



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Wandal, Queensland

~ To Love is to Serve ~

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### And who do you say I am?

In last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus asked this question of his disciples. They had just given what other people thought of him - those answers tripped readily off the tongue but this question was tough. How do you really tell another person who they are? Only Simon answered 'You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God'. Some answer that - it got really to the truth of what and who Jesus was - the Saviour who had come from God. And Jesus realised that Peter only knew this because God the Father had revealed it to him.

Now, in response, Jesus gave Simon a new name - Peter - yes the name by which history and we have known him. The name means 'Rock'. The other disciples probably felt like laughing. Impetuous Peter was hardly to be relied on. But Jesus saw something more than Peter's failings - he saw the possibility of who Peter could become in relationship with him.

Working out who we are is a lifelong quest. We can ask others, we can ask ourselves but still we end up confused. Or we can come at the quest a different way. Who do we think Jesus is? If he asked you, 'Who do you say I am?' how would you answer? As you sit and ponder your response, you can discover what is important to you, how you experience God's presence in the world...and you may come to hear and discover the name and the calling that Jesus has for you. It is in relationship with him, that we discover our truest selves.

*Loving God, I want to know who I am. As I sit and tell Jesus who he is to me, may I hear his response calling me by name and affirming me in all the blessings you have given me. I ask this in his name confident that you will hear me.*

Sr Kym Harris osb

### From the Principal

**Staff absences** - A reminder that a number of us are attending Professional Development opportunities this week. I am in Brisbane attending an ACCEL (Australian Council for Educational Leaders) conference. Miss McLennan, Mrs Riley, Mrs Egan and Mrs Hutchinson are attending STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) training in Melbourne until Thursday. I thank my staff for being so enthusiastic about new learning opportunities. Please direct any queries or concerns you may have to Mr Robertson in my absence.

**High Tea** - Our High Tea is rapidly approaching. Please return all multi-draw tickets to the school office (either sold or unsold) by 6 September. If you can sell more than one pack, please feel free to collect some more from the school office. There are some fantastic prizes up for grabs including:

- Great Keppel Island Hideaway 1 x night 2 adults/2 children
- \$300 Cash Prize donated by Bartlem Construction
- Empire Accommodation 1 x night for 2 people
- \$300 Photography Voucher Jo Upton Photography
- \$300 Nomad Jones pack including Moroccan Leather Pouff

....and many more!

If you haven't completed the "helpers" e-form as yet and can help in some way, I urge you to complete this as soon as possible. If you need assistance with completing the e-form, please drop into the office - we are only too happy to show you how. Thank you!

**'Real Talk' for Years 5 and 6 Students** - A reminder of this afternoon's parent session for all parents of Years Five and Six students by 'Real Talk.' Student sessions for these classes will take place tomorrow during the school day.

**\*Reminder: Parent Teacher interviews** - A different model for Parent Teacher Interviews will be trialled next term. All Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in the school hall over two days. These sessions will be 15 minutes long. We urge all parents to book a Parent Teacher Interview, in preparation for the end of Semester Reports which will be distributed in the last week of school.

WHAT: Semester Two - Parent/Teacher Meetings

WHEN: Tuesday 10 October and Wednesday 11 October

TIMES: 15 minute time slots from approximately 3.15pm-7.00pm.

WHERE: The School Hall

As per normal, bookings will be made online via Parent Lounge. This will be available from next Monday 4 September from 9 am and closes Friday 6 October 9 am.

**Father's Day BBQ Breakfast Fundraiser** - A reminder that on Friday the Year Six students will be holding a Father's Day Breakfast Fundraiser. For this morning, we will be serving sausages on bread, coffee and fruit. We will begin serving food at 8.00am. Dads eat for free! Numbers for catering are due, via the e-form, TODAY please.

**Footy Colours Day! - FREE DRESS DAY** - St Joseph's Wandal is participating in Footy Colours Day this year to help kids with cancer continue with their education. On Friday, we invite students and parents to wear their jerseys or sporting uniforms to school, and provide a gold coin donation towards this worthy cause.



**Vacation Care** - Our next school holiday period is less than three weeks away. Our Outside School Hours Care staff have been working very hard to develop an exciting program for our September holiday break and this program is distributed with today's newsletter. If you are interested in your child attending our Vacation Care (or After School) program, please do not hesitate to give the coordinator, Hailey, a call on 0429316543.

**Staffing News** - It is with sadness, that I announce that our wonderful APRE, Scott Robertson, has decided to undertake a different path in his teaching career as of next year. Scott has accepted a teaching position at a local secondary college and I congratulate Scott on this appointment. Our loss is truly their gain. Scott has been such a wonderful addition to our teaching team and I thank him both professionally and personally for his great support and friendship over the last three years. His absence will be keenly felt amongst our school community, I know. I know that Scott did not make the decision to leave our school lightly, and that this decision has required lots of thought and discernment. The position of APRE at St Joseph's Wandal will be advertised at the end of this week by the Catholic Education Office.



Have a wonderful Week,  
Kellie

# APRE News

PRAYER CORNER - "Find happiness in making others happy." Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop

## Gods Love with Year 1M

Thankyou to Year 1M on their Prayer Assembly last Friday on God's Love.



## Benevolent Aged Care - Year 6

Last Friday, Year 6 visited Benevolent Aged Care Centre to celebrate Seniors Week. Students interacted with residents over a shared Morning Tea and Sausage Sizzle. Benevolent Aged Care is grateful for the relationship with St Joseph's. The interaction with young people has a very positive effect for both the residents and our students alike.

Last Friday, the Grade 6 class travelled by bus to the Benevolent Aged Care Home for Seniors Week. I talked to many people who live at the Aged Care home. I asked them a lot of questions about what it was like 60 years ago in Rockhampton and what movies and colours they like. I liked being at the Aged Care for Seniors Week because it was interesting and fun to talk to older generation that have lived in Rockhampton. Cian S.



The volunteers at the Benevolent Home were loving and caring towards the residents, making them smile knowing they were being cared for. Some of the residents were willing to do some activities like painting their hand and then sticking it down onto a big white piece of cloth to be there forever. Other residents would eat a sausage or cupcake and talk to the Year Six students. There

was one lady who asked, "Can you please paint little dots on my face, I mean you only live once and I'm going on 80." It was rewarding and a really fun time. Shannon D.

One person who was really lovely was Iris. She became a friend to the girls in our class. Iris would like the girls who were chatting to her to send letters to her so she can talk to us. Bethanie G.

**Prayer Assembly with Prep A** - Please join Mrs McKenzie with Prep A for assembly to celebrate Father's Day. Assembly will be held in the Hall at 8.35am this Friday.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** - A reminder that Children's Liturgy is held most Sundays at St Joseph's Cathedral at 9.30am during the school term. It is wonderful to see our students attend.



Scott Robertson

## APC News



### Year Three Excursion to the Rockhampton Zoo

On Wednesday, the Year Three students went on an excursion to the Rockhampton Zoo. We were shown around the Zoo by Ranger Mark who taught us about the characteristics of living things. Please read below the reflective paragraphs written by some of the Year Three students.



Today the year three class went on the bus to go to the Rockhampton Zoo. We had a wonderful tour with our tour guide Ranger Mark. There were many animals but my favourite animal was the wombat because we were able to see it move. Some of the Year Three students were able to take a photo with a chimpanzee. It was amazing at the Rockhampton Zoo.

Alannah L

Today we went to the Rockhampton Zoo. It was lots of fun. We saw the following things; monkeys, kangaroos, an emu, crocodiles, wombats and a koala. My favourite animal was the kangaroo. It was really fun to go to the Zoo!

Arlen B



Today we went to the magnificently, awesome Rockhampton Zoo. Three animals that we saw were the powerful kangaroos, the mysterious emus and the magnificent freshwater crocodiles. The emu's name was Fred, two of the chimpanzee's were called Alon and Cassie. Fred was mysterious because he made a weird low gulping sound that Ranger Mark told us came from the diaphragm and was nothing like a burp. It was so much fun and was really interesting and nowhere near boring and I hope we get to go back again.

Matthew G

# Family STEM Challenge

*Learning Together*

## STEM Focus

This week, Melanie Egan, Hayley Hutchinson and I are in Melbourne at a STEM Conference. STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) is a new way of describing the hands-on and integrated approach to problem-based learning that has always been part of teaching and learning. What is new is the importance being placed on STEM, and the way that technologies can support it. We look forward to returning to share what we learn with staff, students and parents.

## Family STEM Challenge

### Learning Together

STEM has so much potential as a tool for students to learn at home along-side the rest of their family. Here is a family project.

#### Marshmallow Catapults

You will need:

- Marshmallows
- One plastic spoon
- Eight popsicle sticks
- Four rubber bands

Create a catapult to fire the marshmallows using the fees of three materials.

Have a fabulous week learning together,  
Janette

Enjoy the rest of the week  
Janette



## In the classrooms - Year 2

On Monday, Year 2 visited some of Rockhampton's iconic heritage listed buildings. Our day started with a greeting from the Variety Bash cars out the front of the Criterion Hotel. We then made our way into Parkers Room at the Criterion Hotel and listened to stories from the past surrounding the Criterion Hotel. We are very thankful to Mrs Turnbull (Gus and Pippa's mum) who shared some history about the building with us and took us up to the top level of the hotel. The view of Rockhampton from the third floor was spectacular. We walked along Quay Street looking at some of the older buildings and discovered the year they were built by reading the plaques on the front of the buildings.

After a picnic lunch on the river bank, we then travelled to Saint Joseph's Cathedral to learn about the history of the Cathedral from Fr Jayanthi. We went to the sacristy where the priests prepare for Mass and Fr Jayanthi showed us where the priest used to stand many years ago to do the reading. We also discovered that Bishop Cani was the first Bishop in Rockhampton and he was buried in the Cathedral.

**Touch Football** - [http://websites.sportstg.com/assoc\\_page.cgi?c=14-2733-0-0-0&SID=49511](http://websites.sportstg.com/assoc_page.cgi?c=14-2733-0-0-0&SID=49511)

Note - Draw was unavailable at the time of printing. Please see above link.

Our Annual High Tea Fundraiser  
Presented by St Joseph's Wandal P&F  
"Raising Funds for our Children"



Where there is  
**TEA**  
there is Hope  
YOU CAN  
BAKE-MAKE-DONATE

You can  
**HELP**  
in many  
other ways

Tickets are SOLD OUT but you can still contribute to our main fundraiser for 2017. ALL offers to assist are welcome. You can bake, join our sandwich making team, donate \$10 for the grazing table. Every little bit helps us & our children.

**PLEASE SUBMIT THE E-FORM ON THE SCHOOL APP.**

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