



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Wandal, Queensland

~ To Love is to Serve ~

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RUOK? Am I OK?

Many years ago I heard an image presented that describes how many (dare I so most of us - definitely me) react when life throw one of those lumps of ...manure at them. Instead of dealing with the issue they throw it behind them. But the problem is that it doesn't go away. It lands in the backpack we all have for 'things I am avoiding'. At first, it may not cause us too much trouble - it doesn't weigh much and as the smell is around all the time we may not notice it too much. Trust me, our family, friends and work colleagues do. (But they love us and we all have to put up with irksome qualities in each other.) Life goes on, more ...manure comes our way till one day, the backpack is too heavy, the smell too overbearing and we fall under the load. Overwhelmed, ashamed and paralysed, we too often see no way out of our problems.

Then what? We cannot save ourselves. We need others. We have to take the hard, scary step and speak to others of how we feel, of our failure, of our fears. And we have to accept that it will take time to work through these messes we have ignored. Our best hope lies in someone who can listen. Yes that is what we need at first - not solutions but the care of a listening person.

And what of us who have seen our spouse, our friend, our workmate fall? We can feel overwhelmed and think, 'What can I do, I am not an expert?' No, but you are a human being who can listen. You don't have to give advice. We cannot underestimate the power of a listening person to someone in a dark and difficult place. A person simply being there for another has such a power to heal.

Loving God, we each have our dark and difficult places. When I am in need give me the humility and strength to seek the care of another. When another calls out for care, let me listen in love knowing that you are working in both of us. We ask this in Jesus' name, confident that you will hear us.

Sr Kvm Harris osh

From the Principal

High Tea - Our High Tea was held on Saturday and early reports indicate it will be our most successful ever. I would like to thank the wonderful P and F for their ongoing support of our school and to everyone who contributed in any way, big or small; purchasing multi-draw tickets, donating prizes, attending the event or baking some delicious goodies. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Congratulations - to Miss Emma Moffitt (teacher 1M) and her fiancé Callum, who will be married over the upcoming school holiday break. We wish Emma and Callum all the very best for their married life together and look forward to welcoming “Mrs Moon” in Term Four.

Dates - All Year 6 parents should have received communication regarding graduation celebrations distributed today via the app. Please take careful note of the dates and times and do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

Term Four Calendar will be distributed on **Friday** via the app. If you wish to print this calendar, remember you can do so via the school website www.sjwlrk.catholic.edu.au. We have attempted to organise as many dates as possible at this stage, but as always, keep a careful eye on the newsletters next term regarding any changes or additions.

Diary of a Wombat - Our Years Two and Three classes will be visiting the Pilbeam Theatre in the first week back of term (Wednesday, 4th October) to see “Diary of a Wombat.” The cost of this excursion will be billed to next term’s school fees.

Parent Teacher Interviews - Teachers will be holding formal **Parent Teacher Interviews** in Week 2 of next term. These are invaluable opportunities to have conversations about your child’s progress, especially as we near the end of the school year. Parent Teacher Interviews are to be booked online via Parent Lounge (you can find your user name details at the top of your Fees Statement). Bookings are **OPEN NOW** and will remain open until Friday 6th October at 9am. Please advise the office if you are having difficulty logging on to Parent Lounge. (A reminder to keep your logon details for this in a safe place, as this is how you will access your child’s report cards at the end of the Semester.

Vacation Care - Our next school holiday period is less than one week 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.

St. Joseph's, Wandal - September Vacation Care 2017 0429 316 543

Child/Children Names: _____ Parent/Carer Name: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____ *On days you require your children to attend OSHC, please tick the boxes in the program and return to OSHC.*

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1 18th to 22nd September				
Wood Art Today we will be converting some beautiful photos of us onto a nice wood piece. We will take the photos at OSHC and convert them over using a secret science trick!  <input type="checkbox"/>	Inursion +\$15 Rocky Instincts Today we have Rocky Instincts coming to visit us at OSHC. The children will experience such things as: - Traditional fire making - Spear throwing - Bush glue - Bush tucker and much more  <input type="checkbox"/>	Face Painting and Body Tattoos The children will be able to have their faces painted today in any design they would like by either the staff or their friends! They will also have the option of body tattoos.  <input type="checkbox"/>	Excursion +\$15 Crazy Joker Today we will be visiting CRAZY JOKER! We will be leaving OSHC at approximately 9:30am and returning at approximately 1:00pm. There will be chips and cordial on offer for the children for lunch today.  <input type="checkbox"/>	Tye Dye Day Please bring in a cotton, plain white shirt today for tye dying! We will be making colourful, patterned shirts to add to our wardrobes at home.  <input type="checkbox"/>
Week 2 25th to 29th September				
Science Day Today we will be creating slime, snow volcanoes and so much more using our scientific knowledge and skills.  <input type="checkbox"/>	Staff vs. Children The staff and children will be competing in a variety of events today such as the egg and spoon race, balloon races, three legged race and much more.  <input type="checkbox"/>	Excursion +\$15 Rockhampton Zoo and Playground We will be adventuring to the Rockhampton Zoo today to see all of the animals in their habitats. We will have a sausage sizzle for lunch and a play on the playground before we return back to OSHC!  <input type="checkbox"/>	Make a Chalkboard Using Chalkboard paint we will be making our very own mini chalk boards today to take home!  <input type="checkbox"/>	Party Day PARTAAAAAYY!! Today is the last day of Vacation Care. We will be celebrating this with a party day. There will be party decorations filling the room, party games to play, and party food on the menu for lunch!  <input type="checkbox"/>
<small>The cost is \$50.00 per day (7:00am to 6pm). Please send your child with a packed lunch and appropriate clothing. Program changes may occur, without notice, due to hot or inclement weather or transportation/venue issues the day of. There is a requirement to give a minimum of 24hours notice of non-attendance or in the case of sickness as soon as practically possible. If notification is not received prior to the commencement of the day concerned, charges will apply. Please phone 0429 316 543 with any questions. Happy Holidays!</small>				

Thank you - This week marks the last week of Term Three. I would like to extend a huge thank you to all of you for your support and partnership in educating your precious children this term. I hope you all have a chance to spend some family time together over the school holidays, and that our children come back refreshed and enthusiastic about the last term of the year. Term Four is a fairly short one (nine weeks) and commences on **Tuesday 3rd October**.

Finally a thank you to the staff. My staff work tirelessly throughout the term, and often then also on their holiday breaks to prepare the very best learning experiences for their students. I thank each and every one of them for their dedication and hard work this term, and hope they all have some 'down-time' over this two week break.

Have a safe and enjoyable two week break everyone (those of you fortunate enough to take some time off) and I look forward to catching up with all of you next term.

Kellie



APRE News

PRAYER CORNER - "Life is an opportunity, benefit from it. Life is beauty, admire it. Life is a dream, realize it. Life is a challenge, meet it. Life is a duty, complete it. Life is a game, play it. Life is a promise, fulfill it. Life is sorrow, overcome it. Life is a song, sing it. Life is a struggle, accept it. Life is a tragedy, confront it. Life is an adventure, dare it. Life is luck, make it. Life is too precious, do not destroy it. Life is life, fight for it." Mother Teresa

Celebrating Choices with Prep A - Thank you to Prep for their Prayer Assembly last Friday on Choices.



Prayer Assembly with Year 2S - Please join Mrs Starr with Year 2 for Prayer Assembly on Prayer. 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.

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

Every Day Matters - One of the best indicators of student achievement is regular attendance. Although there have been a number of illnesses this term, the number of absences has been significant. Every day of learning is important. We learn as much on a Friday as we do any other day of the week. We will be learning right up until 3:00 p.m. on Friday afternoon. We fully understand that some appointments are difficult to schedule and it can be tempting to take a booking during the school day but your child will miss something. Teachers are very accommodating and make every attempt to 'catch up' missing work, but it is a great challenge and your child will be missing something else when they make up work. Obviously illnesses and family emergencies happen, but please consider before taking your child out of school.

Parent Teacher Conferences - Current records indicate that only 58 parent teacher conferences have been booked (out of an expected 273). This is a very important chance for you to catch up with your child's teacher and discuss their learning in detail. Teachers have set aside these days to meet with parents and re-scheduling for other times can prove difficult for staff members. Teachers also appreciate the time to gather samples and records to share with you, so please book early.

Term Four Equipment - Please ensure that your child has enough of the required equipment to last for the rest of the year. Glue, scissors, coloured pencils, pencils, rulers and biros will be required for the quarter of the year we still have to go. Please ask your child what equipment they need replaced.

Thank You - Thank you parents for your support of student learning this term. It has been fantastic to see so many of you at various learning events such as the 'Festival of Numbers' the Year Six 'Exploratorium' and much more. You are reminded that you are invited to join in the 'World of Maths' presentations tomorrow (for students in Prep to Year 3). The students in Years 4,5 and 6 enjoyed the presentations today.



Have a great holiday everyone.
Janette

Awards

"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)

Luke Pitt - for improving your knowledge of sight words and assisting others.

Dustin Pendry - for a fantastic improvement in your knowledge of sounds and sight words.

Natalie Royes - For your impressive creative writing. The class enjoyed listening to your story.

Bheya Romualdo - for striving to achieve your personal goals. Well done for putting in your best efforts everyday!

Darcy Brown - For the focused manner in which you have worked to complete your Information Report draft. Well Done!

Mia Urquhart - For the focused manner in which you have worked to complete your Information Report draft. Well Done!

Taylor Bartlem - For achieving high results in your spelling test. Your hard work has paid off!

“To Love is to Serve” - (for the student who has consistently displayed leadership qualities).

Riley Clarke - For being an excellent role model to your peers. You always follow our school expectations.

Scarlett Sadler - for your responsible attitude to Year 5 jobs. Thanks for the help.

Jack Singleton - For completing both your Narrative and History assessments early. You are an inspiration to your peers.

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

Xavier Draper - for always going out of his way to support his peers during class time. Helping to find student’s belongings and being aware of others who need assistance has not gone unnoticed.

Lily Matthews - for consistently being a thoughtful and considerate member of our class. Your kindness does not go unnoticed. Well done Lily!

Tuckshop - Help is required in our tuckshop on Wednesdays. If you are able to assist or be placed on a relief list, please call me on PH 49362421. Thank you. Gail.

Term 4 Tuckshop Roster -

4 October	Carl Quinn
6 October	Dallas Hogan & Judy Jensen
11 October	Louise Brown
13 October	Kellie Cole & Carl Quinn
18 October	Sue May
20 October	Jody Mackay & Kylie Harte
25 October	Judy Jensen
27 October	Sheree Abotomey & Carl Quinn
1 November	Sue May
3 November	Sherree Abotomey & Judy Jensen
8 November	Tania Cuskelly
10 November	Dallas Hogan & Carl Quinn
15 November	Louise Brown
17 November	Jody Mackay & Kellie Cole
22 November	Carl Quinn
24 November	Kylie Harte & Carl Quinn
29 November	Sue May
1 December	Sheree Abotomey & Carl Quinn

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



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| Ambitions Health & Fitness | Hitchen Family |
| Artisan Gluten Free Bakery | Jo Upton Photography |
| Allenstown Florist | Justin Taylor |
| Beaucare | Kayla's Studio of the Arts |
| Boho Chick | Lionleigh Hotel |
| Budarick Family | Lilly & Lotus |
| Body & Soul Yoga | Lipke Family |
| Bartlem Constructions | Milner Family |
| Coffee House Restaurant | Mckenzie Family |
| CQ Party Hire | Max Brenner |
| CQ Tilt & Tray | Matthews Family |
| Calico Farm Designs | No. 82 for Hair |
| Capricorn Caves | Nomad Jones |
| Cherish Jewellery Designs | Newton Family |
| Criterion Hotel | Ogden Family |
| Chippendale Family | Pure Vintage Style |
| Clarke Family | Rentokil |
| Cole Family | Robo's Group |
| Connelly Family | Rockhampton Cakes |
| Creed Family | Rton Leagues Club |
| devre Family | Stewart Family |
| Doodlebug Signs | Sadler Family |
| Drifter & the Gypsy | Saphire Massage |
| Dyne Family | Smith Family |
| Empire Apartments Hotel | Swanwick Murray & Roche |
| Elizabeth Stewart | Suzanne Fisher |
| Feeney Family | Splash About Swim School |
| Fishburne Family | Twisted Sisters Western |
| Fraser Family | Tucker Family |
| Girls Throw Rocks | The Edge Restaurant & Bar |
| GKI Hideaway | Thomson Family |
| Gill Family | Weareco Clothing Co. |
| House of Frames | Walsh Family |
| Happy Herb Shop | Wendy's |
| Harte Family | Wilson Family |

Thank-you to our local business's & school community.

We're asking parents to help identify Australia's most outstanding teachers and principals!

Please nominate the outstanding principals and teachers you know, so they can get the recognition they deserve.

Please also share this information with your fellow parents and teachers, and encourage them to nominate or apply.

Nominations for the 2018 Commonwealth Bank Teaching Awards are open until October 12.

These prestigious Awards have been created by Schools Plus and the Commonwealth Bank to celebrate and reward excellence in teaching and school leadership.



\$45,000 Teaching Fellowship

In 2018, 12 outstanding educators will receive a \$45,000 Teaching Fellowship, comprising \$30,000 for a project at the Fellow's school, \$10,000 for professional development and a \$5,000 study tour to a high-performing education system.

The Awards are open to teachers and school leaders from all Australian schools across the Government, Catholic and Independent sectors.

To help spread the word about the Awards, check out this [toolkit of materials](#), including posters for school staffrooms, suggested social media posts and a brochure.

Visit teachingawards.com.au for more information or to nominate a great teacher or principal.

This is a great opportunity to acknowledge the inspiring work that goes on in Australian schools!



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The RSCS Music Workshop will take place at The Cathedral College in Week 6 on Monday November 6. This will involve all primary instrumental music students in the Southside Catholic Schools program. The Primary Music Evening will also be held on Monday, November 6.

Year 4 students attend for half a day and year 5 and 6 students attend for the whole day. This workshop is an integral part of the Compulsory Instrumental Music Program and a very important preparation for the Final Music Evening. It is expected that all students will attend both the Music Workshop and the Final Music Evening as they are school events.

The RSCS Music Workshop is held at The Cathedral College, culminating in a Christmas Themed Concert for all parents and friends. It commences at 6:00pm in Our Lady's Hall of The Cathedral College day campus. A BBQ will be held at 5:00pm prior to the Primary Music Evening on Monday November 6. For catering purposes, please complete the Google Form to indicate if you will or will not be ordering food:

BBQ Form:

<https://goo.gl/forms/4Yw9lqqkWtTdp6B2>

Please complete the Google Forms no later than Tuesday, October 3:

Workshop and Music Evening Enrolment:

<https://goo.gl/forms/yH5jhJLSD4gy4FzE3>

All the best,
Ayesha.