

Important Dates...

- ✓ **Monday 8th October** - First day of Term 4
- ✓ **Monday 8th October** – Daniel Morcombe Parent information session – **Time:** 3.30pm
- ✓ **Friday 19th October** – Sock-a-thon Challenge and Mission Day
- ✓ **Monday 22nd October** – Pupil free day
- ✓ **Friday 26th October** – World Teacher's Day and Day for Daniel
- ✓ **Thursday 22nd November** – Swimming carnival
Time: 4.00 - 8.00pm **Location:** Weipa Town Pool

Classroom and Playground Rules

Over the next few weeks, we will be sharing our virtues for St Joseph's Parish School's Classroom and Playground Rules.

This week we will focus on **Courage**. The habit of accepting your fear and nevertheless making yourself say or do things you know are right and more important than your fear

WE WILL:

- Try our personal best at everything we do
- Show courage at problems and rise to the challenge
- Take responsibility for our own actions
- Seek the truth
- Listen to our conscience

Will you be here in 2019?

Planning for our 2019 school year is well underway. As our enrolment vacancies are limited and to aid prospective future families in providing certainty on possible enrolments for the new school year, we urge any families who will be exiting at the end of the year to please notify us accordingly.

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News from Ms Harrison..

Dear Families

Welcome to our final newsletter for Term 3.

Welcome and Farewell

A great start to the day today to be greeted by the smiling faces of Kunio, Mistee and Kazu Sagigi as well as the fabulous Miss Tari, here as special visitors. It is great to touch base and hear how the family is settling into Toowoomba (although Mistee says it's too cold).

We welcome Linh Tran and her family, Nhiey and Ben, to St Joseph's and the Year 5 class, in two short days at school Linh has already settled well into her new school environment.

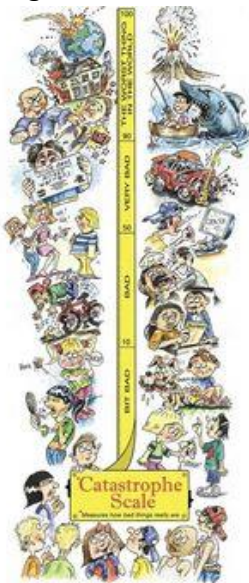
Today we farewell the Burke family from St Joseph's school community. Amelia greeted me this morning with a beautiful picture of St Joseph's which she has drawn.



Building Resilience in Children

How parents talk with their children about handling conflict situations has a significant impact on a child's ability to handle conflict. If we catastrophize the problem for the child, we disempower them, and they feel less able to deal with any form of conflict.

This is the latest research on handling anti-social behaviour, such as bullying. An article on the power of our mindset in handling bullying is included in this week's newsletter. I hope you can take the time to read and reflect on how you are approaching conflict situations with your child.



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Professional Renewal Leave

I have been granted Professional renewal leave for the first 4 weeks of Term 4. This leave allows me to take some time to complete the Leadership course I am currently undertaking as well as some overseas travel to Europe. I have plans to visit the grave of my great uncle Hercules at Villiers- Bretonneux as a special pilgrimage and memorial of the life he gave for his country. It was 100 years ago that he was killed aged 21, tragically just months before the war ended. While I am away Mrs Amanda Saunders will be acting in the Principal role.

I wish all our families a safe and happy holiday time over the next two weeks. School resumes on Monday the 8th October.

Peace and blessings,

Rosie

Student Attendance

Every day counts

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind. If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Extended Absence

Please be reminded that parents are to request permission from the principal if your child will be absent for an extended period of time, such as a family holiday. To make a request please email

principal.weipa@cns.catholic.edu.au

Student Absences Procedures

Teachers need to know where children are every school day and it is an expectation that you notify your child's teacher to inform of student absences and the reason for absence. The preferred way for doing so is for you to directly email the child's teacher and the school office before 9am on the day of absence.

School photos

School photos have arrived and have been sent home with the children today. Any children absent today can collect them next term.

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ADRE News.. When we return we will be jam-packed with learning, Swimming lessons, swimming carnival, liturgies and end of year festivities. Remember to take some time to slow down before the rush. Families are reminded that we have some important dates occurring in Term 4 which have all been posted in the Parent Portal as well.

In week eight's newsletter there was some information and data shared with regards to St Joseph's having one of the highest non-attendance ratings across our Diocesan schools and some of the reasons behind this data being so high. There were also some suggestions noted on the importance of school attendance and the direct link between successful student achievement and attendance at school. As a whole school community we can work towards a goal of improving these rates.

At our teacher wellbeing session, this week as a collective of staff we looked at building our collective social capital. One of the studies to enable us to change our ways looked at the concept of 'Tiny Habits.' This theory authored by B J Fogg is a relatively simple way for us to look at some of our small everyday tasks that we can change through tiny habits. For example: you choose an anchor (something you do every day) and then make a change with one tiny habit. So if your anchor is to be out of the door for work at 8.00 am each day then your habit is I will set the alarm 5 minutes earlier so I am on time.

This may not be a perfect example, but the idea is that the tiny habit we make to change the goal becomes everyday practice and improves our wellbeing. This could be then transferred into a small anchor/routine you have at home each day that improves your child's attendance and preparation for success each day. So far this year our attendance rate is sitting around the 90% mark.

With blessings and gratitude, for the final day of the term, we wish you blessings and look forward to seeing you back in Term 4,

With blessings and gratitude,

Amanda

Prayer for the holidays.

Loving Lord,

Thank You so much for holiday times and the wonder and excitement that they engender in all our hearts,

We want to praise You for all the goodness and grace You generously pour out on us and all people,
and we specially thank You for the many blessings we gain from these important times of holiday fun and family reunion.

Amen.

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Prep.. We had a busy Term 3 here at St Joseph's. As the term comes to an end we would like to wish our families, friends and teachers a happy and safe holiday. Whether you are driving, flying, sailing or planning other exciting activities, may God bless you all and we look forward to seeing you in Term 4. A little prayer to send you on your way.

Dear Jesus
Smile on us every day.
Give us your blessing as we go on our way.
Holidays are here, the fun has begun.
Please keep us safe and help us to love everyone.
Amen



Year 1.. In year one we have been learning about invitations and how to write one. The students wrote an invitation to invite their teddy bear to a Teddy Bear picnic and they all had a great time. They spent the day very excited having a teddy at school. In Spelling Mastery we have nearly mastered some challenging words like many, friends and what. We have continued with our written and oral phonogram review daily, and it is so exciting to see the student's joy when they are writing down their phonograms. We have started our new science unit called Look! Listen! We will be learning about sound and light and how it travels. I hope you all have a safe and wonderful holiday and I look forward to hearing all of the stories.



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Year 2.. The last two weeks have been about developing our research skills, using our knowledge of learnt information to create posters and improving our typing and editing skills both when writing and creating a google document. We have made a Water poster for our parents based on conserving water and how we can make a difference at home, incorporating what we have learnt about Water in our Science unit.

We had lots of fun measuring volume and capacity last week in Maths. Working in groups we measured how many cups of water different containers held and then compared our estimations with the actual result. Lots of great discussion during this activity. Our Health books about our identity called "A Day in the Life of...." books are complete and will be on display in the library next term in the first week. We read these to the Prep class and are a credit to the effort made by the students to produce such great books. A great effort everyone! We have been doing more assessment this week and finishing off lots of things. Super proud of the improvement in sentence structure from every child after our demand writing task, great to see such progress! The rhythm games we have been learning for PITW have been amazing to watch and I am so proud of how every child can change to a different rhythm or number clap. Ask them to show you!

Wishing every family, a lovely time together, no matter what you do. Such a great time of year to get together with friends and family and celebrate who you all are. Live life, love each other.

Year 3.. In English year 3 have been studying different types of poems. The children looked at and learnt about Acrostic poems, Haiku poems and Shape poems. Everyone has created their own poetry booklet with the three types of poems that they wrote in there. In maths we have been looking at data and graphs and how to interpret and read data and graphs as well as creating column graphs, we have found out what seasons everyone was born in and which type of music is everyone's favourite and used this data to create graphs.

Year 3 will be saying goodbye to two of our friends this week. Isaiah and Darcy will both be leaving St Joseph's to move with their families.

Best wishes to both boys and their families on their new adventures. I also hope everyone has a safe a happy holiday. See you all in Term 4.

Year 4.. And there goes another term at St Joeys... In English these past two weeks we practiced writing narratives for our Naplan Online Readiness Test. We were presented with a visual stimulus and then had to come up with our story. We also had people finishing off their oral presentations about Procedural Texts. There were many engaging videos created by the Year 4's. We also had to finish off assessment for Procedural Text. We definitely know what steps to take to make something. In Maths we have moved away from Volume and are now looking at collecting data and interpreting that data. During our Religion lessons we have looked at Genesis 1 in more detail and the story of Joseph as well. Our Geography lessons have been all about mapping and looking at the native animals of South America and Africa. In Science we have been getting our hands dirty and looked at the weathering of rocks. One of our favourite games in Play is the Way this term is Pegasus and All or Nothing. We are looking forward to another busy term next term

Year 5.. Over weeks 9 and 10 we completed our plans for a week-long trip to Paris. We budgeted for this, using our knowledge of money, and then wrote simple sentences in French using the verb "aller" which means "to go". Nous voudrions aller à Paris maintenant, s'il vous plaît! Students also completed their biographies about the life of Mary MacKillop and why she was such an amazing part of the history of the Catholic Church in Australia. Our business and economics websites came together as students worked out what the best response would be to their chosen global issue. Thank you for a wonderful term of learning. Let's finish it with a bang in term 4! Please note that Miss Cook will be away for week 1 of next term so year 5 will be learning alongside year 6 for that time.



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Year 6.. Year 6 has had a terrific week to finish off our term! Last week we participated in the inter-community sports carnival, with students from Pormpuraaw, Kowanyama, Coen, Aurukun, Mapoon, Western Cape College and St Joseph's. The students played as mixed teams and completed activities led by Netball Queensland, Cricket Australia and Athletics Australia. We demonstrated our team work and good sportsmanship and came fifth overall. In Maths, we have begun learning about volume and capacity and will continue this next term. In Science and Geography we are learning about natural disasters such as earthquakes, bushfires, and floods. In English we are learning about news reports and will create our own news report on a natural disaster. This week we submitted art work into a competition run by the RSL entitled "Imagining the Past".



Week 9 & 10

Prep.. Claire Pritchard, Archer Dyer, Ty Lee & Genevieve Shelton

Year 1.. Lilla Campbell, Lewis Caputo, Natalie Foo, Ashton Childs, Aiden O'Connor, Sophia Sorbello, Kooper Baylis & Aidan Fay

Year 2.. Lincoln Scikluna & Blade Grant

Year 3.. Isaiah Lindsay, Darcy Smith, Oliver Dyer, James Hayman & Casey Oastler

Year 4.. Ramona Bond & Jack Rosewarne

Year 5.. Alyssa Carlsen, Ethan Marlow, Natasha Winaulin, Emma Smith, Kaden Brett & Wylie Clarke

Year 6.. Ava Steele & Kimberley Hutchinson

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Term 4 Swimming Lessons

The Learn to Swim Program is an excellent program and all children are encouraged to participate fully. The swimming Teachers for Term 4 are Mrs Kate Mellner, Mrs Alison McKie and Mrs Melanie Turner who are qualified Swimming Instructors with Swimming Australia. Swimming lessons will begin Term 4, Week 1 and runs for seven weeks on Fridays (Friday 12th October to Friday the 23rd of November) and will be run at the Weipa Town Pool. A Parent Slip was sent out Thursday afternoon for you to complete and return to school as soon as possible.

The children will be transported by bus to and from the school.

If for some reason your child is unable to attend, please let us know in writing so that other arrangements can be made.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email Melanie Turner on mturner@cns.catholic.edu.au

Prep Lessons from 9.20 – 10.00am

(Prep children may come dressed to school in their swimmers etc. and change back into their uniform after their swimming lesson)

Year 1 Lessons from 10.00 – 10.40am

(Year 1 children may come dressed to school in their swimmers etc. and change back into their uniform after their swimming lesson)

Year 2 Lessons from 10.40 – 11.20am

Year 3 Lessons from 11.20 – 12.00pm

Year 4 Lessons from 12.00 – 12.40pm

Year 5/6 Lessons from 12.40 – 1.20pm

If you are interested in being a parent volunteer and helping with swimming lessons a Parent Code of Conduct session will be held on Tuesday 9th October 2018 at 3.30 pm. If you have already completed a Parent Code of Conduct session you will still be required to attend this session as it is specific to the swimming program.



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Queensland Government

Tropical Public Health Services (Cairns)

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Dear Parent

17/09/2018

Gastroenteritis

Queensland Health, Tropical Public Health Services (Cairns) TPHS (Cairns) has received a number of reports in recent weeks of outbreaks of gastroenteritis in schools.

Symptoms can include:

- Diarrhoea and /or
- Vomiting
- Abdominal cramps
- Fever
- Headaches

To help prevent further outbreaks we advise that any child or staff member who is displaying the above symptoms must not attend school until they are symptom free and completely well for a **minimum of 48 hours**. If your child is unwell with the above symptoms and does not appear to be getting better, you should seek medical attention and ask your doctor to consider taking a stool sample.

Gastroenteritis can be passed from person to person very easily by:

- Direct person to person contact
- Airborne spread when a person vomits (when large numbers of viruses pass into the air as an invisible mist and can infect other people in the area)
- Swallowing something that has been contaminated through contact with infected faeces or vomit.

Further information about gastroenteritis can be found at:

<http://conditions.health.qld.gov.au/HealthCondition/condition/14/33/60/Gastroenteritis>

Yours sincerely,

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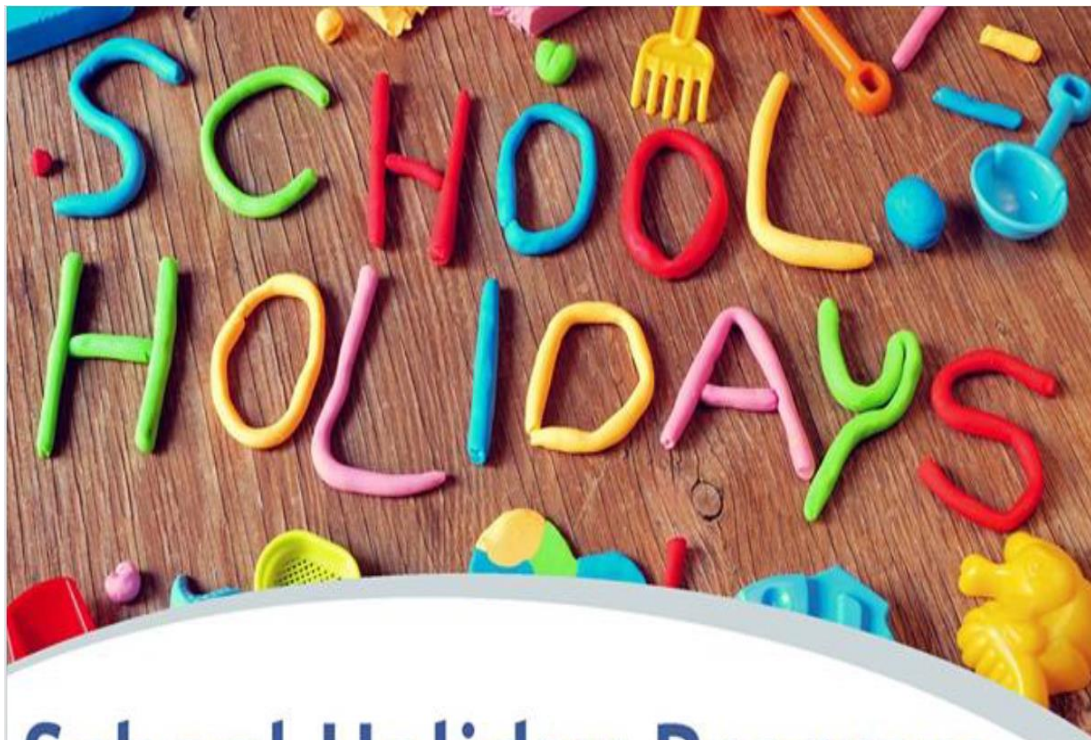
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School Holiday Program

Sep/Oct 2018 - Week One

| Date | Location | Time | Activity | Ages | Description |
|------------------------------|---------------------|--------|---------------|----------|-----------------|
| Mon 24 th Sep | Storm Surge Shelter | 11.30 | Court sports | 9-14 | Indoor Hockey |
| Tues 25 th Sep | Storm Surge Shelter | 11.30 | Fitness | 9-14 | Kids Boot camp |
| Wed 26 th Sep | Hibberd Library | 11.30 | Art | 6 + | Art & Craft |
| Thu 28 th Sep | Storm Surge Shelter | 11.30 | Family sports | All ages | Deadly Sports |
| Fri 29 th Sep | Aquatic Centre | 2.00pm | Water play | 6-16 | Pool Inflatable |

Children 12 and under must be supervised by an adult.
Please contact Neil Hummerston on 0438 374 108 for further information.



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