



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Wandal, Queensland

~ To Love is to Serve ~

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### St Patrick: Slave to Saviour

'Abducted by pirates at the age of thirteen, sold into slavery, works for years, escapes only to return decades later to conquer his oppressors.' While this sounds like a blurb for a Game of Thrones style series, in this story, the hero returns to conquer with love...and that love being love of Jesus Christ. When Patrick was abducted in the fifth century from Britain and taken to Ireland he was a fairly typical adolescent. While his parents were religious, he wasn't...nor was he particularly interested in the studies that were offered him as the child of an established family. But things changed for him when slaving in Ireland: his faith carried him through the dark and difficult times - so much so that when he had to opportunity to escape, he went and studied his faith, was ordained and returned to preach to his former oppressors

At the heart of Christianity is the capacity to turn bad experiences into good. Even when treated appallingly, we can respond with creativity and love. In the grace of God, we can become channels for love and peace to the very people who have hurt us. No, this isn't easy and often it takes time but this grace transforms our attitude to life.

And not only does this change bad times...it makes the good even better. The St Patrick's Day celebrations are more than a party - they are a celebration of what God could do through one person...and could do through us as well. What better to celebrate!

Sr Kym Harris osb

### From the Principal

What a busy week this is proving to be:

- On Friday afternoon, we welcome our Diocesan Director, Miss Leesa Jeffcoat for a school visit. It is always wonderful to show Miss Jeffcoat the wonderful things our classes are doing.
- Also on Friday, we will mark the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. All classes will be participating in activities which will raise awareness of Bullying and to highlight the policies and procedures that we have in place to prevent it. This annual day provides a focus for us to say NO to bullying and to strengthen the existing everyday messages that bullying and violence are not okay at any time and will not be tolerated.
- Friday evening of course is our St Patrick's Day Trivia Night, followed by the St Patrick's Day races on Saturday (more information following further in the newsletter).

Next week, I will be attending the annual Diocesan Principals' conference from Tuesday to Thursday. Please direct any concerns or queries to either Mr Robertson or Miss McLennan during my absence.

I am sorry to be missing our Harmony Day celebrations which are being organised at present. Please take careful note of the details outlined further in the newsletter, including the fact that this will be a Free Dress Day.

**Welcome** - to Alice and Charlotte Chippendale who have joined us in Years Two and Four as of this week. Alice and Charlotte join their little brother, Thomas here at St Joseph's Wandal. We know the girls will be made to feel very welcome by the school community.

**Exciting News** - Mrs Rutherford, her husband Ben and daughter Audrey are pleased to announce the impending arrival of a new baby later in the year. Mrs Rutherford hopes to work until the end of Term Two. We wish Andrea, Ben and Audrey all the best during this exciting time. Further details regarding Mrs Rutherford's replacement for her maternity leave will be communicated at a later date when arrangements are finalised.

**Compulsory Uniform and Expectations** - It has come to my attention that some of our students are wearing the incorrect 'bottoms' with their Sports shirts on PE days. As was communicated all throughout 2016, our Sports shorts became mandatory at the commencement of the 2017 school year and it is an expectation that all students in year 1 - 6 comply with this. Our Sports shorts are available at Wearritto Uniforms, on Denham Street for \$25.90. I expect all students to be in the correct, whole uniform for their PE lessons next week.

With only a couple of weeks to the Easter break and hopefully some cooler weather soon after, I would also advise parents to start ensuring their children have the correct uniform for the cooler months, which includes the St Joseph's Wandal jacket which can be purchased from Wearritto.

**Pick up times - Reminder** - Thank you to those who took notice of the reminder in last week's newsletter regarding pickup times and ensuring that children are picked up from school by 3.20pm each day. There has been some improvement noticed by staff this week. If you cannot pick your children up by this time, then I would advise you to complete an Outside School Hours Care enrolment form and have your children attend our OSHC service. Children already registered at OSHC will be taken to OSHC if they are still at school at 3.20pm and parents will be invoiced accordingly.

**Trivia Night** - Our Trivia Night is on this Friday night. Our P and F are working hard this week to make final arrangements and preparations. The Trivia Night looks to be a great event, and I have heard that some people have been studying up on their general knowledge in preparation! Tickets are still available and remember that a bar will be operating on the night. This is an adults only event.

We would appreciate some help to set up for our Trivia Night, from 5pm Friday. If you can assist please contact the office.

**St Pat's Races** - On Saturday staff and Year Six students from St Joseph's Wandal will be assisting at the St Pat's Race Day. This is an annual event, coordinated by the Catholic Education Office to support local Catholic primary schools. Books of tickets were due back to the office sold or unsold YESTERDAY. All tickets must be returned to the office by tomorrow afternoon at the latest please.

#### **Week Seven Award Recipients -**



**“Mary MacKillop Award”** - (for a student who exhibited Gospel values in their words and actions.)

**Pippa Turnbull** - for leading by example with her heartfelt singing during our Ash Wednesday Mass.

**Cooper McKean** - For participating wholeheartedly in a meditation session during play and thanking the teacher for the session.

### Pizza Day - Tomorrow!

A reminder that Pizza for those who have ordered will be served tomorrow at 1<sup>st</sup> break, 11am. Thank you for supporting our Year Six class' camp fundraising efforts.

Prep parents - A reminder to our Prep parents to purchase next Wednesday's edition (22<sup>nd</sup> March) of "The Morning Bulletin" as our Prep classes will be featured in a special edition.

### Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held during Week 10 of Term 1 and Week 1 of Term 2. Parents may book online through Parent Lounge from Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March from 7.00am and bookings will close on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 6.00pm. If you experience any difficulty with Parent Lounge, please call the school office.

Have a great week  
Kellie



## APRE News

### Prayer Corner

#### ASK THE BIG QUESTION - WHERE WAS JESUS IN MY LIFE TODAY?

make **Jesus** real

Can you see Jesus' life reflected in the people around you? Just as we see light reflected from our car windscreens, mirrors, windows and water you can highlight where you see Jesus' spirit and values reflected in life around you?

We have all had thousands of days in our lives and if we are not careful they can all melt into one another - we don't learn much about life unless we take time to reflect. You need to be prepared to give a minute at the end of your day to suck out the Goodness of our 86, 400 seconds in each day.

Can you spend 60 seconds at the end of each day reflecting - WHERE WAS JESUS IN MY LIFE TODAY?

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### Harmony Day - Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> March

What is Harmony Day? Harmony Day is held each year on 21 March. It's a day to celebrate our cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. The message of Harmony Day is everyone belongs.

To celebrate Harmony Day, St Joseph's will participate in activities and workshops learning about different cultures represented in our school community. It will be a free dress day and our students are asked to wear orange (or a colour close to orange). School hats must be worn and clothing must be sun safe. Students are asked to bring a gold coin donation which will be donated to Caritas. Why orange? Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. As part of Harmony Day activities, each student will also be asked to discover their country of origin: where their family ancestry originated from/where

did they come from or identify with? These locations will be identified on a World Map as a culminating activity for our whole school!



**Prayer Assembly with Year 2G**

Please join Miss Gubbins with Year 2G for Prayer Assembly celebrating St Patrick’s Day. Assembly will be held in the Hall at 8.35am Friday 17 March.

**Harmony Day Prayer Assembly with Year 2S**

Please join Mrs Starr with Year 2S for Prayer Assembly celebrating Harmony Day. Assembly will be held in the Hall at 8.35am on Tuesday 21 March.

**Feast of St Joseph (Our patron saint!) - MONDAY 20 MARCH**

The feast of St Joseph holds significance for us, as St Joseph is our school’s and diocese’s patron saint.

Everything we know about the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus comes from Scripture. We know that he was a working man, a compassionate and caring man. When he discovered Mary was pregnant after they had been engaged, he knew the child was not his but was as yet unaware that she was carrying the Son of God but Joseph however loved Mary and Jesus. His one concern was for the safety of this child entrusted to him. We honour St Joseph the Husband of Mary this Sunday 19 March.

Year 6 will lead a Prayer Assembly at 8.35am in the hall on Monday 20 March to celebrate St Joseph the Husband of Mary. In celebration of this special Feast Day, a lunch- time Disco will be held in the school quadrangle at playtime, followed with cake for afternoon tea.

St Joseph, PRAY FOR US!

**Sacramental News**

A reminder that the Celebration of the Sacrament of Penance will be held Wednesday 15 March.

<b>Wed 15 March</b>	<b>Celebration of the Sacrament of Penance</b>	<b>St Joseph’s Cathedral</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
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Please contact myself or Marg Hallinan if you have any queries.



*Scott Robertson*

# APC NEWS

## **Wrong Answers, Great Learning**

Thomas Edison said that he did not fail at making the light bulb one thousand times, but rather that "the light bulb was an invention with 1,000 steps."

"I've missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. 26 times I've been trusted to take the game winning shot... and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. That is why I succeed." (Michael Jordan)

Making mistakes is a natural part of all learning. Those who we consider to be "great" are clear that mistakes lead to learning.

The latest research on mathematics shows that mistakes are a very important part of learning maths! When a person makes an error in maths and they have the opportunity to learn from it, they actually develop a much stronger understanding. In fact, the research states that students learn more from making mistakes than from getting all the right answers. When your child makes an error, it offers insight into what understanding your child has about a mathematical idea. It allows parents and teachers to talk to the child about what they know, and ask questions to stretch their thinking around where they are currently developing their understanding. Parents can ask "How do you know that? What was your thinking here? Is there another way you could solve that? How did you think about X (an element they may be missing or have misunderstood)?" This conversation helps to develop the crucial skills of reasoning and communication and is therefore more helpful than simply showing a child how the maths is done. When you support an attitude that values learning from mistakes, you are telling your child that mistakes are a valuable and natural ingredient in learning and lead to deeper understanding. Research shows that this attitude supports stronger achievement!

[http://www.edugains.ca/newsite/math/schoolleader/ideas\\_for\\_school\\_leaders.html](http://www.edugains.ca/newsite/math/schoolleader/ideas_for_school_leaders.html)

## **Maths Picture Books: How Many of These Have You Read in Your Family?**

The very hungry caterpillar, by Eric Carle

Ten apples up on top!, by Dr Seuss

Eat Your Math Homework- Recipes for Hungry Minds, by Ann McCallum

A lion in the night, by Pamela Allen

Ernest, by Catherine Rayner

Diary of a Baby Wombat, by Jackie French

Get up and go!, by Stuart J. Murphy

Counting on Frank, by Rod Clement

Belonging, by Jeannie Baker

Probably pistachio, by Stuart J. Murphy

Uno's garden, by Graeme Base

Have an amazing week,  
Janette



## Meet the Teacher - Janette McLennan

Usually people start these things saying how long they have been a teacher, or the length of time at their current school. If I began that way, I would have to say a really long time and ages! I love being part of the Wandal community - having begun my association here as the annoying younger sibling playing under my mother's feet when she came to help with reading groups for my older sister in about 1973!

My current roles here are Assistant to the Principal: Curriculum, and Year Five teacher on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. I am a huge believer in the way technology can enhance teaching and learning. I am so thankful that the school with the support of the P and F have allowed us to purchase Chromebooks to use in our classes - these devices are changing the way we do things and how we can develop as 21st century learners (me included!).

As most of you know I really enjoy singing in my spare time! I am a believer in the advantages that singing in a choir can give you - discipline, teamwork and focus being but a few. I am thankful that I can use the skills I have gained in this part of my outside-of-school life at school with others.



## Meet the P and F



Hello, I'm Kalie and I'm the Vice President of our P & F.

I'm married to Scott, and have four children attending St Joseph's- Bethanie and Spencer in year 6, Marshall in year 3 and Imogen in Prep. This is the only year they will all be at the one school, and so I am enjoying just the one dropoff and pickup.

I've been a member of our school's P & F committee since 2012 and have enjoyed helping out with fundraisers and school events.



**Playgroup** - Due to the weather a change of plans from the Rockhampton Botanical Gardens to the Crazy Joker took place today. Parents/carers enjoyed lovely coffee and children climbed, jumped and chased each other. Next week we will commence our Easter Craft activities. Please join us in the Hall at 9.30am.

**Tuckshop** - Our Meal Special for March is Spaghetti Bolognese and is for sale in two sizes, Small \$4.20 & Large \$5.00. (Ingredients List: Bacon, onion, garlic, mince, tomato paste, pasta, stock cube, tomatoes, cheese - tasty and parmesan.) This meal will be available for the month of March only and only available on Fridays. Limited numbers are available; children will be offered an alternative if orders exceed stock.

Volunteers are required for the month of March due to illness and injury of some of our Volunteers, please contact Gail if you are able to assist. Phone: 49362421.

### Tuckshop - Roster

Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Kellie Cole and Camila Seabramoreir
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	<b>Volunteer required</b>
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Jody Mackay and <b>volunteer required</b>
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Volunteer required</b>
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Dallas Hogan and Camila Seabramoreir

### Dance Showcase

Students from grades 3, 4, 5 & 6 will be presenting a dance showcase on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> of March. Two concerts will be held throughout the day, commencing at 9am and 2:15pm in the Hall. All classes from Years 3 to 6 will be performing in both concerts. Parents are welcome to attend either of these performances.

**Dental Forms** - Reminder; this is the final week to return Dental Forms. Forms are available from the office or from the school app.

## Important Dates to remember:

16 <sup>th</sup> March	Instrumental Music Performance Morning assembly Cross Country Training 3.15pm Session Pizza Day
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Welcome Miss Jeffcoat, Director of Catholic Education National Day Against Bullying Year 2 G Prayer Assembly Trivia Night St Joseph's Wandal
18 <sup>th</sup> March	St Patricks Race Day
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Feast of St Joseph
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Cross Country Training 7.15am Harmony Day - Gold Coin Donation and Wear Orange
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Playgroup - Easter Craft Activities Prep Feature in the Morning Bulletin
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parent Teacher Interview Bookings Close Cross Country Training 3.15pm
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 S Prayer Assembly
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Dance Showcase Holy Week Liturgies Commence
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Cross Country Events Open Poetry Night - Year 2 commencing 5.15pm in the Quadrangle
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Tasting - Year 1 commencing 2.30pm
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Mass
18 <sup>th</sup> April	Term 1 Concludes Term 2 Commences

St Joseph's School Wandal  
**Cross Country**



**TUESDAY**

**28TH MARCH 2017**

**VENUE: ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL  
WANDAL**

**START TIME: 9.00AM**

**COFFEE & TEA STATION WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR  
PARENTS IN THE TUCKSHOP FOR A GOLD DONATION  
ICY POLES AVAILABLE .50C (AFTER RACES)**

**PROGRAM:**

12 year old Boys & Girls	3000 metres
11 year old Boys	3000 metres
11 year old Girls	3000 metres
10 year old Boys	2000 metres
10 year old Girls	2000 metres
5 & 6 year old Boys Prep ONLY	800 metres (to run with Buddies)
5 & 6 year old Girls Prep ONLY	800 metres (to run with Buddies)
6 & 7 year old Boys & Girls Year One	1000 metres
8 & 9 year old Boys & Girls Year Three	2000 metres
9 year old Boys & Girls Year Four	2000 metres
7 & 8 year old Boys & Girls Year Two	1000 metres

What to Wear:

- School Hats
- Joggers/Runners (NO BARE FEET)
- House Colour Shirt (if you have one) or Sports Uniform
- Water bottle
- Positive attitude
- Team Spirit





## Outside School Hours Care:

It is time to secure your child's spot for Easter Vacation Care. Cost is \$50.00 per day (7.00am - 6pm). An additional \$15.00 will be charged for excursions & \$10.00 incursions. Please send your child with a packed lunch and appropriate clothing. Program changes may occur, without notice, due to hot or inclement weather. There is a requirement to give a minimum of 24hours notice of non-attendance or in the case of sickness as soon as practically possible. Please see timetable below











## April 2017 Vacation Care

Child/Children Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Days you require your children to attend OSHC, please tick the boxes in the program.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Week 1 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> April</b>				
<p><b>OSHC Has Talent</b> The children can form groups or work individually today creating a performance or act of some sort to complete in our very own OSHC HAS TALENT! There will a prize for the winning person or team.</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>Incursion +\$10</b> <b>Cooberrie Park</b> There will be FIVE different species of reptiles at OSHC today. The children will have the opportunity to hold six different species of snakes, hold a crocodile, and more!</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>Face Painting and Body Tattoos</b> The children will be able to have their faces painted today in any design they would like by either the staff or their friends! They will also have the option of body tattoos.</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>Masterchef</b> The children will be broken into teams and choose a recipe to cook. A staff member will assist the children. When all teams have finished cooking, the judges (staff) will taste the food and name a winning team. We will then share the food out for afternoon tea.</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>Crazy Hair Day</b> Turn up to OSHC today ready to work in teams making your hair CRAZY. The team with the CRAZIEST hair will win a surprise!</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<b>Week 2 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>				
<p><b>Easter Egg Hunt</b> There will be a special Easter Egg Hunt set up for the children today. There will be one set up inside and one set up outside. The children will make some baskets beforehand to ensure that on their hunt, their hands don't get too full!</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>Excursion +\$16</b> <b>Bubble Soccer and Jumping Castles</b> There will be many fun activities for us to do at the Scottvale Squash Centre. We will get to have a go at bubble soccer, play on obstacle course jumping castles and much more!</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>Easter Arts and Crafts</b> We will be making and decorating Easter baskets today to make sure that when the Easter Bunny visits us, there is somewhere for him to put our Easter Eggs.</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>Party Day PARTAAAAAYY!!</b> Today is the last day of April Vacation Care. We will be celebrating this with a party day. There will be lots of party decorations filling the room, lots of party games to play, and lots of party food on the menu for lunch!</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>OSHC CLOSED EASTER FRIDAY</b></p> <p></p>



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Year 7 2018

Enrolment Information Evening  
available for viewing  
[www.tccr.com.au](http://www.tccr.com.au)

Enrolment Applications close  
Wednesday 29 March 2017

Should you require any further information please  
contact the Enrolments Officer  
Mrs Meg Halberstater on 4999 1300,  
[meg.halberstater@tccr.com.au](mailto:meg.halberstater@tccr.com.au)

\*\*\*Enrolment packs can be collected from the  
offices of The Cathedral College, St Peter's,  
St Paul's and St Joseph's Wandal.\*\*\*

..... ST JOSEPH'S WANDAL PRESENTS .....

# TRIVIA NIGHT




**DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR SMARTY PANTS!**

**\$15 PER PERSON**

**DATE** Friday 17 March, 2017  
**VENUE** St Joseph's Wandal School Hall, 4 Herbert St  
**TIME** 7pm (Game starts 7.30pm)  
**TICKETS** [www.trybooking.com/OUMC](http://www.trybooking.com/OUMC)  
 \$15 Per person 6-8 per team  
**FEATURING** Nibbles & pizza, cash bar available  
 Prizes including CASH to be won



St Mary's  
Catholic Primary School



# GRANDSTAND CLASSIC

Saturday 1st April 2017  
Capricornia Yearling Sale  
2YO Classic Race Day  
Callaghan Park



**\*Fantastic air-conditioned views of the home straight**  
**\*RJC Fashions on the Field & "Grandstand Filly" prizes**  
**\*Live music by GENERATION GAP**

**CLASSIC TICKET**  
 \$100  
 Entry to Callaghan Park & the Grandstand Classic, Canapes & Sweets

**DRINKS TICKET**  
 \$120  
 Entry to Callaghan Park & the Grandstand Classic, Canapes & Sweets, 5 drink tickets (beer, wine, spirits)

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