas who cannot afford a uniform. The students have enjoyed this process of giving to others and it has connected well to our Civics and Citizenship studies about global citizenship and aid organisations. Many year 6 students have joined WCC in their transition program. This week we made vanilla muffins with Ms Martin and all students had a ball. Next week Miss Cook, Ms Harrison and the year 6 students will be away on camp in Brisbane. The year 5 students will work with Mrs Bienvenu and the year 4s. I know that Mrs B is super excited to get to know the year 5s better and see their leadership skills in action.



Prep.. Taylah Simpson + Lilla Campbell + Aiden Fay

Year 1.. Nate McLellan + Antonia Sebasio + Oscar Argent + Mya Ward

Year 2.. Sarah Bond + Isabella Fahey

Year 3.. Kyan Wellby + Charlie Hockey

Year 4.. Eva Payne + Ryley Wellby

Year 5-6.. Patrick Dorahy + Jay Deegan

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SewAwesome Club



SewAwesome Club is the latest craze hitting St Josephs and is so popular that the teachers are running it three days a week PLUS Fantastic Friday. All students are invited to learn how to sew items from pillows to heat/cool pads and now many of them are creating their own designs.

Because of its popularity, we are needing more material and fillings please.

Can you please grab a garbage bag and fill it with any items that you no longer fit or that are irreparable. We would LOVE any old sheets and pillowcases or other soft material as this is easy to sew and will be very valuable. We're also looking for old pillows or cushions that we can upcycle the fluff from.

Ugandan Dolls Project

The Ugandan Dolls being made by our students will be on display in the front office and available for purchase.



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