



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Wandal, Queensland

~ To Love is to Serve ~

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St Joseph's Wandal School Prayer

God,
Help us to recognise your presence in all creation.
Joseph,
Inspire us to love as you loved.
Mary MacKillop,
Teach us to serve as you served.
Jesus,
Give us your spirit of gentle loving care,
Open our hearts to the needs of others and may everything we do
be pleasing to you.
Amen.

From the Principal

Welcome to the 2017 school year! I hope that the Christmas break has given you time for relaxation and renewal. We look forward to another wonderful year with many opportunities for learning and growing!

On behalf of the St Joseph's Wandal School community I sincerely welcome all of our new children, families and staff members - it is great to have you here.

We have begun the school year with 276 students. This includes 50 Prep students and 12 new students in Years One to Six.

Day one began very smoothly and it was lovely to see so many enthusiastic and familiar faces on my rounds throughout the classrooms. A huge thank you to all of our parents who assisted the children in being ready for the beginning of the school year.

The children looked wonderful in their uniforms, had their books sorted and were prepared for the many new experiences that they were about to encounter. Thank you for your efforts - please know that it assists both staff and students greatly.

Have a great year, everyone.
Kellie



Sad News

By now, I am sure that most of you aware that Angela Grice, mum to Milla (year 6 graduate last year and commencing at TCC in Year 7 this year), Harper (year 5) and Luca (year 4) lost her battle with cancer last week. On behalf of the school community I have expressed my condolences to the Grice family. I know that many of our school families have assisted the Grice family during this difficult time. Many of our staff attended Ange's funeral today, and I thank the Catholic Education Office, various relieving staff and my colleague Anthony Greene from St Peter's for providing relieving staff to allow many of us to attend.

A reminder that Charmian, our school counsellor is always available to chat with any of our children and families. Please contact the school office for contact details and/or referral forms.

Outside School Hours Care

Our brand new Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) commenced operations this week. My thanks to our OSHC Coordinator, Hailey Baumann and Carmel Dawson from the Catholic Education Office for their assistance and efforts to get this service up and running. We will be offering after school and vacation care.

Friday, 17th February will be a pupil free day and vacation care will be operating on this day. If you require the services of our OSHC, please book your children in quickly to avoid disappointment. If you would like further details please contact Hailey on **0429 316 543**.

Welcome to the following staff members who are joining our teaching team this year:

- Mrs Anna McKenzie who joins us from St Paul's Gracemere, and will teaching Prep A.
- Miss Emma Murphy who has previously taught at St Brigid's Emerald. Emma will be teaching Prep B.
- Mrs Melanie Egan who joins us from St Paul's Gracemere. Melanie will be teaching Year 1E.
- Miss Rosemary Corr will be teaching Year 3C. Rose will be a familiar face to many, as she completed her teaching internship with us last year.
- Miss Hailey Baumann who is our new OSHC Co-ordinator. Hailey will have dual roles at school this year: co-ordinating our OSHC and also completing her teaching internship in Year 2S with Mrs Starr.

We also welcome Lauren McDonald who is a teaching student from Central Queensland University. Miss McDonald will be spending some time in Mr Scott Robertson's class, Year 6.

Staff Allocations for 2017 are as follows:

Staff 2017

Leadership Team:

Principal	Kellie Jenkinson
Assistant to the Principal: Religious Ed	Scott Robertson
Assistant to the Principal: Curriculum	Janette McLennan

Class Teachers:

Prep A	Anna McKenzie
Prep B	Emma Murphy
Year 1 M	Emma Moffitt
Year 1 E	Melanie Egan
Year 2 S	Rheanna Starr
Year 2 G	Annette Gubbins
Year 3 C	Rosemary Corr
Year 3 H	Hayley Hutchinson

Year 4 R	Andrea Rutherford
Year 4 / 5	Lauren Palmer
Year 5	Janette McLennan / Kristen Jones
Year 6	Scott Robertson / Anne Lidster

Administration Team:

Administration Secretary	Suzanne Fisher
Finance Officer	Kathy Fishburn

Student Support:

Learning Support Teacher	Christine Gawne
Learning Support - In Class Support	Carmel Byrne
Teacher Assistant	Michele Ryan
Teacher Assistant	Leona Bauer
Teacher Assistant	Madonna Jorgensen
Teacher Assistant	Helen Kennedy
Teacher Assistant	Vicki Standen
Teacher Assistant	Katrina Sinclair
Teacher Assistant	Frances Barry
Teacher Assistant	Julius Lemeki
Teacher Assistant	Nikkita Peacock
Teacher Assistant	Kate Watson
Indigenous Education Teacher Assistant	Roslyn Priestly
Library Co-ordinator	Karen Westgarth
Physical Education	Sonya Murphy
LOTE	Robyn McRae
The Arts Co-ordinator	Natalie Jahnke
School Counsellor	Charmian Deed
IT Support	Catholic Education Office

Outside School Hours Care:

Hailey Baumann (Co-ordinator)

School Support:

Groundsperson	All Out Landscaping
Tuckshop Convenor	Gail Brady
Cleaner	Ann Schneider

Parish Team:

Parish Administrator	Fr Bryan Hanifan
Priest	Fr Chris Schick

Thank you to Cam and Katie Dunne and their team from All Out Landscaping for their efforts in preparing the school grounds in readiness for the start of the school year. Lots of maintenance and repair work has occurred over the holidays including the air-conditioning of the school hall, sanding and repainting of decks and verandas and readjusting the school bells and sirens.

Thank you too, to the office staff who 'officially' worked last week, (although they regularly popped in and out throughout their Christmas breaks) coordinating tradespeople, answering a mountain of emails, and preparing our school for another busy year. Teachers too, have been busy setting up classrooms and preparing valuable learning experiences for your children and participating in a week of Professional Development experiences last week.

Access to school information 2017

The School App remains our preferred method of distributing information from school. Whilst our website also has the newsletter available, the school app also pushes out information, letters, reminders and last minute communications from school which may need to occur outside of the weekly newsletter. The newsletter is also available via our website if you wish to print it. **Two Information Stations are also available**; one on the pin boards near the Prep port-racks and another on the ramp up to the hall. These Information Stations display paper print outs of newsletters, notes etc.

It is **VITAL** for parents to read the weekly newsletter (distributed each Wednesday) in order to keep up to date with school events and information. If at any time you are having difficulty accessing school communications, please see the office staff.

Physical Education Timetable for 2017 - This year PE lessons will be held over two days. Our Years 3-6 classes will have PE lessons with Mrs Murphy on Mondays. This will mean that Years 3- 6 students are to wear their sports uniforms EVERY MONDAY unless otherwise specified. Prep - Year Two students will have their PE lessons on Tuesdays - this will be the day they wear their sports uniforms (excluding our Preppies who wear the same uniform every day).

Later in the year when the Interschool Sport season commences for Years 4-6, these students will be required to wear their sports uniforms twice a week (on Mondays AND Fridays).

A reminder that sports shorts are now a mandatory part of the uniform for both boys and girls and must be worn with sports shirts on the allocated PE day.

Contact Processes - A reminder that if you have any questions, concerns or queries, your first port of call should always be the classroom teacher. By making a prior appointment, you can ensure that the classroom teacher will give the necessary focus and time to discuss your child's progress or any issues - rather than just 'popping in.' If you wish to speak to a member of the Leadership team or the Principal, please make an appointment through the school office.

Some class teachers may wish to distribute their email addresses. Correspondence via email should be for simple communications only e.g. incomplete homework or misplaced belongings. Teachers have limited time in which to check and respond to emails and therefore concerns or issues regarding more serious or lengthy matters should be made either in person or via a phone call.

Disruptions during the day - Please be advised that our school day commences at 8.35am and concludes at 3.00pm. Children arriving late and leaving early must be signed in/out at the school office. I realise that at times, certain specialist appointments etc. must be attended during the day. Disrupting classes to get children to swimming lessons and the like is not encouraged - it not only disturbs your child's learning but the entire class. Please avoid this whenever possible.

School Fees will be issued on 3rd February and will be due by 17th February. This statement is defaulted to your email address. Your fees can be managed by direct debit, BPay, Eftpos, cash, cheque or via Parent Lounge. If you need assistance, please make an appointment with the school Principal. It is important to identify your deposit with your parent code (numerical), or your surname to enable reconciliation of your account. School fees brought forward from 2016 are now OVERDUE.

A reminder that the new diocesan concession scheme is now in effect, and if you hold an approved pension or health card, you may be eligible for a reduction in your tuition fees. Please see Kathy or Kellie for further information.

Tuckshop

Tuckshop menu and changes - Tuckshop days remain on Wednesday and Friday and we are always looking for volunteers to help out. Please contact Gail Brady on (PH) 49362421 if you wish to offer your services. Alternatively, you can still assist by providing cooking ingredients for the school-baked items or joining in on one of the baking days.

The preferred method of ordering tuckshop is online via the free app 'Flexischools'.

<http://www.flexischools.com.au/>

Registration Instructions

Free, easy, online registration.

Step 1: Click the REGISTER button below.

Step 2: Enter your email.

Step 3: You will be emailed a link to an online form - follow the link.

Step 4: Choose a username and password and complete the form.

Step 5: Add each student and their class.

Step 6: Top-up the account - VISA, Mastercard or Direct Deposit.

Alternatively you can place a paper bag order.

How to order Tuckshop

Please mark your order clearly with dark pen or marker as pencil is too hard to read. Do NOT staple or sticky tape bags please!

Paper bags are charged at 10c each

Please mark your child's lunch bags as per example. If you are ordering both 1st and 2nd breaks for your child, please put the money in the 2nd break bag, fold this up and place in the 1st break bag. This will prevent money being lost.

1st Break	Yr 1 B
James Bond	
Chicken & Cheese Burger	4.00.
No Butter	
Choc Milk	2.20
	<u>6.20</u>
2 nd break	5.30.
Total	\$11.50.

2 nd Break	Yr 1 B
James Bond	
Apple muffin	2.00
Bliss Bally	1.00
Fruit Juice Apple	2.30
	<u>5.30</u>

All food is subject to availability and at times an item may not be in stock in which case your child will be given a product of similar value.

Parent Handbook

Please access our 2017 Parent Handbook which is available via the link below. Some additions and changes have been made. Please ensure you are familiar with the expectations of and processes for our school's link:

<https://goo.gl/twDwtT>

Excessive Heat

With the current heat waves affecting us, I would like to assure our parents that our school has plans in place to manage the risk of heat related illness.

Strategies that our school employs during excessive heat or heat wave conditions include:

- modifying or postponing normal school activities during excessive heat if required.
- postponing any outdoor or sporting activities where appropriate.
- increasing access to the coolest areas of the school grounds or facilities for lessons or other activities (including play time). All rooms of our school are now air-conditioned, including the school hall.
- ensuring all students are appropriately supervised, including the monitoring of their hydration.
- ensuring school lunch boxes are stored in cool areas.
- encouraging students to drink plenty of water and to stay out of the sun.
- adhering to our strict NO HAT NO PLAY rule.

Volunteer Induction Sessions - Before volunteering in our school, in any capacity (e.g. class help, tuckshop etc.) you are required to attend a Volunteer Induction Session with a member of the Leadership Team. Please contact the office to arrange a suitable time. Parents do not need Blue Cards, however all other volunteers (including grandparents) must present their Blue Cards to office staff before assisting in our school. If you do not have a Blue Card and would like to apply for one, please see the school office staff or download forms from <https://www.bluecard.qld.gov.au/applications/need-to-apply-for-card.html>

The following section outlines forms that require completion by EVERY family at your earliest convenience. They can be accessed on the School App under 'eforms'

- **ICT Forms:** An ICT and Code of Conduct e-form has been set up on our school App. Whilst being discussed in class, all families are encouraged to review the policy with their children at home. Students will be unable to access our technology resources until the e-form has been completed. Keeping our children 'cyber safe' is a priority for us and we thank you for your prompt assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please ask a member of staff.

What to do:

- Read ICT Code of Practice suitable for your child ie Mary Jones in 1W: Select ICT Code of Practice Early Learning to Year 2.
- Enter First Name
- Enter Last Name
- Enter Child's Name
- Sign
- Date

Please note that there are **two forms for Years 3 to 6**; one for the student and one for the parent/guardian. Both need to be completed.

- **Code of Conduct Form:** Required for Parents, Spectators, Coaches & Players Involved in Sport and Physical Activities at St Joseph's Wandal (Years 4 to 6).

What to do:

- *Read the policy (Parent) or (Student)*
 - *Enter First Name*
 - *Enter Last Name*
 - *Sign*
 - *Date*
- **Medication forms:** All medication must have a chemist label (including panadol). Medication must be in original packaging. Forms must be completed before any medication is administered. Medication forms may be found on the app. All medications are held and distributed through the office for all children's safety. Students are requested to bring a water bottle to the office when medication is required to be taken.

Parking and Safety Issues - Please adhere to the **2 minute parking** signage along Herbert Street. To make sure our pickup zone is effective PLEASE ensure you are adhering to the parking regulations of this area. PLEASE DO NOT - park your car, get out of your car or hold up the line if your children are late arriving. If you cannot see your child, or if they are not sent out to you immediately, I advise you to drive around the block to ensure the continual flow of traffic. If you need to park or leave your car, then please utilise the ample parking in the church car park.

There is NO OFFICIAL DESIGNATED PICKUP ZONE along Rundle Street. This pick-up area is for busses only. Because of our duty of care to students and the importance we place on your children's safety I have instructed all staff not to let children cross roads to reach parents; cars (other than by way of our fully supervised crossing). I thank you all for your cooperation.

Meet the Teacher - Mrs McKenzie



Hi St Joseph's Wandal community. My name is Anna McKenzie and I have been teaching for 15 years. I started working for Catholic Education in 2002. I taught at St Patrick's in Emerald and then moved to St Paul's, Gracemere. During my time at St Paul's I left to travel overseas where I taught in London for a year and I also had periods of time off to have children. I have a wonderful husband, Alex. We have three boys, Luke and Oliver are both students at St Joseph's Wandal, and a younger son, Hamish. I grew up in Rockhampton and attended St Joseph's Wandal for my primary school years so I feel an attachment to the school and am excited that my children will be part of the same special community in which I grew up.

APRE News

Prayer Corner

Mary's motto for life was - "Never see a need without doing something about it"

Blessed Mary MacKillop (1842 -1909)

Making Jesus Real (MJR) is a Diocesan supported program that St Joseph's Wandal will be running as a whole school initiative.



MJR's aim is for classes to have a positive attitude to people and life. We give them ideals and tell them that "they are in charge of their attitude to life and to people" and we aim is to get them to realise that life is up to them and they need self-discipline to achieve these goals that they set themselves.

It's main aim which is the bottom line of Catholic Education is to get the students to be aware that they have, like you, The spirit of Jesus within them and that is expressed each day by the simple little things we do and say (smile, wave, saying please and thank you, helping people, giving encouraging words, volunteering at home etc, just like you do in your busy life. MJR is simple as we are already doing it and it is just a matter of being switched onto the way we G.T.S. (Greet Treat and Speak to people)

These are some of the topics MJR will cover

- * Be a GIVER rather than a taker.
- * Be a better team player at home (doing as they are asked cheerfully and saying thanks at home a least 4 times daily).
- * Positive attitude to people and life, Believe in themselves (B.I.Y).
- * Be a Grinner and Winner rather a moaner and groaner, Take the good with the bad.
- * Build a bridge and get over it.
- * Search for the hero inside yourself, search for the secrets you hide.
- * The class look at these qualities and they pick 3 that they aim to be by the end of the year. (kind, friendly, encouraging, compassionate, helpful, giving of themselves, include others, welcoming, attitude of gratitude, humble, forgiving, etc.).
- * Peer pressure. "If you want to fly like a eagle don't hang around with the turkeys."
- * Born to try, "the future lies in my hands"
- * Reflecting over my day, 3 things that I should be thankful for that happened today. "A day is wasted if you don't reflect on it. Where was the spirit of Jesus in my life today?"
- * Compass points, points for life. Class go through MJR pick 20 attitudes they want for life, bring it down to 10 then 5 and then 1 which is the "Key to their life" the 10 are their compass points for life, we then do orienteering with compasses around the school to get the message.

I hope this is of some help to you all. So much of this is linked to wellbeing as if they can follow some of these points it leads to inner happiness. THE GREATEST GIFT WE CAN GIVE YOUR CHILDREN IS THE SPIRIT OF JESUS THAT DWELLS IN YOUR AND YOUR CHILD'S HEART.

Opening School Mass

The community of St Joseph's Wandal is invited to attend the Opening School Mass next Wednesday 8th February in the School Hall at 9.00am. All welcome to come and join us in prayer

Mini Vinnies

Our popular Mini Vinnies program will continue this year. In 2017, we hope to include students from every year level in our various fundraising and social justice projects. Our first “meeting” will be held next Wednesday at lunch time in the Library. Parent permission letters will be sent via the school app. Monies raised will go towards this year’s Project Compassion campaign.

Sacramental News

Dates for Celebration of Sacraments:

Term 1 2017

Family Workshop #1: Penance Tuesday 7 Feb (Families A-M) Wednesday 8 Feb (Families N-Z) 5.30pm at TCC HH1

Ritual of Choosing: Sunday 19 Feb 10am St Joseph’s Cathedral/Saturday, 18 Feb Vigil Mass St Mary’s

Family Workshop #2: Penance Tuesday 7 March (Families A-M)
Wednesday 8 March (Families N-Z) 5.30pm at the TCC HH1

Celebration of Sacrament Penance 14 March St Mary’s 6pm and 15 March St Joseph’ Cathedral 6pm

Please contact myself or Marg Hallinan if you have any queries regarding the Sacramental journey.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word

A reminder that Children’s Liturgy is held most Sundays at St Joseph’s Cathedral 10am during the school term. All students (particularly those preparing for sacraments) are encouraged to attend.

Prayer Assembly Term 1 Roster

Week 1 27 th January	- No Assembly
Week 2 3 rd February	- No Assembly
Week 3 10 th February	- Opening School Mass in the Hall
Week 3 10 th February	- Year 3 H Prayer Assembly
Week 4 17th February	- Pupil Free Day Bishop’s Inservice
Week 5 24 th February	- Year 6 Leadership Badge Presentation
Week 6 1 st March	- Year 4 Ash Wednesday Mass
Week 7 10 th March	- Year 5 Prayer Assembly
Week 8 17 th March	- Year 2 G Prayer Assembly
Week 9 24 th March	- Year 2 S Prayer Assembly
Week 10	Classes will present Holy Week Liturgy each day during Holy Week



Scott Robertson

APC NEWS

Welcome to the 2017 School Year. I hope that everyone had fantastic holidays and are now ready to leap in to the wonderful learning that this year will bring.

As I am sure many of you are aware, our talented teachers have spent the last week at school, taking part in professional development, sharing whole school goals and plans and preparing classrooms for the year ahead. I would like to thank all of the teachers for their dedication and professionalism - 2017 is already shaping up to be amazing.

I am very keen to catch up with all of you during our Parent Information Sessions which will be held in weeks two and three.

Parent Session Dates:

Week Two

Tuesday 31 January 5.30pm - Year Two and Year Six

Thursday 2 February 5pm - Year One

Thursday 2 February 5.30pm - Year Three

Week Three

Monday 6 February 5pm - Prep A & B

Monday 6 February 5.30pm - Year Four & Five



Janette

*Don't forget to update
your child's year level for
2017 under
'Notifications' on the
School App to ensure you
receive all relevant
information for their
grade!*

Playgroup - St Joseph's Wandal Playgroup will commence on Wednesday 1st February from 9.30 - 10.30 am for a 'Meet and Greet' session. Each week the group meets at this time either at the school or planned outside adventure. Please bring a plate to share. Tea and coffee are provided. A gold coin donation towards tea, coffee and craft items is appreciated. Valentine craft activities will take place on the 8th February in the school hall. All are welcome – bring a friend!

Relay for Life

Many of us in the St. Joseph's Wandal school community have had their lives affected in some way by cancer. A Relay for Life team has been formed so that those who wish to can take the opportunity to 'do something' in the fight against cancer, and honour loved ones we have lost. The 'Wandal Walks' team name acknowledges that we never really get over loss...we just learn to walk alongside it.

"The 2017 Rockhampton Relay For Life is an incredible 18 hour overnight experience celebrating cancer survivors, honouring loved ones, and taking positive steps to fight back against cancer. You can make a difference and help beat cancer in your community. Your fundraising allows lifesaving research and patient support services for all Queenslanders with all cancers." (Cancer Council Queensland)

The 2017 Rockhampton Relay for Life is on the 20th & 21st May, 2017; 2pm Saturday to 8am Sunday at the Tom Nutley Oval, Rockhampton.

If you are interested in joining the team, or helping out with fundraising, please contact Tanya Gill on 0419 278 570 or tanya.anthonygill@gmail.com

Below is a link to the team registration:

http://fundraising.cancer.org.au/site/TR/RelayforLife/CCQLD?team_id=52477&pg=team&fr_id=4735

Keppel Bay Karate do - KARATE for kids and parents

Mondays: Sports Karate and Traditional Karate

Commencing at 4 - 6 pm

Fridays: Traditional Karate

Commencing at 4 - 5 pm

Location: St Joseph's Basketball Court Rundle St, Wandal

Text Robi sensei for information 0427016767