

Important Dates...

- ✓ **Thursday 6th September** – Flying Scientists are back!
Location: Flexible Learning Space **Time:** 5.30 – 7.30pm
- ✓ **Thursday 13th & Friday 14th September** – Year 6 Interschool Sports Carnival.
- ✓ **Friday 21st September** – last day of Term 3

Positions Vacant

We have a vacancy current for Administration Officer to relieve in the absence of Aimee Robinson who will be taking Maternity Leave commencing Term 4.

For further information or to obtain an Application pack please click the following link <https://www.cns.catholic.edu.au/administration-officer/>

Applications close, Tuesday 4th September 2018

IT Alert

In recent weeks it has been brought to our attention that we have some inappropriate advertising popping up on our programs here at school.

Unfortunately advertising such as this appears on many forms of media, including television and radio quite freely and we have no control over it.

As you will appreciate, this type of advertising is not something we would intentionally expose children to at St Joseph's and every effort is made to avoid this happening. We have internet filters designed to block all sexually explicit materials deemed inappropriate for children, however some Pop up advertising will still appear unexpectedly.

Our IT team at CES in Cairns have advised the staff to ensure that they all have some form of ad-blocking software installed on all devices across the school. This advice may well be helpful to families of our school if you are experiencing some annoying Ad Pop ups at home.

Ad block Plus is recommended a chrome extension for use with the chrome browser and can be installed by clicking this link [chrome Ad blocker](#)

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News from Ms Harrison..

Dear Families

As Father's Day approaches this weekend the students and staff wish to thank the very generous band of parent volunteers for making our fabulous Father's Day stall possible. Special mention must go to Rachael Steele for her coordination of a wonderful array of gifts and goodies for the children to purchase – the efforts of all make this day memorable for our Dads.

The ever wise and witty Mark Twain once counselled that,

"It is better to keep your mouth closed and let people think you are a fool than to open it and remove all doubt."

This advice could well lead to the remainder of this page being blank; thankfully, there is something to say that is in no way foolish but quite the opposite:

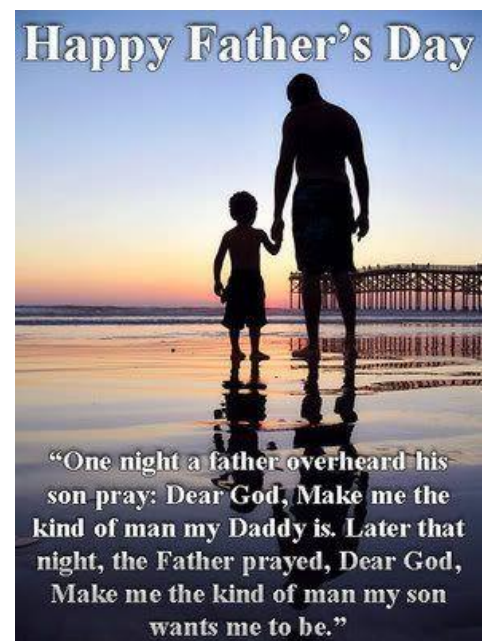
*"Fathers are wonderful people too little understood,
and we do not sing their praises as often as we should..." (Helen Steiner Rice)*

Unfortunately, society tends to consider the bond a child has with its mother to be more important than that with the father. Also, the manner in which society is structured sometimes makes it easier for dads to use their career to perhaps mismanage time and be absent from home during important times. However, eliminating society's barriers begins in the home, with a father's choice to be a full and willing partner in all aspects of home life, especially contact time with children.

Fathers can bring unique strengths to their relationships with children, and children with both a mother and father can benefit from more caring, as well as a variety of caring styles. For example, dads have a more rough and tumble approach to physical interaction in which they challenge their children to explore their own strength and their ability to do new things. Their play introduces healthy competition and demands respect for limits and boundaries.

There is an agreement amongst psychologists that children with a secure attachment to their father have an increased chance to be happy, successful and well-adjusted as children, adolescents and during their progress into adulthood. Furthermore:

- Dads are more likely than mothers to provide problem-solving competencies and independence in children.
- Father-involved children are more confident and successful in solving complex mathematical and logical puzzles.
- Dads help curb violence in boys by teaching and modelling to them socially acceptable ways to express their masculinity.
- Dads who have a warm involvement with their children in their early years, help raise children who become empathetic and compassionate adults.
- Girls with involved fathers are happier, more confident and willing to try new things than girls without that father's involvement.



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- Children who felt similar to, admired and wanted to resemble their dads are strong in personal moral judgement, moral values and respecting rules.

- Dads who live with their children and are actively involved with them, have high levels of good health and high levels of self esteem.

There is no doubt that every child has a longing to be held and loved by a father-figure and to be mentored through to their adult life by a father who is there for them.

“And like our Heavenly Father he’s a guardian and a guide, someone we can count on to be always on our side.” (Helen Steiner Rice)

Happy Fathers’ Day to all our Dads this coming Sunday. Every Blessing for a great week ahead,

Rosie

STEAM at St Joseph’s Weipa

Next week our students participate in all things STEAM. STEAM is the abbreviation for Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts (humanities, language arts, dance, drama, music, visual arts, design and new media) and Mathematics.

STEAM is not a new concept. People such as Leonardo Da Vinci have shown us the importance of combining science and art to make discoveries. This looks like groups of learners working collaboratively to create a visually appealing product or object that is based in the understanding of a STEM concept, such as the mathematics of the parabola used to create fine art imagery.

Leonardo Da Vinci is an early example of someone using STEAM to make discoveries. Indigenous Australians also have a long-standing tradition of scientific knowledge passed down through song as a memory system.

The main difference between STEM and STEAM is STEM explicitly focuses on scientific concepts. STEAM investigates the same concepts, but does this through inquiry and problem-based learning methods used in the creative process.

Why is STEAM important?

STEAM education in schools provides students with the opportunity to learn creatively, using 21st century skills such as problem solving. Gonski 2.0 and the Australian Curriculum highlight the importance of these skills for a future Australian workplace. These general capabilities are crucial to growing a future-ready workforce that understands the potential of “what if” when solving problems that occur in real life.

They also point us in the direction of 22nd century skills – connection, care, community and culture. Across Australian schools there are lots of hands-on learning opportunities popping up in schools and institutes all over the country. These are generally called “maker spaces”. They encourage collaboration in learning and discovery, using science and tech resources such as soft circuits, embedded video, game creation, data art, and much, much more.

For us at St Joseph’s next week STEAM-specific activities conducted by the Flying Scientists team will be showcased for students throughout the day next Thursday. The day will culminate with a community STEAM event on Thursday evening.

Many thanks to Collette Keenan who has coordinated this event for St Joseph’s as a joint project partnership between the school and our P and F parent body. Our community also acknowledges our Catholic Education Services team in Cairns for the diocesan partnership grant we have received to assist with funding for this event. Please check the event announcements for times and RSVP’s on our Parent Portal, Facebook and school newsletter.

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When pondering over what to share with the community this week, I was thinking (through a Workplace Health and Safety lens) about a couple of things currently happening within our school. In some ways our whole school community are constantly learning and sometimes we become a little relaxed with our expectations. This week we also had a visit from our Manager of Workplace Health and Safety (Catholic Education) and I am happy to report that we are in good standing for meeting the requirements of being safe.

However, some of the smaller concerns – but also high concerns for our students are in our everyday interactions. A friendly reminder was issued at assembly today but for those not in attendance the list below summarises the points covered:

- * Playground equipment before school – only those children with supervising parents are able to use the playground before school – all others should be on the basketball court with the supervising teacher.
- * Running from area to area – this has increased, and we are seeing a number of incidences presenting to the sick bay because of not walking or using the correct pathways.
- * Before school attendance – the school policy is that students should not be in attendance before 8.10am. We do not have the capacity to provide supervision before 8.15 am so children have been instructed to put their bags away and sit quietly in the eating area. There have been a large number of students arriving early (as early as 7.45 am) and not following the rules and wandering around in areas they are not permitted. It is imperative that they remain in the eating area so they are visible to teachers/staff when arriving. Duty on the basketball court starts by 8.20 am so they do not have to sit for very long.

This week I would also like to extend the invitation for our up and coming STEAM events next week. There has been some great preparation put in by Collette Keenan and we would like to see as many of our families as possible come along on Thursday evening for the family event. See further in the newsletter for details

For this week's prayer I have chosen the first verse of St Patrick's Breastplate:

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.
Amen.

Thank you and blessings for a wonderful weekend,

Amanda

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Flying Scientists are back!

"What do Kakadu crocs prefer to snack on?"


Come along to school **Thursday 6th September at 530pm** and find out!

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 St Joseph's Parish.

Light refreshments served -RSVP online on Eventbrite by 30th August 2018

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



FLYING SCIENTISTS
Engaging Rural Queenslanders in Science

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

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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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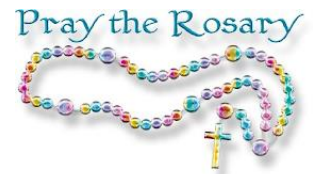
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The Rosary

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.



Great Recycling Opportunity in town

Lilly Patzak recently contacted our school to inform us of the local recycling initiation she is starting in September. Lilly will be opening a stall at the markets (every fourth Saturday of the month) where members of the community can come and drop off some specific recyclable items. Lilly has joined the TerraCycle organisation and Planet Ark and will be helping to raise some funds for local charities.



TerraCycle is an innovative recycling company that has become a global leader in recycling hard to recycle materials. TerraCycle offers free recycling programs funded by brand manufacturers, and retailers around the world to help you collect and recycle your hard-to-recycle waste. Planet Ark Environmental Foundation is an Australian not-for-profit organisation with a vision of a world where people live in balance with nature.



What's even better is that Lilly will collect \$0.02 per recyclable item (everything except for cartridges) and will donate all funds to Local charities.



If you would like to know any more information please follow EcoCape on Facebook.



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SAVE THE DATE

St Gerard Majella School's
30th Anniversary Celebrations!

Saturday 13th October 2018

Liturgy
School Tours
Rides
Food trucks

Commemorative plaques can be ordered on the day

Past students, parents and staff who wish to receive an invitation
and event details, please contact

secretary.woree@cns.catholic.edu.au or 07 4054 4805

**SEEKING MEMORABILIA FOR DISPLAY DURING CELEBRATIONS
(WILL BE RETURNED AFTER THE EVENT)**

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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