Dear St Joseph’s Families,

At this time of the year teachers are working to collate student work samples and reflect on student progress to enable them to make reporting decisions. These decisions are then shared with parents and carers in the reporting process. This process is inclusive of a written report and a parent teacher interview. Both of these elements of the process complement one another and the best access to information about student achievement occurs when the report card is reviewed in the parent teacher interview along with student work samples. It is hoped that all parents or carers will take advantage of the opportunity provided by the class teacher for a reporting interview to ensure a complete and accurate understanding of each student’s achievement.

Parent Teacher interviews will be conducted on the 25th and 26th June. Please prioritise these dates in your diary.

This week the staff and students of St Joseph’s will celebrate Marcellin Champagnat Day. Marcellin Champagnat, was a Roman Catholic missionary and educationalist. In 1816, the newly ordained Marcellin Champagnat, consecrated to Mary, felt a personal call by God to found a religious community of Brothers that would bring the message of Jesus’ love to neglected young people. Marcellin also co-founded the Marist Fathers.

Today his passionate spirit, daring vision and persistent work are embodied in the mission of Marist Brothers. A man of deep prayer, Marcellin’s devotion to the love of God, Mary, and his Brothers inspired him to a universal mission. The Marist Brothers are known for their family spirit and simple Gospel way of being fully present to each other and all people.

Marcellin often proclaimed, "This is all God’s work...this is all Mary's work." That remains true to the spirit of today’s Marist Brothers.

Here at St Joseph’s we are privileged to have had a long association with the Marist Brothers and Fathers. This week we celebrate the contribution Fr Michael, Br John and Br Tim and other Marist Brothers have made to our school.

Our school will celebrate Marcellin Champagnat’s Feast Day, with a Liturgy and during this liturgy the Marcellin Champagnat Awards will be presented by Br. John. Students who receive this award have been:

- Well-mannered and co-operative;
- Respectful of others;
- Generous – Willing to help teachers and students without being asked;
- Hard working – Attends school regularly and doesn’t give up easily;
- Prayerful – Listens carefully during prayers and liturgies

Thank you to Fr Michael, Br John and Br Tim and all other Brothers who have worked so hard for the community of St Joseph’s.

Hope your week goes well

Greg Cran
Principal
St Marcellin Champagnat Celebration!

This Friday we will be celebrating the Feast Day of St Marcellin Champagnat here at St Joseph’s. This day has special significance for our community as we are fortunate to have Marist Brothers - Br Tim and Br John enacting the work and dream of St Marcellin here. Fr Michael is also a Marist priest, giving our Feast Day celebration significance.

This week Br John has visited each class, to share the story of who St Marcellin was, and the amazing work that he began, as he established the Marist Brothers. Marist Brothers work right across the world now, living out Marcellin’s dream. Brothers in Syria, for example, today face the enormous challenges of a war-torn and chaotic place of crime, hunger, illness, and terrible suffering for the people caught in the middle of conflict.

Marcellin worked extremely hard to care for, and educate children. He particularly showed compassion and love to orphans and abandoned young people.

In the early years when Marcellin began to send his Brothers to help people beyond their immediate community, he would write the names of those due to travel, and place them in a silver heart. This heart he placed near the statue of Mary our Mother, as protector and guide for their work.

During our St Marcellin Champagnat Mass on Friday (9am), all students in our school will place their names inside our St Joseph’s silver heart, and pray for Mary’s guidance and protection.

Pope Francis, on 24th April 2013 shared this significant reflection, which will be on a special card for each student on Friday, marking this celebration.

Have you thought about the talents that God has given you?

Have you thought of how you can put them at the service of others?

Do not bury your talents!

Set your sights on great ideals, the ideals that enlarge the heart,

The ideals of service that make your talents fruitful.

Life is not given to us to be jealously guarded for ourselves,

but is given to us so that we may give it in turn.

Dear young people, have a deep spirit!

Do not be afraid to dream of great things!

Wishing you a wonderful week!

God Bless,

Celia O’Connor
Acting APRE/CST
Getting Along
This fortnight in program achieve, students finished their study about Getting Along.

Lower primary: This week in lower primary, students have been learning to:
- Identify conflict initiating behaviour.
- Identify behaviours that will reduce the likelihood of conflict.
- Identify thoughts that will reduce the likelihood of conflict.
- Interact positively with others who tend to initiate conflict.
- Explain why the “Playing By The Rules” way of thinking helps them resolve interpersonal conflict

Middle primary: This week in middle primary, students have been learning to:
- State a variety of conflict-reducing behaviours.
- Demonstrate conflict-reducing behaviours.
- Generate thoughts that alleviate anger (“Being Tolerant of Others” way of thinking).
- Explain how the “Acting Without Thinking” way of thinking can cause increased conflict in interpersonal problems.
- Generate alternative strategies for conflict resolution before taking action (“Thinking First” way of thinking)

Upper primary: This week in upper primary, students have been learning to:
- Identify the thoughts that cause them to feel angry.
- Identify thoughts that alleviate anger.
- Challenge and change their anger-producing thoughts so they are less angry.
- Explain how the “Being Intolerant of Others” way of thinking leads to anger-creating thoughts, feelings and behaviours.

Collection Notice
Our school has been selected to participate in the 2014 Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with disability conducted by the Commonwealth Government. The data will be collected as at 1 August 2014 and will include:
- Total number of school students
- Number of students with a disability by school level (primary / secondary)
- Number of disability types (physical, social, cognitive or sensory)
- Level of adjustment provided (none, supplementary, substantial, extensive).
- NB – no student identifiers will be provided.

Should you not wish your child with a disability to be included in this count, please advise the school, in writing, by 6/6/14. Further information can be found at the following website:

David Francis
Guidance Counsellor  St Joseph’s Primary School,    Murgon, Mon, Tues, Wed Ph 4168 I627

Students of the Week— Term 2 Week 7
Prep    Mischa Gleeson
Year 1  Solomon Bembrick
Year 2  Daniel Rowberry
Year 3  Tytrell Combo-Wragge
Year 4  Teagan O’Sullivan
Year 5  Morgan McPhail
Year 6/7 Shonae Walker

JUNE Happy Birthdays
Prep    Frank Boney, Rhys Williams,    Ella Palmer
Year 1  Solomon Bembrick, Eddie Riley, Riley Gleich    Robert Miller
Year 2  Charlotte Bond, Kanarrah Carlo
Year 3  Amelia Cran, Dylan Kapernick
Year 4  Ellie Searies, Sheldon Brown
Year 5  David Rowberry, Millar Shields

TEACHERS:- Mrs Prendergast (Secretary Extraordinaire)  
Ms O’Connor (APRE Extraordinaire ) 
Mrs Dunn (Teacher/Artist Extraordinaire)

Mrs McCallum being interviewed by Yr 7 Students

School Fees For April/May WERE Due by 22/05/2014
Thank you to those families who have brought their school fee accounts up to date. A further reminder that unless you have a formalised instalment payment arrangement in place with the School (e.g. Direct Debit, Centrepay ) your April/May account were due for payment by Thursday 22nd May. If you require any further time to make this payment, could you please contact the school office on 4168 1627 for a confidential discussion with Mr Cran.
Our Family Holiday Canberra Fund Raising Raffle — Please return all tickets (preferably SOLD). The P & F have actively worked to reduce the cost of this trip for Parents, please support them in their endeavour to make this trip affordable for all.

1st Prize - Zagame’s Paradise Resort - 5 Night Theme Park Thrill Package (Including Dreamworld)
2nd Prize - ($150 Murgon Money)
Tickets—$2.00 each - drawn 6/6/14

TUCKSHOP SPECIAL
EACH WEDNESDAY

Chicken & Gravy Roll with LOL can or Popper & Cup Cake
ONLY $6.00

SPORT NEWS

Last week three students competed at the Wide Bay School Cross Country Trials in Gayndah. These carnivals are very tough competition. Cookie Aubrey, Harry Perrett and Rebecca Palmer all did their very best for their event in the Under 11 boys and girls. Well done, keep up the good work!

The School Netball Team were presented with their certificates last Friday.

REMEMBER............School Photo orders must be returned to the school office by 3.00pm this Thursday 5th June 2014.

Don’t forget........

Book Club flyers were sent home last week. These orders are due back on Tuesday 10th June. Please note that if you are paying for your order by cheque, kindly make the cheque payable to St Joseph’s Primary School. Regards, Nell Guteridge Librarian

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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ICAS Academic Competitions

Friday, 6th June
6pm

WONDAI ART GALLERY

All Students at St. Joseph’s School have been given the opportunity to enter a piece of art in the monthly exhibition in ‘KIDS KORNER’. Some Year five students will be reciting poetry during the evening.

Children are free and Adults ONLY $5.00 which includes finger food and music!

Ella Palmer & Eden Shields at Healthy Eating Sessions with Emma from Healthy Lifestyles Australia.
Year 3

This term in Year 3 we are reading the novel Charlotte’s Web. Each week we have been learning ten spelling words based on the chapters we read in the novel. Do you know these words and what they mean – glutton, alders, inheritance, rummaging and campaign? WE DO!!

Year 4:

In our Science work this term, we have built up river valleys in groups, experimenting whether the type of soil will make a difference to erosion when the river flows through the valley. The local Council may want our advice on how to prevent destruction during heavy floods!! While Pop Eric shares the History of the Wakka Wakka people, Aunty Elise and Aunty Nikki assist us with our attempts at doing some dot painting.

PE Specialist Lessons

This term in PE we’ve been preparing for the athletics carnival. Students have been showing their speed in relay races and enjoying high jump and long jump. The younger students are also improving their ball skills in over and under and tunnel ball. In the coming weeks we will be trying out shot put and discus. We can’t wait for the carnival in the last week of school!

Year 1

We are fast becoming Weather experts in Year 1. We have started our daily graphing of the weather that we experience here in Murgon. We have also started Weather Science Experiments every Friday, so we can learn more about water, wind, ice and the sun. We are looking forward to the Athletics Carnival, so we have started some daily fitness, so that we will be fit and ready for the Carnival.

Year 2

This week in year 2 we have started to collect data in mathematics. The kids have been finding everyone’s likes and dis-likes very interesting and also what is the most popular things in our class. It is connecting perfectly with the ‘You can do it’ Program with a focus on Gabby Get Along, where Year 2 are getting to know others they didn’t know very well. This term, students have created some fantastic fairy-tales and when they are finished they will make a very interesting read!

Year 5

Have been enjoying learning about the Solar System. Next Week we are starting to design and make our own Solar System. In Maths we are learning to interpret data from different sources.

We welcome our newest Prep member, Connor! Prep students are always busy and on the go, at the moment they are enjoying writing letters accurately on the iPads and learning sight words!!!

Year 6 & 7

6/7’s had a cracker start to the term. Students are learning about the different techniques writers use to create a scary and gripping narrative. So watch out … A frightening story will be coming your way. In religion they are exploring the book of Proverbs; and researching if something written so long ago could still be relevant today. Students have just been given their History assignment. They will need to research a famous Australian and identify how that one person influenced Australian society. Leadership groups have continued to soar this term. Just this week the Nurture group started OFG. Not sure what ‘OFG’ means … then come in and ask one of the talented students. This term Patrick, Francis and Cookie told the teachers that they are too old and slow and have challenged them to a touch footy competition. This event will see the students take on, the best of the best. The competition starts next week!
Fete News  The count-down is on for our School Fete - in 13 Weeks!
Craft Stall Wanted: People to make items or donate goods to be made into items like tea towels, towels, face washers, coat hangers: lace (5m hanger), and wool (8ply). Please deliver to School Office or Presbytery. Contact Teresa Hodson on 41685957 for more information.

Giant Slide

Two Exciting new rides for 2014

St Joseph’s Parish, Murgon Parish Finance Secretary
4 hours/week
This role will be responsible for the financial bookkeeping of the parish. Experience using MYOB is essential. Knowledge of BAS and managing a database is advantageous.

Full position description can be obtained by contacting the parish:
Phone 41 681 406 murgon@bne.catholic.net.au or in person.

Applications should be marked confidential and addressed to:
Fo Michael Carroll sm
PO Box 60, Murgon QLD 4605
or emailed to murgon@bne.catholic.net.au

Murgon Week-end Mass Times
Saturday 7th June  Sunday 8th June
Proston 9am  Wondai 3am
Murgon 6pm  Durong 10.30pm

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

Murgon State School P and C Association
SERVICE AUCTION
Friday 13th June 2014

Time: Friday 13th June, 6:30 for 7:00pm start
Venue: Murgon SS ‘The Shed’
Services for auction include septic cleaning, house cleaning, ironing, compost pig manure and delivery, swimming/music/ceramics lessons, pest control
Any queries contact Judith 41698333
Proceeds to Murgon State School P & C Assoc.
PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL STATE SCHOOL

Murgon Blue Light Disco
Diggers Room, Murgon RSL
FRIDAY 20th June 2014
6.30pm—8.30pm SHARP
Cost: $5.00 includes
A Hot Dog!
NO PASSES OUT OF BUILDING UN-LESS WITH AN ADULT
PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY