Dear St Joseph’s Families,

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE:
I trust that you all enjoyed a happy and safe Easter period. I do hope that your time with the children was most enjoyable. The weather was kind to us and the cooler evenings and mornings have been a welcome change. It was great to see the children return last week, excited about the term ahead and not too many suffering the after-effects of chocolate overindulgence.

This term is shaping up to be very busy. Our Year 3, 5 and 7 students will sit for the NAPLAN tests in Week 4. Mother’s Day is fast approaching and we will honour these special ladies in our lives in a fitting manner. We will also be holding our inter-House Cross Country Carnival and Sports Day. We have our Parent-Teacher Interviews at the end of term as well as the written reports for Semester 1. Apart from all these activities there is the most important aspect of learning and teaching that underlies everything we do with the children. WOW!!

At the end of last term we celebrated the achievements of many students in our school, who received the end of term, St Joseph’s awards. I congratulate these children on the way they demonstrated the characteristics of this award throughout the first term on a regular basis. This award will be given each term to the children that live out the three values of St Joseph’s – Faith, Respect and Nurture. Well done to one and all!!

As a principal I felt proud of our children last Thursday and Friday. They were reverent and showed respect at all times during our special ANZAC Liturgy at school and in the community celebrations at both Cherbourg, Murgon and Nanango. A big thank you to all the teachers who obviously spent time instilling in the children the importance of such an occasion. I would also like to thank the teachers who attended the Murgon and Cherbourg ANZAC marches, representing our school and supporting the children. Thank you also to the parents who allowed their children to march on Thursday.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS AND GROOMING: Many thanks to all those families who have ensured that their children have returned for Term Two neatly and correctly attired in correct school uniforms. Please remember to ensure that ALL items of clothing are clearly marked with your child’s name. As we head into the colder months of the year, children will start bringing jumpers, tracksuits and other warmer items that are often discarded as the day warms up and we are left with mountains of lost property if items are not clearly named.

Have a great week!

Greg, Cran

PRINCIPAL
Anzac Service

Our school Anzac service last Thursday, saw our students, staff and parents pause to remember the Anzac spirit of endurance, courage, perseverance, respect, and mateship shown in the actions and hearts of our Anzac soldiers. Mr Trevor Sanderson spoke of the importance of remembering the service and sacrifice made by military personnel, not only from times past, but also the service of soldiers in current conflicts worldwide.

Mr Sanderson acknowledged the late Mr Nigel Porter who has spoken at our school Anzac services for a number of years. May he rest in peace.

The respectful conduct and participation of our students in both our school, and community services was very notable. At Friday’s Murgon service, St Joseph’s students joined the Combined Primary Schools Choir to sing the beautiful song ‘Lest We Forget’. Our students represented St Joseph’s with pride and are to be congratulated.

Fr Michael read from the Gospel of John on Friday:

‘No one has greater love than this, than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends,’ says the Lord, ‘if you do what I command you.’ (John 15:13-14)

Edmund Rice Day

Next Monday, 5th May, St Joseph’s celebrates the important Feast Day of Blessed Edmund Rice, the founder of the Christian Brothers. The day will begin with a liturgy at 9am, at which a special award is presented to students.

Blessed Edmund Rice was born and lived on a farm in Ireland. He later worked for his uncle supplying food to sailors on merchant ships from Waterford. He married Mary, and they had a daughter together. Sadly, Edmund’s wife died shortly after the birth of the young girl.

Edmund took pity on the poor in his community. He visited people in jail. He spent time reading the Bible and teaching children at Sunday school. Edmund decided to build his own school to teach the boys of Waterford, Ireland, in 1802. Those that helped him in his work formed communities of brothers, the Christian Brothers. Edmund’s work continues now in many parts of the world.

The Christian Brothers of our St Joseph’s community, Br Mick and Br Marty, continue the work of Edmund Rice. At our liturgy to celebrate Edmund Rice’s Feast Day on Monday, Br Mick and Br Marty will present a group of students at St Joseph’s with the special Edmund Rice Award. This award acknowledges the work that students do for our school and the community, in helping others. Everyone is welcome to attend our liturgy.

ICAS

This is the final offer for students to be registered for the ICAS Competitions. If you are interested in registering your child/ren for any of the competitions, please contact the office for information.

Have a fabulous week!

God Bless,

Celia O’Connor
Acting APRE/CST

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

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School Cross-Country Carnival
What a great morning it was last Thursday with the running of our first school sports carnival. It was wonderful to see the children arriving at school in their team colour and then cheering throughout each event. Congratulations to the Blue team for winning the carnival this year on 128 points. Red was second with 156 points and Gold were not far behind with 166 points. Congratulations must also go to all the students for their positive and enthusiastic involvement throughout the day especially the Year 7’s for their great leadership on the day. I would like to thank Mr Boles for his organisation on the day.

Under 12 Girls: 1st Emma Cran; 2nd Heather Sandow; 3rd Brooke Heness
Under 12 Boys: 1st Patrick Hoult; 2nd Francis Hobbs; 3rd Theo Riley
Under 11 Girls: 1st Rebecca Palmer; 2nd Kiera Mickelo; 3rd Dawn Drury
Under 11 Boys: 1st Harry Perrett; 2nd Mitchell Bond; 3rd Bailey Alexander
Under 10 Girls: 1st Lachlan Zelinski; 2nd Morgan McPhail; 3rd Bridie Prendergast
Under 10 Boys: 1st Alex Cran
Year 4 Girls: 1st Ellie Seearies; 2nd Reegan Hill; 3rd Shauntae Purcell
Year 4 Boys: 1st Patrick Hoult; 2nd Jasmynne McEffer; 3rd Sophie Gleich
Year 3 Girls: 1st Sandra Cran; 2nd Saffron Sandow; 3rd David Taylor
Year 3 Boys: 1st Matthew Roderick; 2nd Trent Aubrey; 3rd Den Den Purcell
Year 2 Girls: 1st Emily Palmer; 2nd Daniel Rowberry; 3rd Jami Alberts
Year 2 Boys: 1st Caylen Murray; 2nd Fletch Prendergast; 3rd La’Tayah Purcell
Prep Girls: 1st Jack Riley; 2nd Eddie Riley; 3rd Logan Robinson
Prep Boys: 1st Lachlan Zelinski; 2nd Ella Palmer; 3rd Elia Peterson

Thank you to the Parents who joined us for the day.

The Rations Shed’s Reconciliation Fun Run
More than 300 runners and walkers took part in the inaugural Cherbourg Reconciliation Fun Run on Sunday morning. The Fun Run was a fundraiser for Cherbourg’s Ration Shed Museum but its main purpose was to promote reconciliation. Special guest athlete, former NRL star Petero Civoniceva, led the runners out of the grounds.

11-year-old Floyd "Cookie" Aubrey beat the field home. Well done to all the participants!

Active After School Care Starts Next Monday, 5th May 3.15pm — 4.15pm
Mondays — Athletics    Tuesdays — Netball
Please contact the office for forms.

Parents & Friends

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
It would be greatly appreciated if anyone is available to assist with selling Raffle tickets outside IGA for the Canberra Trip. Please contact the office if you are able to help on the following dates. Thank You!

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ART NEWS

Congratulations to the winners of the art competition at the Wondai Art Gallery last month. They were Bridie Prendergast, Ryan Heness, and Sophie Gleich. This term all classes from Prep to Year 7’s will be working towards an exhibition at the Wondai Art Gallery for the month of June. The opening night will be on Friday 6th June and all the family are welcome. There will be more details as it draws closer. Students are also encouraged to exhibit any pieces they are working on at home.

Senior classes this week will be studying Cubism in the 19th century and having a go at their own piece. The juniors will be looking at a simple abstract and also having a go at their own.

Book Club News

Book club flyers are being sent home this week. These orders are due back on Monday 12 May. Please note that if you are paying for your order by cheque, kindly make the cheque payable to St Joseph’s Primary School. Thank You, Regards Nell Guteridge Librarian

Next Week our Mothers Day Stall (Week 5th - 9th May) will be held in the Nano Nagle Resource Centre if you are able to assist with manning the stall please contact the school office on 41681485. Various items available for children to purchase for Under $5.00.

TUCKSHOP 2ND TERM—SPECIAL EACH WEDNESDAY
Hot Dog & LOL Can or Popper
Plus a Cup Cake
$6.00

Happy May Birthdays
Prep Justin Robinson
Year 1 Logan Robinson
Year 2 Alessa Drury, Daniel Rowberry, Jilleal Bligh
Year 3 DJ Olbes
Year 5 Morgan McPhail, Damien Baulch, Jeremy Hobbs, Lachlan Bligh
Year 6 Lennox Bligh, Jarrod Oberle
Year 7 Brenna Prendergast, Francis Hobbs
TEACHERS: Uncle Eric Law, Mrs Pickford, Mr Boles, Mrs Dennis, Mr Mollenhauer

Parish Mass Times
Saturday 26th April
9.00am Mass – Proston
6.00pm Mass – Wondai

Sunday 27th April
8.00am Mass – Murgon
10.00am Mass – Goomeri

Parish Phone No: 4168 1406

Weekday Masses:
5.30pm Wednesdays - Wondai,
5.30pm Thursdays Murgon (Mass 6pm)
9.30am Fridays