



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Wandal, Queensland

~ To Love is to Serve ~

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Protecting Children is Everybody's Business

I saw a lion last night. I woke during the night and saw the silhouette of a lion at the front door protecting the house. My mind flitted to the image of Jesus, as the Lion of Judah and I felt safe. Of course there wasn't a lion there - it was the moon shadow playing on the palms at the front of the house. You may have thought my response strange for being pious. I thought it strange for being positive. You see I wasn't like that as a child. I was fearful, an oddball and had a negative reaction in most situations. I'm not like that now and largely that is due to the many people, in so many different ways that encouraged me to be different, to be positive, to look on the good side of life.

How many knew they were doing this? Hardly anyone at all. You see anyone can take a part in building up the children around them and you can never underestimate the influence of the passing word, the kind gesture or the interest shown in a child's life. I can think of a shopkeeper that said the right word, a teacher who defended me when I was badly treated by another teacher (knowing what I know now that was powerful), of family members who showed love and a grandfather who was always interested. It was a long journey and I am so grateful to so many people.

As we celebrate Child Protection Week, let us recognise that each of us can have a powerful influence on the minds and hearts of the children around us. Most of the time, we will have no idea what that influence may be but it will be there. By kindness, by interest, by sharing we each can offer the protection that encourages them to grow into their best selves.

Loving Father, I thank you for all the many people who have had a good influence on my life. Inspired by them, may I show to all children the love and protection that encourages them to go into the fullness of life. I ask this in Jesus' name, confident that you will hear me.

Sr Kym Harris osb

From the Principal

Child Protection Week - This week is **Child Protection Week**.

National Child Protection Week is a wonderful opportunity for everyone in the community to think about how we can work together to keep all children safe.

Importantly, we want to remind everyone that:

- We ALL have a part to play in protecting ALL children
- Even small actions can help to improve a child's future
- By building stronger communities, we are creating safer environments for our children

You can find out more about the role you can play at napcan.org.au.



**NATIONAL
CHILD PROTECTION
WEEK 2017**

3rd – 9th September

Footy Colours Day - Thank you to those who proudly wore their 'footy colours' last Friday. We raised over \$400 towards this worthy cause, which assists young learners to continue with their education while they receive treatment for cancer. Thank you for your support

Father's Day Stall - We hope all of our dads and granddads had an enjoyable Father's Day on Sunday and enjoyed the special gifts, which were chosen with such care at our stall last Friday. Over \$1300 was made from this event! This money, via our P and F, will be used to fund new resources for our children's classrooms. Thank you!

Sickness - There is quite a bit of sickness around at the moment. To prevent the spread of infection in the school, parents are requested to keep unwell students at home. As per our Skoolbag alert last week, we have also had reports of Influenza A in our school community. Please visit the link for further information: <https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/influenza-a-flu>.

This poster provides information on the recommended minimum exclusion periods for infectious conditions: https://www.health.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0022/426820/timeout_poster.pdf

High Tea - There are only 3 sleeps left until our highly anticipated High Tea. Thank you to the many, many people who have bought tickets, donated gifts for the multidraw and have offered to bake up a storm for this event! I look forward to seeing you on Saturday.

A reminder please that all multidraw tickets (either sold or unsold) are due back at school on Friday.



Tuckshop Special - Quiche Lorraine will be on sale this week and next week. This is made fresh in our tuckshop! Ingredients are: bacon, puff pastry, eggs, cheese, onion and cream. Yum! Available in one size only \$4.20

Vacation Care - Our next school holiday period is less than two weeks away and spots are filling quickly! 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.



Have a wonderful Week,
Kellie

APRE News

Prayer Corner - *"We all have the duty to do good."* Pope Francis

Celebrating Father's Day with Year 1M - Thank you to Prep for their Prayer Assembly last Friday on Father's Day.



Prayer Assembly with Prep B - Please join Miss Murphy with Prep B for an assembly on "Choices". Assembly will be held in the Hall at 8.35am this Friday.

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF PENANCE, CONFIRMATION AND EUCHARIST (First Holy Communion) for primary-aged children who have been baptised will soon begin in the Cathedral Parish of St Joseph. If you would like to know more about how and when this will be done please come to an Information Evening for Parents only on:

- **Date:** Tuesday 10 October or Wednesday 11 October
- **Venue:** Cathedral Centre
- **Time:** 5.30pm. - 6.30pm.

Your child must be at least 7 years of age to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. Attached to this week's newsletter is a letter with an outline of the Sacraments in the South Rockhampton Parish.

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.

St Joseph's Wandal Science Exploratorium

All are invited to the Year 6 Science Exploratorium. At this event parents and friends will have the opportunity to handle exhibits and perform prearranged experiments on topics that the students have been covering in class this year.



This will include:

- exploring changes to materials that can be reversible, such as melting, freezing, evaporating; or irreversible, such as burning and rusting.
- learning about transfer and transformations of electricity, and understanding how energy flows through systems.
- and investigating the growth and survival of microorganisms.

The Science Exploratorium will be open **Thursday 7 September 3.30pm - 4.30pm** in the Undercover Area.



Scott Robertson

APC News

WORLD OF MATHS ROADSHOW

As part of this semester's work, we have arranged for the World of Maths Roadshow to visit our school. The World of Maths Roadshow is an ideal opportunity for students to see how maths is applied to some real life situations. The cost of this event has been included in school fees. Students will gain insight into problem solving, working in teams, and also various maths principles which are part of their curriculum this term. It is a highly engaging session which will show the children that Maths can be fun!

The timetable for this is:

Wednesday 13 September:

9.30 - 11.00 (Years 4 & 4/5)

11.40 - 1.10 (Years 5 & 6)

Thursday 14 September:

9.30 - 10.40 (2 x Prep + 1 M)

11.40 - 12.50 (1E + 2 x Year 2)

1.00 - 1.40 session resumes after break 2.00 - 2.30 (2 x year 3)

Parents are very welcome to share in these activities at no additional cost.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parents are reminded to book an interview with class teachers. As previously mentioned, 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.

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. Bookings are available now and will close on Friday 6 October 9 am.

Enjoy the rest of the week

Janette



Touch Football - 9 September 2017

8.00	Magpies MG	v	Wandal Charges	Field 5
	Wandal All Stars	v	Joey Jasmines	Field 8
9.20	Wandal Stingers	v	Caves Jedi	Field 2
	Wandal Warriors	v	RGS Broncos	Field 10
10.40	Wandal Bandits	v	RGS Hawkes	Field 5
11.20	Wandal Superstars	v	St Paul's Thunder	Field 6

Congratulations - to Matthew and Kitty for their piano performances at the Chamber Music Concert held at Our Lady's Hall TCC on Sunday 27 August.



Save the date
9th September 2017
Our Annual High Tea Fundraiser,
Presented by St Joseph's Wandal P&F



“Where there is Tea there is Hope”

Welcome to the annual St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Wandal High Tea!

We look forward to seeing you on the 9th September at 2.00pm in St Joseph's Hall in Rundle Street, Wandal. Parking is available along Herbert and Rundle streets or in the church carpark.

This is just a friendly reminder to bring your tickets on Saturday to receive your free drink voucher and lucky door prize ticket at the door. This year we are again encouraging people to bring their own tea cup and to share the special story of your tea cup with one of our members of the school community who will come and

talk with you on the day.

We are having a fashion parade which is being presented by “Girls Throw Rocks” and “Pure Vintage Style” during the day, and their lovely clothing items will be available for purchase in the school quadrangle throughout the afternoon.

We will be having “Too Teaz” serving and supplying lovely organic flavoured black and green teas and some refreshing iced teas during the afternoon. Otherwise you are welcome to purchase wine and champagne from the cash bar.

We have once again this year been very lucky in securing wonderful multidraw prizes including one night's accommodation for 2 adults at The Empire, a night at Great Keppel Island Hideaway for 2 adults and 2 children, a \$300 Cash prize donated by Bartlem Constructions, a \$300 Photography Voucher donated by Jo Upton Photography, a \$300 Nomad Jones prize and other prizes including but not limited to a Capricorn Caves tour, Sapphire Massage, House of Frames, Criterion Hotel, Handmade by Ella, Boho Chick, and a Twisted Sister Western Wear gift basket. Please remember to bring your two dollar coins to buy some tickets on the day.

I look forward to talking with you at the High Tea and thank you again for supporting St Joseph's Catholic Primary School's P&F “Raising funds for our Children”.

Regards
Emma Singleton
P&F President



St Joseph's Wandal Uniform Shop Update

NEW DENHAM ST LOCATION OPENS MID SEPTEMBER!

Rockhampton Wearitto Smart Clothing Centre
87 Denham Street
(not too far from the existing Ys Clothing Store)

Last day of trading at
113 Denham Street will be
Monday September 4th 2017.

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