

IMPORTANT DATES....

- ✓ **Thursday 22nd March** – Last Cross Country Training
Time: 7.30am Location: Basketball Court
- ✓ **Friday 23rd March** – Cross Country
- ✓ **Friday 23rd March** – Tuckshop Closed
- ✓ **Thursday 29th March** – Tuckshop Closed
- ✓ **Monday 16th April** – Pupil Free Day
- ✓ **Tuesday 17th April** – Term 2 Starts

P&F Cross Country Sausage Sizzle

To coincide with our Cross Country event next **Friday March 23** we will be hosting a sausage sizzle at the end of the event for a gold coin donation. A gluten free option will be available.

Without a group of volunteers however this will not be possible.

Can you possibly give half an hour of your time to assist?



Preparation will start around 11/1130am so help from parents/carers of children born 2010–2013 would be great as those children will have run their races so no parents miss watching their child participate.

If you can assist with cooking sausages, preparing, serving or clearing up afterwards we would appreciate your help.

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

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News from Ms Harrison..

Close the Gap Day

Yesterday our school community united in acknowledging Closing the Gap Day.

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.



National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence

Today, Friday 16 March 2018, Australian schools stand united in their communities to celebrate the eighth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA). The National Day of Action is Australia's key antibullying event for schools and in 2018, schools are called to imagine a world free from bullying and share their BIG IDEAS.

As a school, we ask students to Imagine if... For instance:

- Imagine if there was no bullying.
- Imagine if everyone spoke nicely to one another.
- Imagine if we treated all we meet with respect.

Being bullied can be a tremendously painful experience for a young person and can have serious effects on their physical and mental health, their performance at school, and their long term emotional wellbeing. Our St Joseph's children were allowed to wear blue in recognition of this important day (the official colour of the day). The splash of blue could mean a blue shirt, shorts, cap, socks, shoe laces, ribbon, arm band or hair ties.

The gold coin donation required for wearing blue was raised as a part of our commitment to Caritas' Project Compassion Lenten appeal.

We are simply standing together as a school to say that we will not tolerate bullying in our community. Bullying. No Way!



Peace and blessings for a wonderful week ahead,

ROSIE

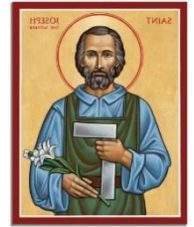
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First Eucharist and Confirmation This Sunday 14 of our students will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion so please keep them in your prayers. The children have been preparing for this day throughout Term 1 and it will be lovely to see them participate and complete the first part of their Faith journey.

Lent - Looking Within - Reaching Out As we mark the 4th week of Lent, it is an apt time to reflect on our own journey with Christ. Discussions at home could include:

- How does fasting help others? What could you 'give up' this week?
- What is a real friend?
- When did you forgive someone for doing a wrong?
- How can regular prayer help our family journey through Lent?



Project Compassion – a huge thank you to all those boys and girls who purchased Marble bags this week to support Caritas Australia. They were a complete success. A big thank you to the Year 6 class for their patience and expertise in getting these sewn and ready for sale. I would also like to personally thank the parents who donated their time, material and ribbon to assist us in this cause. We will still be selling more bags on Monday.

St Patrick's Day – 17th March



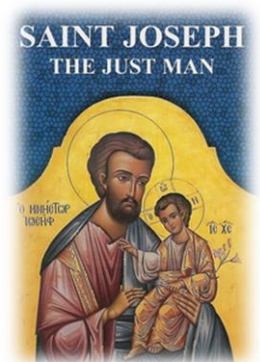
This Saturday is the Feast day of St Patrick. St Patrick was a very humble and gentle man and is most significantly remembered for using a shamrock as a symbol of the Holy Trinity. It was his sign to show God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. St Patrick was born in 385 in Scotland. At fourteen, Patrick was captured and taken to Ireland as a slave. It was during these years that he turned to God in prayer. This was the beginning of a life devoted to God and preaching the good news to the people. Patrick preached and converted all over Ireland for 40 years. He used the shamrock to explain the Trinity and has been associated with all things Irish since that time. After years of living in poverty, travelling and enduring much suffering, he died March 17, 461.

St Joseph's Feast Day - 19th March.

St Joseph is one of the most revered in the symphony of saints. Tradition sees him as a gentle, obedient, compassionate older man who lovingly cared for, protected and provided for Mary and Jesus earning a living as a carpenter and passing on his skills to the youthful Jesus.

Many Churches, convents, schools, colleges, spirituality centres, and a number of religious congregations have been named after him. If ever there was a man who embodied the spirit of the beatitudes surely it was Joseph.

St Joseph actually has two feast days in his honour and it is on the 19th March that he is honoured as the Father of Jesus. His second Feast day is celebrated on the 1st May and this is the one that we as a school and parish celebrate each year – this is St Joseph the Worker Feast Day. On this day in May we will celebrate with a Liturgy followed by our classes undertaking some activities relating to St Joseph and his mission.



Thank you and blessings for a great weekend,

Amanda

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Prayer of the week is taken from St Patrick's Breastplate

Christ with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit,
Christ when I stand,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.
Amen



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. Our last Cross Country Training will be this Thursday, 22nd March with Ms Libby and Miss Cook at the Basketball Court from 7:30 – 8:00am. If you are able to assist with the Cross Country on Friday the 23rd of March, 2018 please email mturner@cns.catholic.edu.au

The Cross Country is rapidly approaching and we are getting excited, training and practicing our War Cries. The Tuckshop will be closed on Cross Country day, we ask that all children come to school with packed lunches and a water bottle. The P & F will be providing a sausage sizzle that will be served closer to second break.

Acceptable clothing for Cross Country includes a sunsafe plain coloured T Shirt in the House colours, Blue (Mission), Green (Pine), Orange (Embley) or the school Sports Uniform and School Hat. No zinc or hairspray please. Sneakers must be worn.

Please see a schedule of events below as there has been a change to the 2011 and 2010 age groups for the distance they run.

Please appreciate the scheduled starting times for each race are estimations, as some age groups may take longer than others to complete their course on the day.

Length of courses

Born in 2013 and 2012	5 and 6 years old	800 metres
Born in 2010 and 2011	7 and 8 years old	1 kilometre
Born 2009 and 2008	9 and 10 years old	2 kilometres
Born 2007 and 2006	11 and 12 years old	3 kilometres

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Program:

8:35am - Administration and marking rolls. Move to Sport Tents ASAP.

8:50am - War cries to be held under the tents prior to the first race.

9:00am - **800 metres**

Race 1 - 2013 Girls

Race 2 - 2013 Boy

Race 3 - 2012 Girls

Race 4 - 2012 Boys

1 Kilometre

Race 5 - 2011 Girls

Race 6 - 2011 Boys

Race 7 - 2010 Girls

Race 8 - 2010 Boys

10:40am Morning Tea

11.00am **2 Kilometres**

Race 9 - 2009 Girls

Race 10 - 2009 Boys

Race 11 - 2008 Girls

Race 12 - 2008 Boys

3 Kilometres

Race 13 - 2007 Girls

Race 14 - 2007 Boys

Race 15 - 2006 Girls

Race 16 - 2006 Boys

1.00pm - Sausage Sizzle by P and F

2.30pm - Assembly

3.00pm - Dismissal

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

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Prep.. We have introduced all the alphabet letters. The focus remains on the letter sounds rather than the letter name. Reading strategies include; looking at the pictures, sounding out or decoding unfamiliar words and rereading. Before reading the book, we are predicting what the story might be about as well. We are continuing to revise; the letter sounds, syllables, rhyming, segmenting and blending and writing simple sentences.

In Mathematics we are continuing with: counting forward by 1's, counting backwards from 20 by 1's. Counting a collection with the 1:1 connection and matching numerals, quantity, symbols and the words (0-20). We are also subitizing (recognising an amount without counting), sorting objects into groups and reading single digit and two-digit numbers. Representing concrete materials of single digit and two-digit numbers. Creating and continuing patterns. In PMP we are continuing with; balancing, hopping, jumping and pointing to our body parts such as knees, elbows and toes. We have introduced skipping, throwing and catching.

Year 1.. Wow, week 8 already! Time is going so fast. Remember if you haven't booked in a Parent Teacher Interview please do so. I would love to meet with you all and share some wonderful stories.

For the past week the Year 1's have been focusing on sounds and writing a recount using correct and detailed sentences about what they have done on the weekend. We have continued learning about syllables and the children have been enjoying humming different words to count the number of syllables in a word. In Mathematics, we have continued counting in 2s so we can become better and faster at counting. We have just started looking at place value, talking about numbers and how they are made up of tens and ones. We have started our Science assessment where the children have had to describe an earthworm and label it. They are all enjoying this and I am amazed with how much they have remembered about the earthworm. In Health, we have been talking about what makes us healthy, not just focusing on food. For the past week, we have been very busy learning in year 1.

The students are asked to bring in their homework folders everyday including their home reader books and their sight word book. Can all homework folders please come back to school on Thursday the last day of term one so they can be filled with term two homework.

Please remember our Library day is on a Thursday and the students change their home readers and their Library book.

I hope you all have a wonderful week.

Year 2.. Everyone has worked hard to complete the research for our Animal Report and as a class we have learnt how to make a Google Slideshow and login and logout efficiently. The interactive whiteboard is a fantastic learning tool for this as I can demonstrate to the students slowly and show them each step while they are working on their laptop. We have learnt many different tools to use (changing fonts, inserting images, highlighting texts and the magic "undo" tab) which are essential for the students to learn in our contemporary world of technology. Such a good feeling for everyone to finish this assessment task and I am super proud of the way they took it on board! Next week is presenting this to the class and then using "constructive talk" to help each student improve their report.

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We continue to enjoy each student's Listen and Share presentation about an interest of theirs outside school. This has been a great sharing time and it has also helped us learn about audience manners and how to respect others interests. In Maths we are champions at place value now, the "Roll the dice" activity and time on Studyladder has really consolidated this understanding past 100. In Science, discovering that Mealworms change into a beetle has been exciting and led to lots of other discussion about life cycles. Every child has written a Google Doc about what they have learnt regarding this change.

Our focus in class has been about being respectful to others, such a valued and important virtue to have. Our Parent teacher interviews have been so valuable for me so far, talking about each child as an individual and sharing their progress with parents!!! Bring on the Cross country next week. Go Embley!

Year 3.. Term 1 is flying by! Over the past few weeks we have been exploring money in Maths. The students have been working hard on using different combinations of coins and notes to make up the price of items as well as learning how to give the correct change. A few weeks ago, we commenced our reading groups/rotations, which the students are really enjoying, and we have nearly completed our Religion assessment. I am so very proud of how much all the students in Year 3 have achieved already this year!

Year 4.. As we move into the last few weeks of term we are starting to tie up units of study in Year 4. We have many little projects on the go. The recording of our litter consumption is one of these and it will be interesting to have a look at how we can be more conscious of this in the coming weeks. Our persuasive text writing is in full form at the moment with many students writing about how we as a community can be more sustainable. During our Math lessons we have been focusing on our multiplication facts and are becoming really good at recalling these quickly as well as how we can use these in word problems. Religion lessons these last couple of weeks we have focused on the different parts of the Church by making information videos to share with our peers and looking at morality in different scenarios. This has helped us with our reflections and prayers during this Lenten period.

Year 5.. This fortnight, Year 5 started planning and researching for their Australian Gold Rush News articles. Students have developed their own inquiry questions and will be answering these through their informative articles. It is great to see so many students showing improvement in their Fry words and times tables. In Maths, we have started to look at the connection between 2D shapes and 3D objects. We learnt that points have 0 dimensions, lines have 1 dimension, planes have 2 dimensions and solids have 3 dimensions. It was fun to think about what it would be like if we lived in a 2D world where we only existed with length and width. Students made their own pyramids and prisms from nets and labelled their properties: base, vertices, edges, faces and apex. In Health, we made posters for Anti-Bullying day and next week we will start the final part of our assessment on emotional interactions. In Religion, we made posters about Judaism and how Jews share and celebrate their faith. Next we are looking at Psalms and will make our own Psalm book by the end of the term. Below are some of the amazing ideas Year 5 came up with for Close the Gap. We were all so proud of them.



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Year 6.. WOW Week 8 and we have been busy. After receiving our Leadership badges last week we have now started our new roles as Playground Guardians each break. Two of us are rostered on each day to help the teachers on playground duty. We can also award 'Gotcha' points to those students who we see following the St Joseph's Way by doing right by others, playing nicely and making friends. This week we have also been busy making marble bags which we will sell on Thursday for \$2 each. All money raised will be going to Project Compassion - Caritas Australia. A big thank you to everyone who donated to our cause.

Miss Cook is also awarding all of Year 6 another award this week for being outstanding during their French Lessons!



★ ALL-STAR STUDENTS!

Week 7 & 8

Prep.. Toby Widmer & Paetyn Nash & Louie Lesic

Year 1.. Kooper Baylis & Sienna Hill & Nate Robinson & Aiden O'Connor & Brocton Guy

Year 2..Charlotte Guy & Evan Ah Shay & Oscar Argent & Hamish Myall & Ayden Vogler

Year 3.. Sydney van Pelt & Darcy Smith & Sisco Bosuen

Year 4.. The entire class & Baia Spodoniewski & Isabella Fahey

Year 5.. Emma Smith & Ethan Marlow & Kaden Brett & Ryley Welby

Year 6.. Kiarah Baylis & Ava Steele

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Hi All,

Closing the Gap at St Joseph's was AMAZING!!! The children thoroughly enjoyed it! They all got involved in the promoting of healthy eating as well as physical activity – both playing a vital role in staying strong and healthy and Closing the Gap between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and Australians. Miss Cook and the Year 5's did a fantastic project on Closing the Gap! Below are some pictures from throughout the day! I would like to give a massive thanks to Thu from the tuckshop and all of our helpers who were in the tuckshop by 7.30am – Ashlenn & Trish from the Community Centre, Ms Susan, Kylie Dorahy, Kylie Argent and Jill Van der Westhuizen – we wouldn't have been able to wrap 168 wraps without your help! So, thank you!!

Have a great week end!

Esso – Tari



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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.



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 Courice (centre) and Noela Nissen (right) (also a teacher and past principal of St Clare's)

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