

## IMPORTANT DATES....

- ✓ Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June – P&F Meeting  
Time: 7.00 pm Location: Multi Purpose Room
- ✓ Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Weipa Fishing Classic Public Holiday
- ✓ Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Parent information session & movie for Wonders of Living Program  
Time: 6 – 7 pm
- ✓ "How to have the talk" Parent information session (year 5 and 6 parents). Time: 7 – 8 pm
- ✓ Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Wonders of Living sessions for Year 1 to 6
- ✓ 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Book Fair
- ✓ 20<sup>th</sup> June – Art Show
- ✓ 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> June – St Joseph's Athletics Carnival

## ST. JOSEPH'S ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2018

The 2018 Athletics Carnival has been set for **Wednesday the 27th of June - Track and Ball Games Events (Prep - Year 6) & Thursday 28th June - Field Events (Year 3 - 6)**. If you are able to assist on either of these days please contact Melanie Turner on [mturner@cns.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mturner@cns.catholic.edu.au)



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## News from Ms Harrison..

At St Joseph's we pride ourselves on the high quality relationships and communications we have with one another. You will often hear staff speak of "the St Joseph's Way", in reference to the manner in which we act and speak to one another here at school. The children will always speak of the Golden rule – Treat other as you would like to be treated yourself



We aim above all for our relationships to be positive, honest and respectful of all our school community members. At times, in all organisations there will be misunderstandings, differing opinions and upset. This is a fact of life when we live in community. It is also when we need to most mindful and respectful of one another.

St Joseph's staff are in a privileged position to be walking the journey with parents to provide the best possible education for their students. Good communication between home and school is a dual responsibility shared by parents and staff. The school communicates regularly with parents in a number of ways through newsletters, class notes as well as meetings and interviews. Parents are invited to communicate with the school if and when it is necessary to do so. To assist parents in knowing who and how best to communicate, we provide the guidelines by way of our [Parent and school communication policy](#). This Policy is supported by our diocesan Parent code of conduct documentation and can be found on our school website. Depending on the concern or question that a parent may have, the following process should be used.

1. Firstly identify who the most appropriate person is to respond to the matter.
2. Communicate with that person to make a suitable time to discuss the matter. Meeting arrangements can be made through a phone call, a letter or an email. The staff member will respond to your request as soon as it is possible to do so.

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3. It is always best practice to address the matter in person, however a phone call will suffice if that isn't possible within a reasonable timeframe. Emails are not effective for processing a grievance as face to face discussion is essential for resolution. It is not appropriate to use emails to vent in an emotional manner under any circumstance.
4. When meeting, come prepared with facts or questions. These may be given to staff prior to the meeting to allow them time to gather data to be able to respond most effectively. Be prepared to listen to all points of view as often we don't have all the facts.
5. Should parents have concerns about a child other than their own, then this needs to be done through the class teacher or member of the Administration Team or Principal. Under Student Protection Guidelines, parents are not permitted to approach children in the school to address issues. It is also unhelpful and not appropriate to make direct contact with other parents regarding the school matter.

This series of steps can successfully facilitate full and fair discussion of all points of view surrounding an issue and quickly lead to satisfactory outcomes for all involved.

We at St Joseph's are committed to positive, open and respectful relationships which are important to our school community. When anyone in our community has a cause for concern, we are committed to dealing positively with concerns in a timely manner, fairly and as harmoniously as possible. Our children learn from the adults in their lives; this process models for them the most productive and collaborative way of living and learning together.

*Reference: St Joseph's Weipa Guidelines for Parent and School Communication Policy  
Catholic Education Services - Parent Code of Conduct and Student Protection*

Peace and blessing for a wonderful week ahead,

*Rosie*

## Colouring In Competition for the Weipa Running Festival

If your child is registered to run in the Weipa Running Festival please feel free to come into the office and collect the colouring-in sheet. The winner will receive a Garmin Vivofit Jr. Entries will be collected for judgement by the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018.



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During week 9 the NFS team from Catholic Education Services Cairns will present a Personal Development Program based on the "Wonder of Living" series, including a puberty talk for Years 5 and 6. This is a Catholic Diocesan service that has been educating in the area of age appropriate sexuality for over twenty years. The program is "values-based" and "family-orientated" and has the full support of Bishop James Foley. The presenters are accredited Family Life Educators. Students will view approved audio visual materials and then spend time in discussion with the trained facilitators.

Catholic Education respects that parents are a child's primary source of formation regarding their sexual development and this program seeks to assist parents in this area. **Parents are most welcome to attend the movie session with their child.**

A one hour '**Parents Only Session**' will be held on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June**. This session will provide you the opportunity to understand the program and how it can support and encourage the relationship between parent and child in this vital area of development. Student sessions will be held during class time (one hour per grade) on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

The objectives of the program are:

- To **provide** an opportunity for students, parents and teachers to obtain a greater knowledge base and confidence in discussing personal development/sexuality issues.
- To **provide** students, parents and teachers with the opportunity to discuss openly personal development and sexuality issues.
- To **encourage** communication between students, parents and teachers.

More information will be distributed in Week 8 for parents in the form of a letter and permission slip. It is vitally important that this slip is returned. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend the parent session the evening before.

Thank you and blessings for a wonderful weekend,

*Amanda*

### *A prayer for Reconciliation week:*

God of all creation,  
as we journey together in this Great Southern Land,  
we pray for healing forgiveness and unity,  
creating a path of good will, with justice and compassion.  
Jesus through the power of your love,  
You have given us the courage, wisdom and strength  
to share our gifts and talents in humility.  
In peace and understanding we share with each other.  
Creator Spirit, we come together in prayer and thanksgiving  
for the many blessings we have received.  
Allow your Spirit to wash over us and give us strength,  
to walk together, as one.

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# P&F UPDATE

## WEIPA FISHING CLASSIC MORNING RUBBISH PICK UP

We have been informed that we have won the tender for the Weipa Fishing Classic clean up role we have done in the past. This is easy funding of \$3000 for the P&F (good money for minimal time and effort) that goes directly into things that improve our children's experience at St Joseph's. Hence it is worthwhile despite the late notice.

We will need 6-8 people each morning (Saturday June 9, Sunday June 10, and Monday June 11) from around 6-630am. In the past it has only taken around an hour (that's \$1000 an hour!!) and the job has been clean, mainly picking up food wrappers and drink cans. In the past we have done this as families, and our kids have come along and managed to collect a substantial sum of money via coins lost on the grounds (which they have been very pleased about win, win!). At this stage we have a few families who have volunteered, however, we are still short of many hands.

## ST JOSEPH'S ART SHOW

This term the P&F are hosting an Art Show as our major event on June 20<sup>th</sup>. This is an opportunity for our children to display art they are currently busily working on in class. We have also organised external artists to be involved in the event as well. This will be a social event where the school community can enjoy drinks and nibbles amongst the cultural flare our children and external local artists create.

Whilst we are yet to organise a volunteer task list and schedule, we will need volunteers the week before the event in setting up, (Sunday most probably and parts of Tuesday, Wednesday) and the evening itself. More information will follow, however, if you can commit to either joining the Art Show subcommittee or popping your name down for a simple, non-time consuming role we would be very appreciative.

If you could please get back to us ASAP with any help you can offer that would be super.

- For the clean-up, please detail which morning/mornings you can help and we will start a roster.
- For the Art Show please specify if you can help on the sub-committee, in the lead up, in school/out of school hours, with something you can do at home, something on the night etc. Even picking up ice is a job on our list so it's easy to lend a hand!

Finally we appreciate some of you have already committed so much of your time over your time so far at St Joseph's. Whilst we like to share the load we need all the help we can get so that as the P&F body we compliment the school, engage our community and give our kids the best experience possible at St Joseph's! Whilst getting involved may feel like just another task at times, experience tells us it enhances the school experience and enjoyment factor of raising kids! Thanks in advance. We truly appreciate all your effort!

Please get in touch with our President, Nikki Di Costa [ndchealth@iinet.net.au](mailto:ndchealth@iinet.net.au), 0400 884 404 or Vice President, Lisa Johnstone [lisa.johnstone@live.com.au](mailto:lisa.johnstone@live.com.au), 0498 127 374

## The Rosary

Each Wednesday night at 7pm the Rosary is held in St Joseph's Parish church. If you are interested in saying the Rosary with a small group of people or even just wanting to find out what and how to say the Rosary, please feel free to drop in on a Wednesday evening from 7pm.



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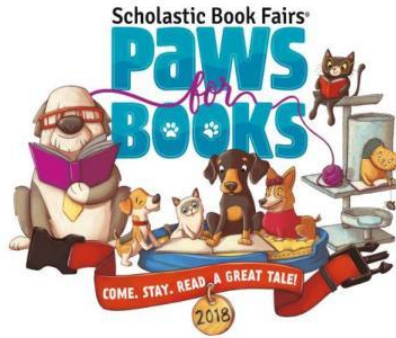
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Dear Parents and Families:

Reading for pleasure unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Here's what you can do to help children develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading:

- Set the example. Let children see you read.
- Have a collection of books in your home. Update this collection routinely to keep up with changing tastes and reading skills.
- **Support our school's Book Fair. Allow your children to choose their own books to read.**

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

Book Fair dates: 18/06/2018 to 22/06/2018

Shopping hours: 8am to 8.30am, 2<sup>nd</sup> lunch and 3pm to 3.30pm

Special activities: Class Activities to be announced, prize vouchers for each class. Vouchers to be used to purchase books from the Book Fair.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school.

Sincerely,

Rosie Harrison  
Principal



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**WE INVITE YOU TO  
JOIN US!  
REGISTER NOW**  
*12TH August 2018*

**Distance Races  
42km, 21km, 10km, 5km  
and 2.5km Fun Run**



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**Where: Andoom Oval, Weipa  
After Party: Golf Club, Weipa**

### Event Info

5:00am 42km Race

6:00am 21km Race

6:30am 10km Race

7:30am 5km Race

8:30am 2.5km Fun Run

8:00am Markets, food, coffee,  
recovery tent and more.

1:00pm the event concludes.

6:00pm after party

\$5.00 from each  
registration will be  
donated to the Royal  
Flying Doctors.  
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