Dear Parents & Carers,

A very big thank you to everyone who kindly donated money last Friday for the Brunjes family. A fantastic effort from the St Joeys community, raising a wonderful amount of $1000. The family were very appreciative of our generous donation, after receiving the cheque at Friday’s assembly.

Two weeks ago I was in Brisbane to finalise planning for 2015. Next year promises to build upon our successes from this year as we continually look to improve the high quality education we provide at St Joseph’s. An area that I am most looking forward to is our involvement in a literacy project that aims to improve learning outcomes for all students at St Joseph’s. We were one of only 20 primary schools across Brisbane Catholic Education to be accepted into this project. This project continues on from the quality teaching and learning started this year including the Early Years Literacy Project started in Prep to Year 2 and Mini Lit and Multi Lit for children from Years 1 to 7.

Preparing the school budget is part of this planning process and a key aspect of this is student enrolments. Enrolments for 2015 are strong enough to maintain 6 classes even with Year 7 moving to Secondary next year. To ensure this, we need to confirm our 2015 enrolments. If you are looking to continue your enrolment at St Joseph’s, we do not require you to do anything, however, if you are looking to leave we need to know this now. We currently have vacancies in all year levels so if you are aware of anyone in the Murgon or the surrounding communities looking to make a change please encourage them to contact the office for an enrolment interview. Your recommendation may be just what they are looking for to make the change. As you are aware, St Joseph’s is a great school and we are happy to welcome new families.

Prep Orientation. Next week on Thursday we meet and greet our 2015 Prep students and their families. It will be an exciting morning for the children and their families and we look forward to see their smiling, nervous and excited faces as they experience their first taste of “big school”. So if you are aware of anyone looking to enrol in Prep, please ask them to contact the office so they can be part of this orientation. Finally, if you have a child starting in Prep next year, you need to complete the enrolment paperwork now, to confirm your place.

There will also be a change in the classrooms for next year. Prep next year will be moving into Cullen’s Cottage, our current Year 1 classroom. Year 1 and Year 2 will be in the Rosary building. The purpose of the move is to have all the Early Years classes together. The changes, I believe, brings the whole school closer together. The current prep room will be turned into a multi-purpose room, which will be used for The Arts, Indonesian, Girls Club and other school events.

Our Carols Night will be held on Thursday November 27, at 6pm. We invite you all to join us as we celebrate the spirit of Christmas at our wonderful St Joseph’s community event. This year we will be holding this event on the school oval, so you are welcome to BYO chairs, picnic rugs and, of course, singing voices to join in the carol singing under starlight. Give mum a night off cooking, as P & F will be running a BBQ on the night.

Our Year 6 and 7 students will celebrate their Thanksgiving mass and celebration on Tuesday evening December 2. This a time for these students and their families to come together and celebrate their time at primary school.

We received the news not so long ago that Br John O’Brien will be leaving Murgon at the end of the year to return to Sydney, after 8 years. Br John has been an important part of the community of Murgon, St Joseph’s School and St Joseph’s Parish. Br John’s morning visit will be missed and we wish him all the best in his retirement. A farewell mass and gathering for Br John will be held on Sunday 30th November at St Joseph’s at 8.00 am.

Finally, our school year comes to an end on Friday December 5. An end of year mass will be held to celebrate our year and the school day will end at 12:00pm. It is important for parents to take note of this early finish time, as parents will need make arrangements for the child/ren to be picked up, as buses, other than our school bus will not be operating at this time.

Have a great week,

Greg Cran
Principal
Welcome to Week 5! The generosity and goodwill of members of the St Joseph’s community came to the fore last Friday, when our students and staff raised $1000 for the Brunjes family. Many members of the local community have rallied together and shown compassion and kindness during this time of need. Sincere thanks to our parents and carers who helped to support our Free Dress day to raise funds. We keep the Brunjes family in our thoughts and prayers as they are getting back on their feet.

On Remembrance Day next week, Tuesday 11th November, St Joseph’s will hold a brief, meaningful prayer gathering. On the 11th day of the 11th month at the 11th hour, we pause to remember and honour those who have died in war. We will welcome Mr Trevor Sanderson to mark this special moment with us. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sincere thanks to the St Joseph’s students and staff who marched with the World War II vintage 25 pound ‘artillery piece’ for part of its journey returning from Kingaroy to Murgon. These members of our school community represented St Joseph’s with pride.

The next Buddy Mass will be on Friday 14th November, with Year 6/7 and their younger buddies in Year 3.

On Thursday 20th November, St Joseph’s will celebrate the feast of Venerable Nano Nagle with a morning liturgy. Nano Nagle founded the Presentation Sisters, and it’s these special Sisters who founded our school in 1937. Special awards are given to students who show some of the qualities of Nano Nagle. Everyone is welcome to attend this celebration with us.

Celia O’Connor
Acting APRE/CST

Happy Birthdays
Prep: Lauchlan Williams
Year 1: Tayla Shields
Year 2: Damon Zelinski
Year 4: Pheona Combo
Year 5: Harry Perrett
Year 6 / 7: Iutin Tetabo
Staff: Mrs Ogden, Mrs Jones & Mrs Paech

Active After School Communities
Golf on Mondays & Circus on Tuesdays
Please collect your children at 4.15pm from Golf club on Mondays & School on Tuesdays
Remember it 's fun and it 's free!!
This fortnight in Program Achieve, students will continue 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 worry can vary in intensity from strong to weak.
- state the difference between thoughts that cause them to feel extremely worried and thoughts that cause them to feel less worried.
- state the definition of the “Being Independent” way of thinking.

Next week the Lower Primary students will be learning to:
- state different types of green light thinking that can help them be more confident.
- state that to be more confident, they have to practise being confident in different situations.
- state that to be more confident, they have to look and sound confident.

This week in Middle Primary, students have been learning to:
- state that making mistakes is a natural part of learning.
- use self-talk that indicates that they accept themselves when they make mistakes.
- state the negative effects of the “Needing to be Perfect” way of thinking on their anxiety and worry.
- state the relationship between “Taking Risks” way of thinking and worry reduction.

Next week the Middle Primary students will be learning to:
- state different types of thinking that can help them be more confident.
- be more confident, they have to practise being confident in different situations.

This week in Upper Primary, students have been learning to:
- explain that their positive qualities do not make them entirely good, and their negative qualities do not make them entirely bad.
- explain why their negative qualities do not determine their worth as a human being.
- apply the “Accepting Myself” way of thinking to themselves in order to accept themselves even though they recognise they have negative qualities.
- explain that because all people are made up of good and not-so-good qualities, it doesn’t make sense to rate people solely on the basis of their bad (or good) qualities.
- explain how the “Having to Be Perfect” way of thinking can lead to anxiety and losing one’s confidence.
- explain how the “Taking Risks” way of thinking can lead to more confidence and less anxiety.

Next week the Upper Primary students will be learning to:
- summarise what they have learned about confidence.
- formulate a plan for increasing their confidence.

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

Congratulations to our very clever St. Joseph’s Students receiving awards for learning their sight words!
We have some up and coming Gymnastics Champions who competed at the Toowoomba Garden City Spring Competition.

Jamie Atkins  -  achieved — 6th on floor, 3rd on Vault and a Bronze Medal overall.

Sam Catlin  -  1st in Parallel Bars, 5th on Rings, 4th on a High Bars, 4th on Vault, 5th in Pommel. 4th Overall, achieving a Gold Ribbon.

Nathan Roderick  -  3rd on Parallel Bars and 4th on Pommel

Lachlan Zelinski  -  4th on floor, 4th on vault, 4th on rings, 4th on high bars, 4th on pommel, 3rd on parallel bars. 4th—Overall achieving a medal.

Congratulations to all four students, your patience, dedication, and perseverance has paid off. Keep up the fantastic work!

A competition run by Year 7 students found that Bridget Voigt is Smarter than her Teacher!

We pray that Leanne, Noel, Tania, Matthew, Peter Braun and the rest of the family find strength at this very difficult time. May Beryl rest in peace in the arms of the Lord.

REMINDER TO STUDENTS WHO ARE TRANSITIONING INTO MURGON HIGH FOR 2015.

Parents of children transitioning into Murgon State High School are reminded to post or deliver the Enrolment Procedures/Intention of Enrolment at Murgon State High, please. This will assist the High School in being prepared in advance for the new students to arrive. Students must enrol if they are to attend Murgon High. Thank you to those involved.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 3
Prep  Catherine Voigt
Year 1  Lauchlan Williams
Year 2  Joseph Atkins
Year 3  Tarnia Bligh
Year 4  Teagan O'Sullivan
Year 5  Ryan Heness & Lachlan Zelinski
Year 6/7  All the Girls

Week 4
Prep  Zeshawn Leedie
Year 1  Shontaynne Cobbo
Year 2  Jamarl Alberts
Year 3  Nathan Roderick
Year 4  Pheona Combo
Year 5  James Olbes
Yr 6 / 7  Patrick Hoult
A casual position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at this school.

The School Crossing Supervisor may be required to work two or three days per week in all weather conditions. The hours of work for School Crossing Supervisors are normally 1.2 hours a day and usually comprise forty five minutes in the morning and thirty minutes in the afternoon.

The successful applicant is dependent on:

The favourable outcome of a health assessment carried out by a Government Medical Officer or a duly qualified Medical Practitioner according to the guidelines in the “Notes for Medical Practitioner” on the School Crossing Supervisor Scheme – Health Assessment Form; and

Applicants are required to advise in writing of any charges that have been laid against them or any offence of which they have been convicted of.

Applications addressing the selection criteria as listed in the position description must be submitted in writing to the school.

If you are successful in your application for this position you can only commence employment if you have a current Blue Card or your Blue Card is in the process of being renewed or an application has been submitted to the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian.

Address application to: Private and Confidential to The Principal, St. Joseph’s Catholic Primary School, P.O. Box 212, Murgon.

Applications close at 3.00pm on Tuesday, 17th November.
For further information please phone the Principal, Greg Cran on 4168 1627

CASUAL POSITION VACANT

Chicken Chippies is our new special ONLY $3.00

Slushies for Sale
Available at Big Lunch
Mondays
Tuesdays &
Fridays
$2.00 each

Weekday Mass Times
Wednesdays—Wondai 5.30pm   Thursdays—Murgon 5.30pm
Fridays - Murgon 9.30am

Parish Mass Times
Saturday 8th Nov          Sunday 9th Nov
Murgon 6pm               Wondai 8am
Proston 8am               Durong 10.30am

Saturday 15th Nov         Sunday 16th Nov
Wondai 8am               Murgon 6pm
Proston 9am               Goomeri 10am

Parish Priest: Fr. Michael Carroll sm   PH 41681406
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

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!

Our Expert Teachers and School Officers all passionate about teaching and learning

A very appreciative Paul (Skeet) Brunjes

C&K Murgon Community Kindergarten

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