



Joey's Journal

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From the Principal's desk... Welcome to Week 4 of Term 3!

Dear Parents

Catholic Education Week

Thank you to everyone that was involved with our celebration of Catholic Education Week last week. This year's theme of "Making a Difference" really shone through with each of our classes performing a 'random act of kindness' in and around our school community. The challenge for us now is to continue looking for ways in which we can make a positive difference in our school and the wider community.

I would like to thank Miss Rookas and the members of year 3 for putting together such a beautiful liturgy on Friday. It was so pleasing to see each of our classes in the Photo Presentation "making a difference". If you were unable to attend the liturgy a copy of the presentation has been uploaded to our school website and I encourage you to check it out.

Tuckshop

Tuckshop is a popular treat for our students, with many looking forward to their brown paper bag surprise each Friday. I dare say, that our parents enjoy this day just as much, not having to rush around sorting our lunchboxes.

At present this weekly treat may be in jeopardy as we are finding it increasingly difficult to find parent helpers to staff the tuckshop.

If you have a few hours spare on a Friday I ask that you please consider joining the roster, training will be provided and I am sure that you will enjoy the social experience of networking with fellow parents.

If we are unable to fill the roster, we may have to look at reducing our tuckshop operation.

Pick-up Arrangements

Over recent weeks it has been noted by teachers that a number of our students have been unclear of how they are getting home of an afternoon. This confusion can create a great amount of anxiety for students, especially when we are unable to get in contact with parents to clarify. To avoid this confusion we ask that if pick-up arrangements change from the normal routine that this is clearly noted in your child's KIT Book.

We are aware that sometimes arrangements may need to change through the day, so please make a quick phone call to the school and we will ensure that messages are passed onto students. To ensure that these messages are passed on in a timely fashion we ask that you please, where possible, avoid making these calls after 2:30pm.

Big Night Out Meeting

Tonight at 7:00pm the BNO Committee will be continuing discussion in relation to this year's event. It would be great to see some new faces....

God Bless

Aaron Wells
Principal

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Important Dates—Term 3

Week 4

July 29th - School Board Meeting
July 31st - Big Night Out Planning Mtg - 7:00pm
Aug 2nd - Commonwealth Census

Week 5

Aug 8th - Fr Jim's Birthday
Aug 8th - Feast day of St Mary MacKillop
- School Mass - 11
Aug 9th - 800mt Races

Week 6

Aug 12th - St Joey's Athletics Carnival
Aug 13th - 15th - Yr 4/5 Camp

Week 7

Aug 19th - PGF Meeting - 7pm - Staffroom
Aug 19th - 23rd - Book Fair
Aug 23rd - District Athletics Carnival - Jandowae

Week 8

Aug 26th - School Board Meeting
Aug 29th - Fire Safety Assessment & Health, Safety & Environment Visit

Week 9

Sept 6th - Regional Athletics Carnival - St George

Week 10

Sept 10th - Prep Open Day
Sept 12th - Year 2/3 Day Camp - Miles Historical Village

Week 11

Sept 16th - 19th - Prep Enrolment Interviews
Sept 16th - PGF Meeting - 7pm - Staffroom
Sept 20th - Final Day of Term 3

School Resumes for Term 4 on Tuesday 8th October

Administration

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SURVEY

This year our school will be participating in a School Improvement survey, like in previous years, this will give you as parents, as well as staff and students in years 5-7 the opportunity to identify what we are doing well as well as areas for development.



This is a great opportunity to have your say and I encourage all parents to get on board and participate as this feedback will be used to guide the direction of our school into the future.

This week, emails will be sent to parents (for whom we have an address) with the logon details for the survey. The survey will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete and I encourage you to be very honest in your responses to the survey. All responses go directly to RADII so they are confidential and anonymous.

If you would like to participate in the survey and have yet to provide your email address to the school, you can still do so by emailing your address to the school or by accessing the survey by computer at the school office.

SCHOOL FEES

Term 3 Accounts were issued last Week

Payment is due by the 16th of August.



From the A.P.R.E



Dear Parents

In light of our upcoming Athletics Carnival, I thought that this article was quite pertinent.

Winning at all costs: Can be quite costly

Hopefully, one of the pet “hates” of parents would be posters in sport stores that proclaim messages such as:

“Failure is not an option, Winning is the only thing that matters” or “Whoever comes second is the first loser.”

Of course, adults would quickly realise that the non-winners or the losers associated with such posters are the authors who have failed to understand the purpose of participation. However, such statements might have negative effects on children. If expectations are too great, children can be afraid of facing disappointment after they have put a great deal of effort into an endeavour.

In his book, “Will You Still Love Me if I Don’t Win?” Christopher Anderson makes the distinction between negative

and positive competition: negative competition occurs when a child competes for his self-worth and value as a person. Positive competition is the result of children competing to discover their talents and inner strengths such as determination, patience and graciousness. This sentiment is supported by this extract from a poem:

*Don’t undermine your worth by comparing yourself with others;
It is because we are different that each of us is special.
Don’t set your goals by what other people deem important.
Only you know what is best for you....”*

The last thing we want children to be concerned about is the fear of failure or not living up to their last success. This is why in whatever endeavour they might undertake, children need their parents’ love, approval, acceptance and the sense of security whatever the outcome.

“Nothing is really over until the moment you stop trying. Don’t be afraid to admit that you are less than perfect. It is this fragile thread that binds us to each other....”

As parents, we should always respect a child’s emotional nature and care enough to understand and relate to what they are feeling, not just to what they are thinking. To show respect, teaches a child to respect others and helps build relationship skills. Children need to be allowed to feel their negative feelings such as anger, sadness, loss, in a safe constructive way so as to work through the experience, survive it and move on. Children need to learn how to handle success and failure with grace, style and dignity.

“Don’t be afraid to encounter risks. It is by taking chances that we learn how to be brave.” Author Unknown

Often times, the example that is put before us by the “Professionals” is not always to the benefit of “good example”; nor is the attitude expressed by their supporters. In our parental role, we need to take care that we don’t fall in with the “crowd” and a society that does not always value feelings.

Why Is It So?

Naming Clothes and Other Items

We are all guilty of misplacing items regardless of our age. It is then understandable that our children will at some stage misplace a hat, jumper, lunch box, water bottle ... the list goes on.

To help reunite owner and item, a clearly marked name is very useful (especially during the winter months). Every now and then it is useful to check your child’s belongings to see if the name is still clearly visible. It is also important to check that your child has not accidentally picked up another student’s clothing.

Our Staff pick up many clothes on a daily basis and find it very difficult to ensure all items end up with the right person. So please help us reinforce responsible actions with your children.

Named items, checking names at home and responsible actions at school = clothes with the right people.



STATE TOUCH FOOTBALL

Patterson Bannister, a member of the U12 South West Touch Football Team travelled to Caboolture from the 24th - 28th July to compete in the State Touch Football Carnival. Patterson has been training in preparation for this event and he is to be commended on his dedication and commitment. I look forward to hearing of his experience on my return.

STATE TENNIS

Darcy Hubbard, our South West U12 Tennis Teams No. 1 Girl is jet setting to Townsville from 1st - 4th August to test her Tennis skills against the State's best. We wish Darcy every success at the Tennis Championships and hope all her training and dedication leading up to this event see her having a successful and enjoyable time in Townsville.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our Athletics Carnival is fast approaching and I am really excited for the students to be able to showcase their Athletic talents and compete in their individual running and field events. Students are always so proud to be able to share their experiences with their parents, family and friends. Everyone is most welcome to attend our St Joey's Athletics Carnival and in order for you to plan ahead please find enclosed a PROGRAM OF EVENTS for Friday 9th August, which will see the 9 - 13 years Students competing in a 800m Event, followed by a full program of Events on Monday 12th August for our 5 - 13 year old students.

If any parents are able to assist in anyway on the day with Time-keeping, Judging or with Field Events could you please fill in the Parent Helper Slip and return to the office as soon as possible. Your assistance is very valued and much appreciated.

St Joey's Athletics Carnival

I _____ will be able to help out as a parent helper at the St Joey's Athletics Carnival on Monday 12th August.

Signed: _____

A Word from Sr. Marlon....

ACTS OF KINDNESS. What a good idea to celebrate Catholic Education week by performing random acts of kindness! I was sorry to miss the visit to Illoura Village by the children in Years Two and Five. I believe it was enjoyed and appreciated by young and old, and no doubt the residents and the school children learnt from one another. Thank you to all who were involved.

PARISH MASS this week will be on Sunday 4th August at 6 p.m.

UNIFORMS

The uniform shop will be open **Wed Morning** from **8.30 - 9:00am** and **Thurs morning** from **8:30 - 9:15am**

Uniform co-ordinators are:
Ann Welke Ph: 4668 9580 Mob: 0409 643 758
Cathy McLatchey Ph: 4669 1904 Mob: 0404 013 218



Assembly Briefs

TERM 3, WEEK 3

Birthdays: Harry Frith

Reece Mitchell

William Playsted

Tristan Mitchell



Making A Difference Awards:

Prep: Gemma Lenihan

Shane Willoughby

Yr 1: Aoife Lynch

Belle Blampied

Yr 2: Sophie Bender

Yr 3: Phoebe Allen

Yr 4: James Crothers

Chloe Ellem (Absent)

Yr 5: Jaimee Walsh & Tom Watson



Goal Achievers:

Yr 6: Clancy Playsted

Yr 7: Maddi Cross, Ronac Tom, Penny Crothers, Tom Carlish, She-arna Schnaubelt



Lunchtime at the Movies

Thursday & Friday
(Big Lunch)

Gold Coin Donation

All funds raised to support our year 3 & 5 students attendance at the Dalby Eisteddfod



The year 3 class is on the lookout for Crocodile Hand puppets to use as props in their Eisteddfod performance next week

If you have one at home or know someone that does please see Miss Rookas.



Tuckshop



Tuckshop Roster for Friday 2nd August: Tarah Gale, Michele Walsh & Raschelle Hewett. More helpers are needed in the Tuckshop. If you are able to help out on any Fridays, please contact Trish 0408 689 112

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St Joseph's School
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2013

9 – 13 yrs Boys & Girls

<i>Time</i>	<i>800m</i>	<i>800m</i>	<i>800m</i>	<i>800m</i>
<i>8.40 – 9.40</i>	<i>2000/2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>

St Joseph's School - ATHLETICS CARNIVAL PROCEDURES

Monday, 12th August 2013					
TIME	PROGRAM				
8.40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bell 				
8.50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MARCH PAST • Starts at the 200m start area and continues until the 100m finish line where War Cries will be done. 				
9.00 - 10.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 200m FINALS (2004, 2003, 2002, 2001, 2000) • 100m SPRINT HEATS (2004, 2003, 2002, 2001, 2000) 				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 – 8 years GIRLS & BOYS FIELD EVENT ROTATIONS 				
	Time	LJ	HJ	SP	Rest
	11.00-11.20	2007	2006	2005	2008
	11.20-11.40	2008	2007	2006	2005
	11.40-12.00	2005	2008	2007	2006
	12.00-12.20	2006	2005	2008	2007
10.30 - 1.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 – 13 years - GIRLS & BOYS FIELD EVENT ROTATIONS 				
	Time	LJ	HJ	SP	Rest
	10.30-11.15	2001/00	2002	2003	2004
	11.15-12.00	2004	2001/00	2002	2003
	12.00-12.45	2003	2004	2001/00	2002
	12.45-1.30	2002	2003	2004	2001/00
10.40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MORNING TEA (PREP – YEAR 2/3) (2008, 2007, 2006, 2005) 				
11.00 – 1.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60m & 80m SPRINT FINALS • (2008, 2007, 2006, 2005) 				
1.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BIG LUNCH (PREP – YEAR2/3) (2008, 2007, 2006, 2005) 				
1.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100m FINALS (2004, 2003, 2002, 2001, 2000) 				
2.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RELAYS • PRESENTATIONS ON PARADE 				