Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Archbishop Visit
Last Friday, the community of St Joseph’s was very blessed to have Archbishop Mark Coleridge visit the school. Your Grace visited Year 4 and Year 7, where he talked to the children about what his role is within the Catholic Church. Archbishop Mark then joined us at assembly, where he handed out our student of the week awards as well as answering questions from the children. It was a privilege to have the Archbishop at St Joseph’s and from all comments, he was very impressed with our school. Congratulations to the children who were confirmed over the weekend. May the Holy Spirit continue to watch over you and guide you as you begin your preparation for your First Holy Communion.

Parent/Teacher Information night
Thursday evening, 7th March, is the date for our Parent/Teacher Information night. We consider this to be one of the most important information meetings of the year, as it not only gives you an opportunity to meet your child’s teacher, but to understand the expectations and daily life in the classroom and school. Please see details within this newsletter.

P&F
Last Thursday night we held our first Parents’ & Friends’ meeting for the year. It was very well attended and great to see some new faces amongst the group. After a reflection on the beginning of Lent, we then followed on with the agenda, and it was encouraging to be part of such positive discussions- PE Specialist, Tuckshop, Landscaping and our oval. I would like to thank the P&F who have kindly offered to purchase St Joseph’s a new mower.

Opening Mass/Year 7 Leadership
Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and friends who attended our Opening Mass last Friday. It was heart-warming to see the whole school community together in our church to celebrate the very special place St Joseph’s is. A special thank you to Mrs Lunney for her organisation of this wonderful school liturgy.

Each of us is a leader in some way by the way we do the things and say the things we are passionate about or know something about. We don’t have to dominate or be ‘up front’ to display leadership qualities. Sometimes it is the quiet ‘behind the scenes’ person who is the true leader. Last Friday, the Year 7’s made a public pledge to take on the responsibility of leadership. Fr Michael blessed their badges and the students were presented with their badges by Br Tim. The number of parents who were able to attend is testament to the importance this step is in the students’ lives. I am confident that this year’s Year 7 class will be true leaders in humility and service, trying to be like Jesus.
Recognising our Gifts

It is always great to celebrate achievements of our students either on the sporting field, in the classroom, within the visual arts field or in other areas. On assembly last Friday, I was able to show the children a painting that was painted by two of our students, Anquon and Joseph. The painting is amazing. These boys have recently presented their work at an art exhibition on the 15th February. St Joseph’s community are very fortunate to be able to show one of the pieces of work in our Nano Nagle building and I encourage everyone within our community to visit and admire this piece of work. Congratulations boys.

Enjoy the Week

Greg Cran
Principal.

Thank you to all staff, students and families who have given to Project Compassion in week 1. We have had an awesome start to 2013 with $142 raised. This equates to $1 per student.

Year 7 was the STAR class of the week with a HUGE $74. They chose Mr David Lancaster to perform the worm as part of our Bob-A-Job initiative.

Congratulations on the excellent effort and remember Project Compassion goes till Easter so keep supporting this wonderful cause.

This morning in the Church during Prayer Assembly, the children heard the story of Ditosa from Mozambique. All the money our school raises will be going to support Ditosa and her school. $100 provides enough money to supply materials for each class in the school. Our aim is to raise enough money to send enough materials to help all the students at Ditosa’s school. If you would like more information about Project Compassion and what projects your money is supporting, I ask you to visit the Project Compassion website and read stories and view pictures of real life examples of where our money goes. http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion/

I thank you for your continued generous support of Project Compassion in 2013.

Congratulations to all those students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday and Sunday. The Archbishop visited Murgon, Wondai (Francis and Jeremy Hobbs; Alex Cran), and Cherbourg (Alfie Watcho, Heather and Stafford Sandow) to confirm a total of 15 children. Thank you to all those families and students who were able to attend mass this weekend to meet the Archbishop and welcome him to the South Burnett.

Mrs Emma Lunney – APRE

PARENT EVENING
Thursday 7 March 2013

This evening is an opportunity for parents and teachers to begin their working together in partnership for the year. It is an information evening for parents of school life, expectations and procedures and how we can work together, as well as an opportunity to meet school staff and each other.

5.30 – 6.00 BBQ
Venue: Undercover area

6.00 – 6.15pm Principals Address
Venue: Nano Nagle Centre

6.15pm – 7.00 Meet your teacher
Venue: Nano Nagle Centre

Here teachers will talk about:
- Class routines
- Class expectations
- Reporting student progress
- Class procedures e.g. homework/communication
- How parents can help
OLD BOOKS FOR SALE: 20cents each
Proceeds go to Caritas.
See Mrs Guteridge in the Library

SOUTH BURNETT SOFTBALL TRIALS
KINGAROY FRIDAY 1 March
Interested students please see Miss Amber

Student of the Week 2013 – Week 4 Term 1

LOVE OF WORK: Brett Watcho-Page (1); Jenarl Davidson (3); Ryan Heness (4);
Jenna Holznagel (7); Lachlan Bond (7)
WAY OF MARY: Brayden Watcho-Page (Prep); Annie Walsh (Prep); Jaime McEffer (Prep);
Denaysha Prucell (1); Tarnia Bligh (2); Pheona Combo (3)
PRESENCE: Lachlan Zelinski (4); Anquon Sandow (7)
SIMPLICITY: Matthys Leedie (2); Romana Ricketts (4)
FAMILY SPIRIT: Alfred Watcho (6); Brenna Prendergast (6) Francis Hobbs (6)

COMING EVENTS:
February 26 Active After-School Communities – Lawn Bowls
February 27 Active After-School Communities – Judo
March 3 Staff Induction Mass – 8.00am
March 4 Assembly – Year 3 – 12.45pm

Parish Mass Times for March 2 & 3
Saturday 2 March 9.00am Mass – Proston
6.00pm Mass - Wondai
Sunday 3 March 8.00am Mass - Murgon
10.00am Mass - Goomeri

Mass Times Phone Number: 41681406

Easter Passion Play in Kingaroy
The Iona Passion Play is coming to The Kingaroy Town Hall
on Saturday March 23rd with performances at 2pm and 7pm.
Tickets: Early Bird: $12 At the Door: Adults $18 Seniors/Students $15
Children (under 15) $5 Group discounts available.

‘OLIVER’
is coming to the South Burnett
THE SOUTH BURNETT MUSICAL COMEDY SOCIETY
will be presenting the very popular musical
‘OLIVER’
in August 2013

A cast of singers, dancers and actors is required for on stage work as well as a backstage crew of stage manager and assistants, lighting and sound operators, wardrobe manager and front of house helpers.

Auditions for the children’s chorus will be held on the following dates:
Girls (aged 7 – 17yrs) Saturday 9 March 12noon
Boys (aged 7 – 17yrs) Sunday 10 March 12 noon
at the Kingaroy High School Assembly Hall Toomey St Kingaroy.

The requirements of participation from child and parent will be outlined prior to auditions beginning therefore we ask that parents stay with their child for this session.

In fairness to everyone, children are asked not to wear clothing which identifies with any particular dance or choir groups. This allows for all those auditioning to be assessed on merit.

Those selected (boys & girls) will be required again on Saturday 16th March at the SBMCS Shed in the Enterprise Centre.

Adult rehearsals will begin on 21 April at the SBMCS Shed.

So … brush up the cockney accent and you may …..
‘Consider Yourself One Of Us’
For further details please contact:
Director – Jan Pritchard 4162 3784
Publicity – Margie Williams 0424924632

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BARABAH UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB
2013 JUNIOR & SENIOR SEASON
It’s not too late to become a member of our Club for 2013.
Players, Coaches & Volunteers are all invited to join in the fun of soccer.
For more information please see our Website www.barambahunited.com
Facebook page or contact the persons below.

Junior Training (5-16):
Thursdays 4-5pm in Wondai from 7th March
Contact: Sarah Vanderkol 0429 686 001
Senior Training:
Wednesdays 6pm in Murgon now in progress
Contact: Theresa Jensen 0459 405 727
Or email us at barambahfc@gmail.com

Murgon Diabetes Prevention Program
Over 4 workshops participants will learn practical solutions to reduce their risk of developing Type 2 Diabetes.
Workshops include:
Hands on physical activity
Preparation of a healthy breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks, with a focus on quick, simple and inexpensive options
Information about smart food choices to prevent diabetes
Hints and tips to shop for healthy food choices
When: Thursdays 7 March to 28 March 2013 5.30pm – 7.00pm
Where: Murgon Town Hall, Cnr Lamb & Gore Streets
The Program is being subsidised by RHealth so places are being offered to you for free.
RSVP is encouraged as places are limited.
If you think this program might be for you speak to your General Practitioner or contact:
Caitlin Isaac at RHealth Phone: 07 4162 5230 or Email: caitlin.isaac@rhealth.com.au

Boobubyan flood information meeting and BBQ
The South East Burnett Landcare group are pleased to invite you to our Flood Recovery BBQ.
When: 1 March 2013, 12 noon with free BBQ from 3pm
Where: Boobubyan Hall
RSVP: Lawless Family 4168 6262, by 28th Feb
The day will include information on flood recovery with 14 different agencies in attendance.
Book 1 on 1 appointments from 10am, with info session starting at 12noon.

Looking For Volunteer Host Families
World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2013. Our students from Italy, Belgium, Finland, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands and South America are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.
Find out more!
Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.
Sylvia Kelly
Manager – Inbound Exchange Programs
Phone: 1300 884 733; Email: info@wep.org.au; Online: http://www.wep.org.au

IT’S BACK 2013
FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE
South Burnett PCYC, 40 Macalister Street, Murgon.
$5.00 per person.
All school children welcome.
Bus pick up and drop off times:
Goomeri – Dickenson’s Park, Pick up 5.30pm and Drop off 9.15pm.
Wondai – Timber Museum, Pick up 5.30pm and Drop off 9.15pm.