



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Wandal, Queensland

~ To Love is to Serve ~

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### The Quiet Resurrection

If you were designing salvation for the human race, how would you do it? I wouldn't do via the Death and Resurrection of a relatively unknown person. At the very least, you'd think God would have done a better job of announcing the Resurrection of Jesus. Here is the most important event in human history - the overcoming of sin and death, in which the richness of divine life is offered to us - and it takes place in a backwater country to a small group of ordinary people. Even then God doesn't swamp their lives with amazing miracles, lights, glory. No, Jesus comes into their midst, at first unrecognised, reveals himself, assures them of love and forgiveness and then disappears before they realise what has really happened. One thing he does do is to tell them to go and preach this 'good news' to all the world. It is only afterwards reflecting on the event and telling others of it does its wonderfulness really hit them.

God is like that in our lives. We rarely have dramatic or exciting things happen to us when we pray or go to church. If we did the churches would be packed on Sundays. No, God usually comes very quietly into our lives and we usually have to reflect on what has happened before we realise its richness and meaning. I think this is because God does not want us to be in awe of but in love with God. God wants to be friends with us, not a dazzling entertainer or powerful master. To foster this friendship, we need to take time to be with God, both alone reflecting and praying, and then praying with God's other friends in the community, that is Church. Then, as it happened to those first disciples, the sheer wonder of the Resurrection of Jesus will come into our lives.

*Loving God, send your Spirit into our hearts to reveal the mystery of love at work within us. May Jesus come into the dead and dark places of our lives and bring his mystery of Resurrection. We ask this in his name, confident that you will hear us.*

*Sr Kym Harris osb*

### From the Principal

**Welcome back** to Term Two. I trust you all had a relaxing and refreshing Easter break and are ready for what is shaping up to be a very busy ten-week term!

We welcome two new students to our school community this term. Welcome to Lakani-Rose and Houston Ware who join us in Years 1M and Prep B. I know that these new students will be made to feel most welcome!

**ANZAC DAY** is next Tuesday, the 25th of April. We have accepted the invitation for the students of St Joseph's Wandal to take part in the march and we encourage as many children as possible to represent our school at this important commemoration. Also this year we have registered our attendance at the dawn service and will be laying a wreath at this event. The Dawn Service starts promptly at 4.27am at the Rockhampton Botanic Gardens.

This year, our position in the march has changed;

**Packet 2: Assembly Alma Street Near Museum**

We ask that the children gather in Alma Street near the museum by 9.15am. The children are to wear their formal school uniform along with their blue school hat. Please ensure that your child has applied plenty of sunscreen before attending the march. Children may carry a water bottle.

The March concludes at City Hall where a civic service will be held. At the conclusion of the parade, parents are asked to collect their children from William Street turning left (near Occasional Child Care Centre)

A Note about Medals: Protocol states that medals belonging to family members or friends are to be worn on the right hand side.

We are always very proud of the large contingent of students who represent our school, at this event and we look forward to a strong turnout once again. To avoid congestion, we ask that parents wait for us or meet us at the end of the march instead of asking to march with the school. Staff will march with students and our smaller children will be paired up with older 'buddies.'

**Update on Mr Fairbairn** - Mr Rob Alexander will continue as our Acting Assistant to the Director—Rockhampton Schools for the remainder of this term as Mr Craig Fairbairn remains on sick leave. Please continue to keep Craig in your prayers. I look forward to welcoming Mr Alexander for a visit to our school this Friday.

#### **Implementation of the *Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum***

Throughout this term, our school will be implementing the *Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum* with students in Prep to Year 6. The curriculum is based on principles of best practice in child safety education and centres around three key messages: **Recognise, React and Report**. Through a series of lessons, students will learn how to recognise, react and report when they are unsafe or find themselves in situations that can have a significant detrimental effect on their physical, psychological or emotional wellbeing.

Information about the *Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum* can be found on our skoolbag app at [www.education.qld.gov.au/child-safety-curriculum](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/child-safety-curriculum).

**Library Assistance** - Commencing next week 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.

**Tuckshop Meal Deal** - Our Meal Special for April will commence this Friday. 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.

**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.

Have a great week,  
Kellie



# APRE News

## Prayer Corner

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

Blessed Mary MacKillop (1842 -1909)

make **Jesus** real

Resilience is a big word. It means the ability to bounce back from the various incidents that happen to us in life. Mostly life bubbles along, but every so often we can get some body blows that upset us. We all have these moments and an important life skill is to be able to bounce back, which is very often hard to do. A good example of people being resilient are Paralympians.

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## Holy Week Prayer Assembly with Year 6

Please join Year 6 and their Special Holy Week Assembly on the Resurrection of Jesus. Assembly will held in the Hall at 8.35am this Friday.

## Peer Support in 2017

Today and tomorrow the Year 6 class with Mr Brett Halter have been participating in Peer Leader's Training. The purpose of the Peer Leaders' Training is to prepare students for their role as Peer Support Leaders.

The students will work through a range of experiential activities, taking part in discussions and completing activities in their Peer Leader's Learning Guide.

During the training, students participated in:

- leadership skills
- relationships with others
- their role and responsibilities
- the structure of a peer support session
- understanding how groups work
- strategies to lead a group
- the facilitation of some activities.

The training is part of the school's comprehensive plan and commitment to creating a safe school. It provides students with the opportunity to develop and practise leadership skills within a supportive environment.



*Scott Robertson*

# APC NEWS

## Curriculum News:

Welcome to Term 2 2017! This term is certainly a busy one, with lots of exciting learning happening throughout the school. This term we look forward to the Rockhampton Eisteddfod which will involve all students in years 1 to 6. More information will be included next week.

Staff learning: Yesterday for our staff meeting, teachers travelled to the Rockhampton Art Gallery to listen to some speakers highlight what the Cultural Precinct offers to teachers and learners. As a special treat we also were able to view the Da Vinci exhibit. This was a great start to the term for us. I would encourage everyone to make time to view the exhibit if you have not already, as it is really worthwhile.

How do we encourage our students fall in love with Maths? This article has some interesting insights. ([Click here to read](#))

Parent Teacher Conferences: These are now well and truly underway (many classes have already completed these for Semester One). If you have not yet contacted your child's teacher, I encourage you to do so.

Have a fantastic week,  
Janette



## Parish of Rockhampton South Parish Fun Day

**Date: Sunday 4 June**

**Time: 11.00am. - 2.00pm.**

**Venue: St Joseph's Cathedral grounds**

The parish fair committee is looking for donations of flour, sugar and butter to help with the cooking of delicious wares to be sold. **The committee is going to have one huge cook up on 3 June** - so need lots of any of the above please deliver to the Cathedral centre or any of the four schools in the Parish. If you wish to come along and have some fun on 3 June to be part of the cook up advise the Cathedral centre 49276744. Thanks for your constant generosity.

## 2017 Nominations for Spirit of Catholic Education Awards in conjunction with Catholic Education Week

- ✚ Nominations are open for the 2017 Spirit of Catholic Education Awards.
- ✚ These awards aim to recognise and celebrate individual contributions to Queensland's Catholic education communities.
- ✚ Catholic school communities and other Catholic education agencies in Queensland are encouraged to nominate individuals (staff members, parents, clergy or volunteers) who are making an outstanding contribution to the life of the community for a Spirit of Catholic Education Award. <http://www.catholiceducationweek.com.au/awards>
- ✚ Nominations can be submitted electronically (by email) or in hard copy, via the form available on the CEW website. <http://www.catholiceducationweek.com.au/awards>

- ✚ The awards will be presented during Catholic Education Week and are always a highlight of the CEW celebrations.
- ✚ For inspiration, or to view previous recipients, view the Spirit of Catholic Education Award Past Recipients Honour Roll. <http://www.catholiceducationweek.com.au/awards>
- ✚ Information is also available via the CEO Staff Portal <https://portal.rok.catholic.edu.au/Pages/Home.aspx>

Nominations close on Friday 12 May 2017 at 5.00pm and need to be emailed to [CEWSpirit@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:CEWSpirit@rok.catholic.edu.au)

### Meet our P & F

I am Anna Harding and the Secretary for the P & F this year. I have been a member of the St Joseph's community since 2012. I have 2 children, Emily, now yr 7 at TCC and Bryce in Yr 5. In my limited free time I love to cook, read and craft. I have enjoyed being a member of a school that offers support not only to the students but to their families.



### TUCKSHOP -

Rosters for tuckshop have been dispersed today to our wonderful tuckshop volunteers.

*Roster for tuckshop for Term 2 as follows:*

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

## Important Dates to remember:

21 <sup>st</sup> April	Year 6 Prayer Assembly - Resurrection
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Board Commissioning at St Joseph's Cathedral
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	ICAS - Digital Technologies Test
25 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> April	Playgroup - in the Hall
27 <sup>th</sup> April	Interschool Cross Country
27 <sup>th</sup> April	P & F Meeting in the Library 6:00 pm Board Meeting in the Library 7:00 pm
29 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4 Prayer Assembly
1 <sup>st</sup> May	<i>Public Holiday</i> Feast Day of St Joseph The Worker Rockhampton Eisteddfod Commences 1 May - 6 May
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Mass in the Hall 9:00 am Playgroup
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 Prayer Assembly
9 <sup>th</sup> May	NAPLAN Testing - Years 3 & 5
10 <sup>th</sup> May	NAPLAN Testing - Years 3 & 5 Playgroup
11 <sup>th</sup> May	NAPLAN Testing - Years 3 & 5
12 <sup>th</sup> May	Mother's Day Stall Prep B Prayer Assembly
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Happy Mother's Day
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Amber Hill to visit Indigenous Students
16 <sup>th</sup> May	Rockhampton Eisteddfod Resumes 16 May - 22 May
17 <sup>th</sup> May	Mass in the Hall 9:00 am Playgroup Math Olympiad
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Season B Sport Commences for students in Years 4 - 6 Year 1M Prayer Assembly
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Life Education Van Visits
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## Outside School Hours Care:



Welcome to the first week back of Term 2!

The Vacation Care period here at OSHC was a busy one with there being so many different activities on offer! The children all had a wonderful time and had some fantastic experiences. The OSHC staff are already having the children ask about the activities for next Vacation Care. For the children who attended Vacation Care, they were lucky enough to have made some new friends as we had a wonderful turn out of numbers between not only St. Joseph's Wandal, but a couple of the other schools in the Rockhampton area.

OSHC had a visit from Cooberrie Park, who brought multiple different species of reptiles for us to handle (snakes, crocodile, lizards and turtles). We also went on an excursion to do some jumping castle and bubble soccer activities. By the end of each day the children all seemed exhausted due to all of the fun and games that were had.

We are all looking forward to the next Vacation Care holidays for the fun and games to begin again!

