#### ST JOSEPH'S PARISH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER EDITION 201825 WEEK 4, TERM 3 2018



#### IMPORTANT DATES ....

- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August P&F Meeting Location: Flexible Learning Space Time: 7.00 pm
   Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August – Volunteer Session Time: 1.30 – 2.00 pm
   Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August – Stage 2 Blessing and Official Opening Location: Flexible Learning Space Time: 10.00 am
   Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August – School Photos
   Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August – Wilson McCaskill 'Play is the Way' Parent Information open to all parents Location: Multipurpose Room Time: 8.30 – 10.30 am
- ✓ Father's Day Stall Friday 31st August
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September Flying Scientists are back!
   Location: Flexible Learning Space Time: 5.30 7.30pm

# Book Fair Orders

Book Fair orders have arrived, and will be sent home with the students today. Unfortunately the Slime Books are on back order, and will be distributed to students as soon as we receive them. We will keep you informed as to the progress of this order.

With thanks from Miss Karen in the Library

# School Photos

On Wednesday 22nd August NQ School Photography will be visiting St Joseph's to conduct this year's school photos. School photo packs will be sent home from today with all students. Sibling packs are available from the office if you are interested. Please wear day uniform for the photos. NQ School Photography also offer an online option for ordering your photo packs. Please visit <u>http://www.nqsp.com.au/</u> and use the code KU3JLBCY to make an online order.

News from Ms Harrison ...

#### **Dear Parents**

It has been delightful to welcome some of our Prep 2019 families to St Joseph's over the past few weeks. Part of the interview process is a conversation around what we do at St Joseph's to make our school a distinctively Catholic school.

There is, of course, the formal teaching and learning practices that happen around the school and in the classrooms every day, such as Liturgy, prayer and Religion lessons. Much more than that though, is what we 'do' at St Joseph's which is solidly based within the Gospel values that make us uniquely St Joseph's Weipa. This is what students experience every day. Our responsible choices – positive behaviours system, Social emotional learning and Play Is the Way programs shape much of our school culture.

Shaped by these relationships and guided by our gospel values, St Joseph's aims to be a welcoming, supportive school community nurturing and challenging each other to experience optimal well being and learning.

In the next few weeks are some wonderful opportunities to see and experience our St Joey's school culture. I invite you as parents and caregivers to join us and partner in these exciting learning experiences:

Next Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August at our school Stage 2 Opening

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August Wilson McCaskill Parent workshops. Coffee and welcome at 8.30am. Free books and giveaways for parent participants.

Father's Day Stall: Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August

Science week: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September 5.30 – 7.30 pm



#### Play Is The Way Workshops Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August

As parents we are all concerned about the wellbeing of our own children and hopefully that of other children as well. Wellbeing is often thought of as happiness but it is more than that. We need to feel worthwhile, with lives that are fulfilling and meaningful.

We need the skills to create close personal connections and a network of strong relationships that give us a sense of belonging. We need the skills of emotional intelligence and social competency if we are to really feel like "WELL-BEINGS."

Australia, despite its wealth and high standard of living, has alarming levels of childhood depression, self harm and suicide. Our so called "good life" has not protected us from this sad fact. Evidence proves that children with strong pro-social behaviour tend to lead more positive lives, have more meaningful relationships, enjoy better physical and mental health and do better at school.

In the light of such evidence, many schools are making a commitment to the sustained and thorough development of pro-social behaviour.

School though, is not the only place where children learn. Even with five hours a day, for five days a week, for four terms a year children still do most of their "learning for life" outside school. In fact, most of their character shaping comes from family influences.

What they learn within the family allows them to apply it outside the family. Hopefully, what they have learnt allows them to conform to the demands and expectations of community standards in behaviour and to the requirements of everyday school life and learning.

Everyone in a school community has a role to play in helping children become independent, mature, socially competent, emotionally intelligent and successful human beings.

The first step for us all is to be the best role models we can be. It is said, and we believe it to be true, that children need models more than they need critics. With that in mind, let us accept our role as the adults in their midst and offer them the commitment, care, firm guidance and help they need to acquire the skills that lead to meaningful and fulfilled lives.

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Wilson will conduct workshops with students, parents and teachers during his visit to Weipa.

Parents, this is a wonderful opportunity to participate in a workshop especially developed for parent groups. It would be great to see this well supported in the school community.

In the meantime checkout the <u>Play Is the Way</u> website and one of Wilson's books written for parents.

Peace and Blessings,

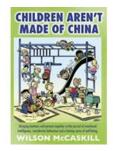
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# APRE News

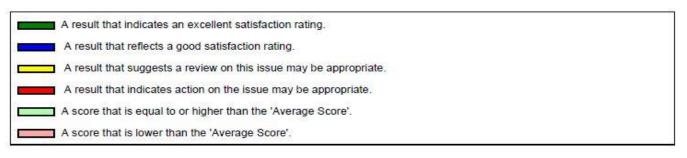
This week we would like to thank all of those students, staff and parents who contributed to our School Results surveys at the beginning of this term. We received our data back this week and as a Leadership team have been able to analyse and reflect on the results. It was an incredible and affirming to see that 97% of our school community are feeling very good or excellent about the services we provide as a school.

The survey results gave the following feedback:

- 82.4% of students who recorded an overall satisfaction score of 81%
- 74.1% of staff who recorded an overall satisfaction score of 80% and,
- 50.2% of parents who recorded an overall satisfaction score of 79%.

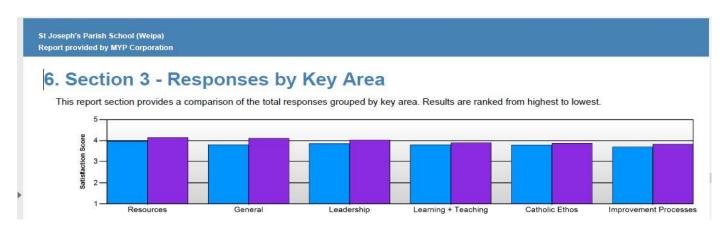
This week we share the parent data:-

Below is a breakdown of the key areas that were surveyed and the growth from September 2017 to August 2018 by all stakeholders. For parents it was recorded that in all key areas there was an average growth of 4% which is a great result and the key below indicates the level of satisfaction received in each graph.



#### PARENTS AS STAKEHOLDERS AT ST JOSEPH'S

Please note that the blue indicates September 2017 and the purple is August 2018.





The survey was conducted asking respondents to answer a number of questions based around different categories ranging from Resourcing, Leadership, General and other areas. The results from our parent body showed an overall average increase of 4% however, it was pleasing to note that in the areas of General there was an increase of 8%. The above graph demonstrates the overall satisfaction of our parent body being excellent or receiving a good score.

It was affirming to also receive feedback on what our parent body felt was important and how they felt about the growth we are showing as a new school in its early days of inception. Some of these have been noted below in this article.

Thank you to all of the respondents to our 2018 School Results survey and look forward to another year ahead to improve on what we are already doing well. The information provided in the comprehensive reports allows us the opportunity as staff and Leadership to pin point some areas to focus on and to keep doing what is working well within St Joseph's.

Thank you and blessings for a wonderful weekend,

#### Amanda

#### Examples of feedback provided as affirming for our whole school community:

"as a grandparent who has at times been the grandkids carers and therefore part of the school community, I have felt included and part of the school community. The smallness of the school is a plus. The staff are all helpful and caring."

"friendliness and welcoming attitude by staff."

"Great community: friendly; Catholic ethos"

"my child has progressed so much within the 2 year period at St Joseph's and I strongly believe St Joseph's has committed to my child in so many ways to support and educate my child as an individual. Well done at St Joseph's"

"the school has a good learning environment that promotes respect and diversity; good staff that identify issues to improve student abilities; any behavioural problems addressed immediately" Thank you and blessings for a wonderful weekend,



**Prep..** With our writing we are focussing on starting a sentence with a capital letter, finger spaces between our words and a full stop at the end of a sentence. Students are also beginning to explore the difference between facts and opinions. The beanie strategies for the next two weeks are; Flippy the Dolphin and Picturing Penguin. Flippy the Dolphin is teaching students how to flip the vowel sounds e.g. flip a short sound for a long sound and vice versa. Picturing Penguin is visualising pictures as you read the text. In Maths students will be learning about ordinal numbers as well as placing numbers in sequence along a number line justifying position and explaining their reasoning.

In Science we are completing the unit Growing Well where students learn to look after plants, name various parts of the plant and explain what plants need to grow well. The Play is the Way games we are playing this week are Gift ball, Snake and rhythm games.

**Year 1..** What an eventful 2 weeks the Year Ones have had. The students had a visit from Terry and Bob Irwin to discuss the Steve Irwin Wildlife Reserve and they raised safety awareness about crocs and snakes. The students attended under 8's day last Friday, it was a wonderful morning. Thank you again to all who were able to help and attend! Plus, we celebrated Catholic Education Week. In English, this week we have continued learning our oral and written phonograms and we have started Spelling Mastery. We have started learning how to write a story, which will be this terms focus. We have discussed it needs a beginning, middle and an end. In Maths, we have been learning about money and the value of it. As well, as 3D shapes and discussing how many edges, corners and faces each shape has. In technology, we have had the chance to use bee bots. We had to program them into following the direction we want them to follow, the students really enjoyed their first lesson. In Religion, we have celebrated Mary Mackillop's Feast Day by creating a chain of hearts where the students drew pictures of helping other people, as Mary Mackillop said "Never see a need without doing something about it."

A friendly reminder: Homework folders are due on Mondays, sight words books are to come to school every day and Library books are due in on Thursdays. Please bring any overdue Library books back as soon as you can. The students will get a bonus point for their group if they bring in their homework folders and Library bags in on time this term as we are focusing on working together as a team.

**Year 2...** Last week was very eventful. With Catholic Education Week as a focus, we all wrote on our footsteps how we are trying to be like Jesus to bring JOY to others in our classroom and at home. We enjoyed painting our mascot, who is a visual story of how we work together, learn together, grow in our friendships together and show respect. Our mascot is proudly sitting in our room to help us remember these important values. The Irwin visit to our school was enjoyed by everyone and it was very informative. Everyone learnt something and afterwards we had a brainstorm of ideas about the talk, with great discussion. Then to top off the week was Under 8's Day at WCC. What a fun morning it was and so great to see every child having a great time. The activities were active, interesting and catered for all interests.

In our learning the last 2 weeks we have looked again at multiplication in Maths, doing lots of arrays and making rows/lots of/groups to help consolidate this concept. This is <u>repeated addition</u> and it is all about doubling numbers at the moment. We starting learning two times tables and everyday will be singing chants to help us learn these. Yesterday, for Science we experimented with "pretend rain" to predict what would happen when it rained on different surfaces around our school. The water cycle song has been very popular in class also. In Literacy, we are

steaming ahead with Spelling Mastery and our O.P.R which is all increasing the students spelling ability. We have been focusing on noun groups, as well as identifying verbs and adjectives in our writing and reading. Lots of learning and progress happening. Remember parent-teacher communication is vital to your child's progress, please don't hesitate to ask if you are unsure about anything.

Happy weekend all.

Year 3.. Everyone has been working really hard in our new Spelling Mastery program. Each group has got some Super Spellers and some Very Good Spellers. Ask your child what they achieved? We have continued our English unit looking at various stories from many countries, looking at the different parts of the narrative stories, practising our skills to retell the stories. Our Science unit of Night and Day has been completed as the class finished off by writing the results from the shadow investigation they did and learning that as the sun moves during the day, it causes shadows to move as well. We started our new HASS unit - What makes someone a good community member? And we have been discussing how you can become a citizen of a country.

Year 4... Year 4 are on fire with learning their oral and written phonograms these past two weeks. Every student is making growth and some are blowing me away with how much growth they are making. Our new spelling program is going well and we have so many Super Spellers amongst the group. Symbolism is the word in our Technology unit at the moment. All of the students are looking at different areas within their life, where symbols are displayed and are making connections to create a story of their lives. In Maths we have been exploring time and money this past week. We know how to convert from dollars to cents and vice versa. In Religion we are discovering how to share our story and how others share theirs. Poetry is still on our minds for our writing lessons. Our oral presentations on Dr Seuss books are definitely worth watching. Some of us can even recite passages off by heart.

#### Year 4 Haiku's

Jack Pickles Pickles make me spew Pickles are so gross and green I don't like pickles

Kayla

Ponies You can tack them up You can groom them and ride them How I love ponies

Jessica Birds They fly in the sky Some eat meat and some eat fruit There are different types

Brock

Soccer Soccer is the best Soccer is the most played sport You can play with friends

Year 5... Year 5 have almost finished their websites about global economics and business issues, and how we can respond to these issues in a moral way. In Maths we have started looking at ordering decimals and locating them on numbers lines, as well as using a range of strategies to add and subtract numbers. We have begun the Spelling Mastery program with a bang and students are already seeing an improvement in the number of words they are able to spell correctly as they apply their knowledge of phonograms and phonemes from their oral and written phonogram reviews. In Religion, we have started learning about St Mary MacKillop and her connection to St Joseph's schools around Australia.

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**Year 6..** This week we have been continuing our persuasive writing and exploring how we can improve the cohesion of our writing using text connectives. Spelling Mastery is underway and we are really enjoying our new Whole School Spelling Programme. We completed our unit on angles, and have begun ordering and comparing fractions, decimals and percentages. In Technologies, we are enjoying using ozobots to experiment with algorithms and coding. Global Citizenship continues to be a focus in Civics, and we are complimenting this by learning about human rights, children's rights and women's rights in History.



Prep.. Emily Foy + Tayla Coleing + Timbijay Raleigh + Jack Potter + Lucy Johnstone Year 1.. Jayce Christie + Oliver Scott + Georgia Winaulin + Evie Chiesa + Sophia Clements Year 2.. Nyah Quin + Yuri Lesic + Mya Ward + Antonia Sebasio Year 3.. Jackeal Day + Ben Winaulin + Aiden Clegg + Brendan Ward Year 4.. Ethan, Angus + Maddison + all of Year 4. Year 5.. Wylie Clarke + Roxanne Raleigh + Clayton Bell + Emma Smith Year 6.. Xeroxia Nona-Poi Poi + Delphina Day

# Friday 17th August Stage 2 Official Opening and Blessing – Uniforms

Friday, 17th August is our Stage 2 Opening and Blessing. Could we please ask that all students are dressed in their complete formal uniform including all black shoes and navy socks. Hair is to be neat and tidy with long hair pulled back.

We would also like to take this opportunity to let you know that NAIDOC shirts are no longer permitted to be worn during the school week.

# Net Set Go Volunteers Needed

St Joseph's first ever Net Set Go program commenced this week, the feedback from students has been fantastic.

To help the sessions run smoother and help cater for the different skills and abilities, we are asking any parents/guardian to assist. If you are able to assist it is advisable that you attend a St Joseph's Volunteer Session prior to helping. Amanda Saunders will be running a session Tuesday between 1.30pm and 2pm. Please log your name with the office for this session.

# Prep enrolment for 2019

We are now taking enrolments for Prep in 2019. If your child turns 5 before the 30th June 2019 and you would like them to start at St Joey's, please contact the school office to pick up an enrolment application (also available on the school website).

If you know of any family who is seeking enrolment for 2019 and are not yet connected with the school, please pass on this information. We will commence Prep interviews next week and are looking forward to showing our prospective 'Preppies' a glimpse at the wonderful Prep program that we have to offer.

# Flying Scientists are back!

The Flying Scientists are back in Weipa this year to spend the day with students in class, doing a range of hands on science activities. This will be followed by a *FREE Weipa Community Event* hosted by our school.

#### "What do Kakadu crocs prefer to snack on?"

Hear about the latest on crocodiles and wetland conservation research with Dr Fernanda Adame. Meet Palaeontologist and Young Science Ambasador Dr Kaylene Butler. Fernanda's talk will be followed by a Q&A session with both researchers providing an opportunity to find out more about the science happening right here in Queensland and what a career in science, technology, engineering and mathematical (STEM) research is really like.

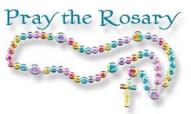
#### When: Thursday 6th September, 5:30-7:30pm in the flexible learning space

Light refreshments served -RSVP online on Eventbrite by 30<sup>th</sup> August 2018 using the link below.

#### https://flying-scientist-2018-weipa.eventbrite.com.au

# 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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Thursday 23rd August 2018: Arrive in Weipa

Friday 24th August 2018: Parent Information Session and Mentoring Session with SJW Students Years 3 to 6

Saturday 25th August 2018: One-day Professional Development workshop for SJW Staff and Friends

Sunday 26th August 2018: Depart Weipa



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# Flying Scientist visits Weipa **FREE Community Event**

"What do Kakadu crocs prefer to snack on?"

When: Thursday 6th September, 5:30-7:30pm (in a while crocodile!) Light refreshments served afterwards

Where: St Joseph's Parish School Weipa Boundary Road, WEIPA QLD 4874

**RSVP:** online, through Eventbrite https://flying-scientist-2018-weipa.eventbrite.com.au

Hear about the latest on crocodiles and wetland conservation research with Dr Fernanda Adame. Meet palaeontologist and Young Science Ambasador Dr Kaylene Butler.

#### Bookings essential - tickets free but spaces limited

This Flying Scientist event is brought to you by Wonder of Science in partnership with the Office of the Queensland Chief Scientist, proudly supporting the Queensland Government's Advance Queensland Initiative.

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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

\$5.00 from each registration will be donated to the Royal Flying Doctors. ID - 0403012



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# The feast of

# OUR LADY OF THE CHAIN

# St Thomas' Catholic Church, Mareeba

SUNDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

Live Entertainment by Fortunato Isgro Claudio Portelli



MASS AT 2:30PM

Try your luck at the *pesca*! Fantastic *prizes* to be won! *Fireworks* display at 8:30pm

A procession of the statue of Our Lady of The Chain will follow, led by the combined St Stephen's and St Thomas' School Band and the Italian Choir.

# DELICIOUS ITALIAN FOOD FOR SALE ON SCHOOL GROUNDS + LICENSED BAR

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