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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

School will resume for Term 2 on Wednesday 23rd April

Dear St Joseph’s Families,

During the holidays we celebrate the Easter Triduum (three days) which commemorate those events that led to the arrest, torture, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Over this week the whole school will commemorate this remarkable story. Buddy classes will tell the story of each scene: Palm Sunday to the Resurrection. We are reminded that no matter how young or old we are, what a remarkable story it is. The fact that Jesus persevered in doing God’s will in his life ought to give us hope in our own lives.

Easter celebrates the promise of life in the face of death. Easter celebrations also reflect on peace and forgiveness which has come out of aggression. It is also a time for thinking about suffering, injustice and hardship. During Good Friday services Christians meditate on Jesus' suffering and on his words spoken from the cross: 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' (New International Version, Luke 23: 34).

Let us focus this Easter, on the meaning of the Resurrection- New Life and new beginnings.

I thank you for your support, cooperation and partnership over this term, and wish you all a very happy, safe and restful Easter break.

End of Term
This week is our last week of term 1. School concludes on Friday April 4 at the normal time of 3:00pm. Term 2 begins on Wednesday April 23.

NO LOOM BANDS PLEASE: We have noted that some of our students are wearing coloured bands on their wrists. These are not part of our school uniform and we ask that all children keep these for after school and weekend wear. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Have a great week!

Greg Cran
Principal

Important Dates

April

2 Tuckshop
2 Easter Raffle Draw
2.45pm
4 End of Term Awards
4 School finishes -Term 1
9 Scripture Day
23 School Resumes - Term 2
24 ANZAC Day ceremony
24 Cross Country
25 ANZAC Day holiday
Welcome to Holy Week. During our final week of Term 1, buddy classes will participate in short prayer celebrations to enact the story of Holy Week.

Tuesday: Prep, Yr 1 and Yr 5 Palm Sunday
Wednesday: Yr 2 and Yr 4 The Last Supper
Thursday: Yr 3 and Yr 6/7 The Crucifixion

Holy Week is the last week of Lent, when we follow Jesus from Palm Sunday, the Sunday of the Passion, to his death on Good Friday in preparation for his rising from the dead on Easter Sunday.

Palm Sunday: Accompanied by his disciples, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, while crowds of people covered the streets ahead of him with their cloaks and with palm branches.

Monday: Jesus chased the money-changers out of the Temple.
Tuesday and Wednesday: Jesus preached and taught in Jerusalem.

Thursday: After washing the feet of the disciples, Jesus celebrated the Feast of the Passover, instituting the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

After the supper, Jesus and his disciples went to Gethsemane to pray, where he was arrested by the Temple guard and taken to an illegal night session of the Jewish court, the Sanhedrin.

Good Friday: Jesus was taken into Roman courts, before Pontius Pilate and Herod Antipas, who sent him back to the Jewish court. Roman soldiers took him to Golgotha, the place of the skull, where he was crucified.

Saturday: Jesus rested in the tomb while his disciples observed the Sabbath.

Easter Sunday: An angel met Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary" (perhaps Mary, the mother of James and John) at the tomb to tell them that Jesus was risen from the dead.

Our school Easter liturgy will be held on Wednesday 23rd April at 2pm in the Church.
In our final week of Project Compassion, we share the Caritas story of Lorraine:

When Lorraine, from Aboriginal Australia, learnt that she would have to move 550km away to receive vital dialysis treatment, she was heartbroken to be separated from her mob and culture. The Purple House is providing her with a home away from home. An income-generating bush balm program is helping her reconnect with culture and community.

Your donation to Project Compassion helps Lorraine, and other First Australians, retain their dignity and connection to culture during difficult times.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion.

Your donations give expression to the Gospel imperative to pursue justice and stand in solidarity with those most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.

If you would like to join Caritas Australia beyond Lent in the struggle against poverty and injustice, visit [www.caritas.org.au/act](http://www.caritas.org.au/act) and support our campaigns!

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**Thank you**

Sincere thanks to all staff, students, parents and parishioners for your support of our school Masses and liturgical celebrations this term. We have enjoyed beautiful buddy Masses and the pleasure of assisting parishioners at Anointing Masses as well. Students are always willing helpers in our celebrations and their respectful behaviour in Church is to be commended.

Particular thanks to the Year 6/7 Faith Group Leaders for their consistent hard work across the term: Heather, Brenna, Dominic, Andrew, Dawn and Courtney.

Wishing our St Joseph’s community a Holy Easter and a wonderful holiday!

*Celia O’Connor*
Acting APRE/CST

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**ICAS Academic Competitions**

If you are interested in registering your child/ren for any of the ICAS competitions, please contact the office for details. More information can be found at: [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au)

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**Curriculum News**

Thank you
Several of our students went to Kingaroy yesterday to trial for selection for the WINTER SPORTS CARNIVAL to be held in Hervey Bay in May. Children from Years 5, 6 and 7 participated and did their very best. Congratulations to Mitchell Bond, Cookie Aubrey Harry Perrett, Patrick Houl and Emma Cran, who have been selected in the Wide Bay Football and Netball teams.

Remember our Easter Raffle Still time to send in any sold or unsold tickets to the office. Multi-draw Easter raffles will take place at school tomorrow, Wednesday 2nd April. 2.45pm Undercover area, following the Easter Presentations

Thank you for your continued support!

Our Family Holiday Canberra Fund Raising Raffle

1st Prize - Zagame’s Paradise Resort
5 Night Theme Park Thrill Package
(Including Dreamworld)
Tickets will be $2.00 each - drawn on 06/06/14

2nd Prize - $150 Murgon Money

Mothers Day Stall (Week 5th - 9th May) will be held in the Nano Nagle Resource Centre, more information will be provided in Term 2.

TUCKSHOP 2ND TERM—SPECIAL EACH WEDNESDAY

Hot Dog & LOL Can or Popper
Plus a Cup Cake

$6.00

TUCKSHOP WEDNESDAY

2nd April, 2014

Toasted Sandwich
(Ham or Chicken with or without Cheese)
Includes a Popper - $6.00

Hot Cross Buns also available from Menu for.... 80c each
Fr. Elton Fernandes, a Canadian Jesuit, is coming to Murgon to facilitate the first stages of the Ignation Retreat Exercises. This is a wonderful experience to deepen our faith in Jesus Christ. Those involved in the program will be expected to pray for 15 minutes each day from Monday to Thursday and attend Sunday Eucharist. The program will last one month. For those who want to be involved there will be a meeting on 16th April at 10.30am and 7.00pm in St. Joseph’s Staff Room. All Welcome!

**Scripture Activity Day**

There will be a Scripture Activity Day on Wednesday 9th April commencing at 9am and finishing at 3pm. The Activity will be in the school Library.

Cost is….. $5.00

Any enquiries contact Fr. Michael 41681406

Last week years 3 and 5 went to the Wondai art gallery to view the current exhibition. They also saw their own work on display in 'Kids Korner'. Students participated in the 'People's Choice' competition and were surprised with the winner. Mrs Madill baked biscuits for their afternoon tea. They all had a wonderful time.

**March Birthdays**

Year 1  Lara Kapernick, Yuna Olbes  
Year 2  Trent Aubrey  
Year 3  Sam Catlin  
Year 5  Alex Cran, James Olbes  
Year 6/7  Courtney Boney, Patrick Houl, Mitchell Bond, Stafford Sandow, Bailey Alexander, Jarrod Barnett, Jaiden Hill & Kiera Mickelo

**Student of the Week – Week 8**

Prep  Rubin Smethurst  
Year 1  Lara Kapernick  
Year 2  Joseph Atkins  
Year 3  Dylan Kapernick  
Year 4  Jaylah Purcell  
Year 5  Millar Shields  
Year 6/7  Stafford Sandow
Parish Mass Times

Saturday 5th April
9.00am Mass — Proston
6.00pm Mass — Wondai

Sunday 6th April
8.00am Mass — Murgon
10.00am Mass — Goomeri

Parish Phone No: 4168 1406

Upcoming Events 2014
Saturday, 12 April - EUMUNDI MARKETS
Saturday, 19 April - THE KING & I
Saturday, 17 May - MYSTERY TRIP
Saturday 7 June - SCRAPBOOK & PAPER EXPO
Fri 13 to Sun 15 June - 3-Day FRASER ISLAND GETAWAY
Saturday, 12 June - NAMBOUR GARDEN EXPO

Upcoming Tours 2014
15 September—19 September — Canberra Highlights (including Floriade)
25 October—5 November - Great Southern Route (including Kangaroo Island & the Great Ocean Road)

For more information Contact Pursers Coaches Phone:- 07 41 681533
Email: purerscoaches@bigpond.com

The Cherbourg Community Welcomes you to The Ration Shed’s RECONCILIATION FUN RUN. Stalls, games, foods, dance, music and lots of other FUN things to do and see including: Tours of the ration shed.

For more information on the event visit our Reconciliation Fun Run page!