Dear St Joseph’s Families,

Welcome to Week 8. I hope everyone had a fantastic long weekend.

Congratulations to all the recipients of the Marcellin Champagnat Awards which were presented last Friday. I commend you on the effort each and every one of you have put into your work and behaviour here at St Joseph’s.

- Prep - Eden Shields, Year 1 - Lara Kapernick, Year 2 - Daniel Rowberry, Year 3 - Sophie Gliech, Year 4 - Ellie Searies, Year 5 - Ryan Hennes, Year 6 - Stafford Sandow, Year 7 - Emma Cran.

Congratulations to Damien, Jeremy, David, Alex, James and Romana, who all performed at the Wondai Art Gallery last Friday. These children entertained all those at the opening when they recited poetry. We were also there to admire the St Joseph’s children’s art work which was being showcased in the Children’s Corner. Well done to all involved.

Reading and Writing

Children become better readers by writing and better writers by reading! Writing, like reading, is best learnt when you have something to write for a real purpose. You can find plenty of opportunities at home for your children to write. Why not try one of these suggestions:

- Lists: Families make these all the time – shopping lists, to-do lists, invitation lists, holiday packing lists. Encourage your children to make lists of their own.
- Notes: Children can jot notes to family members and capture special moments in writing.
- Ideas: Saying goodbye to grandparents after a holiday, the taste of a chocolate chip ice cream, a booster message for a sibling or friend facing a challenge, a note to a parent, a thank you note.
- Dialogue journals: These are written conversations between a parent and child, usually in a notebook passed back and forth at different times of the day. This is a way for a parent to develop a deeper relationship with a child – questions, answers, encouragements, apologies and words of affection can be written that might never be spoken.
- Letters and e-mails: Letters and e-mails can help children stay in touch with distant family members. All children love getting a letter or e-mail back.
- Birthday and special-event books: Provide blank books for family members and guests at birthday parties and special events so they can write personal notes and wishes. These become treasured archives of people and occasions.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Very shortly teachers will be sending out information about the Parent-Teacher interviews to be held on Wednesday June 25th and Thursday June 26th from 3.15pm until 6.00pm. These interviews are important as they assist families in understanding the progress, achievements and future goals for their children. The sharing of information enables us to better cater for the needs of our students. Please look for the sign-up sheets when they come home.

Have a good week.

Greg Cran
Principal
St Marcellin Champagnat Feast Day

What a lovely celebration we had here at St Joseph’s last Friday, for St Marcellin Champagnat’s Feast Day. Congratulations to all children who received an award for showing the qualities of St Marcellin in the way they get along with others. It was a special day for our Marist community and we hope Fr Michael, Br John and Br Tim enjoyed their day.

Pentecost

What is Pentecost? This is a very special time in the Bible when the disciples and other Christians received the Holy Spirit. Pentecost occurred 50 days after Easter Sunday or 50 days after Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus had already gone back to Heaven so His disciples were waiting to receive the Holy Spirit because that’s what Jesus told them would happen. Plus, since Jesus wasn’t with them anymore the Holy Spirit would help bring them closer to God.

Just before Jesus was taken up to heaven, he told them that they would receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on them and they’d be his witnesses in the whole world (Acts 1:8). Even more, he told them much earlier that the Holy Spirit would be sent by the Father, that He would teach them all things and remind them of everything he’d said to them (John14:26). So, the Holy Spirit is super helpful to us! He becomes a part of us when we become a Christian and understand that Jesus died and rose for us. When we’re ready to try to live a life pleasing to God, the Holy Spirit becomes part of us so we have a part of God with us all the time.

“When the day of Pentecost had come they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit”

They may have used the words tongues of fire to explain the way they were speaking and the fire was a way to describe the Holy Spirit. Either way, they all got pretty excited and things got a bit noisy.

The Bible says that there were people of many different nationalities staying in Jerusalem from all over and many of them speaking different languages. These people ran over to see what all the noise was about and were surprised to hear their own languages spoken throughout this group. The Bible even lists up to 16 different places the people came from and could hear their language spoken! We receive the Holy Spirit when we accept Christ or become Christians. The word Christian actually means Christ in us. The special thing about having the Holy Spirit is that God never leaves us, so we can talk to Him or ask for help anytime.

The Holy Spirit actually helps us in many ways. He comforts, teaches, helps us grow in our relationship with God and gives us strength to get rid of the bad habits in our lives. He also gives us power and helps us know when we’ve done something wrong. Of course, we need to want to grow, learn and change to be more like God, for the Holy Spirit to really work with us. So Pentecost was super special for the disciples and special for us, even now, because that was the start of us receiving the Holy Spirit and being able to ask for forgiveness.

Have a fantastic week!

Celia O’Connor
Acting APRE/CST

HOLIDAY ACTIVITY SCRIPTURE DAY

On Wednesday 3rd July there will be a scripture Activity Day titled ‘Alive in the Spirit’
At St. Joseph’s School (9am—3pm)
Bring own Morning Tea and Lunch will be provided.
Cost is $5.00
Contact Fr. Michael for more information - 41 681 406

Congratulations to the Broome family on the birth of Meeka on 6th June.
6 pounds and 50 cm.
Christ’s blessings on the family.

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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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.

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

SPORT NEWS

Last Friday our St. Joseph’s School Netball Team ventured over to Murgon State School to play in a Round-Robin Tournament against Murgon State School and St. Patricks School Gympie. They won both games and displayed great sportsmanship on the day. Congratulations to all the players, you did us proud!

St. Joseph’s Football and Netball Teams will travel to Taabinga State School on Friday 13th to play against Taabinga State School. We wish all involved Good Luck.

ATHLETICS SPORTS CARNIVAL 2014
Like the end of term, the Athletics Carnival is fast approaching. Next Thursday, June 19, sees the Field events for children in the Under 10 – 12 to be held at school. Then on Friday, 20th June, the 200m and 800m events will be held from 9:30am for Under 10 – 12 at Murgon State High School. Once these events are completed the whole school will join back together for the Sprints, Relays and ball games on the St Joseph’s School oval. This carnival is the culminating activity of the Athletics lessons carried out over the past term.

The winning house will be decided by points awarded to all participating children. Age champions will be decided for Under 10 - 12. Parents are most welcome to joins us on both days. Look forward to seeing you all at the sports carnival of the year.

PARENTS & FRIENDS

NEXT P & F MEETING

25th June  6pm Administration Block
All Very Welcome!

WINNER  Our Family Holiday Canberra Fund Raising Raffle

1st Prize - Zagame’s Paradise Resort - (5 Night Theme Park Thrill) Package - WON BY MAREE STEVENS-POWER.
2nd Prize - ($150 Murgon Money) - Won BY BEN LAUGHTON.

Thankyou very much to all the people who brought raffle tickets. Also thankyou to the people who sold the tickets in down town Murgon.

TUCKSHOP SPECIAL
EACH WEDNESDAY

Chicken & Gravy Roll with LOL can or Popper & Cup Cake
ONLY $6.00
**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:
Fr Michael Carroll sm
PO Box 60, Murgon QLD 4605
or emailed to  murgon@bne.catholic.net.au

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**TEACHERS:**
- Mrs Prendergast, Ms O’Connor ,Mrs Dunn
- Robert Miller
- Charlotte Bond, Kanarrah Carlo
- Amelia Cran, Dylan Kapernick
- Ellie Searies, Sheldon Brown
- David Rowberry, Millar Shields

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**Fete News**

The count-down is on for our School Fete - in 12 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 (5cm hanger), and wool (8ply). Please deliver to School Office or Presbytery. Contact Teresa Hodson on 41685957 for more information.

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**SOCIAL TENNIS ON TUESDAYS** for All Ages 3.15pm—4.30pm. Own tennis racquets required. $5.00 per head. (Will run over School Holidays) PHONE—Tracey Atkins for more information.

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**Parish News**

**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, Ms O’Connor ,Mrs Dunn

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**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

Prep   Micah Forest
Year 1  Logan Robinson
Year 2  Saffron Sandow
Year 3  Dylan Kapernick
Year 4  Reegan Hill
Year 5  Harry Perrett
Year 6/7 Jarrod Barnett

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**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 UNLESS WITH AN ADULT

PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY

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**Parish Mass Times**

Time: Friday 13th June, 6:30 pm
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 etc
Any queries contact Judith 41698333

Proceeds to Murgon State School P & C Assoc.

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL STATE SCHOOL