

IMPORTANT DATES....

✓ *Every Thursday – Cross Country Training*

Time: 7.30am Location: Basketball Court

✓ *Monday 12th March – P&F Meeting*

Time: 7:00pm Location: Flexible Learning Space

✓ *Friday 23rd March – Cross Country*

✓ *Friday 23rd March – Tuckshop Closed*

✓ *Thursday 29th March – Tuckshop Closed*

✓ *Monday 16th April – Pupil Free Day*



P&F MEETING



The Parents and Friends (P&F) Committee will meet this coming **Monday, March 12th at 7pm** in the multi purpose room for their first meeting for the year.

The focus will be on planning for the year ahead, so come along and have your say on where money is spent and resources allocated. With a focus on community engagement through social events and collaboration, attending our meetings are an opportunity to have an influence on the projects and events given focus. Being involved doesn't mean you need to take on a specific role, allocate a lot of time nor even attend every monthly meeting, instead it gives you an opportunity to socialise, meet other parents, engage and know more about what is happening within your school community.

Monthly meetings are kept short and finish by approx. 8pm (however please allow until 830pm for our first meeting). Arrive from 645pm for a social drink and chat for a 7pm sharp start.



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THE 4 I's OF GOOD PARENTING

This week I share with you an excerpt from *Children Aren't Made Of China* by Wilson McCaskill. Wilson will be visiting our school community later this year and conducting workshops for students, parents and teachers.

Interest - Invest – Identify - Inspired

INTEREST - We must show and action our deep interest in children. It is important to be observant of them and to notice their successes, failures, strengths, weaknesses, problems, concerns and improvements. Being interested in them helps them to be interested in themselves. Often the hardest thing is to listen. To listen to more than the things they say, but to the things they don't say, won't say, or can't say. Make your children your subject of greatest interest. Be informed about them through all the different stages of their lives.

INVEST – We must invest time in our children. They mustn't rule the timetable of our lives and they must learn to wait and be patient. However, our lives must have sufficient time for them and their needs. There must be the time to sit with them, either at the table, in the garden, the car, or end of the bed at night and just enjoy their company. They need to feel that we have the power to stop the world and give them our undivided attention. Be it to look at a picture they've painted, or to listen to a story streaming out of their imagination, or a lengthy explanation of why they think ants would make good pets, giving them the time is giving them the message that they are important to us.

IDENTIFY – We must see things from their point of view. To empathise and connect with them can be difficult. Often we are too busy trying to convert and control them and have no time to look at the world through their eyes. Shifting their perceptions and attitudes is often easier if we can first see why they have them in the first place. Using, "When I was a kid etc..." as a way of changing their thinking only creates resentment. They want us to understand what it's like to be a kid now, in this place, at this school, at this time. Respect their point of view and work with them to create beneficial changes.

INSPIRED – We must be inspired by them. Their actions, ideas, outcomes and above all, effort, must inspire us. Children need to know that their existence and example as children inspire us to be better adults. This does not mean we need to act out great exuberance and enthusiasm for every thing they try or achieve. To do so, would only weaken them by removing their self- motivation. What it means is that we should be on the look out for those things, large or small, that happened because of a special effort, awareness or concern. Such as getting 4 out of 10 for spelling after trying very hard, or helping a friend who was being teased, or quietly playing when you had a lot on your mind, or winning the race and congratulating those who didn't etc. Being inspired by these things is to do more than just mention them to the child. It's to convey a sense of pride and to let the child see how your spirits have been elevated. In other words, for them to see they have helped to make your day.

A reminder that on Monday evening our P and F gather for their first meeting of the year. I encourage all parents to be part of the wonderful support that is provided by the P and F for our school.

The meeting starts informally at 6.45pm with refreshments for a 7pm meeting start.

Peace and blessings for a wonderful week ahead,

Rosie

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APRE News

This week started in a very special way with our Year 6 student undergoing their Leadership Day on Tuesday. This was a very reflective day for them and our theme was based around the topic of "This is Me" and how we use our hands to make not only sense of the things we do but how we can use them to be more like Jesus each day.

The students were well engaged and participated respectfully with each other creating a new bond between them all. Another part of the day included the introduction of the Playground Guardians concept by which they will become assistants to the staff during lunch play times. The concept was explained to them by Mrs Turner and the students were so excited they wanted to start straight away. We convinced them to wait until next Monday and 2 students every day have committed to taking part in the program.

This coming week will see us start Week 4 of Lent and now that we are coming up to the season of Easter it is probably a good time to check in with ourselves and see how we are going with our Lenten promises. The students and staff have been contributing lots of promises to our Tree of Change and it is wonderful to see it growing each week.

Just a reminder also that during Term 1 as a part of our school culture and in alignment with our Catholic faith and values we always support Caritas Australia through Project Compassion. Our collection boxes have finally arrived, and it would be great to see these being filled over the next 3 weeks. This money is used to support those less fortunate around the world and is a very worthy cause.

Students are encouraged to bring along some pocket money or do some extra chores so as to contribute to the Project. Each week students have access to a series of videos that Caritas Australia put together of stories from children around the world who may not have access to all of the essentials we have. This week's feature story is about Bayan from Jordan who has grown up in war torn Syria. Forced to flee their home, Bayan and her family were supported by Caritas Australis. In the video Bayan says these words:

***"I would not be able to read and write. I would feel lost, as if I knew nothing about the world. School has the power to lift us up, so we can reach our goals and learn quickly."* - Bayan**

So please take the time to think about some of those less fortunate and send in some spare change.

Thank you and blessings for a great weekend,

Amanda

Prayer the week:

Christ has no body now but yours

No hands, no feet on earth but yours

Yours are the eyes through which He looks

Compassion on the world

Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good

Yours are the hands with which He blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands

Yours are the feet

Yours are the eyes

You are His body

Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

Amen

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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 is every Thursday 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

P+F Cross Country Sausage Sizzle



The first P&F community event will coincide with our Cross Country event on **Friday March 23 around 12pm** where we will be hosting a sausage sizzle for a gold coin donation. A gluten free option will be available.

We are looking for some volunteers to give half an hour or so of their time to assist in the preparation. If you can assist with cooking sausages on the day, preparing, serving or clearing up afterwards we would appreciate your help.



Contact Nikki Di Costa at ndcde@iinet.net.au, on 0400 884 404 or place your details on a draft roster up on the school notice board.

Catholic Education makes News

Bill Dixon, the Executive Director of Catholic Education Services in Cairns, sent through a pretty amazing story from the Brisbane Times. We have included the link for you to read.

<https://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/national/catholic-school-kids-more-likely-to-have-a-job-after-five-years-20180228-p4z25s.html>

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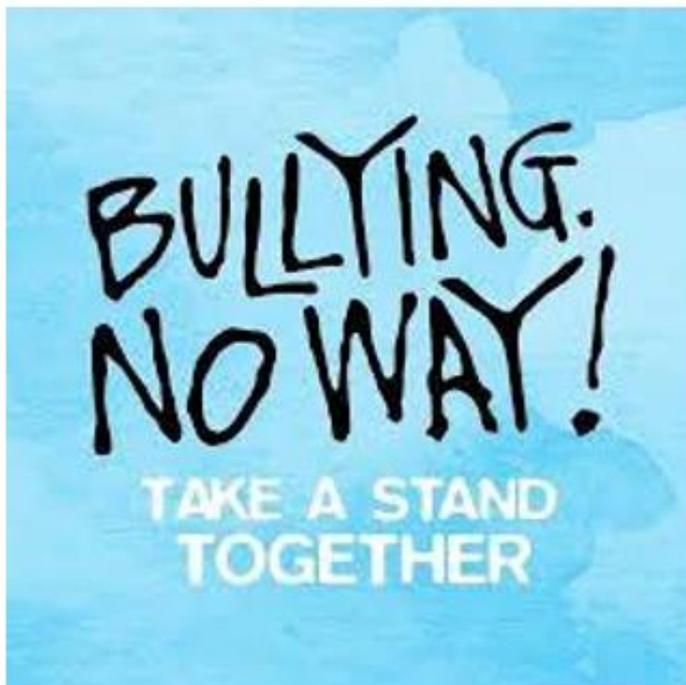


Friday 16th March

Wear your deadliest **BLUE** shirt to show your support towards **STOMPING out BULLYING !!**

{ Gold coin donation }

LET's work together to STOMP OUT BULLYING once and for all!



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CLOSE THE GAP

Date – Thursday March 15th 2018

Time – Morning Tea – 10.40am – 11.10

What – Healthy Wraps & Fruit provided to ALL Students

(GF options available)

Cost per student – \$2

At Saint Joseph's

we will be holding a Healthy Morning tea provided to ALL staff and students

Structured games – suited and fun for all at PLAY time –
Running races, What's the time Mr Wolf, dodge ball

What is Closing the Gap? –

Closing the Gap is a Significant Indigenous date – **15th March**. This day gives people the opportunity to show their support for closing the life expectancy gap between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians. It is a chance for organisations and communities to hold events and raise awareness of the Indigenous health crisis

WE NEED PARENT HELPERS THIS DAY – 15th March – Any Questions please ask Miss Tari



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Student Leadership Day



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Volunteers Needed!

St Joseph's Parish School is in need of helpers in the Tuckshop Monday – Friday. Whether you can help for 10 minutes or a few hours, any and all help would be greatly appreciated.

If you can make sandwiches, wraps and salads then feel free to drop in and see Thu in the Tuckshop or to contact Aimee in the office on 4069 9500.



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WEIPA'S

 International Women's Day

**FUN RUN, MARKETS AND
COMMUNITY BREAKFAST
SUNDAY 11.03.2018**



Come down to The Old Gymnastics Club #PressforProgress
IWD 2018 Campaign Theme

Runners and walkers start
from 7.00am
Breakfast ready by 8.00am



All Welcome!



- 5K & 2K (gold coin entry)
- RIO TINTO TO MATCH FUNDS RAISED FOR WOMEN'S SHELTER
- YOGA CLASS WITH NIKKI
- BBQ BREAKFAST
- YOGURT AND FRUIT SALAD
- CAPEACCINO CREW
- T SHIRT PAINTING
- WEIPA'S BEAUTY WITHIN
- PRIZE FOR BEST DRESSED IN PURPLE
- MARKETS
- PRESENTATION OF THE JENNY BELLINGER AWARD

AND MORE!



ALL FUNDS RAISED GO TO IMPROVING THE WOMEN'S SHELTER

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Enrolment Interviews
and Enquiries
Available in Weipa
Thursday 15 March &
Friday 16 March
To schedule
an appointment
Tel: 07 4051 5555



Day School For Boys Years 7 - 12
Boarding For Boys and Girls Years 7 - 12



College Open Night

Tuesday 28 August, 2018 5:00pm - 7:30pm 251 Draper Street, Cairns

Visit our website for a Virtual Tour of the College - www.sac.qld.edu.au

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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.

SAVE THE DATE
14th & 15th September

*90th Anniversary
Celebrations!*



Past students, parents and staff who wish to receive an invitation and event details, please contact Vera Borgna on vborgna@cns.catholic.edu.au or 4068 1527.



Seeking memorabilia to be displayed during celebrations (will be returned after the event)

Current St Clare's student, Stella Berge (left), with past students Marcia Courtice (centre) and Noela Nissen (right) (also a teacher and past principal of St Clare's)

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