



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Wandal, Queensland

~ To Love is to Serve ~

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Australia Day Honours

I love the Australia Day Honours. Reading through the list is such an antidote to the negativity about people with which we are so often bombarded. There are so many people quietly going about doing good and transforming the communities in which we live. This year I watched the ceremony at which this year's winners were announced. There was much to appreciate in the ABC programme (and it is still available on iView). A brief profile was given on each of the nominees with a longer description of each winner.

One segment that was special was the interviews with the children from the Sydney school, Auburn North Primary. Young as some of these children were they seemed to instinctively understand what it takes to be a 'hero' in our community. While they did not have the big words to describe selflessness, they knew that being helpful to others over time makes for a person of worth and honour. As one aptly put it, 'It is about character.'

What these children understood is what we, each of us, can make service and heroism a reality in our lives and our communities. We are each made in the image and likeness of God and, because of that, our very growth as persons lies in service, loving service of our families and communities. Few of us are going to be offered a gong for what we do but they does not make our daily, loving kindness any less valuable. As we live by the goodness, resilience and passion that are our birthright as children of God we can make a difference that is good, true and lasting.

Loving God, made in your image, I am called to share your life and love within my world. Send me your Spirit so I may discover the passion by which I can serve my family and community in love. I ask this in Jesus' name, confident that you will hear me.

Sr Kym Harris osb

From the Principal

Uniforms - Unfortunately, we have had to speak to several students about wearing incorrect uniforms this week. Please ensure your children are in the correct uniform, including approved shoes and have their school hats each and every day. We cannot stress enough the importance of clearly naming all of your child's items - on the first day of the school year we had two brand new unnamed schools hats handed in to the office with no way to return them to the owner!

P and F Meeting - Please join us for our first P and F Meeting of the year, this Thursday evening at 6pm in the **Library**. All parents are welcome to attend.

Instrumental Music - Instruments for our Year 4 musicians will be delivered this Friday, with lessons commencing next week. Communications regarding instrumental lessons are distributed by the music staff at The Cathedral College; please ensure you are receiving the necessary emails from them and that your contact details are up to date.



Enjoy the week,

Kellie

Reminder ICT Forms - Thank to those families who have completed their ICT Forms as outlined in last week's newsletter. Please note that your child will not be permitted to use any ICT equipment until these forms have been completed. We have recently purchased 90 new Chrome books (for all children in Years 3-6), 20 new ipads and two Smart Interactive TV's which are being installed and readied for exciting learning experiences!

For those of you who have not yet completed your forms, the instructions are outlined below:

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.*

Homework Club - We have had some enquiries regarding Homework Club after school this year. With the provision of our new OSHC service (which includes time for homework) we have not allocated additional staff to service a Homework Club at this point. We will continue to monitor this situation throughout the year and are happy to discuss the re-introduction of Homework Club if needed.

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.

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>

Meet the Teacher - Miss Murphy

Hi everyone. My name is Emma Murphy and I will be teaching Prep B this year. I graduated from Central Queensland University in 2015 and spent time teaching in Emerald at Saint Brigid's Pre-prep in 2016. I am the eldest of three daughters and all of my schooling was completed at Catholic schools, with my first two years being spent at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Springsure, followed by Saint Mary's Rockhampton for the remainder of my primary years. I completed my high school years at Emmaus College. I am very excited to be a part of the Saint Joseph's, Wandal community and I am looking forward to a great year!



APRE News

PRAYER CORNER

"Our many trials have done us great good and serve to strengthen us." -

Saint Mary MacKillop (1842 -1909)

God Moments

Jesus uses us as his special agents to get his message across to people. Jesus is constantly talking to us through people in our lives each day, but we are constantly missing his messages as we aren't switched on.

Look around you, there are constant acts of goodness that go unnoticed in your home, classroom, playground and on your weekends.

make **Jesus** *real*

OPENING SCHOOL MASS

Due to a clash of events St Joseph's Wandal will now be celebrating our **Opening School Mass Wednesday 8 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

First Family Workshop for those families preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation and Reconciliation will be conducted as outlined below:

Parents and children need to attend.

Tue 7 February	Family Workshop #1: Penance A-M	Our Lady's Hall (The Cathedral College)	5.30pm - 6.30pm
Wed 8 February	Family Workshop #1: Penance N-Z	HH1	5.30pm - 6.30pm

Please contact myself or Marg Hallinan if you have any queries.

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.



Scott Robertson

What is Word Study all about?

The purpose of word study is to explicitly teach the necessary phonics, vocabulary, and spelling skills to become proficient readers, writers, and spellers. Your child will have a set of words to sort for a fortnight. Your child will have been shown how to do each sort in

Regular Sort (Open and Closed)

A regular sort can be either open or closed. An open sort means that you do not have a known category for the words, you need to decide the category for yourself. A closed sort is one where you are given the categories to sort under. Sort your words into categories. Talk with your group about why you put the words into the different categories. Read the words aloud.

Written Sort

Sort your words into categories. Talk about why you put the words into the different categories. Read the words aloud. Write the words into your Homework Journal in the various categories.

Blind Sort (for 2 people)

Be the person who gets the most cards! With a partner, take turns being the Caller and the Writer. The Caller says the words from a card out loud. Make sure your partner cannot see the card. The Writer must write that word into their Homework Journal. The Writer keeps the card if the word is correctly spelled. The Caller keeps the card if the word is not spelled correctly. The person with the most cards at the end of the sort is the winner.

Word Hunt

Write your category headings into your Homework Journal. Look in the books you are reading to find words that fit into your categories. Remember to also write the name of the book (and the author) into your Homework Journal.

Speed Sort

You will need a stopwatch. Sort your words and write them into your Homework Journal. Time yourself and record your time with your sort. Repeat and record your next time. Try and beat your score.

Alphabetical Order

Sort your words into alphabetical order. Write the words from your list into your Homework Journal in that order.

Other Activities

Each teacher may have lots of other activities. Games are a part of the approach – board games, hangman etc., as well as traditional games such as boggle and scrabble in the older classes.

**Fact Sheet
#1
Word
Study
at Home**



Janette

Playgroup - Today was the first playgroup session for 2017. We enjoyed playing with our new friends and meeting our friends' parents. Next week we will be creating a special gift for Valentine's Day; join us on the 8th February from 9.30am in the undercover area. Please bring a plate to share. Tea and coffee are provided. A gold coin donation towards tea, coffee and craft items is appreciated. All are welcome – bring a friend!



For Sale - 'Fontaine' Trombone for sale reasonable condition \$100 comes complete with music book and hard case. Ph: 0458-245-689 Katherine Lyons



Outside School Hours Care - Last week was a busy week at St. Joseph's, Wandal with the opening of the new outside school hours care service. The children have had a wonderful week in the new OSHC room. It seems as though a highlight for the majority of the children is the collection of toys and resources the staff have gathered for them.



We will have our very first vacation care day at OSHC on the 17th of February. This means we will be open from 7am until 6pm. Please ensure bookings for this day have been confirmed to OSHC staff as soon as possible to secure a place for your child.



Please remember that bookings and cancellations for After School Care must be made, preferably the day before, through

either a phone call or a text to us (0429 316 543) or via email (sjwl_oshc@rok.catholic.edu.au).

Thank you, Hailey Baumann (OSHC Co-ordinator)

Important Dates to remember:

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| 2 nd February | Parent Session Year 1 - 5pm |
| | Parent Session Year 3 - 5.30pm |
| | P & F - AGM Meeting commencing 6.00pm |
| 6 th February | Parent Session Prep A & B - 5pm |
| | Parent Session Year 4 & 5 - 5.30pm |
| 8 th February | Opening School Mass 9am |
| 10 th February | Prayer Assembly Year 3 H 8.40am |
| 17 th February | Pupil Free Day - Bishop Inservice Day |

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

Dental Clinic Service - Please see (under separate attachment) the offer of dental services from Oral Health Services available at the Allenstown Dental Clinic.

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

NDIS READINESS WORKSHOPS : 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

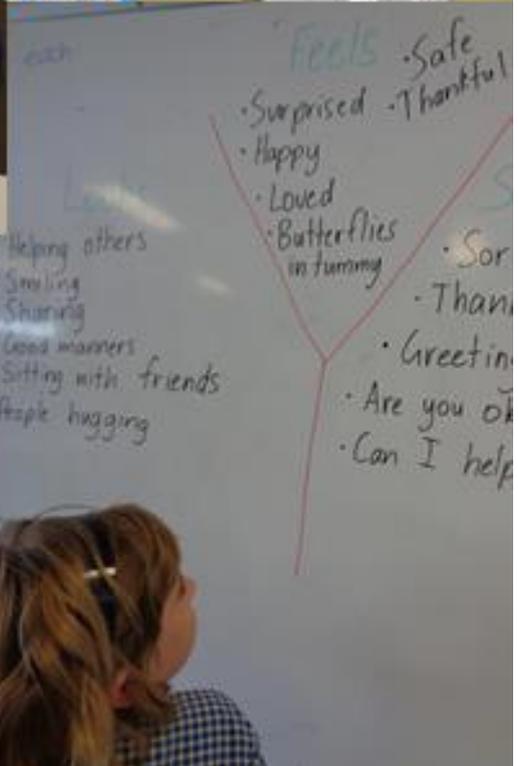
Register: www.parent2parentqld.org.au/events or Free call: 1800 777 723

-  **Bundaberg**, Dates: February: 3rd, 10th, 17th and 3rd and 17th (last one) Venue: Take the Plunge Cafe 17 Electra Street
-  **Gladstone**, Dates: 15th Feb, 8 March, 29 March Venue: Gladstone Community Hub, 5 Buller Street
-  **Biloela**, Dates: 14 Feb, 14 March Venue: Uniting Church Hall 90 Kroombit Street
-  **Rockhampton**, Dates: 7th Feb (room 2), 21 March (room 3) Venue: Community Health Building, 82-86 Bolsover Street
-  **Emerald**, Dates: 6th Feb, 22 March Venue: Borilla Kindergarten 178 Borilla Street

Even though the NDIS is still a little way off, it pays to be well informed about current information to do with the rollout in January 2018. We will also be doing some planning to get you and your families prepared for when this rollout occurs.

If you or anyone you know may be interested in attending, please phone to register.

Free call 1800 777 723 or Ph: (07) 5472 7072







Parental Permission/Student Medical Information

Students Name: _____ School: _____ Date of Birth: ___/___/___

Sport Trial Attending: _____ Date of Trial: _____

Preferred Playing Positions (Please list 2 if possible): _____

Emergency Contact Name and Phone Number: _____

Student Medical Information I submit the following medical information about the above student and include details of limitations which she/he has for the activity concerned.

Does/has the student suffered from -		(detail current medication/management)	
a.	Allergies	Yes / No	_____
b.	Asthma	Yes / No	_____
c.	Blood pressure	Yes / No	_____
d.	Drug reaction	Yes / No	_____
e.	Epilepsy	Yes / No	_____
f.	Heart problems	Yes / No	_____
g.	Operations	Yes / No	_____
h.	Phobias	Yes / No	_____
I.	Recent illness	Yes / No	_____
j.	Respiratory problems	Yes / No	_____
k.	Travel sickness	Yes / No	_____
Detail any other medical /injuries / problems which may limit participation in the activity _____			
Immunisation Record -		Hepatitis B	Yes / No
		Year _____	Tetanus
		Yes / No	Year _____
Other _____			
Detail any medication(s) your daughter/son/ward is currently using _____			
Does your daughter/son/ward have -			
Medicare Card	Yes / No	Card No. _____	Expiry date ___/___/___ cardholder name _____
Private Health Ins	Yes / No	With _____	Expiry date ___/___/___ cardholder name _____
		Card No. _____	Category _____

Playing history:

Principal's Declaration

- I certify that the student whose details appear on this form is enrolled at this school.
- I have verified that the date of birth as stated on this form is correct.
- He/she has the school authority to represent on this occasion.
- A copy of this consent form will be retained by my school.

SIGNED: (Principal or Sports Coordinator) (Date)

Parental/Caregiver Consent

- I have read the information issued and I hereby consent to my child participating in this event.
- I understand that teachers will provide supervision at the event.
- I understand that transport to and from the event is my responsibility and that the arrival and departure arrangements are also responsibility of the parent/caregivers unless otherwise specified.
- In the event of any accident or illness, I authorise the obtaining, on my behalf, an ambulance and any such medical assistance that my child may require. I accept full responsibility for all expenses incurred.

SIGNED: (Parent/Caregiver) (Date)