Dear Parents/Caregivers,

**Catholic Education Week** will be celebrated across Queensland from 27 July - 2 August this year.

This annual event is held to promote the special ethos of Catholic schools and to highlight the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day.

The theme for this year’s celebrations is: **Come, live life in all its fullness.**

This inspirational call is based on the Gospel of John (10:10), challenging those who answer it to “live fully”.

Reflecting this Gospel call, our school, like all Catholic schools, strives to provide a learning experience through which every young person has the opportunity to reach their full human potential - spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, socially, culturally and physically - and know what it means to engage in all that life has to offer. During Catholic Education Week 2014, Catholic education communities across Queensland are invited to celebrate and share how their communities are encouraging and providing opportunities for their members to “Come, live life in all its fullness”.

There are 296 Catholic schools in Queensland that educate around 143,000 students and employ almost 17,000 teachers and staff, and most will celebrate Catholic Education Week in some way.

I thank you for your ongoing support and look forward to seeing you during Catholic Education Week 2014.

I would also like to thank the following businesses who have displayed the children’s work in their windows - Dennis Electrical, Clifton Motors, The Tacklebox, PCYC, South Burnett Tourist Information Centre, Raj’s Café and Take Away, as well as All About You Flowers and Gifts, the Cecil Hotel in Wondai and Proston Newsagency.

**Year 6 & 7 Sydney and Canberra Trip**

Last week our Years 5, 6 and 7 students accompanied by class teachers Kerry Dunn, Mary McCallum and Duncan Morris together with myself embarked on their 5 day trip to Canberra and Sydney. Our children were full of enthusiasm as they took part in this amazing experience. In Canberra the students visited the Australian Institute of Sport, Australian War Memorial, Electoral Education Centre, Old Parliament House, Parliament House, National Portrait Gallery, National Museum of Australia and Questacon. A day in the snow tobogganing, was the highlight of the week.

I would like to congratulate the children on their exceptional behaviour while we were away and thank Kerry, Mary and Duncan for taking time out of their normal family lives and routines to give our children a wonderful opportunity. I know many great stories and photos have been shared since our return.

**Positive Behaviour for Learning**

A fortnight ago the staff attended a professional development with St Patrick’s for this important aspect in our school. The primary focus at St Joseph’s, is student learning and when we talk about student behaviour we focus on positive learning behaviours that support and enhance learning. We are blessed to have such committed and professional staff who understand the importance of learning behaviour. This impacts directly on your child to enhance their learning.

Greg Cran

Principal
‘Come, live life in all its fullness’, is the Gospel call, and theme for Catholic Education Week.

Year 3 lead St Joseph’s in a school prayer celebration yesterday, to begin this significant week. The students spoke to us about grabbing the opportunity to reach our full human potential- spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, socially, culturally and physically - and to know what it means to engage in all that life has to offer.

Our Years 5, 6 and 7 students and teachers have returned from an exciting trip to Canberra, having truly experienced and enjoyed life to its fullest. Photos and stories shared amongst the students upon their return, tell of many amazing sights, learnings, and experiences, including the snow, Insane Bolt at Questacon, Earthquake House, Phar Lap’s heart at the Museum, Parliament House (the flag is bigger than a double-decker bus!)

Catholic Education Week celebrates the values and work of our school, whether it be through an incredible opportunity to travel interstate, or by simply being present to the gifts that are ours, in our day-to-day.

May we be fully aware of how we live each precious moment. Grant us the courage to be our true selves and to remember that life is meant to be celebrated, enjoyed, delighted in and embraced in all its mystery.

Keep your eyes open when travelling around our local area, for numerous displays of photos, posters and student work in our local businesses. It is wonderful to see this support for St Joseph’s, and we sincerely thank them.

This week we also warmly welcome six Marist Eastwood students, and their teachers, Michael Dawson and Bernard Kyan, to St Joseph’s. Already the boys have assisted with Breakfast Club and in classrooms. An Immersion Program such as this is full of rewards for both groups of students, with older visiting students participating as role-models alongside our students.

Year 2 and Year 4 students will conclude this special week with their Buddy Mass at 9:30am Friday 1st August.

Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate with us!

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Mary MacKillop was born in 1842 in Melbourne. On 8 August 1909 she died, having suffered a disabling stroke in 1902. Inspired by a meeting with Fr. Julian Tenison-Woods, Mary MacKillop at the age of 25 took her vows and the religious name, “Mary of the Cross”. In doing so, she founded the congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph. Soon after taking her religious vows, Mary MacKillop began schools. Within 5 years Mary had established over 30 schools, in South Australia and over 100 women had joined the Sisters of Saint Joseph. Mary MacKillop was very conscious of the plight of the poor and needy. She worked with families that lived in isolated areas of Australia. Mary MacKillop started many schools, that would provide education, especially for the children of the poor.

Even today, many Australians can say that they too have felt the impact of the enormous work started by St Mary of the Cross (MacKillop), having been educated or cared for, by the Sisters of Saint Joseph. She was noted for her trust in God and miracles of healing have been attributed to her. She was declared a Saint by Pope Benedict XVI on the 17th October 2010.

Whole School Feast Day Mass Friday 8th August, 9:30am.

Grandparents’ Day Mass

Grandparents are invited to our special Mass on Friday 29th August. Following Mass, Grandparents are invited back to classrooms to spend time with their Grandchildren. This will be followed by morning tea together. Please keep the date free.

Have a wonderful week,

Celia O’Connor
Acting APRE/CST

Reflection:

Jesus teaches us another way: Go out.
Go out and share your testimony,
go out and interact with others
  go out and share,
  go out and ask,
Become the word in body
As well as spirit
Pope Francis
This fortnight in Program Achieve students continued their study of Organisation.

This week in Lower Primary, students have been learning to:
- state that making lists can help them complete all their activities and tasks;
- use a written reminder list to improve their recall of daily school and home tasks;
- create their own daily lists of things they have to do;
- distinguish between pleasant and unpleasant tasks; and
- apply the motivational skill of completing unpleasant task before completing pleasant tasks.

Next week the Lower Primary students will be learning to:
- list what they have learned about getting organised; and
- state as goals any areas where the whole class needs to be better organised.

This week in Middle Primary, students have been learning how to:
- make and use checklists of homework and materials;
- bring home and return to school all materials needed to complete homework; and
- establish a proper work space for completing homework.

Next week the Middle Primary students will be learning:
- to create daily task lists;
- to distinguish between difficult and easy tasks;
- to plan assignments by breaking down long term tasks into simpler steps (task analysis) and scheduling each step on a monthly assignment calendar (time planning);
- to state how the “Planning My Time” way of thinking helps them to be organized;
- to recall basic elements of organization; and
- to set a goal for one or more areas of organisation for self-improvement.

This week in Upper Primary, students have been learning to:
- state the importance of taking responsibility for, and developing, the habit of bringing all homework materials from school to home and back again;
- apply a variety of organisational techniques to keep track of their assignments and other activities;
- state the meaning of the term “procrastination”; and
- state the extent of their procrastination; and
- describe methods for overcoming procrastination.

Next week the Upper Primary students will be learning to:
- state the importance of making lists and will be able to make list daily task to be done;
- create their own lists of daily activities to be done;
- priorities tasks according to their importance; and
- break down large tasks into small components (task analysis).

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

Fr Michael being interviewed by our Year 6 / 7 leaders.
Cherbourg Junior Police Rangers in conjunction with St. Joseph’s School Murgon is the first of its kind in Queensland and is an early intervention project for indigenous youth aged 9 - 13 designed to reduce crime by providing practical life skills, developing leadership and teamwork skills, and enhancing cultural awareness that will minimise the risk of participants resorting to the misuse of alcohol, volatile substances and illicit drugs. If their funding was doubled or tripled through the People’s Choice Award, we would be able to make an ongoing commitment to the students and extend the program to 2015. Cherbourg Junior Police Rangers has been selected as one of four outstanding NRMA Insurance Community Grant recipients. Out of 156 projects funded by NRMA, the Cherbourg Junior Police Ranges is now in contention for the People’s Choice Award. If this program receives 1000 votes through the voting process their funding will double, with the potential to triple it if they receive over 1000 votes AND the most votes. To vote, please go to www.communitygrantsprogram.com.au/rangers & click on Cherbourg Police Station. Click on the Vote button and enter your email address. A validation link will be sent to the email address you have provided. To ensure your vote counts, please make sure you click on the validation link in your email. Closes 31st July, 2014.
**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

**Week 1**
- Prep: Rhys Williams
- Year 1: Eddie Riley
- Year 2: Kaliarni Button
- Year 3: Amelia Cran
- Year 4: Whole Class
- Year 5: Alex Cran
- Year 6 / 7: Jarrod Oberle

**Week 2**
- Prep: Catelyn Purcell
- Year 1: Lara Kapernick
- Year 2: Denaysha Purcell
- Year 3: Damon Zelinski
- Year 4: Emily Bligh

**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES**

- **Starts at 3.15pm**
- Mondays — Cricket
- Tuesdays — Tennis
- Please collect your child/children at **4.15pm** from school
- Remember! It’s FUN and FREE!!

**SPORT NEWS**

Good Luck to our Athletes who are competing next Tuesday and Wednesday at South Burnett Athletic Trials at Taabinga.

**Parents & Friends**

**NEXT P & F MEETING**

- **20th August 6pm** Administration Block
- **All Very Welcome!**

**TUCKSHOP SPECIAL**

- **EACH WEDNESDAY**
- Chicken & Gravy Roll with LOL can or Popper & Cup Cake
- **ONLY $6.00**

**Expressions of Interest for Sewing Lessons. Beginners to Advanced**

Contact Lorraine Cairns Phone 0400 298 994
Fete Fete Fete
5th September

COME AND BE DUNKED!!
Up for dunking are teachers, police, Fr. Michael and others.
If there are further nominations out there please advise the school.

Be Afraid ... This is the action slide of all time. Double lane Big Drop is the steepest and fastest slide in town. Test your nerve and climbing skills when you are climbing to the top. SOME STAFF TOO SCARED TO ATTEMPT THE SLIDE!!
Not for the faint hearted TOTAL ACTION....

Licensed to thrill!

Watch as the children climb the Giant slide and scramble up the slide rope ladder till their hearts are content!!
This Giant Slide is capable of 600 slides per hour. There is no monkey business with this Giant Slide. Get your tickets.

Craft Stall Wanted: People to make items or donate goods to be made into items like tea towels, towels, face washers, coat hangers. Please deliver to School Office or Presbytery or contact Teresa Hodson on 41685957