Dear Parents and Caregivers

This week begins the Easter Triduum (three days) which commemorate those events that led to the arrest, torture, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Over this week the whole school will commemorate this remarkable story. Buddy classes will tell the story of each scene: Palm Sunday to the Resurrection. We are reminded that no matter how young or old we are, what a remarkable story it is. The fact that Jesus persevered in doing God’s will in his life ought to give us hope in our own lives.

Easter celebrates the promise of life in the face of death. Easter celebrations also reflect on peace and forgiveness which have come out of aggression. It is also a time for thinking about suffering, injustice and hardship. During Good Friday services, Christians meditate on Jesus’ suffering and on his words spoken from the cross: ‘Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.’ (New International Version, Luke 23: 34).

Let us focus this Easter, on the meaning of the Resurrection - New Life and new beginnings.

I thank you for your support, cooperation and partnership over this term, and wish you all a very happy, safe and restful Easter break.

End of Term

This week is our last week of term 1. School concludes on Thursday April 2 at the normal time of 3:00pm. Term 2 begins on Tuesday April 21.

Thank You

This week we say thank you to Robyn Crawford as she finishes her role as Crossing Supervisor. Robyn’s smile and joyful greetings will be missed at the crossing in the morning and afternoon. Robyn has safely helped hundreds of children across the crossing over the last 6 years. Thank You Robyn.

At our assembly on Monday, we celebrated the achievements of many students in our school, who received the end of term, St Joseph’s awards. I congratulate these children on the way they demonstrated the characteristics of this award throughout the first term on a regular basis. This award will be given each term to the children who live out the three values of St Joseph’s –

Faith – We have faith in our self, others and God.
“I believe I can so I work hard to learn.”
Respect – We value our own potential, our community and all cultures.
“I am able to respect others and myself in class and at play.”
Nurture – We educate and allow individuals to take responsibility for their growth.
“I am supported by others to achieve to the best of my ability.”

Congratulations goes to:

Prep – Bessie Watcho-Barrett Year 4 – Nathan Roderick
Year 1 – Ella Palmer Year 5 – Teagan O’Sullivan
Year 2 – Yuna Olbes Year 6 – James Olbes
Year 3 – Kaylah Bligh

Have a great week everyone,

Greg Cran
Principal
Holy Week

In our final week of Term 1, we mark the most important time in our Church’s liturgical year: Holy Week.

Holy Week is the last week of Lent. It begins with the observance of Palm Sunday, the Sunday before Easter Sunday. The name, Palm Sunday originated from Jesus’ entry in Jerusalem. The crowd laid carpets of palms on the street for Him. The Last Supper is commemorated on Holy Thursday of this special week (often called Maundy Thursday) and Friday is the anniversary of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ on the cross. The Lenten season and Holy Week end with Easter Sunday (the Resurrection of Jesus Christ).

Holy Week consists of the following events, presented to the school by buddy classes this week.

Tuesday 31st March: Prep and Year 2 will present Palm Sunday at 2pm.

Wednesday 1st April: Year 1 and Year 4 will present the Last Supper at 2pm

Thursday 2nd April: Year 3 and Year 5/6 will present The Crucifixion at 2pm

Friday 3rd April: (Combined Churches ‘Way of the Cross’) Commencing at 9.15am at St. Joseph’s

Project Compassion

Thank you to all families who have supported Project Compassion this term, with donations. Each week at our school assembly, we have watched a series of short films that show us the incredible benefits that your donations do to help others around the world.

Buddy Mass

Many thanks to Year 1 and Year 4 who celebrated their Buddy Mass last Friday, a ‘Welcoming’ Mass. These Masses are a vital part of the Religious Life of our school and provide opportunities for our students to be involved in planning and participating in important liturgical celebrations. My thanks to our teachers who lead the students in these Masses each term.

Anzac Services

In Week 1 of Term 2, our school will hold our St Joseph’s Anzac service at 9am, Friday 24th April. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

St Joseph’s will also be marching on Saturday morning 25th April, in the Murgon march. Everyone is asked to meet in the car park behind the RSL at 9:30am please. Full uniform and hats to be worn and please remember sunscreen and a water bottle.

Wishing all St Joseph’s families a very Holy Easter and a safe and wonderful holiday.

Warm regards,

Celia O’Connor

Acting APRE/CST
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- Visualisation,
- Breathing techniques,
- Progressive muscle relaxation,
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If you would like to know anything more about Resilience please don’t hesitate to contact me at the school.

Regards,

David Francis

Guidance Counsellor

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ICAS 2015  International Competitions and Assessments for Schools are available again this year. A number of students from St Joseph’s participated in these tests in 2014 and received certificates of Credit and Participation. This competition is again open to our students. If students are interested in participating in any of the following tests, they can collect an entry form from their class teacher.

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St. Patricks Day Shenanigans!

Buddy classes Year 5/6 and Year 3 enjoyed some green St Patrick’s activities together. Green jelly and green frogs were eaten. Shamrocks were made, and green biscuits were decorated.

Term 1 Award Recipients
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 8

Prep  Jayden McEffer
Year 1  Ella Peterson
Year 2  Lauchlan Williams & Yuna Olbes
Year 3  Kaylah Bligh
Year 4  Athena Ricketts
Year 5/6  David Rowberry

Week 9

Prep  Liam Oberle
Year 1  Rubin Smethurst
Year 2  Isaac Watson
Year 3  Tayla Shields
Year 4  Sam Catlin
Year 5/6  Kaitlyn Zelinski

April Happy Birthdays

Year 2:  Lara Kapernick, Yuna Olbes
Year 3:  Trent Aubrey, Lachlan Greenwood, Sophia Purcell
Year 4:  Sam Catlin, Athena Ricketts
Year 6:  James Olbes

SPORTS NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to Millar Shields for making the South Burnett Soccer Team and to Harry Perrett and Lachlan Zelinski for making the South Burnett Rugby League Team. All boys will compete at Harvey Bay in the first week of May. Well done boys and best of luck to you all.

Congratulations to Ryan Heness, Lachlan Zelinski and Harry Perrett on their selection in the South Burnett Softball Team. They played very well and displayed good sportsmanship in Maryborough last week. Great Work!
Thank you to the people who participated in the Free Dress Day and donated Easter Eggs for the Raffle. Thank you also, to people who purchased the Raffle Tickets. There are over 30 baskets of Easter Eggs being raffled today.

Good Luck everyone.

FOR SALE
St. Joseph’s Stubby Coolers
Only $5.00 each
Great Collector’s Item

ST. JOSEPH’S PARISH FETE
The fete this year will include a Plant Stall. Do you have a green thumb, or know someone who has? If you could start some cuttings that would be great.
Donations of plants will be appreciated.
Also looking for helpers or people willing to join the Fete Committee. If you have any new ideas regarding the Fete, Leisa would love to hear from you.
Also looking for someone to co-ordinate the Lolly Stall! What a great job! YUM!!!
Phone Leisa on 41 681293 after 5pm. Or email her on lmwalker@bne.catholic.edu.au.

FACEBOOK REMINDER
Look up FIND GROUPS St. Joseph’s Primary School Murgon you should then be able to request permission to join the group. Keep up to date with the wonderful events happening in our school community.
Tuesday of Holy Week 31st March 7pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation St Joseph’s, Murgon

Wednesday of Holy Week 1st April 6pm rite of Reconciliation St John the Baptist, Wondai

Holy Thursday 2nd April 7pm Eucharist of the Lord’s Supper St Joseph’s, Murgon

Good Friday 3rd April 9.15am Way of the Cross St Joseph’s, Murgon

Good Friday 3rd April 3pm Liturgy of the Passion St Joseph’s, Murgon

Holy Saturday 4th April 8am Mass of the Resurrection - Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Proston

Holy Saturday 4th April 7pm Easter Vigil St Joseph’s, Murgon

Easter Sunday 5th April 8am Mass of the Resurrection St John the Baptist Church, Wondai

Easter Sunday 5th April 10.30am Mass of the Resurrection Sacred Heart Church, Durong

Parish Priest: Fr. Michael Carroll sm – PH 41681406

Parish Easter Mass Times

PARISH HALL   The St. Joseph’s Parish Hall is available for rent for unlicensed functions. For further information phone Fr. Michael 41 681406

ANZAC DAY MARCH on 25th April.

Marchers will assemble at 9:30am at the car park at the rear of the RSL building in Lamb Street, Murgon. All students are invited to participate and march, in correct school uniform, with our school.

Wonderful celebrations were enjoyed by everyone on the 18th March for St. Joseph’s Feast Day.

Thank you to our past students from St. Mary’s who attended and joined in the celebrations.