Dear Parents & Carers,

STAFFING NEWS 2015

It is with much regret that I announce that Mr Richard Boles will be leaving St Joseph’s school community next year. Richard has been successful in his application for a position at Marist College Ashgrove. Richard has been a valued member of our teaching team for the past two years and a very active member of the local community. His commitment and participation in our many school events is to be commended and we will miss his knowledge, wisdom and friendship. We congratulate Richard and wish him the very best in the next phase of his teaching career.

I am pleased to announce that Miss Jessica Marshall will be a member of our staff next year. Jessica has worked at Saint Mary’s, Kingaroy and St Thomas More, Sunshine Beach. We are excited to have Jessica join us at St Joseph’s and we look forward to her visiting us in Murgon next week.

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.

In preparation for next year, I am now able to let you know the teaching staff for 2015. Please feel free to come to talk to me about any concerns you may have.

**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

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**NANO NAGLE FEAST DAY AND AWARDS**

This Thursday we will celebrate Nano Nagle’s Feast Day and Awards for 2014. These awards recognise children from each class who demonstrate those qualities associated with Nano Nagle (1718 – 1784), foundress of the Presentation Sisters. These qualities include reverence for God and respect for others, generosity and helpfulness towards staff and their classmates, and a genuine effort to do their best in all aspects of school. It is also an opportunity to acknowledge and thank the Presentation Sisters for their generosity to our school, the parish, and the wider community over the many years in Murgon. Sisters Carmel and Vianney will be returning to share this day with us at St Joseph’s. Their presence will help to remind us all of the spirit of Nano Nagle – a spirit of cheerful service to others and of an unwavering trust in God’s loving presence at all times.
PREP ORIENTATION THANKS
Last week saw the children who are enrolled for Prep next year spend the morning in our Prep environment. Our orientation morning was once again full of energy, smiles, excitement, some tears and lots of busy little bubbles exploring their new school. The teachers were most impressed with our 2015 Prep cohort and it was also very pleasing to hear about the co-operative and caring manner in which the current Year 7 welcomed them. Additionally, I would like to thank the Prep staff and the Year 5 students who assisted with this program by working with our current Prep class. We have received very positive feedback from the families who attended – they were made very welcome by us all.

REMEMBRANCE DAY
On Tuesday, 11 November, we gathered as a school community to acknowledge Remembrance Day. At 11am on 11 November, 1918, the guns on the Western Front fell silent after more than four years of continuous warfare. The red poppies, a familiar emblem of Remembrance Day, bloomed across some of the worst battlefields of Flanders in World War 1. Their brilliant red colour inspired the following poem which was recited as part of our Remembrance Day Prayer Celebration, as we remember all Australians who have given their lives to protect our country and the lifestyle we all enjoy. A special thank you to the Ms O’Connor for organising the service and Br Tim and Trevor Sanderson who led us on this special occasion.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS
The annual school Carols Night is fast approaching and promises to be a night filled with Christmas spirit as we gather as a community.
Next Thursday 27th November, our school community will be gathering on the school oval to celebrate Christmas with a carols evening. The program for the night includes 2 performances by each year level. The evening commences at 6:30pm so we ask that students be seated by 6:15pm. The children will remain with their classes until the completion of the night’s program. Parents are invited to bring picnic blankets, cushions or chairs to make the night comfortable. P&F will be running a BBQ and hot chips on the Night starting at 5:45pm! Children and families are invited to wear their Christmas shirt/dress and bring along their Christmas spirit for an evening full of festive fun!

YEAR 6 / 7 THANKSGIVING (COMPLETION OF PRIMARY SCHOOL)
At 6:15pm on Tuesday 2nd December we will gather together for a special occasion where we will acknowledge and thank our current Year 6 and Year 7 leaders for their time at St Joseph’s before they move on and continue their journey into high school next year. This ceremony will take place in St Joseph’s Church. The evening will conclude with dinner for the children, families and staff in the hall. I thank Ms O’Connor, Mr Morris and Mrs Carney for their time and effort which they have put into preparing the evening. I also would like to thank in advance, the Year 5 students and parents who will help with the catering and serving, on the night.

END OF YEAR COMMUNITY MASS
At 9:30am on Friday 5th December we will join with the Parish as a whole school community to celebrate Mass as our final School gathering for 2014. We invite you to join with us for this special celebration. Friday 5th December is the last day of the school year for 2014 and school will conclude for the children at 12pm. Please note the earlier finish and make appropriate arrangements for your child to be picked up from school. The only buses to be running at this time will be our own school buses to Cherbourg and Wondai.

END OF YEAR REPORTING PROCEDURES
Please note that reports will be handed out to students on Monday December 1st. Any family leaving before this date is asked to contact the office so that mailing arrangements can be made. Teachers are not able to provide reports before Monday Dec 1st. A reminder there will be no official parent teacher interview this year. However you are most welcome to arrange an interview with your child’s class teacher or I am also very happy to meet with you.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Next Friday 28th November we will hold our swimming carnival at Wondai Swimming Pool. This year the whole school will be at the carnival, together, on the day. The swimming carnival is the culminating activity of the four week swimming program that has been running throughout Term 4. We thank Adam Stephenson and Mr Morris for facilitating the swimming program and Mr Boles for coordinating the carnival which, hopefully, will be held in fine QLD weather (fingers crossed!).

Have a great week,
Greg Cran
Principal
With the Day for Daniel being a few weeks ago, I wanted to communicate information to parents about child safety, and share with you some strategies that I think will be useful in keeping our students safe.

**QUICK TIPS:**
- If your child rides or walks to school, ask them to follow the same path. Have the discussion with your child about what paths they should follow, so you know where to look for them if something is wrong.
- Have your child travel in a group… “There’s safety in numbers”.

**THE PASSWORD SYSTEM**

One of the great tips that I learnt about was using a password system. This is aimed at avoiding children being put in a situation where a person is attempting to trick them. This is how it works:
- Have a family meeting and decide on a password (not a pet’s name or something easily guessed).
- The parents/carers will discuss with the children who they think should tell.
- Then the parents/carers will give this password to persons that they feel are trustworthy.
- If a person asks a child to hop in their car because “mum told me to pick you up from school” or any other situation that may apply, the child then asks for the password. If it’s incorrect then the child declines their offer and continues on their way.
- Or if needed they can use their other protective behaviours of:
  - Running away.
  - Screaming for help.
  - Calling 000 if they have a mobile

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

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**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

**Week 5**
- Prep Jack Riley
- Year 1 Emily Palmer
- Year 2 Kaylah Bligh
- Year 3 DJ Olbes
- Year 4 Ron-Keyah Bond
- Year 5 Ryan Heness
- Year 6 / 7 Dawn Druey & Courtney Boney

**Week 6**
- Prep Rubin Smethurst
- Year 1 Isaac Watson
- Year 2 Charlie Searies
- Year 3 Riley Robinson
- Year 4 Bridget Jones
- Year 5 James Olbes
- Year 6 / 7

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**NOVEMBER**

Happy Birthdays

- Year 1: Lauchlan Williams
- Year 2: Tayla Shields
- Year 3: Damon Zelinski
- Year 4: Pheona Combo
- Year 5: Harry Perrett
- Year 6 / 7: Iutin Tetabo
- Staff: Mrs Ogden, Mrs Jones & Mrs Paech

Happy Birthday everyone!
NEXT P & F MEETING

20th November— THIS THURSDAY—6pm in the Administration Block  NOTE THE CHANGE

All Very Welcome!

Parish Mass Times

Saturday 22nd Nov  Sunday 23rd Nov
Murgon 6pm  Wondai 8am
Proston 8am  Cherbourg 10am

Saturday 29th Nov  (5th) - Sunday 30th Nov
Wondai 6pm  Murgon 8am
Proston 8am

Weekday Mass Times

Wednesdays—Wondai 5.30pm  Thursdays—Murgon 5.30pm
Fridays - Murgon 9.30am

Parish Priest: Fr. Michael Carroll sm  PH 41681406

Please Note:
Proston Mass time change to 8am - until March 2015.

Parish News

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ALL WELCOME

TUCKSHOP SPECIAL

Available each Wednesday

Chicken Chippies is our new special ONLY $3.00

Slushies for Sale

Available at Big Lunch
Mondays
Thursdays & Fridays
$2.00 each

FOR SALE

St. Joseph’s Stubby Coolers
Only $5.00 each
Great Collectors item
Available at the School Office
Hurry before they sell out!!

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ALL WELCOME
Welcome to Week 7!
This Thursday St Joseph’s is celebrating the Feast of Venerable Nano Nagle. It is a very significant occasion as Nano Nagle founded the Presentation Sisters. The Presentation Sisters founded our school in 1937 and have played a vital part in our school community for many years. We continue to honour the values upheld by Nano Nagle and her Presentation Sisters here at St Joseph’s, through our actions. Nano’s motto “Deeds, not Words” encourages us to show kindness and compassion to all people, especially to those who are lonely and unhappy; to try hard at school and attend regularly; to act fairly and justly at play and in dealing with others; and to listen carefully during prayers and liturgies. These actions are the criteria for which the Nano Nagle Awards will be given to students on Thursday. A very warm welcome to Sister Vianney and Sister Carmel who will be joining us on their special day.

BOOKLISTS FOR 2015
St Joseph’s is taking a different approach to the purchase of stationery and textbooks for the 2015 school year. All stationery items including exercise books, pencils, glue, scissors, and textbooks etc will be purchased in bulk by the school, and parents levied. Further information will be sent home with your child’s report card.

Celia O’Connor
Acting APRE/CST

Carols Night
27 November 2014 at 5.45pm for BBQ dinner, children sitting down by 6.15pm
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.

As each class sings its chosen carol, the community is invited to join in.

Congratulations to our girls and boys who competed in the Murgon Gymnastics Competition held at the South Burnett PCYC last Saturday.