Dear St Joseph’s Families,

Today the staff and students of St Joseph’s celebrated Edmund Rice day. Edmund Ignatius Rice, was a Roman Catholic missionary and educationalist. Edmund was the founder of two religious institutes of religious brothers: the Congregation of Christian Brothers and the Presentation Brothers. Here at St Joseph’s we are privileged to have Br Mick Hanley who is a member of the Christian Brothers. Today we celebrate the contribution Br Mick, Br Marty and other Christian Brothers have made to our school.

Our school celebrated Edmund Rice Feast Day, with a liturgy and during this liturgy the Year 3 students were presented with the Edmond Rice Award. This award is presented each year on his Feast Day to a group for Service to others, especially those who are poor or powerless. Congratulations go to Year 3 who this year received the Edmund Rice award for an outstanding effort in collecting mission money and also living the life of a poor person for a day, last year. Thank you to Br Mick and Br Marty for presenting this award.

P & F

Last Thursday night we said thank you to the retiring P&F Executive – Don Schmidhauser, Sheree Prendergast, Emma Lunney and Linda Brown. Under their leadership the school community has been very well served and represented. We are grateful to Don for the energy and enthusiasm with which he has undertaken this role. Thank you to Sheree for her support and hard work in the role as Vice President. To Emma, Secretary, thank you for the excellent work you have done with the responsibilities associated with the position. The Finances have been managed thoroughly by Linda Brown and we especially thank her for her involvement in all P & F activities.

We now welcome our new P & F Executive and wish them all the best for the year ahead. President - Scott Prendergast, Vice-President - Tracey Atkins, Secretaries - Gaye O’Sullivan and Stella Bembrick, and the Treasurers position will be shared by Linda Brown and Patrice Jones.

GONSKI Funding

The media has reported extensively the negotiations that continue between the Federal and State governments and with the Catholic and Independent sectors regarding future school funding. The Gonski funding model remains under negotiation, however the following statement from the Queensland Catholic Education Commission provides an update of the progress being made and as further information comes to hand, we will pass this onto parents.

Outcomes of Gonski still unclear for Queensland Catholic Schools

QCEC Executive Director Mike Byrne said:

“While the QCEC welcomes the Federal government’s commitment of an additional $1.4billion funding for Australian Catholic schools (indexed over six years), there are still a number of unknowns to be worked through before we can develop a definitive position on the Gonski funding model.
“QCEC continues to do detailed modelling work to validate the figures provided by the Department (DEEWR) and assess the impact for the Queensland Catholic sector share of the additional funds.

“The funding position of Catholic schools comparative to other schooling sectors is also critical to assessing the model, and we are not yet aware of the details of modelling carried out by the Independent and Government schooling sectors.

“In this respect, I commend Premier Campbell Newman for forming a group comprising the Catholic, State and Independent schooling sectors and senior government officials that will review the proposed funding model and help inform the State Government prior to the 30 June decision deadline.

“The final outcome that the Gonski model would deliver for Catholic schools in Queensland is also dependant on a significant injection of funding from the State Government.

“QCEC is committed to ongoing negotiations with both State and Federal governments to achieve an equitable funding outcome for Catholic schools.

Greg Cran
Principal

South Burnett Cross Country

Good luck to the runners representing St Joseph’s at the South Burnett District Cross Country Carnival tomorrow. Run hard, do your best and most of all have fun.

You Can Do IT

A recommendation made by the Kids Matter Committee at the end of 2012 was to introduce the social and emotional learning program called You Can Do It into St Joseph’s School during 2013. The whole staff received training in this program during one of the Pupil Free days at the start of the school year. The Teachers will begin to use this program this term.

The core purpose of the You Can Do It program is identify the social and emotional capabilities children need to acquire in order to be successful in school, experience wellbeing and establish positive relationships. The focus within the program is built around developing the social, emotional and motivational capacity of the children, rather than on their problems and deficits.

There are five central keys in the program. They are Getting Along, Organisation, Confidence (Academic, Social), Persistence and Emotional Resilience. This term our key will be Getting Along. Your child may well be telling you all about Gabby Get Along, who is a main character for this key. There will be a different key examined each term. I will pass on some more information about the You Can Do It program next week in the Newsletter.

Paul Burnett, Guidance Counsellor

End of Term Awards – Term 1 2013

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MOTHER’S DAYSTALL
Tuesday 7 May – Friday 10 May
8.15am till 8.40am and 3.00pm till 3.20pm
Nano Nagle Resource Centre
Prices range from $1.50 through to $10.00

Tuckshop – Wednesday 8 May 2013
Workers: Jan Irvine, Leisa Peterson, Gina Gleich

School Banking
St. Joseph’s school has started School Banking. Banking day will be each Monday of every week. If you want your child to be part of school banking a parent information pack can be collected from the school office.

Woolworths Earn and Learn
The Woolworths Earn & Learn program is back! If you or your neighbours or relatives are Woolworth’s shoppers please collect your Earn & Learn Stickers for St Joseph’s. This program enables the school to earn educational resources for our children. Your support is appreciated.

Student of the Week 2013 – Week 3 Term 2

LOVE OF WORK: Isaac Watson (Prep); Caitlin Barnett (1); Lloyd Langton (3)
PRESENCE: La’ Tayah Purcell (Prep)
FAMILY SPIRIT: Athena Ricketts (2); Teagan O’Sullivan (3); Morgan McPhail(4); David Rowberry (4); Solomon Button (7); Royannah Henry (7)

Congratulations to David (Yr 2) on the birth of his sister Claire Ellen.

Coming Events

May 7 - 10 Mother’s Day Stall – 8.15 to 8.40am and 3.00pm to 3.20pm
May 8 Tuckshop
10 Year 3 & 4 Buddy Mass – 9.30am
13 Assembly – Year 4 – 12.45pm
17 Inter–School Sport – Rugby League & Netball Vs Taabinga State School at Taabinga
Parish Mass Times for May 11 and 12

Saturday May 11
9.00am Mass – Proston
6.00pm Mass - Murgon

Sunday May 12
8.00am Mass - Wondai
10.30am Mass – Durong

Mass Times Phone Number: 41681406

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Free community event for South Burnett region
Funded by: South Burnett Regional Council, Australian and Queensland Governments

‘BUILDING STRONG RESILIENT COMMUNITIES’
We get up again

Very rarely does a speaker come along who actually affects real change - that is until you meet....

AMANDA GORE

Amanda Gore is a native Aussie and world renowned professional speaker AND ..she is coming to
MURGON.

Amanda’s philosophy can be applied to everyday life for everyone!

Amanda’s website: www.amandagore.com

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 15 MAY 2013 – 7.00PM
VENUE: Murgon Town Hall, Gore Street, Murgon
Entry: No charge FREE
Light supper provided

Transport: Limited transport will be available from all townships across the South Burnett,
Call 41695040 to book in advance.

Admittance: FREE
Pre event tickets (to be collected by the 10th May) available at the following outlets:-
SBRC regional offices and libraries • Visitor Information centres across the South Burnett • Graham House CommunityCentre,
Murgon • Cherbourg Aboriginal Council Office • USMob Community Radio Cherbourg
• Local Schools
Child minding not available
For more information contact:
Ph: 41698400 or email: admin@grahamhouse.org.au

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Girls –Only

“Come and Try” Rugby League Coaching Clinic
SOUTH BURNETT

The NRL will host a Girls-Only “Come and Try” Rugby League Coaching Clinic (8-13 years old) at Kingaroy Rugby League
Fields on Tuesday 11 June 2013 from 4.00-6.00pm.

The 2hr coaching clinic will consist of a variety of basic rugby league drills and modified games involving passing, catching, kicking
and tackling skills, introduced and practised under the guidance of qualified coaches, with the main emphasis of the session placed
on having FUN. Players will participate in a number of controlled and monitored activities involving tackling and body contact.

The cost for the program is $3.00 with all participants receiving a NRL Boot bag or Water bottle and NRL poster.

Girls will require a drink bottle, hat, sunscreen and suitable training attire and footwear (sandshoes or football boots).

Registration forms are available:
Registration forms may be available from some schools – see your PE teacher
Forms will be available on the day of the clinic

For more information please contact:
Richard Dugdale
NRL Game Development Officer -Wide Bay
Mobile: 0409 069 437
Email: rdugdale@nrl.com.au

*** In Term 2 and 3, all school sport Zones will be holding rugby league trials for selection in Zone Primary
School Girls teams to participate at a Wide Bay School Girls Rugby League Carnival in Hervey Bay. The
“Come and Try” clinic is a great opportunity to learn the game and improve the skills of any girls wishing to
gain selection