Dear St Joseph’s Families,

I do hope that the weekend just gone was celebrated in a special and meaningful way for your families, and that all Mums, Grandmothers, Nans and all those women who care for children had an opportunity to be spoilt a little. Sunday was a special day when we all consciously take the time to say thank you, I love you and I truly appreciate all the things you do for me Mum. One day cannot possibly make up for all the things that our Mums do for us – every day, every minute, they are there to watch us grow, learn, fall over, laugh, cry and try to make sense of our world. Every day and every minute their love holds us and comforts us and helps us grow into the wonder of our potential. Every day we should be letting our Mums know just how much we need and love them. While Sunday could have been a wonderful family day for most of us, please keep in your thoughts and prayers those families who were not so lucky to have their Mums with them.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Throughout the year, our teachers will be involved in various professional learning activities. Some of these activities are attended after hours and others require our teachers to be out of the classroom for part days or for the entire school day. Some special projects require teachers to be out of the classroom for multiple days, some activities over consecutive days and others spaced out over weeks. These opportunities are essential for our teachers to be involved in, and form an important part of our school’s professional learning plan to enhance teaching and learning.

Co-ordinating relief teachers is given significant priority, time and resources. We aim to provide consistency with the relief teachers we place in classrooms, especially when engaging relief teachers for the same class multiple times. Unfortunately this is not always possible due to the complexity and nature of relief teaching. One thing I can guarantee is the extent our teachers go to in regards to planning for these days when they will be out of the classroom. Detailed plans and notes are always left for the relief teachers and neighbouring teachers are always willing to guide the relief staff on these days.

NAPLAN TESTING

Our Year 3, 5 and 7 students will be involved in the annual NAPLAN testing starting today May 13th. We wish them well in their tests and trust that they will manage the experience in the most stress less way possible. I know that they have been preparing for the testing in class and have practised answering questions from past papers etc. Much thanks goes to Mrs Barry, Mrs Dunn, Mrs McCallum and Mr Morris, for the excellent work they have done in ensuring our students participate in these tests. All the best to the children involved.

Have a great week,

Greg Cran
Principal
This Friday, Year 2 and Year 4 will be celebrating their buddy Mass at 9:30am. Everyone is welcome.

Mary
It is timely reminder 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 celebrated 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 superb 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 continued their study about Getting Along.

This week in lower primary, students have been learning to:
- Initiate friendly behaviour.
- Respond to other people in a positive way.

Next week the lower primary students will be learning to:
- State that working well with other classmates when learning something new and when playing helps them to be successful.
- Describe three good ways to work and play together.
- Describe three unhelpful ways to work and play with other classmates.
- Understand the importance of “volunteering” as part of “being socially responsible.”

This week in middle primary, students have been 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.

Next week the middle primary students will be learning to:
- State the meaning of the word “assumption.”
- Identify assumptions that prevent them from befriending others.
- Replace judgmental thoughts with non-judgmental thoughts about others.
- State the relationship between the “being tolerant of others” way of thinking and their ability to get along with people who behave badly or who are from different backgrounds.
- Identify judgemental thoughts that prevent them from making friends with certain people.

This week in upper primary, students have been 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, non-judgmental thoughts and develop a positive “being tolerant of others” way of thinking.
- Initiate different actions or conversations so as to make friends.

Next week the upper 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.
- State how a “being socially responsible” way of thinking contributes to everyone’s sense of happiness and success.
- Take opportunities to volunteer to support other people in need and different “good causes.”

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

Term 2 Week 4
Prep        Ella Palmer
Year 1      La’ Tayah Purcell
Year 2      Kaylah Bligh
Year 3      Tarnia Bligh
Year 4      The Class
Year 5      Rebecca Palmer
Year 6/7    Bailey Alexander

May Happy 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

Congratulations Students of the Week
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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P & F Meeting WEDNESDAY
21st May 6pm
in the Administration Block.
All Welcome!

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.

Congratulations We congratulate both Emma Cran and Patrick Hoult after making it through to the Probables and Possibles at Wide Bay Trials held in Hervey Bay last week. Emma competed with the South Burnett Girls Netball team, whilst Patrick formed part of the South Burnett U12’s Boys Rugby League Team.

This weekend, Floyd Aubrey (Cookie), Harry Perrett and Mitchell Bond are off to Hervey Bay to represent the South Burnett U11’s Rugby League team. We wish them all the best in their preparations.

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

Mrs Barry being interviewed by Year 6/7 Students Shonae & Mitchell