

IMPORTANT DATES....

✓ Monday 16th July – First day of Term 3

✓ Monday 16th July – Tuckshop opens for Term 3

Cowboys Visit 2018

What an incredible week of Sport we have had at St. Joseph's, Weipa.

On Monday we had a visit from the Cowboys where the students listened to a talk on 'Eat Well, Play Well, Stay Well' and then got to perform some Skills and Drills with Josh Chudleigh, Gavin Lloyd and Ross Aldridge. Thank you to our wonderful Tuckshop Convenor Thu for providing an amazing Morning Tea for our visitors.



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News from Ms Harrison..

Finally a huge thank you at the end of this term to everyone who has contributed in some way to make our beautiful school such a successful and happy place to be. As this is the final newsletter for the term, I wish to thank all those community members who have supported the school community during this term. Particular mention this week must go to Mrs Melanie Turner for her superb organisation and running of the annual Athletics Carnival. By all accounts the carnival was a huge success. Thank you to the many parents and community members who helped out on the day. I was particularly impressed with the War Cries this year – they just get better and better!

Over the past couple of weeks much of my time has been spent reading Report Cards. In fact I have spent the majority of the last couple of weekends reading them all. There is no doubt that teachers have put a great deal of time and thought into producing an accurate and informative judgement of how your child is developing. Student reports bring mixed feelings for parents. Pleasure and pride if they are performing well but considerable angst when children are not progressing as you hoped. Reports can mean anxious times for children too. “Will my parents be disappointed or proud?” is the main concern of most children. Children of all ages take their cues from their parents, so your reaction to their school report can affect the way they see themselves as learners and as people.

A few years ago, I received this article about parents viewing report cards. I believe it is still relevant today and thought I would share. Parents’ attention should be focussed on these aspects to help them make sense of their children’s reports:

Expectations:

Expectations are tricky. If they are too high then kids can be turned off learning. Too low and there is nothing to strive for. Parents need to pitch their expectations in line with a child’s abilities. A quick check of your child’s last report cards may provide you with a good yardstick.

Different rates of learning:

There are slow bloomers, late developers and steady-as-you-go kids in every classroom, so you need to avoid comparing your child to siblings, friends’ children and even yourself when you were young. Instead, look for individual progress.

Safeguard confidence:

Self-confidence is a pre-requisite for learning, so they need to be prepared to be as positive and encouraging as possible.

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Here are five ideas to think about before reading your child's report:

1. **Look for strengths first.** Focus on strengths even if they are not in the traditional 3Rs or core subjects.
2. **Take into account your child's effort and attitude to learning.** If the report indicates that effort is below standard, then they have something to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, then you cannot ask any more than that, regardless of the grading.
3. **Broaden your focus away from academic performance to form a picture of their child's progress as a member of a social setting.** How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence their happiness and well-being, as well as give an indicator to his future.
4. **Take note of student's self-assessment.** Children are generally very honest and will give a realistic assessment of their progress. They are generally very perceptive so parents need to take note of their opinions.
5. **Discuss the report with your son or daughter talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement.** They should ask for their opinion about how they performed and discuss their concerns.

Have a wonderful two week break and see you back at the beginning of Term 3 refreshed and ready to launch into the new term,

Peace and Blessings

Rosie



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What an action -packed week to end our term. On Wednesday we had our whole school Athletics day, track and field for Year 3 to 6 on Thursday. Today we will celebrate our last assembly for the term to present the Age Champion medals and winning sports house. A very big thank you must go to Mrs Turner and her army of support crew for providing us with another wonderful carnival for the year.

We would like to remind all families that all report cards will be distributed electronically by being uploaded to the Parent Portal, so please make sure you are able to access the portal with a username and password. If you do not have one as yet and/or still having trouble accessing, please contact the office ASAP.

It is our aim to have all student reports uploaded electronically to the Parent Portal by the close of business today however, could you please be patient if they do not appear immediately. It is our aim to have all available, but we are relying on technology and there are some planned outages with our system that may interrupt this process. If you could leave it until Monday to check it would be greatly appreciated and if you cannot access your child's report by then please leave a message on the school phone or email on the following address: asaunders3@cns.catholic.edu.au

Our teachers have put in a tremendous amount of time and effort in preparing these reports. We encourage all parents to take the time to discuss these reports with your child/children, after all it is their semester report. When reading them, bear in mind that students who are achieving a 'C' or 'Sound', are actually achieving at standard, that is, they are achieving what is required for that year level. Celebrate your child's achievements and whilst Term 3 parent teacher interviews are not mandatory at St Joseph's, if you would like to discuss the report with your child's teacher, you are welcome to contact them next term to make a time for a meeting in early Term 3.

APRE Network Day

In Week 9 I attended the Networking day in Cairns and the purpose of the meeting was to listen to Professor Trevor Cooling, who lectures at Canterbury Christ Church University in England. He spoke to us about Christian approaches to learning and teaching. Professor Cooling is interested in developing Christian approaches to learning and teaching and has been heavily involved in the development of the widely used "What If Learning".

He explored this idea with us and made mention of the fact that there is a distinctively Christian approach to teaching and learning. He spoke about the way Christian schools operate and how they are becoming more rapidly challenging by the day.

Trevor posed some questions for the audience: "What might it mean for our pupils to be distinctively Christian learners in the modern context? How does our learning maintain its Christian integrity if we seek to be relevant to the modern context?" He gave us quite a few examples on how to recontextualise the learning in our schools and to look at things from another perspective. He went on to stress that our focus should be on how we equip our students to be excellent Christian learners in today's world.

Thank you and blessings for a wonderful break these holidays,

Amanda



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St. Joseph's Athletics Day 2018

On Wednesday the Prep to Year 6 competed in our Athletics Carnival in Track events and Years 3 to 6 competed in Field events on Thursday.

The winning house overall for the St. Joseph's Athletics Carnival in 2018 is Embley.

Today we congratulated at Assembly the following students:

Age Champions – Athletics Carnival 2018

2009 Boys – Luke Clegg

2009 Girls – Hailey Merkel

2008 Boys – Sam McNamara

2008 Girls – Roxanne Raleigh

2007 – Boys – Wylie Clarke

2007 Girls – Kimberley Hutchinson

2006 Boys – Patrick Dorahy

2006 Girls – Delphina Day



I would like to congratulate all students as they participated in the two day carnival with enthusiasm and demonstrated Confidence, Persistence and Resilience.

A big Thank you to Nikki Clegg for organising sand for the sand pit and the Matthew's Family for helping with the Line Marking on Sunday. Also to Mick Ward and Terry Saunders for setting up Tents, Kate Turner and her BBQ Helpers -James Robinson and Terry Saunders- for the delicious Sausage Sizzle. Thank you to all the Parents and Volunteers for your support.

Last but not least Thank you, Thank you Thank you to the St. Joey's Staff for all your help support and enthusiasm with the events.

Congratulations to everyone and thank you again for making the 2018 Athletics Carnival such a success.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and relaxing holiday and look forward to seeing you all in Term 3.

Regards,

Melanie

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Week 11

Prep.. Claire Pritchard

Year 1.. Whole Class

Year 2.. Lincoln Scikluna + Luke Wright

Year 3.. Hailey Merkel + Oliver Dyer

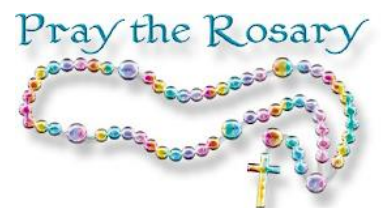
Year 4.. Cordy Foo and Jaiden Kappu

Year 5.. Ethan Marlow + Clayton Bell

Year 6.. Whole class for helping with Athletics Day (Nominated by Mrs Turner)

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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**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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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

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

\$5.00 from each
registration will be
donated to the Royal
Flying Doctors.
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You are cordially invited
to a celebration to recognise the

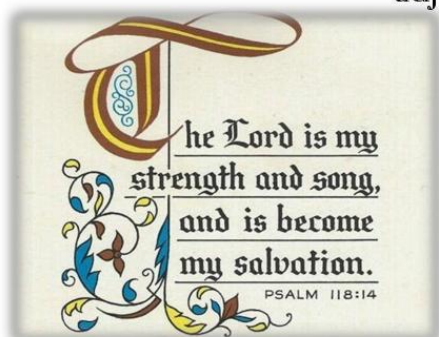
Diamond Jubilee
of
Father Frank Gordon's
Ordination to the Priesthood
(30th June 1958)



Join us

Sunday July 1st, 2018

Mass will be celebrated at 8.00am
at St Francis Xavier's Church, Manunda
Followed by light refreshments at the Xavier Centre
adjoining the Church



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for catering purposes kindly contact

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