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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

School will resume for Term 2 on Wednesday 23rd April

Dear St Joseph’s Families,

Tomorrow, March 19 is the Feast of Saint Joseph, Patron Saint of our school and also of the Parish of Murgon. Everything we know about the husband of Mary comes from Scripture. We know he was a carpenter, a working man, “Is this not the carpenter's son?” (Matthew 13:55). Despite his humble work and means, Joseph came from a royal lineage. Joseph was also a compassionate, caring man. When he discovered Mary was pregnant after they had been betrothed, he knew the child was not his but was as yet unaware that she was carrying the Son of God. He planned to divorce Mary according to the law but he was concerned for her suffering and safety. We know Joseph was man of faith, obedient to whatever God asked of him without knowing the outcome. When the angel came to Joseph in a dream and told him the truth about the child Mary was carrying, Joseph immediately and without question or concern for gossip, took Mary as his wife. When the angel came again to tell him that his family was in danger, he immediately left everything he owned, all his family and friends, and fled to a strange country with his young wife and the baby.

We know Joseph loved Jesus. His one concern was for the safety of this child entrusted to him. Not only did he leave his home to protect Jesus, but upon his return settled in the obscure town of Nazareth out of fear for his life. When Jesus stayed in the Temple we are told Joseph (along with Mary) searched with great anxiety for three days for him (Luke 2:48).

We know Joseph respected God. He followed God’s commands in handling the situation with Mary and going to Jerusalem to have Jesus circumcised and Mary purified after Jesus’ birth. We are told that he took his family to Jerusalem every year for Passover, something that could not have been easy for a working man. Joseph probably had died before Jesus entered public ministry.

Joseph is also patron of the universal Church, fathers, carpenters, and social justice. We pray in thanks for the example of St Joseph and that, like him, we will all be people of integrity. We pray also that St Joseph’s will bless our school and parish communities so they will be places where God is encountered, where there is justice and compassion for all. Today as a school we celebrated the feast of St Joseph with the children partaking in Mass, a shared meal and activities where they learnt more about St Joseph. I would like to thank Ms O’Connor for organising and preparing the children for such a special Mass. Well done everyone!

Thank You and Congratulations

A very big thank you to Mrs Kerry Dunn, the staff and children of St Joseph’s, for the effort they put into the design and set up of our School display at the Murgon show. Mrs Dunn’s leadership helped ensure that our display was awarded THIRD PLACE. Great work everyone.

Take a Stand Together: National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence

Our school has registered to be part of the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence, being held nationwide on Friday 21 March 2013. The National Day of Action is a day where school communities across Australia, Take a Stand Together against bullying and violence. St Joseph’s is dedicated to creating supportive school environments, free from bullying, harassment and violence. By working together at St Joseph’s, we are sending clear messages to young people that bullying and violence, in or outside of school, is not okay - at any time. The National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence is a major activity organised by Bullying. No Way! (www.bullyingnoway.gov.au). The Bullying. No Way! website, created by all Australian education jurisdictions, offers practical resources and information to help schools work together against bullying, harassment and violence.

Activities have been planned to celebrate the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence at St Joseph’s on Friday, 21 March 2014.

Have a great week!

Greg, Cran

PRINCIPAL
Welcome to week 8!

What a busy term we’ve had so far, with still so much learning and fun to happen in the lead up to our Easter holiday break.

St Joseph’s Day!

Today we celebrated St Joseph’s Feast Day with a lovely Mass. It was wonderful to welcome parishioners, parents and carers to our Mass. Thank you to all students for your reverence and participation during the Mass, and for your great singing!

Like any good party, cake and sausages were on the menu today as well. A lunchtime disco organized by the Nurture Group of Year 6/7 Student Leaders was a great idea for our students. Lots of hard work has gone into special dance lessons that students could choose to have fun at, leading up to the disco as well.

Thank you to all involved in helping to make these activities happen today, and to make this day a special one for our St Joseph’s school and parish community.

Project Compassion- all the way from South Sudan!

Project Compassion continues this week and our focus story at St Joseph’s is about Deng from South Sudan. Yesterday we watched the Caritas clip showing Deng’s story and how money donated to Caritas has helped him establish a safe and secure home for himself and his family. Thank you for your generosity in giving to this wonderful cause.

The poster of the house made by Year 6/7 Faith Group students, has currently 64 bricks glued to it, one brick for each dollar donated to this cause. Well done everyone! Let’s see if we can build those little bricks right up to the roof!

Year 5 raised the most money as a class last week, so they had the pleasure of choosing a staff member to perform something fun on assembly. In the spirit of having fun, thank you to the teachers for their willingness to participate.

Harmony Day!

This Friday 21st March, is Harmony Day. At St Joseph’s we already value Respect of others and ourselves. Every day we work on accepting others, valuing each other’s diversity, our talents as well as our culture. The message of Harmony Day is one that we try to learn about every day Everyone Belongs.

It is a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

By participating in Harmony Day activities in class, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and make it a better place.

Class Mass!

Thank you to year 4 students for your help with the Anointing Mass on Friday 14th. Fr. Michael made comment that our students were beautifully reverent in Mass and were willing and caring helpers for the elderly members of our parish that day. The next Buddy class Mass will be held on Friday 28th March, with Year 5 and their little buddies in Year 1 and Prep. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Have a terrific week!

Celia O’Connor
Acting APRE/CST

“They scattered the seeds of adversity, and there grew flowers of freedom, compassion and respect”

Twigseeds

Project Compassion, Week 2, brings you the story of Deng.

For Deng in South Sudan, the cycle of poverty and disability was made worse with the civil war, which led him and his family to flee their village and live in the bush for many years. Deng and his family are rebuilding their lives through their participation in a Caritas Australia food security program.

Your donation to Project Compassion can help individuals like Deng to rebuild their lives post conflict.
St Joseph's Murgon: Resilience

This fortnight in Program Achieve, students have completed their study of Resilience. Resilience is the ability to bounce back from adverse events that may happen in a child’s life.

Lower Primary

This week in Lower Primary, students have been learning to:
- identify situations that can happen at school and at home that can lead to them feeling very angry, down or worried;
- describe what it means to be “resilient”;
- identify a range of resilience skills and thinking strategies to stay calm in stressful situations they might encounter; and
- self-assess their qualities of resilience and identify one or more they want to use more often.

Middle Primary

This week in Middle Primary, students have been learning to:
- give a definition of what it means to be resilient;
- identify situations that can happen at school and at home that can lead to them feeling very angry, down or worried;
- identify a range of different resilience skills to cope with stressful situations they might encounter; and
- self-assess their qualities of resilience and develop an action plan to further improve their use of resilience skills.

Upper Primary

This week in Upper Primary, students have been learning to:
- give a definition of “resilience”;
- identify situations that can happen at school and at home that can lead to them feeling very angry, down or worried;
- identify a range of different resilience skills to cope with stressful situations they might encounter; and
- self-assess their qualities of resilience and develop an action plan to further improve their use of resilience skills.

David Francis  
Guidance Counsellor
St Joseph’s Primary School, Murgon, Mon, Tues, Wed  (PHONE 41681627)
Congratulations Children and Teachers

Your artistic talents in the Murgon Show display 3rd place... Well done!

Thank you to Mrs Dunn and her helpers for their wonderful assistance in setting up the display!

SPoRTS NEWS

CRICKET

Congratulations goes to Brooke Heness after competing in the State Championships in Mackay/U12 Girls Cricket competition on the weekend she was named ‘Player of the Game’ after her first game on Sunday. Well done Brooke you have done us and yourself proud!

WIDE BAY SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Emma and Alex Cran and Millar Shields competed at the Wide Bay Swimming Carnival in Bundaberg this weekend. They had a very successful meet achieving PB’s and trying their best.

South Burnett Primary School Sports

REMINDER! ZONE SELECTION TRIALS BOYS & GIRLS TOUCH FOOTBALL 21ST MARCH KINGAROY

ZONE SELECTION TRIALS - GIRLS NETBALL
Date :- Monday 31st March, 2014
Venue :- Kingaroy State School
Starting Time :- 9:30am

ZONE SELECTION TRIALS – Rugby League (U/11 & U/12)
Date :- Monday 31st March, 2014
Venue :- Kingaroy Rugby League Grounds
Starting Time :- 9:15am

Congratulations children on a mighty effort!
Remember our meeting this **Wednesday 19th March**, all very welcome to join us in the admin block at 6pm. This meeting will consist of the AGM followed by the normal general meeting.

Remember our Easter Raffle, please send all sold tickets in as soon as possible. All tickets need to be returned by 31st March. More books are available from the office if anyone needs them. The Multi-draw Easter raffles will take place at school on Wednesday 2nd April. Our free dress day is on 28th March, to support this day we require each child to bring in an Easter Egg.

**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

Mothers Day Stall (Week 5th - 9th May) will be held in the Nano Nagle Resource Centre, more information will be provided in Term 2.

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**Scripture Activity Day**

There will be a Scripture Activity Day on Wednesday 9th April commencing at 9am and finishing at 3pm.
The Activity will be in the school Library.
Cost is...... $5.00
Any enquiries contact Fr. Michael 41681406

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**Electronic Newsletters**: Thanks to those parents who have already indicated how they wish to receive their newsletter each week.

- For those happy to receive an electronic newsletter: Please make sure that your email address is updated with us as soon as it changes. (please provide to Office)
- For those needing a paper newsletter (eg. No internet access): Please make sure that your eldest or most responsible child is well trained to collect it each Tuesday or let the office know if you only have a younger child who may ensure that it reaches home.

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The inspiring women on our staff celebrating

**International Women’s Day**

Supported by our Principal
Mr Greg Cran and Br. Tim in their beautiful PINK shirts!
Parish Mass Times

Saturday 22nd March
9.00am Mass – Proston
6.00pm Mass – Murgon

Sunday 23rd March
8.00am Mass – Wondai
10:00am Mass – Cherbourg

Parish Phone No: 4168 1406

Murgon Blue Light Disco
Diggers Room, Murgon RSL
FRIDAY 21ST March, 2014
6.30p, to 8.30pm SHARP
Cost:- $5.00 includes a hot dog!

NO PASSES OUT OF BUILDING UNLESS WITH AN ADULT.
PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY.

TUCKSHOP
Wednesday 19th March, 2014
MARCH Special

Toasted Sandwich
(Ham or Chicken with or without Cheese)
Plus! One Hot Cross BUN
Includes a Popper &

Pre-Easter Dessert
Jelly & Ice-cream with Milky Way on Top
ONLY $6.00

Hot Cross Buns also available from Menu for…. 80c each

Junior Golf
Starts Sunday 30th March
9am
$5.00 per child
Further Queries Ring Mark Smith:- 41 681355

PCYC Charity Ball
in aid of Shona

Time: 6:00pm
Date: 29th March 2014
Place: Murgon PCYC, Macalister Street, Murgon
Dress: Black Tie Event

$90

Help Shona Walk Again

The South Burnett Chorale
present the Glory of Easter
Sunday 13th April 2014 - 6:00 pm
Kingaroy St. John’s Lutheran Church
Youngman St. Kingaroy

All Proceeds to South Burnett Pantry Food Aid Packages
Murgon St. Joseph’s Catholic Church
Saturday 13th April 2014 - 2:30pm
All Proceeds to Drought Relief
Admission by Donation