Dear St Joseph’s Families,

Last week, two events, worlds apart, were significant for St Joseph’s.

**Venerable Nano Nagle**

Last Thursday, 31 October, in Vatican City, Pope Francis bestowed the title of “Venerable” on Nano Nagle, the second of four steps on the path to canonisation.

‘Head of the Leadership Team Sister Mary Deane said that by proclaiming Nano Nagle “Venerable”, the Universal Catholic Church had recognised her as a woman of faith, hope, and heroic virtue whose vision and work transformed the lives of very many. She added that for the Order’s Sisters, associates, and for the friends of Nano throughout the world, the Venerable Nano had been, and continues to be, a source of inspiration and challenge as they respond to the needs of today in fidelity to the gospel and in her spirit.’


Nano was declared a “Servant of God” in 1994. Following last week’s announcement, the journey continues with the next step, to be declared Blessed and the final step canonisation, declared a Saint for the whole Church. This process is likely to take many years.

We congratulate Sr Carmel, Sr Vianney and the Presentation Sisters on this wonderful achievement and as the first religious at St Joseph’s we look forward to being part of this great occasion.

**Music Count Us In**

Last Thursday, we participated in the Seventh Annual, *Music Count Us In* performance. We joined with students from more than 2,000 schools across Australia to sing, *Keep On*, the 2013 song written and recorded by students from a variety of schools across Australia. We gathered in the Nano Nagle Resource Centre at 11.15am and watched the live webcast, hosted by the lead vocalist on the recording, Darren Percival, from the top of Q1 at Surfer’s Paradise, and joined the rest of Australia in singing, *Keep On* at the conclusion of the countdown.

In late 2005, the federally-funded National Review of School Music Education was handed down. The Review found that most students miss out on meaningful music education in schools. It said that we needed to lift the status of music in schools, to remind teachers, parents, principals, kids and the community about the value and benefits of learning music.

With support from The Australian Government, MCUI has run since 2007 and is all about celebrating the value of music education to students’ development, whoever they are, wherever they are. It involves more than 600,000 students, teachers – and often parents – from schools all over Australia who sign up to learn, rehearse, then perform the same song, on the same day, at the same time.

I would like to congratulate the children on their excellent effort when performing on the day and a big thank you to Br Tim on his organisation of the whole event.

We hope to continue our involvement in the *Music Count Us In* program in the years ahead.
Staffing News

There are some staffing changes which have been confirmed and will come into effect in 2014. Firstly, Br Mick will be leaving us as he begins a well-earned retirement. Br Mick has been the Learning Support teacher at St Joseph’s for 12 years and during that time has supported many children with their learning. Thank you Br Mick!

David Lancaster, our Year 3 Teacher, has accepted a change of school and will be returning to Brisbane with his family. David will be working at St Edward the Confessor, Daisy Hill and we thank him for the contribution he has made to the education of children, whilst at St Joseph’s.

We also say farewell to one of our School Officers, Mrs Karen Bond. Karen has accepted a position at Murgon Childcare and Learning Centre and we thank her for all her hard work assisting teachers and children during her time at St Joseph’s.

Whilst we will miss these staff members, we wish them well in the next phase of their lives.

PREP ORIENTATION:

We are looking forward to greeting and meeting our 2014 Prep students on Wednesday November 13. Our Orientation morning gives them a chance to get to know the school a little better and become familiar with some of the staff members who will be part of their school days next year. We will also welcome the families of these students as we share with them some of the important aspects of life at St Joseph’s and assist them to be prepared for the start of a big adventure with their children.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Renee Irvine, who competed in the Queensland State Titles for girls cricket in Brisbane last week. Renee achieved great results throughout all games, scoring 53 not out in the final. Renee was a member of the Wide Bay team that were crowned State Champions after winning the final. Congratulations to Renee as she was selected in the Qld Team that will compete in the national titles in Victoria early next year. Well done to Renee on her great achievements.

Congratulations to Lachlan Zelinski and Jarrod Barnett who competed in the Garden City Gymnastics Titles in Toowoomba on 20 October. Lachlan achieved great results finishing 4th on Vault, 3rd on Pommel Horse, 5th on Parallel Bars, 4th on the rings and 5th on High Bar.

Jarrod achieved great results finishing 2nd on Vault, 6th on Pommel Horse, 4th on Parallel Bars, 6th on the Rings and 4th on Floor.

Well done to both Lachlan and Jarrod on their great achievements.

Thank you BBQ

There will be a thank-you BBQ for the workers who helped to organise this year’s Saint Joseph’s fete. The BBQ will take place on 10 November at 4.00pm at Saint Joseph’s, under the Jacaranda Tree. RSVP to Leisa Walker at the school office on 4168 1627 by Wednesday 3 November.

SEEKING INTERESTED ALTAR SERVERS:

The Parish is extending an invitation to children to learn about and become involved in the Altar Servers ministry. Fr Michael and Nicholas are keen to see more children taking on this assistant role in our Parish. If you would like your child to be an altar server I ask that you fill in and return the slip below.

Once we work out who and how many children are interested, we will have a meeting here at school during lunchtime with Fr Michael, Nicholas and myself. This is an excellent way for children to be involved in the life of the Parish, so I encourage any child who has made their First Communion to consider this invitation.

ALTAR SERVERS REPLY:

I would like my child/children
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to be involved in the Altar Servers training sessions.
SIGNED: -------------------------------
Name ......................................................
Phone contact: ........................................
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Greg Cran, Principal
St Joseph’s School invites you to ………

St Joseph’s
Grandparents’ and Special Visitors’ Day
Friday 15 November

Program for the Morning
8.45 – 9.15am Liturgy – Church
9.30 – 10:15am Classroom Visits
10:15am Morning Tea and Concert - Hall

Morning Tea will be served for guests in Hall

FROM THE APRE

This weekend we listened to one of the most well-known gospel stories, that of Zacchaeus. I remember singing a song about Zacchaeus the man who climbed the sycamore tree so that he could see Jesus. You have to admire Zacchaeus’ persistence as he climbed the tree to see if he could find Jesus amongst the crowd. We are left to wonder though, did he find Jesus or did Jesus find Zacchaeus? We know from the story that Jesus looked up and spoke to Zacchaeus and announced that he would join him for a meal at his house. Jesus showed Zacchaeus total acceptance, recognition and unconditional love. Zacchaeus listened and paid attention and was and concern for others. May we be as persistent as Zacchaeus in our search for God in our lives and may we be open, listen and pay attention when we encounter him every day. We too will become more generous, more loving, more concerned and more willing to give so that others may have and live.

“Open my eyes Lord help me see your face; open my eyes Lord help me to see.
Open my ears Lord help me to hear your voice, open my ears lord help me to hear
Open my heart Lord help me to love like you, open my heart Lord help me to love”

Buddy Mass
This coming Friday 8 November Year 3 and Year 4 will join in the Parish Mass at 9:30am. All are welcome.

On Friday 15 November we are looking forward to having you join us for our special liturgy to celebrate the importance of our grandparents.

Remembrance Day
Next Monday 11 November Year 7 will lead the school in a Remembrance Day commemoration. The liturgy will begin around 10:30am and will be held in the morning assembly area.

Mrs Eileen Coghill (Assistant Principal Religious Education)

SLUSH PUPPIES!
Slush Puppies are available every Monday, Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes (all proceeds support the 2014 Canberra Trip).

- Small Slush Puppy (fruit based) $1.50
- Large Slush Puppy (fruit based) $2.00

Thank you for your support.
Student of the Week 2013 – Week 4 Term 4

PRESENCE: Tytrell Combo-Wragge (Yr 2); DJ Olbes (Yr 2)
FAMILY SPIRIT: Anquon Sandow (Yr 7)
LOVE OF WORK: Kanarrah Carlo (Yr 1); Harry Perrett (Yr 4); Morgan McPail (Yr 4); Brenna Prendergast (Yr 5/6); Courtney Bone (Yr 5/6)
WAY OF MARY: Emily Palmer (Prep); Caylen Murray (Prep); Bridget Jones (Yr 3); Jenarl Davidson (Yr 3)

PETE PERSISTENCE (part of the You Can Do It Program) 4/11/2013
Jaime McEffer (Prep); Shontayne Cobbo (Prep); Keli-Law Palm (Yr 2); Emily Bligh (Yr 3); Peyton Muller (Yr 4); Mitchell Bond (Yr 5/6); Daron Bligh (Yr 7); Renee Irvine (Yr 7); Jenna Holznagel (Yr 7)

BOOKCLUB flyers are being sent home today, orders need to be returned to the school by Monday 11 November. If you are paying by cheque, please make your cheque payable to St Joseph’s School.
Nell Guteridge – Librarian

FROM THE P & F
P & F General Meeting to be held this Wednesday night, 6 November at 6.00pm in the learning support room. I would expect to see as many parents as possible attend this meeting as we will be discussing issues affecting the school’s P & F Operations for 2014. This will include Fundraising for Canberra Trip and Tuckshop. We all know that many hands make light work. The current committee is pushing forward for a successful transition into 2014 to ensure greater outcomes from the P & F are achieved.

COMPLETE LEARNING INITIATIVE – Huge savings on EdAlive software bundles

EdAlive has announced the new Complete Learning Initiative (CLI) to give families the opportunity to purchase award winning software to keep your children’s brains active during the coming long Christmas long break.

- 46 titles up to 95% off
- Incredible value bundles from $19.95
- Complete, consolidate or update your collection
- Fun learning for your child
- Free 3 month ZooWhiz Premium subscription for each child

We are distributing the CLI leaflets to school families with this newsletter. Please return your orders to the school by next Monday 11 November.

TUCKSHOP
Wednesday 6 November 2013
Workers: Pam Ricketts, Kris Baulch, Patrice Jones
Suppliers: Heidi Lee, Amanda Zelinski

NOVEMBER SPECIAL: Honey Soy Chicken & Rice with a Popper $5.00

Parish Mass Times
Saturday 9 November 9.00am Mass – Proston
6.00pm Mass – Murgon
Sunday 10 November 8.00am Mass - Wondai
10.30am Mass - Durong
Mass Times Phone Number: 41681406

Looking for a Summer sport?
Come Play Softball!!
Burnett Softball Association invites interested players to sign-on for the upcoming summer season.
When: Friday afternoons from 4pm
Where: Nanango Sports grounds – Burnett Street
Commences: 8th November 2013
Who: Males & Females of all ages & abilities – 5yrs to masters
Contact: Karen 0422204661 or secretaryburnettsoftball@hotmail.com

PURSERS COACHES
Pursers have tickets available for the following shows at the QPAC Theatre in Brisbane.
December 7 Chitty Chitty Bang Bang
January 18 Rocky Horror Picture Show
Contact Pursers coaches on 41681533 for more details or to book!