



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Wandal, Queensland

~ To Love is to Serve ~

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Rising with Christ.

School closes this week for the first holidays of the year and when it reopens, Easter will have been and, one could be tempted to think, gone without making a difference. We easily get into a rut with our faith, not realising just how deeply the presence of Jesus Christ has gone down into our being and transformed us to a new way of engaging with other people and our world. 'Me, changed?' I can hear you asking. Yes, let us look at the ways.

As Christians we believe:

That good can come out of bad. The power Jesus gave in defeating death is given to us. We are not defined or confined by the bad things that happen to us. We can turn them to good.

That prayer really makes a difference. The good desires I have for others can be offered to God and sent to surround and care for them - even if they are on the other side of the world.

That forgiveness is not only possible but desirable. When we hear stories of people who have forgiven those who have wronged them, we understand, we get it - even if we feel it might be beyond us.

That virtue is something for which we should work and strive. Yes, we want to be better because we believe we have been made for that.

These are the subtle ways, Jesus Christ is alive in you. Let yourself be surprised this Easter by recognising and appreciating the new divine life that is rising in your hearts.

Loving God, my faith can seem so ordinary at times that I think it has little effect on me. Let me realise how the Holy Spirit is alive within me allowing the life of Jesus to rise in my heart and in my life. I ask this in Jesus' name confident that you will hear me.

Sr Kym Harris osb

From the Principal

Easter - The religious celebrations of Easter are considered the most significant of our Christian faith. Throughout this week at school our children and staff are gathering to share and reflect on some of the important aspects of the Easter story. Over Easter our local churches will celebrate these events and you are most welcome to gather, reflect, pray and be renewed by God's Word. May the risen Christ be with you and your family this Easter season.

Thank you - to the staff of the school, particularly Mr Robertson and Miss McLennan, for taking on additional roles and responsibilities in my absence last week. I spent the majority of the week at the annual Diocesan Principals' conference. I had a very busy week of professional development and this included attending sessions with Ken Warren (Director of Positive People Solutions), Alex Shain (General Manager of Narragunnawali: Reconciliation in Schools and Early Learning) and Brendan Spillane (acclaimed Australian educator, speaker and executive coach) just to name a few.

P and F Conference - Thank you to our P and F President, Mrs Emma Singleton and Vice President, Mrs Kalie Green for joining me at the P and F conference at the Haven, Emu Park, last Saturday. We had the opportunity to hear Michelle Mitchell (Youth Excel) speaking on friendship and development issues facing our young people. I would like to thank both Emma and Kalie for their continued support of and commitment to our school.

Thank you to you - the community of St Joseph's Wandal. Throughout Term One, many parents, carers and grandparents have generously supported the school, working in partnership with the staff to provide a positive learning environment for all of our children. Please know that your efforts are deeply appreciated.

School resumes on Tuesday, 18th April.

Cross Country - We have had to cancel our Cross Country carnival this week due to the very wet weather. I know this has disappointed many of our students, particularly those who have been attending training sessions with Mr Robertson and Mrs Murphy. Due to time restraints, we will not be rescheduling this carnival, however trials will be run in PE lessons in the first weeks back of Term Two to enable us to nominate students for the interschool carnival.

Following the heavy rain, we are now being faced with an increase in our mosquito population! Please apply insect repellent to your children each morning before coming to school .

Friday's Mass - Our end of term mass will now be celebrated here at school. This is the last school mass Father Chris Schick will be presiding at for us, as after the Easter break, he transfers to the Capricorn Coast. Father Chris' positivity, support and friendship will be missed by us all and we wish him all the best with his new position.

Parent Teacher Interviews - Thank you to those of you who have made a Parent Teacher Interview booking. These interviews are valuable opportunities to catch up with your child's teacher about their progress. A successful education relies on open and honest communication and positive relationships between home and school. On behalf of the entire staff I thank you for your support of the work they do each day. If you have not made a booking as yet, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Library Assistance - Commencing in Week Two of next term, we would like to establish some weekly assistance for Mrs Karen Westgarth in our increasingly busy library. Each Tuesday, from 9-11am, a working group will meet to assist with covering books and other jobs. If you are interested, please contact the school office.

Congratulations - to Miss Lauren Palmer and her fiancé Todd Riley who are to be married over the Easter break. We wish both Lauren and Todd many blessings and happiness during this special time and we look forward to welcoming "Mrs Riley" back in Term Two.

Church Car parking - A request please to NOT park on the grassed areas of the church grounds. Please use the designated car parks instead. Parking in this area is damaging the church grounds (not owned or managed by the school!) and it is also proving quite dangerous to our students. I have had reports of children running straight to cars parked in this space instead of reporting to the teacher on duty who will ensure their safety when moving through the car park. I thank you for your compliance in this matter and ask that you forward this information to others (for example grandparents) who may at times collect your children of an afternoon. Cars parked in this area will be asked to move.

Winter Uniform - With the cooler months not too far away I know many of you will be beginning to organise your child's winter uniform during the Easter break.

- The winter uniform consists of the SJW logo jacket and plain navy track suit pants.
- Girls may wear navy blue tights.
- Long sleeved shirts under uniform shirts are **not permitted**.
- Jumpers and pants with stripes, brands and logos etc. are **not permitted**.
- 'Hoodies' are **not permitted**.
- The sports shorts are **mandatory** for children in Years 1-6 and must be worn with sports shirts. (Despite repeated requests a very small number of our students are still not wearing the correct

uniform. To ensure your child is allowed to participate in PE lessons and other sporting events next term please ensure they have the correct shorts for the commencement of Term Two).

- Once again, a reminder that all students are to wear **plain black leather shoes or plain black joggers. Canvas style shoes are not school uniform and should not be purchased by families having to replace school shoes over the holidays.**

Vacation Care - If any families are considering booking their children into our Vacation Care Program please advise us as soon as possible. Some of these days are not looking viable at this stage due to very low enrolment numbers and may need to be cancelled. We are also open to students from other schools. It would be such a shame if our first round of Vacation Care is not successful, especially as the OSHC team have such great days planned for our students! Please call the OSHC staff on 0429316543 or contact the school office staff.



Week 1 3 rd to 7 th April				
<p>OSHC Has Talent</p> <p>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>Incursion +\$10 Cooberrie Park</p> <p>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>Face Painting and Body Tattoos</p> <p>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>Masterchef</p> <p>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>Crazy Hair Day</p> <p>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>
Week 2 10 th to 14 th April				
<p>Easter Egg Hunt</p> <p>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>Excursion +\$15 Bubble Soccer and Jumping Castles</p> <p>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>Easter Arts and Crafts</p> <p>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>Party Day</p> <p>PARTAAAAAY!! 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>OSHC CLOSED EASTER FRIDAY</p> <p></p>

Have a great week and a safe holiday,
Kellie



APRE News

Holy Week Liturgies



This week classes from Prep to Year 5 have been holding special Liturgies in preparation for Easter. Feel free to join us for this most important time in our Catholic calendar.

Monday

Palm Sunday Liturgy - Year 3 & Year 1E

Mark 11:1-11 Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey while crowds of people covered the streets ahead of him with their cloaks and with palm branches.



Tuesday

Last Supper- Year 2 Year & Year 1M

Luke 22:19-20 Jesus celebrated the Feast of the Passover with his disciples. He gave them bread and said, "This is my body." He gave them wine and said, "This is my blood." Then Jesus said, "Do this in memory of me."

Wednesday

Jesus Prays in the Garden and is arrested Liturgy -Year 4 & Prep A

Matthew 26:36-50 After the Passover meal, Jesus went with his disciples to the garden of Gethsemane, where he prayed. His disciples could not stay awake to pray with him. Then he was betrayed by Judas and arrested.

Thursday

Crucifixion Liturgy - Year 5 & Prep B

Luke 23:26-47 *The Roman soldiers took Jesus and put a crown of thorns upon his head. They beat him and mocked him. Jesus was made to carry his own cross. At a place called Golgotha, Jesus was nailed to the cross and left to die. Jesus prayed when they were crucifying him and said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."*

End of Term Mass and Farewell to Father Chris

Our End of Term Mass and Farewell to Father Chris **will not** be held at the St Joseph's Cathedral due to an unpredictable rain event. Mass will now be held in the School Hall at the same time of 9.30am. Please feel welcome to join Year 6 and Father Chris for Mass and morning tea.

St Joseph's School
Wandal

Invites you, the school community, to
join us on

Friday, 31st March

at

9.30am

St Joseph's School Wandal Hall

for a

Mass celebrated by Fr. Chris Schick

This will be his final Mass with
St Joseph's School Wandal

Morning Tea will be held after Mass.



Scott Robertson

In our classrooms

Rainy days should be spent at home with a hot chocolate and a good book! But how lucky are we in Year 2, having grandparents and parents brave the rain, to come and help us achieve our reading goals. Today's reading goal was to read with expression.



Meet our P & F

My name is Tricia O'Hanlon and I am the Treasurer of the P & F here at St Joseph's Wandal. I have been part of the St Joseph's community since 2007 when my eldest son, Riley commenced Prep. Three children and 11 years later, I am still here. For me, 2017 will be my final year at St Joseph's as my youngest child, Imogen, finishes her primary school journey. I have seen this school grow from just over 140 kids to where it is today at almost 280 students. Many things have changed over the years at St Joseph's but the one thing I am most proud of, is the spirit of the families that attend here and some of the dedicated parents who commit heart and soul to make this school a better place.

The P & F works throughout the year on many events and contributes hard raised funds towards resources and supplies for the classrooms in which your children attend. If it wasn't for the efforts of this small but mighty group, some of the resources that your children enjoy wouldn't be possible. Committees and meetings might not necessarily be your thing, and at the end of the day, it wasn't something I really thought much about before stepping up to join the P & F.

I am looking forward to what the rest of 2017 holds and the final stages of our journey as a family through Primary School.

P & F News At our recent P and F meeting, we decided to investigate the possibility of holding a sausage sizzle at the upcoming Bill's Amusements Family Carnival. This carnival has been cancelled due to the weather we are experiencing. Thank you to those who volunteered their time for our sausage sizzle and we hope to be involved later in the year.

Year 6 Senior Shirts - Payment of \$39.00 for students wishing to purchase Senior Shirts is required by Thursday 3:00 pm. Shirt orders will be placed on Friday morning and senior shirts not paid in full will not be ordered. No late orders will be taken.

St Patrick’s Race Day Raffle Winners

Major Prize Brisbane Broncos, Royal Albert Hotel, QantasLink	Weekend package for 2 to Broncos NRL Game, flights and accommodation	Roy Taylor - family from St Paul’s, Gracemere
Datacom	Wheelbarrow of Drinks	B James - Mercy Health and Aged Care
Gary Thomasson’s Beta Electrical	Weber Baby Q Premium Barbecue (\$329)	Crystal Brans - family from Sacred Heart, Yeppoon
Central Park Motel	1 Night’s Accommodation in spa room \$250 Plus \$80 Dinner voucher Rocky Top Restaurant	Liam McCabe
Roslyn Bay Inn Resort	\$100 Dinner Voucher Beaches Bistro	Brandon Grimshaw - family from St Benedict’s, Yeppoon
Delizie	Voucher for 2 for High Tea (Sunday)	Sandra Carter

Lucky Gate Draw:

2 nights accommodation at the Royal Albert: Wayne Bliss

Week Nine Award Recipients

“To Love is to Serve” Award (for a student who has consistently displayed leadership qualities)

Cohen McLean - For setting an example for older students during Lunch Club by assisting packing up from Chess Club without being asked. Thank you.

“Striving for Excellence” Award - (for a student who has exhibited academic improvements and/or has been applying themselves to the very best of their ability)

Blake Hartman - For working diligently to complete your CARITAS project independently on your Chromebook. You showed great perseverance when teaching yourself how to add extra details.

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

Braxton Burns - For always making the effort to look after others and being a kind and considerate friend.

Playgroup - Today was the last day of playgroup for the term. We will recommence on Wednesday 19th April with outside activities. Today we created bunny ears for Easter and we were treated with a special little Easter treat. Thank you for supporting St Joseph’s School Wandal’s Playgroup in term 1 and we look forward to more exciting adventures together. Happy Easter to all.



Tuckshop Meal Deal - Our Meal Special for April will commence on Friday 21st April. Apricot Chicken and Rice will be for sale in two sizes, Small \$4.20 & Large \$5.00. Ingredients List: Chicken, Onion, French Onion Soup, Tinned Apricots, Apricot Nectar, Curry Powder, Carrots and Rice. This meal will be available for the month of April only and only available on Fridays. Limited numbers are available; children will be offered an alternative if orders exceed stock. Flexi-orders will have preference on these orders.

Friday's tuckshop menu options are limited on some items, however plenty of pies, sausage rolls and toasted sandwiches are available.

Roster for tuckshop for Term 2 as follows:

19 th April	Louise Brown
21 st April	Kylie Harte & Carl Quinn
26 th April	Judy Jensen
28 th April	Jody Mackay & Kellie Cole
3 rd May	Sue May
5 th May	Sheree Abotomey & Carl Quinn
10 th May	Carl Quinn
12 th May	Kylie Harte & Carmila Seabra Moreir
17 th May	Tania Cuskelly
19 th May	Dallas Hogan & Judy Jensen
24 th May	Louise Brown
26 th May	Kellie Cole & Carmila Seabra Moreir
31 st May	Judy Jensen
2 nd June	Kylie Harte and Sheree Abotomey
7 th June	Sue May
9 th June	Jody Mackay & Judy Jensen
14 th June	Carl Quinn
16 th June	Dallas Hogan & Carl Quinn
21 st June	Tania Cuskelly
23 rd June	Kellie Cole & Sheree Abotomey

Important Dates to remember:

31 st March	Mass Term 1 Concludes
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Term Two Dates

18 th April	<i>Term 2 Commences</i> Parent Teacher Interviews Continue Resurrection Prayer Assembly in the Hall at 12:00pm - Year 6
19 th April	Peer Support Training - Year Six Mass In the Hall 9:00 am Playgroup - Outside Activities Year 4 Excursion to FLOW Centre
22 nd April	Board Commissioning at St Joseph's Cathedral
23 rd April	ICAS - Digital Technologies Test
25 th April	<i>Public Holiday</i> ANZAC Day - Students and teachers will continue the tradition of participating in the ANZAC Day March and Dawn Service.
26 th April	Playgroup - in the Hall
27 th April	Interschool Cross Country
27 th April	P & F Meeting in the Library 6:00 pm Board Meeting in the Library 7:00 pm
1 st May	<i>Public Holiday</i> Feast Day of St Joseph The Worker Rockhampton Eisteddfod Commences 1 May - 6 May
3 rd May	Mass in the Hall 9:00 am Playgroup
9 th May	NAPLAN Testing - Years 3 & 5
10 th May	NAPLAN Testing - Years 3 & 5 Playgroup
11 th May	NAPLAN Testing - Years 3 & 5
12 th May	Mother's Day Stall
14 th May	Happy Mother's Day
15 th May	Amber Hill to visit Indigenous Students
16 th May	Rockhampton Eisteddfod Resumes 16 May - 22 May
17 th May	Mass in the Hall 9:00 am Playgroup Math Olympiad
19 th May	Season B Sport Commences for students in Years 4 - 6
22 nd May	Life Education Van Visits
23 rd May	Life Education Van Visits
24 th May	Playgroup
25 th May	Amber Hill to visit Indigenous Students
26 th May	Sorry Day

	Under 8's Day
30 th May	ICAS - Science Test
31 st May	Mass in the Hall
	Playgroup
4 th June	Parish Fun Day 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
5 th - 6 th June	Beginners Band Camp at The Cathedral College
6 th June	TCC Music Concert
8 th June	Amber Hill to visit Indigenous Students
9 th June	Disco - Year 6 Camp Fundraiser
12 th June - 16 th June	ICAS - Writing Test
14 th June	Mass in the Hall 9:00 am
	Maths Olympiad
15 th June	<i>Public Holiday</i> - Show Holiday
16 th June	Music Performance on Assembly 8:35 am
17 th June	Wandal Children's Mass at St Joseph's Cathedral 6:00 pm
19 th June	Field Events for Years 4 - 6
20 th June	School Photo Day
21 st June	Athletics Carnival - Brosnan Oval (Emmaus College)
22 nd June	Year 5 at The Cathedral College
23 rd June	End of School Term Mass
23 rd June	<i>Term Two Concludes</i>