A warm welcome back to the final school term for the year!

This term is always full of events such as, St Joseph’s Open Day, Prep Orientation, Year 7 culminating activities, swimming, Reports on Student Progress, Nano Nagle feast day, our Christmas Concert and quality learning - all in only nine weeks. A busy term!

At the beginning of the year the staff, P&F and I, looked at areas around the school which may have needed updating or improving. Some of these included beautifying the front of the school, purchasing furniture for classrooms, maintenance on buildings and signage around the school. Some of these things have been accomplished throughout the year and we are currently in the process of getting quotes and looking at starting the maintenance and signage over the Christmas holidays.

One aspect of the school we thought needed updating was the school Logo. Did people know what it meant? Was it still relevant for our school today? After some discussion it was decided to look at designing a new contemporary Logo, one that reflects St Joseph’s, Murgon today and into the future, while not forgetting our past, the people and the Religious Orders that have been involved and played an important role in our school over its 77 years.

After consulting with parents through surveys, meetings with staff and P&F, a brief was presented at a meeting with the Design Team from Brisbane Catholic Education. Logos were designed that met this brief and after further consultation, St Joseph’s new Logo was created.

As you can see there are certain components that have been carried over from the old logo to the new. Let me explain our new logo.

**The Name:** We have included our full name so that people can identify our school as a Catholic Primary School.

**The Cross and Blue Circle:** The old components with the new. This is the part that reminds everyone that we make Jesus known and loved at St Joseph’s. It also helps remind us of the Religious Orders that have worked tirelessly to make this school what it is today: Presentation Sisters, Marist Brothers and Christian Brothers.

**Indigenous Design:** This represents the journey we are on together at St Joseph’s.

**People:** One area of interest that came out of the parent survey was the community spirit witnessed here at St Joseph’s. This is found in the support the teachers have for the children and the way older children care, work and play with the younger children. Community spirit is also shown through the support of the parents and the wider community. The people in the logo, therefore, represent the community of St Joseph’s.

**Respect, Nurture and Faith:** These are the values that represent the Vision of St Joseph’s. These three words come from the characteristics of our three charisms: Presentation Sisters, Marist Brothers, Christian Brothers as well as the indigenous culture. These three words were decided on with the help of Father Michael, Br John, Sr Carmel, Br Mick and the staff. These values are embedded into our school culture.
Welcome to Term 4!
The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary falls today, 7th October. This month at St Joseph’s we will pray the Hail Mary at midday.

October is also World Mission Month. Catholic Mission encourages us, particularly from 12-18th October (Anti-Poverty Week) to raise funds for those living in poverty and extreme hardship, here in Australia and overseas. If you visit the Catholic Mission Website, you will find information highlighting the terrible situations facing so many in our world. If you wish to donate to this cause, you can do so through this website. [http://cm.org.au/WMM2014/fundraise.html](http://cm.org.au/WMM2014/fundraise.html)

This week is Mental Health Week. Splash ABC is holding a competition called ‘Being Me’. Children can enter at [http://splash.abc.net.au/ugc-competitions](http://splash.abc.net.au/ugc-competitions). All you need to do is decorate your hand to show what’s important about you, then upload the photo. Entries close 17th October.

Have a fantastic week!

Celia O’Connor
Acting APRE/CST

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The Farm Land: The farm land found on the bottom of the logo, represents the farms within Cherbourg, Goomeri, Murgon, Proston and Wondai. This also ties the community into our school.

Our new logo will now be seen on documents from the school including newsletters, official documents, letterheads, brochures and new signs that will be around the school and community from today. We are also in the process of placing the new logo on the school uniform from next year. Our 2015 prep class will lead the way with our new uniform, which is being reviewed at present by the P&F. There will be a two year phasing out period with the old uniform so people do not have to rush out and buy new uniforms, however, if new uniforms are required then the latest uniform can be purchased.

I would like to thank all the people involved in the design of our new Logo.

Swimming

Due to the Murgon pool being closed during the last term, St Joseph’s will be heading to Wondai pool. We will begin swimming on Friday in Week 4 and children will attend lessons for the following four Fridays. We will then hold our swimming carnival on Friday 28th November. A letter outlining more information will be out soon.

Greg Cran
Principal

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ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

- Starts at 3.15pm Weeks 3 to 9
- Golf Mondays & Circus Tuesdays
- Please collect your child/children at 4.15pm from Golf Club Mondays & School Tuesdays
- Remember! It’s FUN and FREE!!
Over the next 6 weeks, our student will undertake the key to success of “Confidence”. This confidence unit will aim to promote:

1) Accepting myself
2) Taking (positive) risks
3) Being independent
4) I can do it

This fortnight in Program Achieve, students will start their study of Confidence. This confidence unit aims to promote accepting myself, taking risks, being independent and I can do it.

This week in **Lower Primary**, students have been learning to:

- state the meaning of the word “confidence”.
- recognise examples of confident people and characters.
- identify examples of confident people.
- apply an “I Can Do It!” way of thinking to their classroom work and homework.

Next week the **Lower Primary** students will be learning to:

- state the difference between relaxation and tension.
- help themselves relax.

This week in **Middle Primary**, students have been learning to:

- state the defining attributes of confidence in terms of thoughts, feelings, and actions.
- state the role their thinking plays in determining their level of confidence.
- counter negative, confidence-reducing thoughts with confidence-building thoughts.
- state the relationship between the “I Can Do It” way of thinking and confidence.

Next week the **Middle Primary** students will be learning to:

- identify situations that cause them to feel tense.
- recognise their own physical signs of tension.
- alleviate tension with relaxation techniques.
- use relaxation techniques to build confidence.

This week in **Upper Primary**, students have been learning to:

- state the characteristics of confident people.
- challenge situations in which their confidence is low.
- state and begin to employ confident self-talk when facing situations in which their confidence is low.

Next week the **Upper Primary** students will be learning to:

- state the difference between feeling relaxed and feeling tense.
- use relaxation techniques to reduce anxiety and build confidence.
- use rational thoughts and relaxation skills to manage test anxiety.

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**David Francis**  
Guidance Counsellor, St Joseph’s Primary School, Murgon, Mon, Tues, Wed  
Phone 4168 1627

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**Bailey ALEXANDER** has a new baby brother.  
Flynn Matthew ALEXANDER born on 15/09/14 at 7:30pm Weighing 8lb 15oz, 56cm long. May Flynn Matthew receive abundantly the blessings of health, love, knowledge, and wisdom. Christ’s Blessings to all the Alexander family.
Our Book Fair will be held from Tuesday 21 to Thursday 23 October in the multimedia room in the Nano Nagle Resource Centre from 8.30am to 3.30pm. Remember, having books in the home encourages kids to read so come along and take a look for yourself.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the fair. Mrs Guteridge

SPORT NEWS

Congratulations to Brooke & Ryan Heness, Alex Cran and Nathan Roderick on their selection into the Under 12 South Burnett Club Cricket Team. They will compete at Kingaroy against Gympie in the coming weeks.

Congratulations

Mr. Boles

On being nominated in the Brisbane Catholic Education Excellence in Teaching Awards for Teachers with under four years of service.

Year 4 embracing technology!

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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There are no seven wonders of the world in the eyes of a child. There are seven million.

-Walt Streightiff

Truly wonderful the mind of a child is.

-Yoda
Parents & Friends

NEXT P & F MEETING

22nd October — 6pm Administration Block

All Very Welcome!

Parish Mass Times

Saturday 11th October
Murgon 6pm
Proston 9am

Sunday 12th October
Wondai 8am
Durong 10.30am

Saturday 18th October
Wondai 6pm
Proston 9am

Sunday 19th October
Murgon 8am
Goomeri 10am

Weekday Mass Times

Wednesdays — Wondai 5.30pm
Thursdays — Murgon 5.30pm
Fridays - Murgon 9.30am

October Happy Birthdays

Prep: Eden Shields
Year 2: Saffron Sandow, Bridget Voigt, Charlie Searies
Year 3: Fletch Prendergast, Tytrel Combo-Wragge
Year 5: Jamie Atkins
Mrs Brown & Mr. McCarthy

FOR SALE

St. Joseph’s Stubby Coolers
Only $5.00 each
Great gift & Collectors item
Available at the School Office

Two of the activities on last day of last term when Year 1 from St. Mary’s visited our school.

TUCKSHOP SPECIAL EACH WEDNESDAY

Nachos & Drink
Either Orchi/Popper or Flavoured Milk
$6.00