Dear St Joseph’s Families,
Our year has begun very smoothly with lots of enthusiastic children and teachers making a very happy start to the year. Our newest group of students in Prep appear to be bright and happy. The students in Year One have already been a revelation to their teachers, demonstrating their reading, writing and counting skills in the first couple of weeks of term. After visiting classes this week, I have noticed that heads are down and there is much thinking and written activity taking place. It is my hope that this enthusiasm will flow on throughout the year and that all students will embrace this new school year with enthusiasm, determination and a positive mind set.

Over the past few weeks, many people across Queensland have experienced great hardship as drought conditions continue to have a profound effect on our rural communities. Please remember these people and their families in your prayers and if you can offer any form of support, it would be appreciated.

The beginning of the school year is a good time to ask for your support for our important procedures that we have in place at St Joseph’s:

Communication is an important vehicle between the family and the school and I ask that you take the time to read the weekly newsletter and the correspondence sent home from your child’s teacher. These forms of communication are our main means of keeping you informed with what is happening around the school.

If you have an issue or a concern, please know that we will try and deal with this together. If you need to discuss a concern with the teacher please take the time to make an appointment as the mornings and afternoons can be busy for teachers. It is also important to know that the teacher is the first point of contact in dealing with your concerns. You are always welcome to speak with a member of the leadership team after speaking with your child’s teacher.

School begins at 8.40 am with morning duty commencing at 8.10am. We ask that children place their bags in the port racks provided outside their classroom and wait until 8.10am before commencing play. If you are late or need to pick up your child from school early you are required to call into the office to sign your child in or out. All visitors to the school are required to sign in/out at the office whenever they are in the school grounds. This can seem an onerous task; however this procedure allows us to be aware of who is on the school grounds at all times.

Supervised Crossing: We are very fortunate at St Joseph’s to have a safe environment provided by the Department of Transport to help our community members cross the road safely. It has been noted, however, that a number of parents, sometimes with young children, do not use the crossing or cross before the supervisor has time to instigate the proper procedure. Parents are encouraged, for their own safety and the safety of their children, and as a good example to others, to use the crossing correctly.

School Uniform: At the beginning of each school year students present themselves in correct school uniform. This year is no different in that parents have gone to great lengths to ensure that children are outfitted appropriately. I thank you for your efforts and support in this important school procedure. Your assistance in ensuring that the school uniform is worn correctly each day is appreciated. If for any reason your child is out of uniform, I ask that you send a note along to your child’s teacher to explain the reason for not being in correct school uniform. Please clearly name all items of clothing and property with your child’s name – this enables us to return lost items to the owners. Remember that long hair must be tied back each day, hair ties to be school colours only, one set of studs or sleepers, a wrist watch and a chain and crucifix/cross are the only jewellery to be worn.

I thank you for assisting us with our procedures above.
Parent Information Night –
TONIGHT a reminder that we invite all families to come to our Parent Information tonight, Tuesday Feb 11th. We start at 6.00pm in the Nano Nagle Resource Centre. See you there for a sausage from 5:30pm.

Leadership Liturgy This year sees a BIG change to Primary schooling in Queensland. This is the last year that any Primary school will have Year 7 students, and the first year to see our Year Six students leave us to commence secondary schooling next year. We have incorporated joint leadership activities this year. We will be holding our Student Leadership ceremony on Wednesday February 19th at 9.30am. We cordially invite all families to be present at this liturgy as we acknowledge the leadership that our Year 6 and 7 students will provide us all this year.
Have a great week.

Greg Cran,
Principal.

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This week we pause to remember the Federal Government’s Apology to the Stolen Generations that was delivered by then Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd on February 13, 2008. This was a powerful moment in our history and one that should not be forgotten.

On Friday we celebrate the Catholic feast day of Saint Valentinus. This feast day commemorates the life of a certain Valentinus, who was martyred in Rome sometime in the 3rd Century A.D. There is no reliable information concerning who Valentinus actually was. The story that has come down to us states that, while he was imprisoned for serving as a Christian priest, he healed the jailer’s daughter from blindness and apparently, fell in love with her. Before he was taken away, he left her a note signed, “Your Valentine.” Thus, the card-giving tradition was born. This Friday, Saint Valentine’s Day, is a wonderful opportunity to show care, concern and love to those around you, by showing a small act of kindness.

Thank you to Year 5 who will be assisting at the Anointing Mass on Friday morning. Students will join in with morning tea and chats with our parishioners from Castra.

Wednesday 19th February will be our St Joseph’s School Opening Mass at 9:30am. At this special celebration we will induct our 2014 school leaders. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Sunday 23rd February will see our staff involved in a Commissioning Mass at the Church.

Have a wonderful week.

God Bless,
Celia O’Connor (Assistant Principal Religious Education).

Book Club
Please note Book Club orders are due back on Monday 17 February. Reminders, if you are paying for your order by cheque, kindly make the cheque payable to St Joseph’s Primary School.
Regards Nell Guteridge (School Officer)
This week in Program Achieve students began their study of Resilience. Resilience is the ability to bounce back from adverse events that may happen in a child’s life.

Lower Primary – Prep, Grade 1, Grade 2, Grade 3
This week in Lower Primary, students have been learning to:
• use words to describe different feelings;
• recognise their own feelings, including physical symptoms of when they feel extremely angry, sad and worried; and
• recognise the different feelings other people experience.

Middle Primary - Grade 4, Grade 5
This week in Middle Primary, students have been learning to:
• use words to describe common emotions and recognise their definitions;
• recognise their own emotions, including facial expressions experienced when angry, down, worried, lazy and happy;
• describe situations and events that happen to them that lead to different emotions.

Upper Primary - Grade 6, Grade 7
This week in Upper Primary, students have been learning to:
• use words to describe common emotions;
• recognise their own emotions, including physical symptoms experienced when extremely angry down or worried;
• recognise the different emotions other people experience.

Regards,

David Francis
Guidance Counsellor

Cricket Trials  To our students Alex, Brooke and Brenna who will be competing at the Wide Bay Trials this weekend in Gympie 15th – 18th February. Good luck and have fun.

Swimming Trials Wide Bay Swimming Nominations.
Children who are club swimmers and are turning 10, 11, or 12 this year are able to nominate. If your child is interested they must pick up the forms from Mrs Prendergast by Friday.

ACTIVE AFTER-SCHOOL COMMUNITIES
The Australian Sports Commission’s exciting Active After-School Communities (AASC) program is set to continue this term and will begin next Wednesday 12 February. It is a great chance for kids to have fun with friends, learn sport and get active.

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AFL Activities commence at 3.15pm from under the Jacaranda Tree and students will need to be collected from the School at 4:15pm. The Supervisor for Lawn Bowls will walk the students to the Bowls Club. When activities conclude at 4.15pm you will need to collect your child/ren from the Bowls Club located in Macalister Street. Afternoon Tea is provided. To sign up for lawn bowls and AFL this term, you can collect a form from the office. It’s great fun and it’s all FREE.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

P & F Meeting
P & F will hold their first meeting for the year on Wednesday 26th of February at 6pm in the Administration Block. We are also looking for more volunteers to help with Tuckshop on a Wednesday. If you are able to assist in any way, could you please contact the school office on 4168 1627
Does your child love to sing?

South Burnett Youth Choir
Starts MONDAY 10th February 2014
Junior SBYC 5-8 years 4pm
Concert Choir 9-18 years 4.30pm
Senior SBYC 14-18 years 5.30pm

Group & (optional) solo singing, pop/classic music, fully insured, qualified teachers, supports school MUSIC Curriculum, lots of fun. Contact Jane on 0411 118 510

Parish Mass Times

Saturday 15th February
9.00am Mass – Proston
6.00pm Mass – Wondai

Sunday 16th February
8.00am Mass – Murgon
10.00am Mass - Goomeri

Parish Phone No: 41681406

AUSTRALIAN DAY AWARDS

Renee Irvine (past student) was presented with the South Burnett Junior Sportsperson of the Year Award.

Anquon Sandow (past student) was presented with the Murgon Business and Development Award for his very talented Art work.

Mrs Kerry Dunn our Year 5 Teacher was presented with a Murgon Business and Development Cultural Award for organising The Amanda Gore evening and for the publication of her book “LUCI”.

Congratulations to these wonderfully talented people.

TUCKSHOP
Wednesday 12th February, 2014

FEBRUARY Special
Fish Fingers and Wedges (with or without Sour Cream)
With a choice of drink (popper/flavoured milk/LOL Drink) $6.00

SLUSHIES: Will be available every Monday
Thursday and Friday at Big Lunch (all proceeds support the 2014 Canberra Trip)

- Small Slush Puppy (fruit based) $1.50
- Thank you for your support.