CONSISTENCY OF TEACHER JUDGEMENT - PUPIL FREE DAY

Yesterday, our teachers joined with the staff of St Patricks Nanango, St Joseph’s Gayndah and St Mary’s Kingaroy, in order to work through the CTJ process. The aim of the day is to ensure that teacher based judgements of student progress are compatible and in line with other schools. A report regarding the day is forwarded to Brisbane Catholic Education for accountability and consistency purposes.

CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

A great part of my role is being able to visit classes throughout the day. Recent visits have highlighted a very high level of engagement from all students with the class activities they have been assigned. I am very proud of the fact that our classrooms are excellent learning environments and I believe anyone walking around the school during class time would be suitably impressed.

This Thursday I invite all parents to take some time to have the same opportunity. We are opening the doors to the classrooms from 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm so parents are able view this excellent learning and celebrate with your child their learning from this year.

ACER ONLINE TESTING

This week our teachers will be conducting testing from Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER). This standardised assessment package will help us to gather literacy and numeracy data on our Year 1-7 students using the PAT Maths and PAT Reading standardised assessments. These assessments are conducted online and will allow us to track student progress from year to year and to provide diagnostic information to inform teaching and learning.

PREP ORIENTATION & ENROLMENTS

We are looking forward to greeting and meeting our 2015 Prep students on Thursday November 13. Our Orientation morning gives them a chance to get to know the school a little better and become familiar with some of the staff members who will be part of their school days next year. We will also welcome the families of these students as we share with them some of the important aspects of life at St Joseph’s and assist them to be prepared for the start of a big adventure with their children.

Enrolments are continuing to roll in. Please spread the word that there are positions available in all year levels. Enrolments packs are available from the school office.

WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY

Do you remember teachers from your primary school years? Chances are you would remember most, if not all of them considering the pivotal role they played in your formative years. No doubt they were a mixed bag of personalities, experience and teaching styles. Some would be more vivid in your memory with particular experiences they created or words said, still evoking memories (hopefully fond). In short, teachers inspire and make a difference in the lives they touch.

World Teachers’ Day offers a chance to acknowledge our teachers and say thanks. Every day, teachers are making a difference educating and inspiring young children.

World Teachers’ Day is celebrated in more than 100 countries world-wide and was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO). The day is a wonderful opportunity to draw public attention to the important role of teachers in our local communities.

We will be celebrating World Teacher, School Officers and Secretary Day next Friday 31 October.

The St Joseph’s staff is indeed a dedicated bunch who willingly go above and beyond to provide a quality and holistic education for your child.

Greg Cran
Principal
Consistency of Teacher Judgement yesterday held at St Patrick’s Nanango, saw primary teachers from our region gather together in professional dialogue. I would like to extend a sincere thanks to St Joseph’s teachers who participated with enthusiasm in the day. Much hard work has gone into planning, teaching, assessing student work for the day, and feedback indicates that our teachers were well-prepared, and highly professional in their sharing of work samples and moderation.

This Friday our first Buddy Mass for Term 4 will be held in the Church at 9:30am. Prep, Year 1 and Year 5 will help us celebrate Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. Everyone is most welcome.

Along with World Teacher’s and School Officers Day next week, the Cancer Council’s Pink Ribbon day is Monday 27th October. Many thousands of women in Australia and their families are affected by cancer.

Dear Jesus, be with those dear women (and men) today. God, give these precious ones gratitude in the midst of their suffering and peace in the midst of their storms. For each painful moment, give them an overflowing measure of grace- with an extra portion of faith to cover their fears and hope to carry them step by step. Remind us to care for them when they have no strength, to pray for them when they have no words, and to love them in the ways You reveal. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

God Bless,

Celia O’Connor
Acting APRE/CST

St. Joseph’s Celebration of Learning
Open Class Rooms
Come and look at your children’s work
Thursday 23rd October
2pm – 3pm
All Welcome!

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES
Starts at 3.15pm Weeks 3 to 9
Golf Mondays & Circus Tuesdays

- Please collect your child/children at 4.15pm from Golf Club Mondays & School Tuesdays
- Remember! It’s FUN and FREE!!
This fortnight in Program Achieve, students will start their study of Confidence. This confidence unit aims to promote accepting myself, taking risks, being independent and I can do it.

This week in **Lower Primary**, students have been learning to:
- state that everyone has different qualities that make them special.
- state that everyone has strong qualities and weak qualities.
- identify their own strong qualities and their own weak qualities.
- state that having a few weak qualities does not make them a bad person.
- state examples of a “Accepting Myself” way of thinking when experiencing negative events.

Next week the **Lower Primary** students will be learning to:
- state that everyone makes mistakes.
- state that making mistakes does not make someone stupid, or that they will always make mistakes.
- explain a “Taking Risks” way of thinking and apply it to themselves.

This week in **Middle Primary**, students have been learning to:
- state the consequences of worrying too much or too little.
- identify thoughts that cause them to worry too much or too little.
- create a plan for handling difficult tasks with confidence.
- use relaxation to eliminate worry.
- state the relationship between the “Being Independent” way of thinking and their confidence.

Next week the **Middle Primary** students will be learning to:
- state their own strong and weak qualities.
- state and demonstrate that they accept themselves as unique individuals with strengths and weaknesses.
- state that it does not make sense to rate themselves as entirely bad on the basis of one or more negative traits using an “Accept Myself” way of thinking.

This week in **Upper Primary**, students have been learning to:
- explain that the feeling of “worry” varies in intensity from strong to weak.
- explain that extreme worry leads to public speaking anxiety and a loss of confidence.
- identify whether they have negative ways of thinking that lead to excessive worry (“Needing to Be Perfect,” “Needing Approval,” “I Can’t Do It”).
- identify whether they have positive ways of thinking that lead to having confidence about public speaking (“Taking Risks,” “Being Independent,” “I Can Do It”).
- identify skills needed to speak confidently in front of a group.

Next week the **Upper Primary** students will be learning to:
- identify their own positive and negative qualities.
- accept that they have both strengths and weaknesses.
- identify ways in which they can behave to develop good feelings.
- recognise the importance of not rating themselves on the basis of their achievements or reactions of others.
- explain how “Self-Downing” ways of thinking lead to feeling down and losing confidence when something bad happens.
- provide examples of “Self-Accepting” thoughts that help them maintain their confidence and not get down when something bad happens.

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**David Francis**  
Guidance Counsellor, St Joseph’s Primary School, Murgon, **Mon, Tues, Wed**  
Phone 4168 1627
Last week Patrick Hoult and Cookie Aubrey competed at the State Athletic Championships at the QE 2 stadium in Brisbane. Both boys performed extremely well.

Special mention must go to Patrick who was made Captain of the Wide Bay School Boys Team. Patrick stood up in front of the whole stadium and said the Athletes Oath.

Well done Patrick. Congratulations to both of our St. Joseph’s leaders.

**October Happy Birthdays**

Prep: Eden Shields
Year 2: Saffron Sandow, Bridget Voigt, Charlie Searies
Year 3: Fletch Prendergast, Tytrell Combo-Wragge
Year 5: Jamie Atkins

Mrs Patton, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Brown & Mr. McCarthy. Happy Birthday everyone!

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**SPORT NEWS**

**Week 1**

Prep: Eden Shields  
Year 1: Yuna Olbes  
Year 2: Charlie Searies  
Year 3: Amelia Cran  
Year 4: Year 4  
Year 5: Alex Cran

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**Week 2**

Prep: Dylan Druery  
Year 1: Riley Gleich  
Year 2: Alessa Druery  
Year 3: Dylan Kapnernick  
Year 4: Jaylah Purcell  
Year 5: David Rowberry/Jeremy Hobbs  
Yr 6 / 7: Jarrod Barnett

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**Our Book Fair starts today:** Tuesday 21 and goes to Thursday 23 October in the media room in the Nano Nagle Resource Centre from 8.30am to 3.30pm. Remember, having books in the home encourages kids to read so come along and take a look for yourself.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the fair.

Mrs Guteridge

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Congratulations to our Star Students Of the Week!
NEXT P & F MEETING
22nd October—this Wednesday at 6pm in the Administration Block All Very Welcome!

Parish Mass Times

Saturday 25th October
Murgon 6pm
Proston 9am

Sunday 26th October
Wondai 8am
Cherbourg 10.30am

Saturday 1st Nov
Wondai 6pm
Proston 9am

Sunday 2nd Nov
Murgon 8am
Goomeri 10am

Weekday Mass Times

Wednesdays—Wondai 5.30pm
Thursdays—Murgon 5.30pm
Fridays – Murgon 9.30am

Parish Priest: Fr. Michael Carroll sm PH 41681406

TUCKSHOP SPECIAL
EACH WEDNESDAY
Nachos & Drink
Either Orchy/Popper or Flavoured Milk
$6.00

Murgon Junior Cricket Season is On!
Come and have a go!
Learn some new skills, meet some great people.
Training Thursday afternoons 4-5pm for all ages.
Fixtures Saturday mornings for:-
   u/10’s, u/12’s, & u/14’s
For more details contact Michelle 0413 849988

FOR SALE
St. Joseph’s Stubby Coolers
Only $5.00 each
Great gift & Collectors item
Available at the School Office
ONLY WHILE STOCKS LAST!

Annette has some kittens to give away to a good home. Contact her on if you are interested. 0428 681 276

WANTED WORKERS FOR TUCKSHOP
IF ANYONE IS AVAILABLE FOR DUTY, IT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK! CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU CAN HELP.

Our busy students!
C&K Murgon Community Kindergarten

OPEN AFTERNOON

Monday 10th November 2014
4 – 6 pm

ALL WELCOME:
Past, present and future Kindy Kids
Families, community members

Come and visit us at Kindy

Stay and play for a while…. Or just pop in for a chat!

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Assistant: Mrs Diane Gscheidle

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES TRAVEL REBATE

Semester 2, 2014

Does your child have a verified disability that requires transport assistance to and from school? Has your school’s learning support teacher assessed your child’s travel capability rating as ‘semi-independent’ or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at www.schooltransport.com.au by 31 October 2014.

Late applications cannot be accepted.

FAMILY FUN BOWLS DAY COME ‘N’ TRY

Sunday 26th October  12.30pm

All Ages Welcome  No experience Needed
Family Fun Guaranteed  Great Exercise
Great Atmosphere  Coaching Provided

Contact the Secretary 0439376548 for more information. See you there!

MURGON BOWLS CLUB

KIDS BOX

South Burnett PCYC
40 Macalister Street Murgon
Thursday's 3.30pm—5pm
$4.00 Member
$ 6.00 Non Member

Our very talented Girls Club and their beautiful dolls with their very impressive tie dyed dresses.