

Important Dates...

- ✓ **Wednesday 22nd August** – School Photos: please wear your full school day uniform including black shoes & navy socks.
- ✓ **Thursday 23rd August** – Book Week Dress Up Day Theme: “Find your treasure” or come dressed as your favourite book character!
- ✓ **Friday 24th August** – Wilson McCaskill ‘Play is the Way’ Parent Information session
Location: Multipurpose Room Time: 8.30 – 10.30 am
- ✓ **Friday 31st August** – Father’s Day Stall
- ✓ **Thursday 6th September** – Flying Scientists are back! Location: Flexible Learning Space Time: 5.30 – 7.30pm

School Photos



NQ School Photography will be taking our school photographs this year on:

Tuesday 22nd August

Order Online at www.nqsp.com.au using this shoot key **KU3JLBCY** or return the paper order form your child will receive to our photographers on photo day.

Sibling photos can be ordered online or by paper form available at the school office.

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News from Ms Harrison..

I remember when I took on the mission of this amazing new school in Weipa the deep sense of privilege I felt in being present on the land of the traditional owners, the Algnith people. As a catholic school, at the heart of all we attempt is our Mission, Vision and values. We continue to build upon the solid foundations of those who walked this way before us in a spirit of humility , justice and compassion.

Working in a remote location such as Weipa provides significant challenge as a school leader. At the heart of all I administer is the core business of any good school and that is to ensure optimal wellbeing and the highest quality teaching and learning for all students. For St Joseph's, Weipa our goal is to offer the students and families of Weipa an educational opportunity equal to any they would receive in any regional or capital city.

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. We refer to this as the St Joseph's Way - what we do at St Joseph's to make our school a distinctively Catholic school.

Of high priority for us at St Joseph's is whilst always aiming for academic excellence, is to cater for the healthy well-being of all students. We make it our major goal that each child feels safe and nurtured in their environment, and safe in their social/emotional/spiritual intelligence. It is our aim to continue to ensure that the special charism of Saint Joseph the Worker and St Mary MacKillop permeate the development of the whole person of all students in my care. All this is underpinned by our core values of humility, justice and compassion.

The sense of Mission in Outreach is paramount to all stakeholders in the St Joseph's Community. Our active school community has provided financially, physically and pastorally to support the charity work of our Church locally, nationally and around the world.

At St Joseph's we pride ourselves on our ability to continue our commitment to offering quality teaching and learning which draws on pedagogical practices which are data informed and evidence based and aligned with the Australian Curriculum and the Cairns Catholic Education Services Learning Framework. Our dedicated staff ensure that our contemporary learning environments are responsive to the changing structures of schooling and diverse student populations and that our students are given every opportunity to utilize information, communication and learning technologies. We wish to ensure that our academic climate for learning is a contemporary learning environment in our digital world with the inclusion of our 1:1 Device program which exists from Years 3 to 6.

We are fortunate now to enjoy these State of the Art Facilities, including well equipped classrooms and break out areas, the Stage 2 additional new classrooms and Flexible Learning space have made the Library and learning spaces open and spacious – all outstanding in their function and enrichment for all.

Finally, I take this opportunity to thank our students for doing their 'best' in all they do and their happiness, which they bring each day to school. And, to our amazing staff for their remarkable commitment to their vocation and to you, our parents, for your strong support in assisting us to shape the learning pathways for the students in our care.

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.

May we continue to Bring Faith and Learning to Life every day in a manner of humility, justice and compassion.

God Bless

Rosie

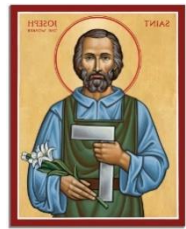
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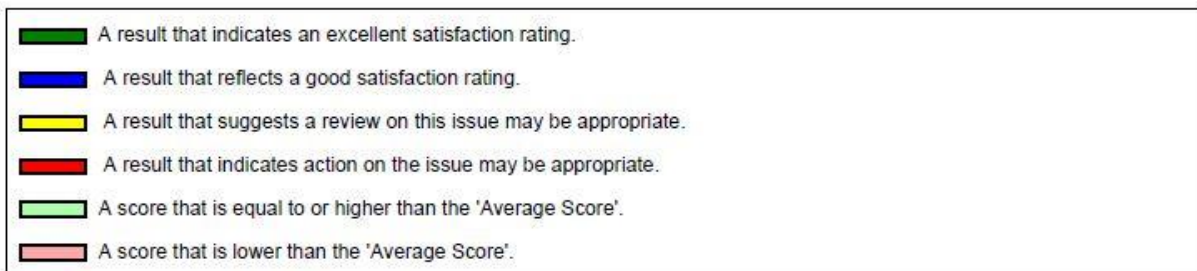
News from the APRE – Term 3 Week 5.

This week I would like to thank everyone who has contributed this week to making our Opening and Blessing of the Stage 2 buildings such a wonderful event. Without the support of our whole community this would not be possible. The Hon. Grace Grace was in attendance and she was completely inspired by the beautiful singing and grace of our students. Many of our visitors commented on what 'a beautiful school we have' and just how welcoming it was upon entering. Some of them are excited about the possibility of coming back for another visit.

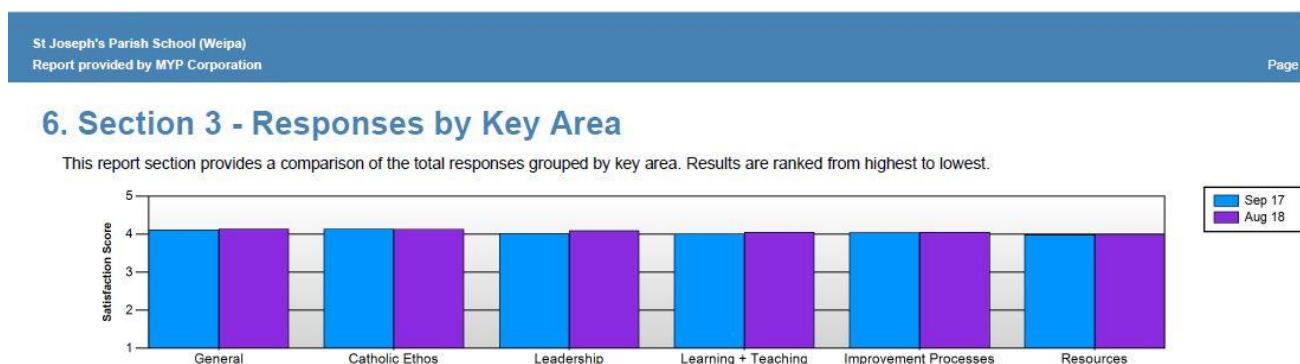
Last week I also started reporting on the results from our School Results surveys and what it indicates in relation to the level of satisfaction received in each area of the survey. For participation in the survey we achieved:

- 82.4% of students who recorded an overall satisfaction score of 81%.

Below is a breakdown of the key areas that were surveyed and the growth from September 2017 to August 2018 by all stakeholders. For students it was recorded that in all key areas there was an average growth of 2% which is a great result and the key below indicates the level of satisfaction received in each graph.



STUDENTS AS STAKEHOLDERS AT ST JOSEPH'S.

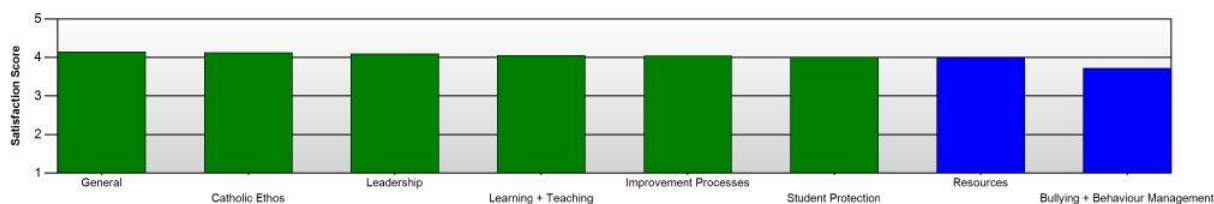


Again, this shows the growth from September 2017 to August 2018 from our student body and the overall average growth was 2%.

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5. Section 2 - Summary of Responses by Key Area

This report section provides a summary of the total responses grouped by key area. Results are ranked from highest to lowest and compared to the average overall score.



parents the students have also scored either excellent or good for the satisfaction in all the areas covered in the survey questions.

So again, we personally thank all of the students for their participation in the 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.

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."

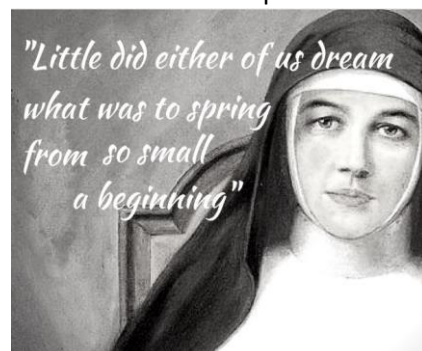
"Great community: friendly; Catholic ethos"

"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,

Amanda



Thursday 23rd August

**** Let's Celebrate Book Week ****

Come dressed with the 'find your treasure' theme in mind or come along as your favourite book character!

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Play Is The Way Parent Session

St Joseph's will welcome Wilson McCaskill the founder of Play Is The Way to our school community on Friday 24th August. 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. Please feel free to join us for a coffee prior to the session, straight after school drop off.

Play is the Way is coming to Weipa **in August 2018**



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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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 Kakaḍu crocs prefer to snack on?"

Hear about the latest on crocodiles and wetland conservation research with Dr Fernanda Adame. Meet Palaeontologist and Young Science Ambassador 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.

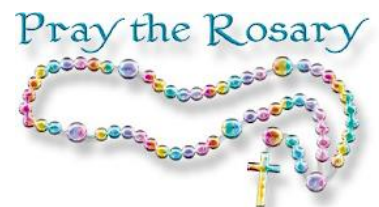
When: Thursday 6th September, 5:30-7:30pm in the flexible learning space

Light refreshments served -RSVP online on Eventbrite by 30th 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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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 Ambassador Dr Kaylene Butler.

Bookings essential - tickets free but spaces limited

*This Flying Scientist event is brought to you by Wonder of Science
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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
pescà! 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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