**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

**Dear St Joseph’s Families,**

Our school celebrated Edmund Rice Feast Day, with a liturgy and during this liturgy the Year 3 students were presented with the Edmund Rice Award. This award is presented each year on his Feast Day to a group for *Service to others, especially those who are poor or powerless*. Congratulations go to **Year 3** who this year received the Edmund Rice award for an *outstanding effort in collecting mission money and also living the life of a poor person for a day, last year in Year 2*. Thank you to Br Mick and Br Marty for presenting this award.

**NAPLAN Testing**

In week 4 (May 13-15) NAPLAN testing will occur for years 3, 5, and 7. These tests are conducted in every school in Australia and are designed to assess the skills of Australian students in literacy (reading, writing, and language conventions) and numeracy. The specific purposes are:

* To collect data from the population of Years 3, 5, 7, and 9 students for reporting to parents/carers and school for systemic reporting.
* To accommodate the assessment of students against national minimum standards.

Students are now preparing for these tests by working through test preparation materials and tests from previous years to ensure they are ready for the testing in Week 4. It is important that students do this to ensure they are familiar with the way the tests are conducted and the format of the questions asked.

The testing process is very different to the way our classrooms normally run. Normally classrooms have multiple learning activities occurring at one time, students work collaboratively, often in groups and discuss their learning. When they are confronted with a problem they ask the teacher or learning assistant and receive the help they need. This contemporary learning and teaching pedagogy coupled with the technology rich learning environment provides an excellent learning environment for your student to learn. Unfortunately test conditions are very different and due to this can often be stressful to students. It is important that we recognise this and do not put unnecessary pressure on our students to perform on these tests.

As parents, you do not need to do anything extra in preparing your child for the tests. By doing so you may cause more stress. What is important is that we remember our Program Achieve Keys to Success and encourage our students to be confident, persist with difficult questions and have a go, and be organised and prepared for when the day arises.

If you would like further information regarding NAPLAN testing please see myself or your child’s teacher.

**MOTHER’S DAY STALL 2014**

The St Joey’s Mother’s Day Stall is here again. The children previewed the gifts yesterday and many have written their wish list. The store was open for business from this morning and will be open every morning this week. The gifts range in prices. The children are able to purchase multiple gifts, as the gifts are suitable for mothers, grandparents or the special lady in their life. We look forward to another successful stall with lots of satisfied customers.

Have a great week everyone and a very Happy Mother’s Day.

*Signed*  
Principal
Welcome to Week 3!

Blessed Edmund Rice

Yesterday St Joseph’s celebrated the Feast Day of Blessed Edmund Rice, with a lovely liturgy lead by our very capable Year 6/7 leaders. Edmund Rice is the founder of the Christian Brothers, worldwide. Their work is invaluable, carrying on with education for liberation, and assisting those with less than us. Our Christian Brothers, Mick and Marty, were presented with special plaques to show our deep appreciation for the work that they do for us. Congratulations to our Year 3 students who were awarded the ‘Edmund Rice Award’ for the work they did last year, experiencing school without desks, chairs or lights, for a day. They did this so as to gain some appreciation for those who go without. Well done students! This year already, we see many examples of the generous work our students do in our school and local community, in the spirit of Edmund Rice and the Christian Brothers.

Mary

With Mothers’ Day approaching on the weekend, it is timely to note that May is the Month of Mary. This amazing and special woman was chosen by God to be the Mother of His Son Jesus. Her faith and trust in God was so strong that despite her fears for what was to come, she said ‘Yes’ to this important role. Mary was a gentle, caring and loving person, entrusted with the upbringing of Jesus. This month we not only honour Mary, but on Sunday we celebrate those special and significant women who care for us and the children in our community. At midday throughout the month of May, St Joseph’s will pause briefly to pray the Hail Mary in her honour.

Have a wonderful and productive 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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Getting Along

This fortnight in Program Achieve, students started their study about Getting Along.

Lower Primary
This week in Lower Primary, students have been learning to:
- State what it means to get along with others.
- State the difference between friendly and unfriendly behaviours.
- Identify the qualities they want in a friend.

Next week the Lower Primary students will be learning to:
- Initiate friendly behaviour.
- Respond to other people in a positive way.

Middle Primary
This week in Middle Primary, students have been learning how to:
- Explain the difference between friendly and unfriendly behaviours.
- State the characteristics of a good friend.
- Demonstrate friendly behaviours.
- Initiate friendly behaviours.
- Respond to compliments in a positive manner.
- Recognise untrue and non-sensible thoughts that lead to shyness and worry, and counter them with thoughts that will help them feel confident when making friends.
- State how the “Needing Approval” (needing to be liked) way of thinking can lead to excess worry and difficulty making friends.
- State how the “Being Independent” way of thinking can lead to less fear of rejection and more social confidence.
- Next week the Middle Primary students will be learning to:
- State that working well with other classmates when learning something new helps them to be successful.
- Describe different helpful ways to work and play together.
- Describe different unhelpful ways to work and play with other classmates.
- Understand the importance of volunteering and Being Socially Responsible and will seek individually or in small or large groups opportunities to volunteer.

Upper Primary
This week in Upper Primary, students have been learning to:
- Explain what it means to “get along.”
- Explain the difference between friendly and unfriendly behaviour.
- Identify qualities they value in friends.
- State how to respond to the friendly behaviours of others in a friendly way.

Next week the Upper Primary students will be learning to:
- Identify how the “Being Intolerant of Others” way of thinking may lead them to dislike or avoid other people.
- Challenge their non-accepting, judgmental thoughts towards others.
- Replace their non-accepting, judgmental thoughts with accepting, nonjudgmental thoughts and develop a positive “Being Tolerant of Others” way of thinking.
- Initiate different actions or conversations so as to make friends.

Regards,

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

Congratulations
Students of the Week
Term 2 Week 3
Prep        Jack Riley
Year 1      Jaime McEffer
Year 2      Trent Aubrey
Year 3      Connor Walsh
Year 4      Ellie Searies
Year 5      Lachlan Zelinski
Year6/7     Mitchell Bond
ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

Mondays — Athletics; Tuesdays — Netball Starts at 3.15pm

- Remember! It’s FUN and FREE!!
- Please collect your child/children at 4.15pm, from the front of the school.
- Enrolment forms are still available from the Office.

Interschool Cow Horse Competition
On Thursday, 1st May, the Interschool Cow Horse Competition was held at Nanango Showgrounds. Jaiden Hill on ‘Little Dove’ competed in the following events and achieved the following placings:

- Working Cow Horse 1st
- Stockman’s Challenge 1st
- Led Stock Horse 2nd
- Bonfield Bend 1st
- Stockmans Challenge 1st
- Stock Horse Workout 1st

Jaiden said the highlight of the day was the Working Cow Competition because she had lots of fun was placed 1st and received Age Champion for her age group. Jaiden showed the true spirit of sportsmanship and is an excellent ambassador for St. Joseph’s Murgon. Thank you to Mrs Dunn for her support!

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY NEWS
Yesterday we had many students trial for the South Burnett District Cross Country Team. They attended a cross country meet at Murgon State High School with many other top runners in our district. District carnivals are a very tough competition and these children performed well. Congratulations to Floyd Aubrey who won the 11 year old boys, Harry Perrett who finished 4th in the 11 year old boys and Rebecca Palmer who finished 4th in the 11 year old girls. We are proud of everyone’s efforts, who ran on the day. Well done!!!

Calling all students in Year 5 and Year 6/7!
Do you know of an inspiring person in our community?
Do you like writing and want to win cash and prizes?
Why not enter the 2014 Young Journalist Award!

Your teachers have more information and permission forms if you are keen.
Or go to: www.australiancatholics.com.au/yja
Entries close 30th May 2014.
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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Remember P & F Meeting Wednesday 21st May 6pm in the Administration Block.

All Welcome!

Book Club News

Book Club orders are due back on Monday 12 May. If you are paying for your order by cheque, please make it payable to: St Joseph’s Primary School.

Thank You, Regards

Nell Guteridge Librarian

Tuckshop Special Each Wednesday

Hot Dog & LOL Can or Popper
Plus a Cup Cake
$6.00

This week our Mothers Day Stall is being held in the Nano Nagle Resource Centre.

Various items available for children to purchase for Up to $7.00 and under.

Proceeds to go towards our Canberra Trip.

Happy May Birthdays

Prep  Justin Robinson
Year 1  Logan Robinson
Year 2  Alessa Druery, 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

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Parish Phone No: 4168 1406
Service Auction

13th June 2014  6.30pm for 7.00pm start
In the Murgon SS  Community room

Services for auction include septic cleaning, house cleaning, ironing, compost pig manure and delivery, swimming/music/ceramics lessons, pest control, haircuts, etc.

Refreshments will be available for purchase. Moffatdale Ridge Winery will be conducting wine tasting and wine will be available for purchase.

A gold coin donation for entry would be appreciated.

Any queries contact Judith 41698333

Murgon Blue Light Disco
Diggers Room, Murgon RSL
FRIDAY 16TH May 2014
6.30pm—8.30pm SHARP
Cost: $5.00 includes A Hot Dog!
NO PASSES OUT OF BUILDING UNLESS WITH AN ADULT
PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY

Happy Mother's Day - Sunday 11th May