



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Wandal, Queensland

~ To Love is to Serve ~

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### National Volunteering Week...has passed

I missed it - didn't even remotely register on my horizon - and I don't think I am the only one. Kudos to you if you recognised National Volunteering Week. Its time of celebration is being moved next year so that it doesn't occur in Budget Week. Wouldn't it be amazing if we moved the timing of the Budget so that it didn't clash with our celebration of volunteers? Don't get me wrong, I think the budget is important - it is an integral part of our economy, which is there to support our community - but volunteering is one of the most powerful ways to actively form ourselves as a community.

Think of the myriad ways volunteers serve in our community: those more vulnerable, sports, the arts, the environment. Think of what volunteering does for you. Quite likely you do some form of unpaid service in community because most Australian adults do. It is one of our strengths as a nation. Volunteering forges bonds across diverse people that go beyond our family, school groups and work colleagues. It takes us beyond our individual lives and promotes our sense of self as part of a greater whole.

For Jesus, service is the essence of life. He became human to serve us with the fullness of his divinity and calls us to act like him. Being a servant doesn't diminish us but rather makes us not only better humans but also godlike. Imagine when you are doing tuckshop duty, coaching kids at footy, taking around meals on wheels, helping at the art gallery you are giving to others as God gives to us. And in this giving, you are receiving the life of God. Our simple mundane tasks of service have a dignity and glory beyond what we realise.

*Loving God, let me see the power and dignity of my service - even in the small, seemingly insignificant acts. May my deeds help to build up my community so that it shows your love in our world. I ask this in Jesus' name, confident that you will hear me.*

Sr Kym Harris osb

### From the Principal

**Eisteddfod** - Congratulations to our Senior Vocal Choir (Years 4-6) who performed "Fight Song" in the Rockhampton Eisteddfod on Monday. Our choir was awarded 85 points and third place. Congratulations to all of our students and to Miss McLennan for another successful performance piece!

We look forward to seeing our Junior Choir (Years 1-3) performing tomorrow at the Eisteddfod. A reminder that these students need to come in 'crazy' clothes for this performance tomorrow as outlined in previous communications.

**Prayers for Father Chris Schick** - Please continue your prayers for Father Chris who has started medical treatment. At the end of this week we will be posting our collection of Get Well cards, letters, pictures and the like to send down to Father Chris. We welcome items to post from our students and parents. If you have an item to send, please drop it in to the school office.

**Mother's Day** - I hope all of our mums and grandmothers had a lovely day on Sunday. Thanks to your support of our Mother's Day stall we have raised over \$1300 for our school! Thank you to Kath Creed and her team of helpers for making our stall look so enticing and for ensuring the morning ran smoothly.

**Tuckshop** - Please don't forget to vote for our next 'Meal of the Month'. Choices are spaghetti bolognese, beef stroganoff, pumpkin soup or pea and ham soup. So far Beef Stroganoff is in the lead! Vote via your app under e-forms.

**Parish Fun Day** - The annual fundraiser for the Southside Parish, is coming up on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June. The festivities will commence immediately after Sunday morning mass on the grounds of the Cathedral and

will conclude at 1.30pm. As part of the parish our school supports this major fundraiser. This year we have been called to assist in a couple of ways:

- Our Years 4-6 Singing Choir will be performing their Eisteddfod piece “Fight Song.” We look forward to a strong turnout from our children. If your child will not be available to perform, please inform your class teacher.
- The staff of St Joseph’s will be staffing the drinks station on the day. If you would like to assist with the selling of some soft drinks, please feel free. Otherwise you can just pop by and say hello!
- Ingredients for the ‘bake-up’ for the cake stall have been called for. Donations of flour, eggs, butter, sugar etc. would be greatly appreciated. The bake-off occurs the day before the event at TCC. Please feel free to contribute ingredients, cakes or join in with the baking.

Please do not forget to return your tickets for our Parish Fun Day. Bills Amusements will also be offering their discounted ride tickets and these are available from the office. Ticket costs are \$25.00 (unlimited rides and if purchased on the day of the event, \$28.00).

**Friday Afternoon Sport** - A reminder that this Friday marks the first round of the Friday afternoon sport season for our Years 4-6 hockey, rugby league and netball teams. Please ensure your children have the necessary equipment, including a water bottle and a hat. Phone calls are not permitted for forgotten equipment. Parents, don’t forget we have SJW ‘Supporters’” shirts available for sale in the office!

**Prep Enrolments 2018** - If you have a younger child, or know of another family wishing to enrol their child in Prep at St Joseph’s Wandal, please complete an enrolment application as soon as possible. Applications are coming in thick and fast and in the next month or so, will be distributing information about upcoming Parent Information Nights and the enrolment process. Enrolment forms can be downloaded online, or alternatively can be collected from the school office.

**TCC “Footloose” Performance at the Pilbeam Theatre** - Our Year 6 class has been invited to a rehearsal performance of the 2017 TCC musical “Footloose” to be held at the Pilbeam Theatre. This performance will be held on Thursday 25 May from 9.30-11.30am. There will be a twenty-minute break with cake and cordial supplied for students during this break time. There will be no cost to parents, as our school will be covering the costs of the bus transport to and from the theatre as well as the \$5 per student attendance fee. If you have any questions or do not wish for your child to attend this performance, please contact the school office at your earliest convenience.

**School Fees - OVERDUE** - School Fees for Term Two were due last Friday. Accounts not paid in full (unless prior arrangement with the Principal have been made) are now overdue. Reminder letters will be generated this week. Please ensure your account is paid at your earliest convenience, or as always, make a time to discuss your fee commitment with Kellie.

**QCEC Sub-Committee Visit** - On Friday this week, I will be meeting with members of the Queensland Catholic Education Commission’s Capital Programs Sub-Committee and our local Diocesan representatives. The group will be presented with an overview of a proposed building project for our school which will help in deciding how government grants are shared across the entire Catholic Education sector in the coming twelve months.

Have a great week,  
Kellie



# APRE News

## Prayer Corner -

*“Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them bravely, remembering whom you are trying to follow. Do not be afraid. Love one another, bear with one another, and let charity guide you all your life. God will reward you as only He can.”*

*St Mary of the Cross Mackillop*

**make Jesus real**

## Happiness and Inner Peace

In a recent TV documentary on Happiness and Inner Peace, they had a number of experts who have run tests over the years regarding happiness and they interviewed people who had everything and lost it. This included wealth, beauty and health.

These they discovered are some of the elements that helped to create happiness.

1. Being thankful for what you have
2. Compassion and Empathy (Understanding)
3. Giving of yourself in kindness, helping others and being thoughtful of others
4. Time to slow down, reflect.

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## Prayer Assembly with Year 1M

Please join Miss Moffitt with Year 1M for an assembly on the Sacrament of Baptism. Assembly will be held in the Undercover Area at 8.35am this Friday.

## Sacramental News

Thank you to the families who attended the special ritual for their children preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist on Sunday morning.

Please mark your diaries for the forthcoming events leading into the celebration of Confirmation.

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| <b>Sat 27 May</b> | <b>Confirmation Preparation Afternoon</b> | <b>Cathedral Centre and St Joseph's Cathedral</b> | <b>2.00pm - 3.30pm</b>   |
| <b>Sat 3 June</b> | <b>Rehearsal for Confirmation</b>         | <b>St Joseph's Cathedral</b>                      | <b>11.00am - 12 noon</b> |

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

A reminder that Children's Liturgy is held most Sundays at St Joseph's Cathedral 9.30am during the school term. It is wonderful to see our students attend. All students (particularly those preparing for sacraments) are encouraged to attend.



Scott Robertson

# APC NEWS



**Mathematical Mystery Tour:** Ask your students about their problem-solving ability and sleuthing skills! All classes began their Mathematical Mystery Tour challenge today. Which class will be the first to solve puzzle number one?

This is designed to be a fun and creative challenge that encourages a willingness to have a go, think 'outside the box', and enjoy Mathematics.

**2017 APSMO Maths Games:** Our Year Five students completed round one of the Maths Games challenge today. The Maths Games competition provides an opportunity to learn valuable problem solving skills and exposes them to the application of mathematical problem solving strategies and techniques.

The Maths Games is aligned with the Australian curriculum and focuses on challenging students to think laterally and creatively when solving mathematically-based problems.

The Maths Games aims to:

- Introduce students to important mathematical concepts
- Teach major strategies and develop flexibility for problem solving
- Foster creativity and ingenuity and strengthen intuition
- Stimulate enthusiasm and enjoyment of mathematics
- Provide for the satisfaction, joy and thrill of meeting challenges

**Eisteddfod:** Thank you to the students and parents of Years 4 to 6 who put in such an awesome effort with costuming for our novelty choir on Monday. The students looked amazing and should be very proud to have placed third in a very competitive section. Thank you to Andrea Rutherford who stepped in to conduct our choir. It was a new experience for Andrea, and she did a fantastic job.

Our Year 1 to 3 choir is competing tomorrow in their novelty choir section. Please check previous notes for details if you are unsure.

**Premier's Reading Challenge** - The 2017 Premier's Reading Challenge began on Monday and we are encouraging all students at St Joseph's Wandal to take part. Please use the following link to view a range of fiction and non-fiction books suitable to your child's age and reading ability.

<http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/booklist.html>

All students have received their Premier's Reading Challenge Record Sheet today (please check your children's bags!)

**News from 1E** - Students in Year 1 have been learning about the sacrament of Baptism.



We have investigated the different symbols used during Baptisms. Today we used the special symbols - water, oil, candle and white garment to act out a Baptism. Our baby is wearing the dress Mrs Egan wore to her own Baptism.



*Janette McLennan*

## Awards - Week 4 Term 2

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

**Evie Geihe** - Year 1E for demonstrating a quiet leadership style. You show us that actions speak louder than words. Well done!

**“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)

**Cohen Cox** - Year 4 For your outstanding persuasive oral, demonstrating your knowledge of the text type. Well done!

**P & F Update** - For some time now our P and F have been hoping to ‘snag’ a Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings. We have been offered the date of Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June (first weekend of school holidays) and we are hoping to muster enough volunteers to accept this wonderful fundraising opportunity! If you are available to assist on this day, even for only an hour, please complete the e-form or notify the office as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your help and support.

**Playgroup** - Dinosaur Park was so much fun. Today we slid, pushed, climbed and swung! Giggles and fun was had by all.

Next week we will be cooking chocolate crackles. Please advise the school office if any children have allergies to ingredients and an alternate recipe will be sort. Ingredients: coconut, copha, cocoa, rice bubbles & icing sugar.



### Meet the Teacher - Sonya Murphy

My name is Sonya Murphy and this is my fourth year teaching PE at St Joseph's Wandal. I am a mother to three young boys, with a keen interest in health and nutrition. I love the great outdoors camping, running, swimming and spending time with my family.

### Sports Draw - 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Netball - Jardine Park

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| 12.30 | Snr C Wandal | v | Frenchville  | Court 12 |
| 1.10  | Jnr C Wandal | v | St Anthony's | Court 1  |

## Rugby League - Rocky Top Oval

12.45 Wandal v St Mary's

## Hockey - Birdwood Park

1.00 Wandal 3 v Grammar 2  
Wandal 1 v Park Avenue 1  
1.20 Grammar 3 v Wandal 4  
Park Avenue 2 v Wandal 2  
1.40 Glenmore 1 v Wandal 3  
Glenmore 3 v Wandal 1  
2.00 Glenmore 2 v Wandal 4  
Grammar 1 v Wandal 2

**Athletics Training** - Students from Years 4 - 6 are invited to attend athletics training each Friday afternoon from 3.20 pm - 4.20 pm commencing this Friday.

## **Important Dates to remember:**

18th May Rockhampton Eisteddfod - Novelty Choir Years 1 - 3 Afternoon Session

19th May Season B Sport Commences for students in Years 4 - 6

22nd May Life Education Van Visits

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24th May Playgroup

25th May Amber Hill to visit Indigenous Students

26th May Sorry Day

30th May ICAS - Science Test

Rockhampton Eisteddfod - Combined Southside  
Catholic schools section 558

Rockhampton Eisteddfod - Chamber Music Group  
Primary section 549

Rockhampton Eisteddfod - String Ensemble Primary  
section 551

Rockhampton Eisteddfod -  
Woodwind/Brass/Percussion Ensemble section 553  
(NOTE STUDENTS TO BE COLLECTED FROM PILBEAM  
THEATRE)

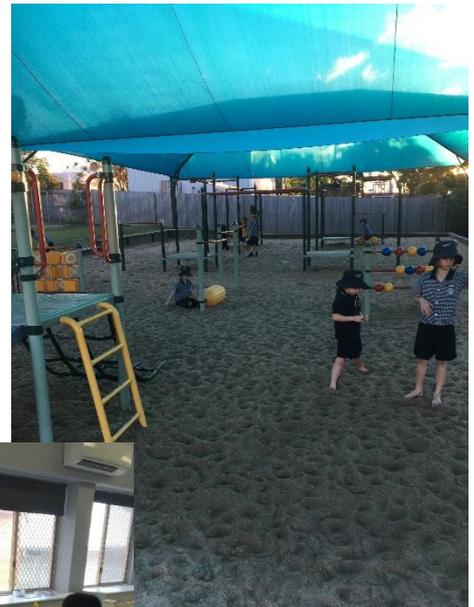
31st May Mass in the Hall

Playgroup



**Outside School Hours Care** - The children all came back to OSHC from their holidays full of energy! They have already begun planning the next vacation care! If families have any ideas of activities we can do at OSHC over vacation care please do not hesitate to contact the OSHC staff as would we love your input.

Just a reminder, bookings and cancellations are to be sent through to the OSHC staff the day before attendance is required on 0429 316 543 or [sjwl\\_oshc@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sjwl_oshc@rok.catholic.edu.au). This is to ensure that a place is secured for your child as at OSHC. We need to maintain an adult to child ratio of 1:15 at all times, so need advance notice to arrange staffing.



### **RSCS String Orchestra rehearsals -**

Thank you to all those who have completed the Eisteddfod Google Permission form:  
<https://goo.gl/forms/RGw2sieEtMdPLIGA3>

As a rehearsal cannot be held on the Monday afternoon prior to the Eisteddfod, a rehearsal will be held on Sunday, May 28. This will allow students to have a rehearsal and Eisteddfod run through of all items (RSCS String Orchestra, String Ensemble, Chamber Group).

The **remaining rehearsals** for the RSCS String Group are listed below. It would be greatly appreciated if all students would **attend all remaining rehearsals for all of their groups prior to the Eisteddfod**. It significantly affects the ability of the groups to prepare for their performances if students are missing from rehearsals.

### **RSCS String Orchestra**

- Week 6 - Monday, May 22 in Our Lady's Hall at TCC
- Sunday, May 28, 9:00am to 12:00pm at St Joseph's Wandal
- [EISTEDDFOD performances - Tuesday, May 30]**
- Week 7 - NO REHEARSAL
- Week 8 - NO REHEARSAL [Rehearsals take place during Beginner Music Workshop]
- [Primary Music Evening - Tuesday, June 6]**
- [Chamber Music Concert for all students - Sunday, June 11, in Our Lady's Hall - Students arrive at 1:30pm to set up and tune prior to the 2:00pm Concert]**
- Week 9 - Monday, June 12

Please email me if your child is unable to attend the rehearsal on May 22 or May 28.

All string students are in three Eisteddfod items:

- RSCS String Orchestra
- String Ensemble
- Chamber Group

**All Primary String Eisteddfod performances take place on Tuesday, May 30.** Students will need to be **dropped at the Pilbeam Theatre at 8:30am** by parents/caregivers. A bus will return students to their schools. The performances are listed below:

- 9:00am Session (Pilbeam Theatre) Section 558 String Orchestra Primary Students - No. 6 Combined Southside Catholic Schools
- 9:00am Session (Pilbeam Theatre) Section 549 Chamber Music Group Primary - No. 1 St Joseph's Wandal, No. 2 St Peter's School, No. 3 St Paul's Gracemere
- 9:00am Session (Pilbeam Theatre) Section 551 String Ensemble Primary Students - No. 5 St Peter's School, No. 6 St Paul's Gracemere, No. 9 St Joseph's Wandal

All the best,  
Ayesha.

**Dr Ayesha Hall**  
*Coordinator of Instrumental Music*