Dear St Joseph’s Families,

The Year 3 children reminded us all yesterday at school assembly about being happy at school. If we are happy we enjoy coming to school and if we enjoy coming to school we learn. Being happy is contagious and there is no better gift than making others around you smile. The Year 3’s also talked about our school community being a family and there is evidence of this every day. Older children looking after younger children, children helping adults and children helping each other. A large part of this family are both teachers and parents. Last week at the Parent Information Night there was a great chance for these two parts of the family to get together. I trust that everyone took the opportunity to meet their child’s teacher. Having an understanding of what and how things are planned for the year, assist with communication and partnership between family and school.

Be Happy!!!!!!!

STUDENT LEADERS 2014: Over the past few weeks our Leaders, Mr Morris, Ms O’Connor and myself have been working on the leadership roles for 2014. As this is the last year that Year 7 will be in Primary school, both the Year 6 and Year 7 students will be student leaders in our school this year. The students will be commissioned as leaders, this Wednesday at our opening school Mass at 9.30am.

ADMIN TEAM MEETING: Celia O’Connor and I will be attending a two day North Schools Administration Teams cluster meeting this coming Thursday and Friday. These days are organised by Brisbane Catholic Education and aim at keeping leadership teams updated, regarding issues, system and Government priorities and developments in preparation for the year. We will also spend time together refining and finalising our school goals and priorities for this year. In our absence Br Tim will be Acting Principal. Many thanks Tim for taking on this role.

Welcome to Week 4!

Our first School Mass for this year will be held on Wednesday 19th February, starting at 9:30am. Our Opening School Mass, not only gives us a chance to celebrate a new school year together, but also marks the Induction of our School Leaders. As this is a special occasion for our Year 6 and Year 7 students, they will state their pledge, and receive their leadership badges. Parents and carers are very welcome to join us at our Opening Mass.

Many thanks to Year 5 students who did a wonderful job assisting Castra parishioners last Friday at the Anointing Mass. The next Anointing Mass will be attended by Year 4.
This coming Sunday 23rd February, at 8am Wondai Mass, Fr Michael will bless St Joseph’s Staff as well as the children receiving their Confirmation.

Our first Buddy Mass of the year will be on Friday 28th. Year 3 and their Year 6/7 buddies will prepare and participate in the Mass. All Welcome.

Wishing you a wonderful week.

God Bless,

Celia O’Connor (Assistant Principal Religious Education).

This week in Program Achieve students have continued their study of Resilience. Resilience is the ability to bounce back from adverse events that may happen in a child’s life.

This week the Lower Primary students will be learning to:
- identify common age-related situations, people and events that lead to students getting angry, sad or worried;
- rate the intensity of the emotional reactions they typically experience in the face of adverse, negative circumstances and people; and
- describe two levels of intensity of the same feeling.

This week the Middle Primary students will be learning to:
- identify common age-related situations, people and events that lead to students getting very angry, down or worried;
- rate the intensity of their typical emotional reactions they experience in the face of adverse, negative circumstances and people;
- explain that there are different intensities of the same feeling; and
- recognise that different thoughts lead to different emotions.

This week the Upper Primary students will be learning to:
- identify common age-related situations, people and events that lead to students getting very angry, down or worried;
- explain that there are different intensities of the same feeling; and
- rate the intensity of the typical emotional reactions they experience in the face of adverse, negative circumstances and people.

David Francis
Guidance Counsellor

P & F Meeting
P & F will hold their first meeting for the year on Wednesday 26th February at 6pm in the Administration Block. Hoping to see many new faces there! 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.

Year 5 taking advantage of the ability to work outdoors, provided by the iPads, so generously donated to the school by our wonderful Parents & Friends.
We congratulate both Brooke and Brenna after making it through to the Probable and Possible game yesterday afternoon after a very hot three days of competition in Gympie. Brooke went on to display some very good batting and was successful in making the Wide Bay School Girls Cricket team. Brooke is off to Mackay in March for the State titles. We wish her all the best in her preparations.

We wish Alex all the best today in his last day of competition at the School Boys trials.

On the weekend, Mr Cran competed at Tin Can Bay in the 50m Freestyle where he won in a time of 30.18sec. Not quite under the 30 second mark but excellent effort.

YEAR 5 FARM VISIT

On Tuesday 10th February Year 5 students participated in a goal setting session with Tanja Mitton at Mrs Dunn's farm. The students constructed their own vision boards and learnt visualisation skills that they can use to create the life they want to live. These are lifelong skills that we will be revising and adding to throughout the year.

REMINDER: The Murgon Show is on the 15th March. There are many sections that our students can enter. These include; art, photography, Lego, growing vegetables, needlework, woodwork, cooking and the primary school section requires a workbook page about science. A copy of the full schedule is available at school and entry forms are also available from Mrs Dunn.
Parish Mass Times

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9.00am Mass – Proston
6.00pm Mass – Murgon

Sunday 23rd February
8.00am Mass – Wondai
10.00am Mass - Cherbourg

Parish Phone No: 4168 1406

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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
- Small Iced Chocolate $2.00
- Thank you for your support.

February Birthdays

Prep Rubin Smethurst
Year 1 Annie Walsh, Isaac Watson, Shontayne Cobbo, Mia Shaw
Year 2 Kali Button, Joseph Atkins
Year 5 Kaitlyn Zelinski, Ryan Heness, Yolande Riley
Year 6/7 Floyd Aubrey

Student of the Week – Week 2

Prep Ella Peterson
Year 1 Emily Palmer
Year 2 Kanarrah Carlo
Year 3 Kellie-Lee Dynevor
Year 4 Damon Tolhurst
Year 5 Peyton Muller
Year 6/7 Lennox Bligh