Dear Parents/Caregivers,

**Brother Cletus Drew fms (1936 – 2014)**

Last Wednesday Brother Cletus, Principal of St Joseph’s from 1987 to 1997, passed away. Br Cletus put extraordinary work into St Joseph’s School, including being responsible for a number of new buildings, such as, the Admin and a Classroom Block. Br Cletus would also be seen nearly every weekend at school, working on gardens and could often be seen helping out within the Murgon community.

Br Cletus entered the Marist Brothers in 1956 and worked in many Primary schools, some as Principal at Parramatta, Cairns, Coogee and Murgon. In recent years, he worked in Canberra. I will be attending Br Cletus’ funeral today with Br John and Br Tim.

**May Br Cletus rest in peace.**

**Grandparents’ Day – Friday 29th August**

On Friday 29th of August St Joseph’s would like to honour the role Grandparents or Special people, play in the lives of our children. They offer support, love and their time in helping us raise our children. On this day, we would like to open the doors of our classrooms, to share with our Grandparents and Special people, the learning and fun that happens every day here at St Joseph’s. Please extend a warm welcome from us to these important members of your family.

The day will begin with a Mass in the Church. The Grandparents and Special people will then spend some time in the classrooms. Please remind them, that if they have more than one grandchild to visit, they do not spend too much time in one classroom. The Grandparents will be invited back to the hall for a concert performed by our school students. The day will then conclude with a light morning tea.

We look forward to sharing our school and meeting many members of the St Joseph’s extended family.

**Fete**

Everyone is working hard and the children are getting more excited as they are starting to hear just what they can look forward to. Our fabulous and dedicated committee is planning and organising those last minute arrangements to make the 5th September a day to remember. Stall Convenors and so many more helpers are all preparing for the big night – another example of how our community works well together.

Over the coming weeks we will be asking families to support through the donation of items, ingredients etc – these will be clearly explained and timed so that the impact upon families will not be excessive.

**Farewell**

It is with sadness that we farewell Miss Amanda Kelly, as she makes a move up North to beautiful Cairns. Miss Kelly began teaching at St Joseph’s when she took on the Prep class in 2013, and has taken these students through to Year 1 this year. We especially thank Miss Kelly for her wonderful nurturing approach with our Early Years children. On behalf of the school community, we wish Miss Kelly all the very best on her new adventure, and every success in her future school. Goodbye and Good Luck Miss Kelly!

**District Athletics**

Last week St Joseph’s sent over 40 students to compete at the South Burnett Athletics Carnival. Congratulations to all the children who competed as you all contributed to helping St Joseph’s go close to winning the Percentage Trophy. Well done!!!

Special mention should go to Floyd Aubrey who was U11 boys age champion and to Patrick Hoult who was U12 Boys age champion (tied). Well done to Patrick Hoult, Floyd Aubrey, James Olbes and Jaylah Purcell who will represent South Burnett at the Wide Bay Athletics Trial. Well done to all the children who were placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd and to everyone who tried their best over the 2 days.

**Working Bee**

On Sunday 24th August we will be holding a Working Bee at St Joseph’s. We are already planning those little projects that need doing around our school. You too can become an incredible Working Bee team contributor and help to make a difference to our school environment. So put it in your diary for 8.30 a.m. till 12.00 p.m. Sunday 24th August and come along with wheelbarrow, shovels etc and help us out while taking the opportunity to socialise and meet new parents. Thank You.
Hello there everybody and welcome to Year 1 news. We are so excited about Casey the Caterpillar and how she is helping us to write our letters the correct way. We have been making 2D and 3D pattern caterpillars, painted butterflies, playing with our Casey cards and working in our own Casey the Caterpillar activity books. We also enjoyed learning some new shape designs with our special high school visitors.

In Science we are exploring everyday materials and how hot water and heat can change powders and solids into liquids, some of these science experiments are very tasty like jelly cups and chocolate shapes!!!

We have set up a grocery shop in the classroom and we are using play money to buy things at our shop. We hope to keep changing the types of shops in year 1, maybe a toy shop, a hairdressers or even a bakery may appear in our classroom next.

In Religion we have just finished learning about Moses and how he persistently kept trying to free his people from bad treatment. God helped him as he persisted with a very difficult task, just as he can help all of us, when we pray to him.

We have finished our Aboriginal Art we worked on last term and these are on display in our room ready to share on Grandparents’ Day.

We're being mad scientists each week with experiments investigating Physical Science relating to force. After the World Cup in Soccer, the children were quite capable in scoring goals in our makeshift indoor soccer field using ping pong balls scoring goals after a ‘calculated’ flick! We have finished our Aboriginal Art we worked on last term and these are on display in our room ready to share on Grandparents’ Day.

Currently we’re working on our moves for the dance for our fete. Lots of ‘movers’ and ‘groovers’ in the class. The children are finding how English, Maths and Science are involved in so many daily situations and the children are developing the skills needed for each purpose.

History was brought to our attention when visiting the Caboolture Historical Village in Week 3. This was very educational and useful to our work being covered this term. Geographically we have learnt to recognise where in the world many places are found and in particular countries belonging to the Commonwealth.

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Welcome to Week 5! I hope everyone had a relaxing long-weekend.

This week as Catholics we celebrate the Feast of St Maximilian Kolbe (14th August) as well as the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (15th August). Our year 6/7 students have begun a special project to learn about Icon painting as a form of prayer, and are soon to begin research into a saint, whom inspires us today. St Maximilian Kolbe is one such saint whom the students may study and paint.

St Maximilian Kolbe  
Feast Day: August 14  
Born: 1894  
Died: 1941

Raymond Kolbe was born in Poland. When he was just a teenager, he joined the Franciscan order and took the name Maximilian. Maximilian loved his work and enjoyed studying to become a priest, and he especially loved the Blessed Mother. Before he became a priest, he started the Immaculata Movement devoted to Our Lady.

The Mother of God blessed Father Maximilian's work. He built a large centre in Poland called “City of the Immaculate.” In about fifteen years, a large community of eight hundred Franciscans lived there and worked hard to make the love of Mary known. Father Kolbe also started another City of the Immaculate in Nagasaki, Japan and yet another one in India.

In 1938, the Nazis invaded the Polish City of the Immaculate. They stopped the wonderful work going on there. In 1941, the Nazis arrested Father Kolbe. They sentenced him to hard manual labour at Auschwitz. Three months after he arrived at Auschwitz a prisoner managed to escape. The Nazis decided to punish the rest of the prisoners. They decided to choose ten prisoners and put them in a bunker without food or water so that they would starve to death.

One prisoner they chose was a married man with a family. He begged and pleaded to be spared for the sake of his children. Father Kolbe, who was listening, felt deeply moved and decided to help that suffering prisoner. He stepped forward and asked the commander if he could take the man’s place. The commander agreed.

Father Kolbe and the other prisoners were sent into the bunker and they remained alive without food or water for many days. One by one, as they died, Father Kolbe helped and comforted them. He was the last to die on August 14, 1941.

The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary 15th August.

On this feast of Mary we celebrate a special favour that God gave to Mary, our Mother.

The Assumption means that Mary was taken up into the glory of heaven not only with her soul, but also with her body.

Now Mary is in heaven. She is queen of heaven and earth. She is the Mother of Jesus’ Church and queen of apostles. Every time Mary asks Jesus to give us graces, he listens to her request.

As we celebrate the feast day of Mary, we can ask our Blessed Mother Mary to guide, protect and care for us.  

http://www.holyspiritinteractive.net/kids/saints/0814_kolbe.asp

Have a great week everyone, God Bless,  
Celia O’Connor
Acting APRE/CST

Children’s Book Week

MONDAY 18TH TO FRIDAY 21ST AUGUST

This year’s Book Week theme is “Connect to Reading”. Connect to reading is about enjoying the experience of exploring story, and travelling to other worlds. Through reading we can connect to another generation, to characters who are like us, or very different to us. We can connect to reading through audio and digital formats. Reading helps us to create a bond with others.

Students and staff are invited to dress up as a favourite book character on Monday 18th August.

Grandparents’ Day Mass and Morning Tea

Keep your morning free on Friday 29th August, for a special Mass and morning devoted to our Grandparents. Children will be sending home invitations for Grandparents to join in our special Mass at 9:30am. Following Mass, children will share some of their learning experiences with Grandparents in their classrooms. A shared morning tea will finish our morning.

We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Our next Buddy Mass will be on Friday 22nd August at 9:30am. Year 3 and year 6/7 classes will join together for Mass. Everyone is welcome!
ART NEWS

The seniors have been studying one of Australia’s most famous artists, Margaret Olley. We were lucky enough to see an original Margaret Olley painting at government house when we were in Canberra. We have been learning how two complete rooms from her house in Sydney have been relocated to an art gallery in Tweed Heads. After viewing several of her paintings and studying her book we also had a go at a still life painting. This was typical of her style of art.

The junior classes have been busy putting together a colourful exhibition for the library. All classes have participated in this exercise.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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Happy Birthdays

August

- Year 2: Caitlin Barnett
- Year 3: Joanela Purcell
- Year 4: Bridie Prendergast
- Year 5: Josh Peterson, Rebecca Palmer
- Yr 6/7: Shonae Walker

Farewell Miss Kelly

Mr McCarthy ..........
‘This is Your Life’
St. Joseph’s Parish & School Fete
5th September 2014

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.

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

Many other Stalls: Hot Food, Drinks, Novelty, Piety, Craft, Raffle, come and join all the fun at the local Parish and School Fete. All Very Welcome!!
South Burnett Little Athletics Club
Ages 5—17 years
Sprints, Middle and Long distance running, Shot Put, Discus, Long Jump, High Jump, Triple Jump, Javelin and Hurdles
(some events for certain age groups are modified)
Fees: $110 for 1st child
$90 for 2nd and subsequent children in family
A $40 family levy is applicable to first child’s fees.

WEDNESDAY 20th AUGUST, 2014
SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST, 2014
Taabinga State School Oval
FAMILY FUN & FITNESS
Contact: Kellie 0437 764269
Kaylene 0438 625551

Wondai State School 50TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE OPENING OF THE SECONDARY DEPARTMENT
All alumni, teachers, family and friends are invited to join the founding students for a spit roast buffet dinner at the WONDAI HOTEL Saturday evening 4th October at 6.30pm. “Footsteps” a duo from Wooroolin, will provide music.

TICKETS COST $60 Per Hd
And can be purchased up to 5th Sept 2014 from:
Wondai Hotel: 41 685274
Wondai State School: 41692333
Pam Stockdale Mobile: 0404 477 144

Closed Event: including festival style set up with marquee, stage, open fire pit and wood fired
And Celebration Cake/Dessert and Live Music

Murgon Blue Light Disc
When: 15TH August, 2014
Where: Diggers Room Murgon RSL
Time: 6.30pm to 8.30pm
Who: Ages Prep to 13 years (only)
Cost: $5.00 entry (included is a Hot Dog)