Dear Parents & Carers,

I briefly want to share with everyone in the St Joseph’s community what my thoughts and vision are for our school. I have summarised this below just to give you an insight:

Parent partnership is crucial for the success of our school. I have high expectations for myself and high expectations for all in our community; students, staff and families. We need to ensure we are doing the best for each other and the students in particular.

I believe in a welcoming school – a school where all participants, students, families, parishioners and staff feel welcome and part of the school.

Teaching today is contemporary, purposeful and meets the needs of all learners – with high expectations. Class teachers cater for the learning of all students. To support this the school has just purchased 40 new laptops. Every child from Years 2 to 6 have their own laptop to use as a resource which will enhance the learning within your child’s classroom.

I am very strong on ensuring good behaviour, a safe environment and being proactive about this. All students deserve to feel safe and valued. From time to time children will not make the right choices and may receive some thinking time or a call home from myself, Celia O’Connor or their teacher.

On the other hand, if your child’s teacher is happy with how your child is going in their learning environment, then they will share this with parents or caregivers.

Just like students learn English and Mathematics, students need to learn how to behave and interact appropriately so we need to work on this with them. It is not personal. Manners, social skills, resilience and behaviour make a huge difference in the lives of children and their success as future adults.

Appropriate dress for students: If we are proud on the inside then we need to display this on the outside – it is also another small way to promote school spirit.

I am very passionate about what I do – like you, and want the best for your child and I want to be involved in the best school. I want us to enjoy it, see smiling faces from students, staff and parents and see great holistic growth in each individual. If you are happy with how your child is going in their learning environment than please go up and share this with the teacher – often we only hear when things are not great so, please be positive and have faith in what the staff and I are wanting to do here as we strive to do the best for all students.

School Protocol

There are times when issues may occur at school, both in and out of the classroom which may need clarification. It is important that concerns related to school are directed back to the teacher or myself. I am disappointed when I hear of these issues being spoken about negatively in the community, when a simple phone call or appointment with the classroom teacher can clarify or allay concerns. We pride ourselves on working in partnership with parents and sometimes these conversations can undermine trust and confidentiality.

I appreciate your understanding and support in dealing with these matters.

Have a great week everyone,

Greg Cran
Principal
Welcome to Week 6!

Leadership Day
Last Wednesday our Year 6 student leaders enjoyed a day of skill-building and reflection about what it means to be a leader. We extend our thanks to Ms Mena McLean from Marist Ashgrove Mission and Ministry team who led our students through the day. A cake was cut and shared especially for the occasion.

Buddy Mass
Thank you to our young students in Prep and Year 2 for your beautiful Mass last Friday. The theme of being thankful to God for Creation, and reminding us to care for our world, is an important message. Thank you to Miss Hall and Miss Cittolin for your preparation for this Buddy Mass. 
The next Buddy Mass will be held on Friday 20th March with Year 3 and Year 5/6.

Project Compassion
St Joseph’s is well underway with our support for Project Compassion, raising much-needed funds to help others in our world, who do not have enough essential food and water. Each week, Caritas presents us with a story of how our donations can help the poorest of people around the world, to gain essential food, medicine, and learn skills in order to help their families for life.

Last week we learned of the story of Ma and Eric in Fiji, who have worked on growing crops and raising chickens in order to sustain nutritious eating for their family, and to provide income. This week our story is about a mother, Mariama, and her daughter, Fati, who live in Niger.

Thank you to those who’ve already been able to donate some change for Project Compassion. Small collection boxes are located in each classroom, and everyone is invited to contribute to this worthy cause. Thank you so much!

Essential food for life
This week Project Compassion focuses on Niger, where life is very tough. Many live in extreme poverty, often unable to afford or access food and water.

This week we meet Mariama who is raising her daughter in Niger, a country that suffers widespread poverty. When her little girl became malnourished, she received life-saving food and care at a Nutrition Centre, supported by Caritas Australia.

Your donation to Project Compassion 2015 helps save the lives of people living on the brink of survival in Niger, giving them access to nutritional support and essential food for life.

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion  1800 024 413
Donation boxes are in each classroom at St Joseph’s, and in our school office if you wish to support this worthy cause. Thank you for your help!

There is no small act of kindness. Every compassionate act makes large the world.

Mary Anne Radmacher

The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it to others.

Pablo Picasso
**Resilience**

Last week in the **You Can Do It lesson**, students looked at

- real life examples of what resilience looks like,
- students will examine how we can avoid making a bad situation worse,
- students will be exposed to the concept of a Catastrophe Scale,
- through the use of the Catastrophe Scale, students will examine how bad a situation is, through real life examples which will promote discussion.

This week in the **You Can Do It lesson**, students re-examined what resilience is. Also students re-examined the Catastrophe Scale from the previous week. This week students are learning strategies which will help them be calm that in turn assists them to remain resilient. These strategies include:

- The 5-3-5 breathing strategy
- Finding someone to talk to
- How exercise helps us remain calm
- Accepting ourselves

This week, students are playing the game “Dead Ants” which is a challenging game that will present opportunities for the student to use these strategies.

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

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**SPORTS NEWS**

10 - 12 YEAR OLD SOUTH BURNETT SPORTS

Please remember these dates for South Burnett Sports trials for 10-12 year olds.

- Touch and Basketball- 9/3/15 at Kingaroy State School
- Rugby League, Netball, Tennis, and Soccer- 20/3/15 at Kingaroy State School

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Congratulations to Ryan Heness, Lachlan Zelinski and Harry Perrett on their selection into the South Burnett Softball Team. Well done boys. The boys compete on 24th and 25th March at Bundaberg.

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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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Book Club flyers have been sent home. Orders are due back Monday 23rd March.
If paying by cheque, please make payable to: St. Joseph’s Murgon. Thanking You!

LIBRARY NEWS from Mrs Guteridge

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FACEBOOK REMINDER

If you 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 things happening in and around the school here at St. Joseph’s Murgon.

March Happy Birthdays

Year 1: Catherine Voigt, Catelyn Purcell, Dylan Druery
Year 2: Jaime McEffer
Year 4: Riley Robinson, Tarnia Bligh, Nathan Roderick
Year 6: Romana Ricketts

News from 'The Arts'

Students are busy creating and designing a display for the up and coming Murgon show. The theme for the show this year is ‘ANZAC’S’ 100 years’. See you at the Show!
Parish Mass Times

Saturday 7th March
Murgon 6pm
Proston 8am

Sunday 8th March
Wondai 8am
Durong 10.30am

Saturday 14th March
Wondai 6pm
Proston 8am

Sunday 15th March
Murgon 8am
Goomeri 10am

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

Weekday Mass Times

P & F

Next P & F (AGM) Meeting will be held Wednesday 17th March 6PM in the Administration Block. All welcome!

FREE DRESS DAY

27TH March

Please bring along an Easter Egg to support this fundraiser.

TUCKSHOP MONDAY

Special—Chicken Chippies ONLY $3.00

Thank you to our new Volunteers at Tuckshop. If anyone else has any spare time on a Monday to spend some time in tuckshop — your help would be very much appreciated.

SLUSHIES FOR SALE - BIG LUNCH

WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAY

$2.00 EACH
FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE
P.C.Y.C. MURGON
6TH March 2015
6pm—9pm
$5 entry Fee Members
$7 Non Members
Food & Drink available
Free Bus transfers from Goomeri/Wondai
Primary & High School Students
FUN, SAFE & SUPERVISED

MURGON SHOW
Need workers in the BBQ shed & kitchen on 14th March.
AM or PM or just an hour of your time would be greatly appreciated.
Please phone Gina on 0427 757 633

GIRL GUIDES MURGON
Girl Guides Murgon Meet every Thursday 5pm
Fun, educational and caring
Contact Alison - 0419 657 129

South Burnett Saints AFL
Come and Try Aussie Rules Football
AFL— (8—16 year olds)
Free Saturday morning clinics
SATURDAY 7th and 14th March, 2015
Time 9.30am—11am
Venue: Wondai State School, Kent St, Wondai.
Further info contact:- Dan Clacy—0413 853 103

20TH MARCH, 2015
BLUE LIGHT DISCO
SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN
6 YEARS TO 14 YEARS ONLY
COST: $5.00 Includes a Sausage sizzle
TIME: 6.30pm to 8.30pm
Children will not be allowed to leave the premises unless accompanied by an adult!

2015 NRL DEVELOPMENT CAMP
CURRIMUNDI APRIL 8TH—10TH
Players eligible U9s—U14s—2015
Cost: $290
- Includes Accommodation
- All meals
- Expert coaching by NRL & QRL Staff
- 2 Camp T-shirts
- Water bottle & football
- Hat & Gear bag
LIMITED NUMBERS BOOK NOW.
Register on line
www.playnrl.com

Our Year 5 Students working very hard with Miss Marshall