Dear Parents & Carers,

One of the great attributes of a Catholic school, and one of the reasons staff enjoy working in them and parents love being part of the community, is the ‘shared values’ that we have. Every child I have ever met appreciates being respected. Every staff member I have worked with, don’t specifically seek out, but appreciate acknowledgement of the difference they make in the lives of children. Each and every parent or care-giver wants their school to care and present a safe environment for their child and to offer them quality Catholic education.

With this in mind, I commend the community of St. Joseph’s because I can see evidence of each of these in our school. One particular goal of mine is to encourage the students to have respect for self, others and their environment. In doing this, I would hope to see the children speaking and acting with respect. I call on you, the parent community to reinforce this with your children at home.

We are almost finished a full week of school, and the children have settled well and once again it is amazing just how quickly our Preps have settled in, and of course you would think that our Year 1 children have been around the school for years – such confidence!

Please mark Wednesday evening 11th February in your diary as a date not to miss, as this is our first Parent Information Night. We consider this to be one of the most important information meetings of the year, as it not only gives you an opportunity to meet your child’s teacher, but to understand the expectations and daily life in the classroom. The night will run as below:

5.30pm – 6.00pm  BBQ
6.00pm – 6.15pm Principal’s address
6.15pm – 7.00pm Meet your teacher

Swimming

Due to the Murgon pool being closed during the first term, St Joseph’s will be heading to Wondai Pool again for our swimming lessons. We will begin swimming on Friday in Week 3 and children will attend lessons for the following four Fridays. We will then hold our swimming carnival on Friday 13th March. A letter outlining more information will be out soon.

Newsletter

Just a reminder that the school newsletter will go home fortnightly. For important dates and events please refer to our fortnightly newsletter and our school web page: www.stjosephsmurgon.qld.edu.au. If you would rather receive an electronic copy please let the office know.

Facebook Reminder

FIND GROUPS St Joseph’s Primary School Murgon you should then be able to request permission to join the group.

Have a great week everyone,

Greg Cran
Principal
Welcome everyone to the start of our new school year for 2015. Already children have settled so beautifully into routines and much exciting learning is underway.

To mark the beginning of our year together, we will be celebrating our Opening School Mass on Thursday 12th February at the Church. Starting time is 9:30 am. Everyone is most welcome.

This is an important Mass in that not only is it our opportunity to come together as a school community in a spirit of hospitality and welcome, but it is also a special occasion for our Year 6 student leaders.

At this Mass the Year 6 students will be inducted as school leaders, and begin their journey of leadership for this year. Year 6 will offer a pledge through which they offer to commit to the tasks and responsibilities that their role will entail. Each student in our Year 6 class receives a badge of leadership and plays a vital part in supporting each other to lead.

In class, Year 6 students are learning about just leadership, serving others with compassion and respect. They are learning that a good leader is not always just one person who dictates to others. To be effective, a leader gets in amongst the action and works alongside the team. The model of servant leadership enacted by Nano Nagle, Edmund Rice, Marcellin Champagnat and Mary MacKillop, is one which we remember and treasure here at St Joseph’s.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our Opening Mass and Student Leaders’ Induction on Thursday 12th February at 9:30am.

Have a wonderful week!

Celia O’Connor
Acting APRE/CST

GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR NEWS
If you would like to know more about the Student Protection Processes please check the school’s website or view a hard copy in the school’s office foyer.

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

FEUERARY
Happy Birthdays
Prep:  Liam Oberle
Year 1:  Rubin Smethurst
Year 2:  Isaac Watson, Shontayne Cobbo
Year 3:  Joseph Atkins, Kali Button
Year 6:  Kaitlyn Zelinski, Ryan Heness, Yolande Riley

Parish Mass Times

Saturday 7th February
Murgon 6pm
Proston 8am

Sunday 8th February
Wondai 8am
Durong 10.30am

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

Parish Priest: Fr. Michael Carroll sm. PH 41681406

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

Last week the Year 4 children returned to school with positive attitudes which they displayed in their willingness to work hard and the happy manner in which they participated in class activities. Circle time has been terrific with most children willing to share their opinions in a safe environment. A lot of laughter was also heard as our circle activities have also been a lot of fun! A great start to the new school year.

The Preps are settling into school routines and are greeting me with smiles each morning. Their excitement and enthusiasm is contagious. They are making friends and beginning to read.

5/6 have hit the ground running! This term we are looking at ways to be good leaders of our school. We have looked in depth at our school values of Nurture, Respect and Faith and spoken about how we can show these qualities in all that we do and say. We are looking forward to a year full of learning and fun!

Welcome to Year One and 19 hardworking children. We have been cooking with our buddy class; practicing our sounds and letters; counting in Mathematics; knowing how special we are in Religion and learning to ‘Circle Up’ in circle time. We are learning how to be kind to others and how to share with our friends.

Congratulations Year One!

Yr 3 are off to a flying start

In history we are studying “Celebrations Around the World,” Science we are experimenting with “Melting Moments”. In English we are looking at narratives and persuasive text, daily journal writing. In Maths we are working on our mentals.

In Year 2 we have been very keen to get back into our school work! We have been working hard on counting in 2’s in maths. In literacy we have been concentrating on new sounds and making our handwriting as neat as possible! We have also been really enjoying circle time and learning our new prayers.
PLEASE NOTE:

Tuckshop has now been moved to Mondays. If you are able to volunteer your assistance would be very much appreciated. Please see our new Menu attached.

TUCKSHOP SPECIAL MONDAY
Special—Chicken Chippies
ONLY $3.00

P & F
Due to unforeseen circumstances
the next P & F Meeting will be held on
Tuesday 24th February at 6 pm
in the Administration Block.
All welcome!

Tennis coaching
will resume on Wednesdays starting in the 2nd week of school.
45 minute lessons. Maximum 8 students per class. $8.50 per student, payable by term account.
Please contact Leanne Sippel 0438 684 705 to book your child in.

SLUSHIES FOR SALE
BIG LUNCH
WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS
$2.00 EACH

Barambah United Football Club Inc.
2015 Season Sign On Days
Men’s, Ladies, Squirts, Mini-roos and Junior Competitions
Saturday 7th Feb 2015
Rotunda in Lamb Street Murgon 8.30am-12pm
Wondai Sports Ground Junior Clubhouse
Saturday 14th Feb 2015
Mini Roos competition for u6 through to u11
Subway Squirts program for 3 to 5 year olds
For further enquires or information please contact Sarah on 042968600

Girls in Soccer Pink Day
Football South Burnett Inc are holding a number of Free Girls only training days across the South Burnett. Whether you’re 13 or 40 come along and have a go!!

Session Times
Kingaroy – 8 February 2015· Senior Soccer Fields 9am
Nanango – 1 March 2015· Nanango Soccer Fields 9am
Barambah – 8 March 2015·Wondai Soccer Grounds 9am

Registration Closes:
Kingaroy 31 January 2015
Nanango 23 February 2015
Barambah 1 March 2015

To register please contact:-
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