

## IMPORTANT DATES....

- ✓ **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February** – Parent Information Session  
Prep – 4pm Year 1 – 4:30pm Year 2 – 5:00pm
- ✓ **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February** – Parent Information Session  
Year 3 – 4pm Year 4 – 4:30pm Year 5 – 5:00pm  
Year 6 – 5:30pm
- ✓ **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February** – Sacraments Parent  
Information Meeting for Families in Year 3 -6  
Time: 6pm Location: Flexible Learning Space
- ✓ **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February** – Welcome evening for all St  
Joseph Families  
Time: 4 – 6pm Location: Front Undercover Area
- ✓ **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February** – P & F Committee AGM  
Time: 7pm Location: Flexible Learning Space

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2018

This term we will begin our Sacramental program and if you have a child in Year's 3 to 6 who you wish to be a part of the program could you please confirm with Mrs Saunders or attend the Parent information meeting next week. Please bring copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate.

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## News from Ms Harrison..

Dear Families,

Our school year has started well and it is hard to believe we are almost at the end of our second week. It is heartening to see both children and staff having an "I Can Do It" attitude, eager to experience all that the new school year brings. We truly are blessed with a great staff group, who go the extra yards to make school a positive learning experience for our students. We have high expectations for all children here at St Joseph's and our school has achieved great success in supporting students to develop a growth mindset, which is paramount to their success in life.

If you would like to learn more about what we mean by a growth mindset, have a look at the video link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EIVUqv0v1EE>

Strong family/school partnership is one of the hallmarks of our school and I look forward to seeing many parents at the Parent Information Night taking place this Tuesday evening, 6th February for Prep, Year One and Two and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February for Years 3,4,5 and 6 starting at 4pm both days. Early, regular and personal communication really does make a difference to that partnership. I thank the many parents who have already made contact with their child's classroom teacher to discuss particular learning needs for their children.

Should you be unable to attend the Parent information sessions, please make another appropriate time to meet with your child's class teacher for any important information regarding classroom procedures and routines.

I refer all parents to the Parent communication policy on our school website and Parent Portal. We can only do our job here at school in partnership with our parent community.

### Communications Policy

Can I also refer parents both old and new to check the Stop, Kiss and Go procedures in the interest of safety for all students.

Have a great week.

Peace and Blessings

*Rosie*

## WORLD READ ALOUD DAY 2018



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Welcome back to the start of the 2018 school year. I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year break. Each new school year brings with it the promise of what is before us. Who can believe we are already into week 2 of the school year with lots of things up and coming for us this term.

We all know that children receive the best education when parents and staff work as a team. Parents' enthusiasm, support and involvement are integral to the success of our school.

We welcome your presence at school, encourage you to become active partners in the faith life of the school community, and invite you to attend any of our liturgies and celebrations whenever it is possible. Involvement in school activities can vary from covering books, cooking sausages, helping move furniture and of course utilising your skills and talents.

Over the coming weeks we will be busy with not only establishing routines, welcoming new families but this year we will be implementing our first Sacramental program. If you have a child in Year 3 or higher wishing to undertake the Sacraments of Confirmation and Communion could you please make sure you have been in touch to register. A letter will be sent home in the next few days to confirm dates, meetings etc.

Finally, we ask that you keep up to date with happenings around the school via the following ways:

- School website <http://www.stjosephsweipa.qld.edu.au/>
- Facebook page
- Parent portal – important to keep log in and create a password as there are many items you can access from this portal.
- Volunteering – volunteer sessions are currently being organised for Week 3.
- School office
- Teaching staff – your child's teacher should be your first point of contact.

Our first event will be our welcome BBQ on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February, so we hope to see you there from 4 to 6pm.

Please stay in touch if you need any further information.

Thank you and blessings for a great weekend,

Amanda

*Dear Lord, Bless us all and bless this year of new beginnings. Smile upon our school community and surround us with the soft mantle of your love. Teach our community to follow in your footsteps and to live life in the ways of Justice, humility and compassion just like St Joseph. We ask this through Jesus Christ.*  
Amen

## Classroom News..



**Prep..** In Prep, we have been learning all about our routines and how to be bucket fillers. The Preps have settled in well with the routines of a 'big school'. We have been learning about the alphabet sounds and our numbers. In RE we have been learning about the Sign of the Cross and where we can pray. Well done Preps for an amazing start to the year.

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**Year 1..** Firstly, a big welcome to you all! What a busy start to the year it has been already. For the past week the Year Ones have been learning about our school and classroom covenant. We have read the story "Have you filled a bucket today?" This story talks about saying nice words to each other and each student has coloured in a bucket to help remind us to use kind words towards each other. The students also participated in an activity the year 5 students put together, where they had to use clues to guide them around the school. The students really enjoyed the activity and working with the year 5 students. In Mathematics, we have been counting by ones and introducing counting by fives, also learning our rainbow facts up to 10 with a few games. In Religion, we have started talking about Jesus and we have all respectfully attended our beginning school liturgy.

A few important messages: Our sports day will be on a Thursday, so please don't forget to wear the sports uniform. Our Library day will also be on a Thursday, so the students will need to bring in their St Joseph's library bag. Plus, we will attempt again to have the parent information night on Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of February at 4:30pm.

**Year 2..** What an awesome start to the year! It has been such a pleasure getting to know my students and we welcome 4 newcomers to St Joseph's in Year 2: Arki, Mia, Nyah and Blayd. Thank you to all the children from last year who have been so inclusive of each other and their new friends in and out of the classroom. It has been wonderful hearing all about holiday adventures and Australia Day activities. Our focus other than routines, has been how to be "a bucket filler" in our classroom. We have made buckets, read some stories about this and hopefully your child has come home with a full bucket and showing they are filling other people's buckets. Each group now has a bucket and they are filling up fast. We are enjoying learning the songs "Mama Lama" and "Every Move I Make" and our focus in Religion this term is to be Peacemakers so we have started exploring this. In Maths we have been revising Rainbow facts of 10, 20 and 100 and matching numbers with their names. Rhyming words and writing sentences were the focus in English. There are so many new things to learn and remember. Next week we start our 'Star of the Day' student and setting daily goals every morning. Considering the weather, we have had a great week, Way to go kids!

**Year 3..** We have been very busy over the past two weeks exploring our new room, establishing new routines and welcoming new students to St Joseph's. In Maths we have been focussing on odd and even numbers and have begun working on our English unit, "Investigating Characters" in which students are learning about why it is important when writing a story to ensure characters grab the reader's attention. It has been a wonderful and exciting start to the 2018 school year and I can't wait to see what the rest of the year brings. As many of you know, this is my first year at St Joseph's and I wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the students, parents and staff who have welcomed me with such open arms.

**Year 4..** Wow! What a busy start to our school year. The year fours have been focusing on getting themselves organised and ready for learning these past two weeks which is an essential skill to be a successful student. During our Math lessons we have been looking at how to collect data using tally marks, measuring the length of items accurately, reviewing what numbers are odd and even numbers as well as exploring numbers on our 100 and 200 boards. Week 2 was the first week at doing Literacy Rotations and the students aced it. They found them engaging because of the variety of activities on the iPads and in written form. Each of the year four students have all now had a go at borrowing e-books and have found this time enjoyable, especially the audio books of Roald Dahl. Reading for pleasure is so important and it is nice to see the students fully engaged and wanting to be apart of it.

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**Year 5..** This week we started working on our handwriting skills and spelling knowledge to improve our writing. In our integrated studies we have been learning about our Australian democracy, focusing on how to define a democracy, the voting process, our rights and responsibilities as Australian voters, and how we make laws. Our religion unit asks us to define faith and what this looks like at St Joseph's, so we have been busy examining our faith community and how we express this. Maths has seen the introduction of rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. Students played games in pairs to practise these skills and are attempting to become fluent in this skill. We also began our Science unit about Desert Survivors by researching the environments in Australia and brainstorming the types of animals and plants that might like to live in these places.

**Year 6..** This week in Year 6 we have been celebrating the 'Best Parts of Me' and writing about things we love about ourselves. In English we are investigating informative texts and looking at the difference between facts and opinions. In Maths we have been exploring units of measurement and converting between decimal representations (mm, cm and m). We began our Biological Science unit looking at the increasing salinity of Australia's water and the impacts this has on our farms. In Religion we have been learning about role models and will link this to our role as leaders this year. On Australia Day, one of our students won Junior Sports Person of the year, so we celebrated her achievements in class.



### Week 1 + 2

**Prep..** Finn Alleyn + Reon Barba + Amelia Burke + Kade Larcombe

**Year 1..** Faith Chandler + Frankie McKie Blamey + Silvie Hynes + Natalie Foo

**Year 2..** Blayd Grant + Arki Hagenmaier + Chelsea Steele + Mia Reynolds + Nyah Quin + Bill Gordon + Mya Ward

**Year 3..** Cees Hagenmaier + Sarah Bond + Isabella Fahey + Judson Gay

**Year 4..** Jack Rosewarne, Maddison O'Connor, Archie Armstrong + Sophie Steele.

**Year 5..** Kaden Brett + Clayton Bell + Lily Jenkins + Lealand Gay + George Myall

**Year 6..** The Whole Class + Annabelle Clements + Claire Smith

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## KISS & GO ZONE

The Stop, Kiss and Go area is signed and requires parents to remain in the car as this is a drop/collect only zone. Overtaking in the Kiss & Go zone is not permitted. Please be patient to help us keep all our students safe.



## PLAY IS THE WAY AND SEL PROGRAM FOR TERM 1 2018



Welcome back everyone and what a great start we have had to the year!

This Term the students of St. Joseph's will participate in 2 programs, Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) and Play is the Way (PITW). The classes will play the PITW games 3 times per week for 20 minutes and will focus on the keys Ready, Set, Go and Confidence in Term 1 in SEL.

## St. Joseph's Cross Country 2018



The St. Joseph's Cross Country has been set for Friday the 23rd of March, 2018 at St. Joseph's School Oval.

Training for the Cross Country will begin next Thursday (8th February) on the Oval with Ms Libby and Ms Cook at **7.30 - 8.00am**. This will continue each Thursday throughout the Term.

If you are able to assist with the Cross Country on Friday the 23rd of March, 2018 please email [mturner@cns.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mturner@cns.catholic.edu.au)

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## **WEIPA JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB**

### **REGISTRATION/SIGN ON**

**Friday 9th February 2018**

**P & C Shed**

**On Western Cape College Senior Oval**

**3.30pm-5.30pm**

**Games are held**

**Saturday Mornings between**

**8.10 am and 11.30 am on the School Oval**

**Trial Games will start on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018**

**Competition Games on following Saturdays**

**The season culminates with Grand finals and**

**Presentation of Trophies on the 2nd June 2018**

**The Club will offer registration for children**

**Born 2013 (turning 5) to 2001**

**All Welcome**

**Any queries please contact: Tim Ryan - 0417615136**

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# School Crossing Supervisor Vacancy



## **CASUAL POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

### **SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR**

We are seeking interested persons for a casual position, approximately 1.25 hours per day, on a rotating roster, school days only. Positions available at St Joseph's Parish School, Weipa.

Approved applicants will be required to undergo a medical assessment and pass a blue card application.

Pay rate starts at \$30.00 per hour.

Please call Deb for an application package on 07 4045 8516.

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