



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Wandal, Queensland

~ To Love is to Serve ~

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Being the Peoples of the Great South Land of the Holy Spirit

Celebrating NAIDOC week in our schools, we recall that this year is the 50th anniversary of the 1967 referendum and the 25th anniversary of the Mabo decision. At this time the Referendum Council is working towards a proposal to put to the Australian public that will recognise the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Constitution. This is no small challenge. Not only are the people who have come to Australia over the last 229 years an ethnically and racially different lot...so too are the first inhabitants of this land and its islands. Yet recently 250 of their representatives met at Uluru, shared and discussed, and came to a resolution about how *they* wished to be recognised within the Constitution: they wanted a First Nations Voice.

This was a different direction to which the Referendum Council was working. Will this become an impasse; will the issue be put into the too hard basket? I hope not. Rather this is a profound opportunity for our development as a nation. We often discover who we are in conversation with others, especially in those challenging discussions where we have to face, recognise and resolve differences. Strangely when we respect difference, we come to appreciate what we share in common and that becomes the bond holding the deepened relationship together. So too will it be for us a nation if we stay with this conversation, but it won't be easy.

One of the first names given to our country by a European was *The South Land of the Holy Spirit*. The Holy Spirit is shown in the Scriptures as the power of God bringing life out of chaos, unity out of a mixture of peoples and languages, and love and reconciliation amongst those who are estranged. May this Holy Spirit be with us all as a nation that we may respect and listen to the vastly diverse peoples who make up our land, from our First Nations with their 60,000 year history to the latest migrant or refugee seeking a new life in our land.

Loving God, send your gracious Spirit into our midst that we may listen to each other with respect and discover that this is the basis on which we can celebrate our differences. In the coming months, may your Spirit guide the recognition of our First Nations in our Australian constitution.

Sr Kym Harris osb

From the Principal

Welcome back to Term Three! I hope that our students have had an enjoyable two-week winter break and are back refreshed and rearing to go for the second semester of the school year!

Thank you - On the first weekend of the school holidays a large group of parents and staff gave of their time to organise and run a Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings. It was a lovely day and although profits from the day have not been finalised, we look to have made significant profit. It never ceases to amaze me how willing people in our school community are to give of their previous time and energy! Proceeds from the day will go to our P and F, to be distributed to our students by way of resources and equipment in our classrooms.

Congratulations - to some of the creative souls in our school community who were part of the Rockhampton Musical Union's recent production of "Scrooge - The Musical." Pictured here are Miss Janette McLennan (Director and the Ghost of Christmas Future), Mrs Hayley Hutchinson (Stage Manager), Brodie Scharer (backstage crew) and Spencer Green (young Ebenezer Scrooge). Well done to all involved!



NAIDOC Mass - Yesterday, Mr Robertson, Mrs Priestley and our indigenous students from Years 1-6 attended the annual NAIDOC Week Mass at The Holy Family Church in Feez Street. NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Although NAIDOC Week was officially last week, many of our classes will be learning about and celebrating this special date in the calendar throughout this week.

Challenge Cup - We wish our Rugby League and Netball teams the best of luck as they represent St Joseph's Wandal over three days of competition at the annual Challenge Cup at St Brendan's Yeppoon this week. Mr Robertson and Mrs Riley will be supervising and coaching our teams and I thank all involved for their energy and commitment. Play hard, play fair but most of all have lots of fun!

Prep Parent 2018 Information Night - A reminder that our Parent Information Night will be held this Thursday at 5.30pm in the school hall. Enrolment interviews will be made during this evening. It is essential that all existing and new families who have registered an interest in enrolling their children in 2018 are in attendance. We hope to be finished by 6.15-6.30pm.

Rockhampton District Athletics Carnival - Information was sent home at the end of last term with students who have been selected to represent St Joseph's Wandal at next week's Rockhampton District Athletics Carnival. This competition will be held at The Rockhampton High School Oval next Tuesday and Wednesday, 18th and 19th July.

Friday Afternoon Sport - Friday afternoon Rugby League, Netball and Hockey will recommence next Friday, Week Two.

**A reminder that whilst Friday afternoon sport season continues, our Years 4-6 students only wear their sports uniforms on Fridays. Year 1 and 2 students have PE lessons on Tuesdays and therefore wear their sports uniforms on this day. Year 3 continues to have their PE lessons on Mondays and so therefore wear their sports uniforms on Mondays.

Date Claimer - Catholic Education Catholic Education Week 2017 will be held from Sunday 23 July - Saturday 29 July and will focus on the theme, "Sharing the Journey".

Pope Francis has said:

Today, we need a Church capable of walking at people's side, of doing more than simply listening to them; a Church which accompanies them on their journey.

The whole journey of life is a journey of preparation...to see, to feel, to understand the beauty of what lies ahead, of the homeland towards which we walk.

What is important is the whole journey by which we arrive at the mission the Lord entrusts to us.

A Mass to celebrate the commencement of Catholic Education Week will be held at St Joseph's Cathedral on Saturday, 22 July at 6pm. St Joseph's Wandal is always wonderfully represented at events like these and I look forward to seeing a strong contingent of our students and families at this celebration. I ask that students wear their full school uniform to mass. Please see Mrs Jenkinson or Mr Robertson or further details.

Catholic Education Week 2017 at St Joseph's Wandal

During Catholic Education Week, we have a variety of exciting events planned!

These include:

- A prayer to begin the week on Monday 24th July, led by Year 3H, and a Prayer Assembly to finish the week on Friday.
- A guest speaker from St Vincent de Paul
- A visit to the Benevolent Aged Care Facility (for some Mini Vinnies students)
- An Under 8's morning of celebrations to be held on Friday, 28th July - parents and younger siblings welcome. Stay tuned for further information.
- A Shared Picnic Lunch to follow our Under 8's activities. Please join us, with a hat and your lunchbox for a picnic!
- Viewing of our Catholic Education Week class videos to be held later in the day - red carpet and popcorn included!

Repairs and maintenance - You may notice that some fencing is being replaced, and gates installed around the boundary of our school this week. We had hoped for this project to be completed during the school holidays, but due to circumstances beyond our control this was not able to happen. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we accommodate the fencing company on site this week.

Thank you to All Out Landscaping for helping prepare our grounds and gardens for the return of school and to JCW Cleaning for giving our carpets a freshen up!

St Joseph's Wandal Annual High Tea - A date has been set for our 2017 High Tea, a theme chosen and a committee formed! Now in its seventh year, our High Tea is the major P and F fundraiser for our school. Requests for assistance for this special event will be distributed to families shortly by our busy P and F who have commenced preparations. Please keep an eye on future school newsletters and our Facebook page for ticketing information.

Save the date

9th September 2017

Our Annual High Tea Fundraiser,
Presented by St Joseph's Wandal P&F



Implementation of Child Safety Curriculum

Some of our classes are completing their Child Safety Curriculum studies (as communicated in newsletters last term) over the next coming weeks. A couple of reminders:

- The Child Safety Curriculum became mandatory for all Diocesan Catholic Education Office schools from 2015.
- 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.
- The content included in the Child Safety Curriculum aligns with what has been included in the Personal Development Education in our schools over the past 15 years. All content has been approved by our Bishop Michael McCarthy and by our Diocesan Director, Miss Leesa Jeffcoat.

Please follow the link for a detailed overview of the concepts and terminology your children will have exposure to. Research has told us that the correct use of anatomical names is important in preventing child sex abuse www.education.qld.gov.au/child-safety-curricu. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please see your child's teacher.

Year 6 Camp Meeting - A reminder that a Parent Information session for all parents of Year 6 students will be held in the Year 6 classroom next Monday, 17th July at 5.30pm. We look forward to seeing you then.

Michael Mangan Concert - Next Wednesday, we are lucky enough to have Michael Mangan visiting our school. Michael is a composer, teacher and music liturgist who is based in Brisbane, Australia. A former specialist music teacher, he has composed over 250 pieces which are widely used in Liturgy and Religious Education programmes in schools and parishes throughout Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the USA. Michael's music is published in North America by World Library Publications, Chicago.

Michael tours extensively each year presenting concerts and workshops for students, teachers and parish musicians and speaks at conferences throughout Australasia and North America. His vibrant liturgical leadership sees him regularly engaged as a Musical Director and Liturgy Consultant for major national and international Church and Catholic Education conferences and events.

Michael will be performing in the school hall from 9.45am - 10.45am. Parents and younger siblings are more than welcome to attend this performance with us.



Meal of the Month - This month, our Friday Tuckshop special will be Chicken Carbonara, yum! Ingredients are: Chicken, pasta, evaporated milk, parmesan cheese, shortcut bacon, onion, garlic, cornstarch, salt and pepper.

Have a great week,
Kellie



APRE News

PRAYER CORNER - *Mary's motto for life was - "Never see a need without doing something about it"*
Saint Blessed Mary of the Cross MacKillop (1842 -1909)

GOD MOMENTS

"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." There are constant acts of goodness (or Godness/God Moments) that go unnoticed throughout our day because

we are just too busy to stop and reflect. Peter Mitchell (author and presenter of MJR) states that "a day without some kind of reflection is a day wasted".

Reflection can be just a few quiet minutes to think about what we have seen or heard during the day that was special. If you have the time to walk around a garden with a magnifying glass, you will spot God moments everywhere. The detail in a rose petal, the busyness and team work of the ants, the colour and features in the leaf of a tree - all these are God moments but so too are the simple behaviours of children and adults alike.

For example:

*When a group of students is playing soccer together and one is knocked to the ground. One of the other students stops playing the game to help the injured player up and to check if he is ok. This is a God moment.

*A class is pushing and shoving to get onto the bus to go to Friday Sport but a student is waiting patiently in the back of the line to get onto the bus. This is a God moment.

*A teacher covers another teacher on duty because they are caught up dealing with an incident. This is a God moment. We should all take the time to stop and reflect on our day.

NAIDOC Mass - Reflection from students

On Tuesday the 11th of July 2017 I attended the NAIDOC mass at the Holy Family church. We joined in singing and responding to prayers. At the start of the mass we were blessed with holy water by the Bishop. At the end of the mass students from St Joseph's Park Avenue did a dance. After that we all got to eat some food. Zavier

Today all the Indigenous kids from St Joseph's went to NAIDOC Mass at the Holy Family Church. One of the things we saw was St Joseph's Park Avenue do a dance about the animals and how special the land is. We heard a representative from the Darumbal people speak her native language. We all got blessed by the Bishop while all the adults and students took the bread and wine. Some other Indigenous people came around with a bowl and a big leaf and flicked some holy water over all the kids. We also learnt the "Our Father" in the Darumbal language. At the end, a student from each school had to go up and get a present from Jordon Young who won Mr Darumbal for 2017. Aliviah

SJW Faith-Builders Group (with Mrs Starr)

This term every Monday at first lunch eating time students are invited to participate in a small prayer session in the hall. This important faith building time will provide children with opportunities to be still and reflect, 2 minute meditations, talk circles, sharing of bible stories, Godly Play and wondering time. Students will assist in leading the direction of this faith building session, with some requests including making prayer beads, Lego prayers and using blocks to build and retell known stories. Children will participate in a variety of different prayers and hands on activities as they develop their faith and relationship with God.



Scott Robertson

make **Jesus** real

Curriculum Update

Term Three, Week One

Parent Information Letters

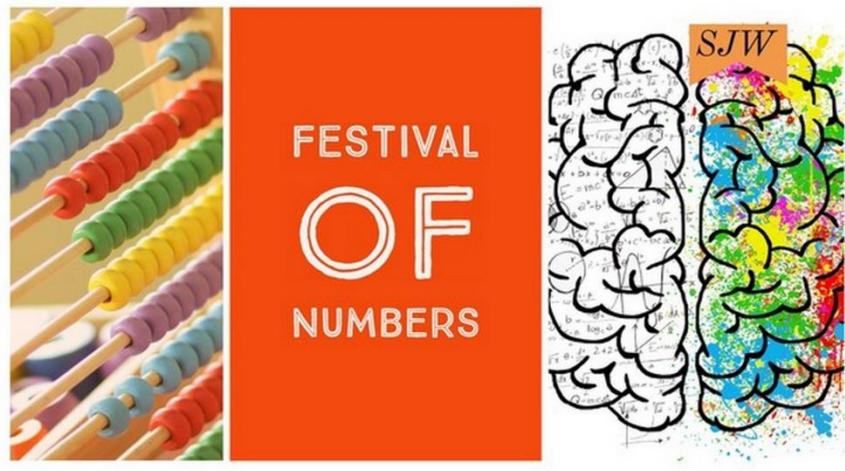
A reminder to all parents that class letters have been sent out via the skoolbag app this week. It is important that you all take the time to read this to find out what exciting learning adventures await your child this term.

Emmaus Production

Students in Years 4 and 5 will be attending the final dress rehearsal of 'Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat' on 20 July. More information will be supplied via the skoolbag app.

Festival of Numbers

Save the date(s)! This year, St Joseph's Wandal will be celebrating our learning via a 'Festival of Numbers' on 15 - 17 August.



STEM Club

A reminder that STEM club will continue at lunch time on Thursdays!



Have a great week everyone.
Janette

Awards - Term 3 Week 10

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

Cooper Wilson - for motivating your friends with positive words and showing kindness to all.

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

Peyton Walsh - for demonstrating encouragement for all participants on ‘Sports Day’

Funding Update

The Federal Government has now passed legislation to implement a new model for school funding from 2018 to 2027.

The Federal Government has made changes to its model to address some of the concerns of the Catholic sector including providing increased transitional funding to assist us to adjust to the new funding regime.

The Government has also agreed to a review of the highly significant Socio-Economic Status (SES) and Capacity to Contribute elements of the funding model. The Catholic sector has been calling for this review for some time as it was one of the recommendations of the original Gonski report. We are pleased that the Government will now examine the suitability of the current system and seek improvements.

Some key elements of the funding package also include:

- *Schools transitioning upwards to meet their Schooling Resource Standard (SRS) target will have their funding increased to the required level over six years (meaning they will attract more funding, sooner). The SRS is a key part of the new needs-based funding model which takes into account the circumstances of students, schools and systems in deciding how funding is allocated;*
- *Schools currently funded above their SRS will have their funding reduced over 10 years (meaning that, although they will attract less funding, this transition will still occur over 10 years).*
- *The System Weighted Average through which the SES for all Queensland Catholic schools was averaged and funding allocated based on the average has been abandoned. However, over the next 12 months Queensland Catholic schools will receive an estimated \$7.5 million in transition funds to assist in the first year of transition away from the System Weighted Average.*
- *A new National School Resourcing Board will be established to oversee the distribution of funds and to review funding levels and other matters. Its powers and composition have not yet been outlined in detail.*

We will continue to keep you updated as further discussions with the Federal Education Department take place and we gain a greater understanding of the details of the legislation.

Free parenting program proven to help with ADHD

Is your child exhibiting symptoms of ADHD? Maybe they’ve just been diagnosed? Triple P can help! Its [online parenting program has been shown](#) to improve children’s ADHD symptoms; reduce parents’ stress and depression; and improve parents’ confidence in dealing with challenging behaviours.

Queensland mother Naomi Stantiall did Triple P Online when her 5-year-old son was diagnosed with ADHD. “He wasn’t following instructions and was getting angry and aggressive. Now he can express himself better and control himself a bit more.”

Find out more about free Triple P Online at www.triplep-parenting.net.au/kids

Tuckshop - Roster for tuckshop for Term 3 as follows:

14 July	Dallas Hogan & Carl Quinn
19 July	Judy Jensen
21 July	Kylie Harte & Sheree Abotomey
26 July	Sue May
28 July	Kellie Cole & Carl Quinn
2 August	Judy Jensen
4 August	Jody Mackay & Dallas Hogan
9 August	Tania Cuskelly
11 August	Kellie Cole & Kylie Harte
16 August	Sue May
18 August	Sheree Abotomey & Carl Quinn
23 August	Louise Brown
25 August	Dallas Hogan & Judy Jensen
30 August	Carl Quinn
1 September	Jody Mackay & Carl Quinn
6 September	Judy Jensen
8 September	Sheree Abotomey & Kellie Cole
13 September	Sue May
15 September	Kylie Harte & Carl Quinn

Important Dates to remember:

13 July	Challenge Cup Day 2 Prep 2018 Parent Information Session 5.30pm
14 July	Challenge Cup Day 3 Prayer Assembly Year 2 G
17 July	Year 6 Camp Information Evening 5.30pm (Year 6 Classroom)
18 July	District Athletics
19 July	District Athletics Michael Mangan Concert Playgroup
20 July	Year 4 and 5 to Josephs and His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat
21 July	Interschool Sport Recommences for Season Prayer Assembly Year 3H
22 July	Catholic Education Week Mass at Cathedral
24 July	Catholic Education Week
26 July	Mass in the Hall Playgroup
28 July	National Tree Day - Year Three Students Under 8's Day at School Prayer Assembly Year 3C
2 August	Playgroup
4 August	Prayer Assembly 1 E
7 August	Bi-Annual Celebrations Heritage Village - Whole School Mass 9.30
8 August	Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Year 6 Depart for Camp at Chaverim
9 August	Playgroup
11 August	Year 6 Return from Camp
14 August	Book Fair
15 August	Feast of Assumption Mass Festival of Numbers
16 August	Playgroup Festival of Numbers
17 August	Indigenous Guest Speaker and Performance by Ryka Ali's KADUL 2pm Festival of Numbers

18 August	Prep 2018 Acceptances Distributed
21 August	Parent Information Session for Year 3 - TCC Instrumental Music Program
23 August	Mass in the Hall Playgroup
25 August	Premier's Reading Challenge Concludes Prayer Assembly Year 1M
30 August	Real Talk Parent Information Session Playgroup
31 August	Real Talk Year 5 & 6 Prep and Year One Excursion to Pilbeam Theatre - "We're Going on a Bear Hunt"
1 September	Footy Colours Day Father's Day Stall Prayer Assembly Prep A
6 September	Mass in the Hall Playgroup
8 September	Prayer Assembly Prep B
13 September	Catholic Schools Touch Challenge World of Maths Playgroup
14 September	World of Maths
15 September	Term 3 Concludes
2 October	Public Holiday
3 October	Term 4 Commences & Concludes 1 December
16 October	Pupil Free Day



Beak's Tennis free come and try session Sunday 16th of July 9-10am.

For more information or to book, call 0448044305 or message us on Facebook

Brothers Rugby Union



Junior Season 2017 (September – December)

Sign on and come and try day

Saturday 22nd July 1-3pm

Victoria Park, Lions Creek Road

Ages 5-17

For more information contact:

Olivia 0409638582 or

KARATE for kids 6 years old & above and parents

Mondays: Sports Karate and Traditional

4 to 6 pm, two hours

Fridays: Traditional karate

4 to 5 pm, one hour

St Joseph's Basketball Court
Rundle St, Wandal

Text Robi sensei for information 0427016767

Touch Football - A reminder we are still seeking Coaches & Managers. We currently have one managers name that has submitted an eform.

Calling all Coaches & Managers - Touch Football Season Two will commence on Saturday 5th August. Before we call for players we would like to ensure we have enough interest from prospective coaches and managers.

Please find below an outline of duties:

Coach's Responsibilities - Coaching team/s, organise training sessions and be at game day, provide support and have a positive attitude to all players and parents, re-enforcing good sportsmanship.

Manager's Responsibilities - Nominate team, ensure registration fees are collected from all players (2017 fee \$60.00) and paid to RTA, collect all players' P & F shirt levy (\$5.00 per player) and pay to school, notify team members of training and game times, collect all shirts at the end of season and return to school office, provide support for the coach, players and families.

Teams for the season are in the following age groups:

Under 6 Mixed, Under 8 Boys, Mixed and Girls, Under 10 Boys, Girls and Mixed
Under 12 Boys, Girls and Mixed

St Joseph's Team nominations will be finalised by 1st August but before we can nominate teams we must have coaches and or managers.

Please complete the eform with your expression of interest in coaching or managing.

Player Nominations - Please complete the eform

Child's First Name, Surname, Class, Parents Name, Child's DOB, Contact details, Age Group & Age Group Mixed.