Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 2. We trust that the Easter break gave you that little time you needed to relax and spend some valuable time the way you wanted. It was great to see the children return today, excited about the term ahead and not too many suffering the after-effects of chocolate overindulgence. This week we have welcomed the following new student to St Joseph’s: Mikayla Quinn in Year 3.

Term 2 is shaping up to be very busy. Our Year 3 and 5 students will sit for the NAPLAN tests in Week 4. Mother’s Day is fast approaching and we will honour these special ladies in our lives in a fitting manner. We will also be holding our inter-House Cross Country Carnival – this Friday and Athletics Carnival – later in the term. We have our Parent-Teacher Interviews at the end of term as well as the written reports for Semester 1. Apart from all these activities there is the most important aspect of learning and teaching that underlies everything we do with the children. It is tiring just thinking about it!

NAPLAN 2015 - Years 3 & 5

◊ Tuesday 12 May – Language Conventions
◊ Wednesday 13 May – Reading
◊ Thursday 14 May – Numeracy

Anzac Day

Saturday, 25th April will see Australia yet again commemorate the men and women who have and are protecting our nation in times of war. This year is particularly special as we commemorate 100 years of our first involvement at Gallipoli in Turkey. Our school will be marching in the parade in full school uniform with school hat (good idea to bring a drink bottle too). We will gather at the RSL at 9.30am for a 10:00am start. What a great honour and privilege to be able to march as we commemorate 100 years of the Gallipoli campaign and our ANZACS. I hope to see many of you there.

This Friday, 24th April, our school community will gather in the Assembly Area at 9.00 to commemorate ANZAC Day. Everyone is welcome.

Crossing Supervisor

We welcome Leisa Peterson as our Crossing Supervisor and thank Leisa for taking on the position of keeping our children safe while crossing the road to school each morning and afternoon.

Cross Country

This Friday all students will participate in cross country races as part of the Health and Physical Education Curriculum. Details of the day are provided in a later section of the newsletter. The training sessions that have been running throughout last term have seen a large number of students in attendance! It has been wonderful to see so many students arriving early to take up this opportunity. A special thank you goes to Miss Taylor Parrott who willingly gave of her time to support the training program before school!

Have a great first week back.

Greg Cran
Principal
Welcome back to a busy, new term! It was lovely to see all the smiling faces on our students as they arrived at school this morning, energised and ready to learn. Teachers have worked hard over the holidays to prepare the learning experiences for our students for this term, and we thank them for this.

We have special Feast Day celebrations this term including Blessed Edmund Rice and St Marcellin Champagnat, as well as important days of remembering, including Anzac Day and Sorry Day. This term we celebrate Pentecost, and May, the month of Mary. Please watch the newsletter for further dates and times for our school celebrations. Everyone is welcome to attend.

This Friday 24th April is our school Anzac service beginning at 9am. We welcome Mr Trevor Sanderson to this service, and invite all members of our school community to attend. St Joseph’s is marching in the Murgon parade on Saturday as well, and joining with other schools in our area to form the Combined Primary Schools Choir during the service. We look forward to seeing our students at this important event, marking the Centenary of Anzacs service in Gallipoli. We know that St Joseph’s students honour the memory of fallen soldiers with beautiful reverence and respect at these services.

Have a wonderful week!

Celia O’Connor
Acting APRE/CST

SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY CARNIVAL     FRIDAY 24TH APRIL, FROM 10AM.

Friday 24th April, after the ANZAC ceremony, the whole school will be competing in the cross-country carnival. The carnival will start from 10am with the order of events being: Prep, Yr 1, Yr 2, Yr 3, Yr 4, U10, U11, U12. Unfortunately we are unable to say what time each event is being run. Normal classes will be conducted after this time.

The focus of the carnival is on participation and having fun. Points will be awarded to the children’s house colour if they run on the day. All children are encouraged to wear a T-shirt in their house colour on the day.

All Parents are welcome to join us on Friday. We may also be welcoming some special visitors from Jamaica.

ANZAC DAY MARCH on SATURDAY 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.
Class will have an opportunity to participate in the You Can Do It Lessons in Term 2. This is part of our Program Achieve, during which students will be learning about Organisation. Students will be learning about the different facets of organisation which include:

- Learning what it means to be organised,
- Setting long and short term goals,
- Ways to overcome distractions and setbacks,
- Commitment,
- Planning and Time management,
- Using various tools, such as writing lists.

In addition to learning these skills, these lessons aim to instil the following “habits of the mind” in children so that they are able to be better organised. These habits of the mind include:

- Planning my time,
- Setting Goals.

Next week in **Lower Primary**, students will be learning:

- that luck is not involved in goal achievement;
- that the amount of effort they put towards reaching their goals determines whether they reach those goals (the “Giving Effort” way of thinking); and
- that they control how much effort they put towards a goal.

Next week in **Middle Primary**, students will be learning to:

- state the importance of effort in overcoming distractions;
- decide how much effort they want to put towards a goal;
- challenge and change thoughts that minimise the amount of effort they put towards their goals;
- identify obstacles to their goals;
- overcome obstacles to their goals by putting in sufficient effort; and
- state the relationship between the “Giving Effort” way of thinking and their achievement of goals.

Next week in **Upper Primary**, students will be learning to:

- identify obstacles that keep them from reaching their goals;
- state solutions for overcoming these obstacles;
- explain the importance of “commitment” in reaching goals; and
- set and achieve academic targets/goals.

**Guidance Counsellor News**

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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Regards,

David Francis  Guidance Counsellor  Mon, Tues, Wed  Ph 4168 1627
P & F NEED HELPERS PLEASE

P & F are selling chips on ANZAC Day at the Wondai Races.
If anyone is available to help out from 1pm, any help, for any amount of time, would be greatly appreciated.
Next P & F Meeting 20th May 6pm in the Administration Block.

All Welcome!

WINTER WARMER SPECIAL

TOASTED HAM SANDWICHES
ONION, CHEESE, TOMATO
(please specify)
$3.50

(new winter menu going home today)

Sunday 17th May 8am

The Cherbourg Community Welcomes you to The Ration Shed’s RECONCILIATION FUN RUN. Stalls, games, foods, dance, music and lots of other FUN things to do and see including: Tours of the ration shed. For more information on the event visit our Reconciliation Fun Run page! $2.00 per student if they register through the school.

WANTED FOR ST. JOSEPH’S PARISH FETE 4th Sept 2015

PEOPLE WILLING TO JOIN FETE COMMITTEE
ASSISTANTS FOR STALLS ETC.
LOLLY STALL CO-ORDINATOR

Plant Stall
Needs plants and cuttings
All donations will be appreciated

Phone Leisa on 41 681293 after 5pm. Or email her at lmwalker@bne.catholic.edu.au.

FIND US ON FACEBOOK

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.
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

May
Year 1: Justin Robinson, Xavier Greenwood
Year 2: Logan Robinson, Draysharn Arnold
Year 3: Alessa Druey, Daniel Rowberry, Jilleal Bligh
Year 4: DJ Olbes
Year 6: Morgan McPhail, Damien Baulch, Lachlan Bligh

24TH APRIL 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.
MURGON RSL

Prendergast sisters attended the Vick Wilson Netball Clinic in Brisbane on the 13th April.

Jeremey Hobbs and Fletch Prendergast attended the NRL Development Camp at Currimundi from 8th April—10th April

Kaliarni went Ten-Pin bowling over the holidays

GIRLS CRICKET ROADSHOW SOUTH BURNETT
GIRLS TRIAL
WHERE: Murgon Showgrounds
WHEN: Tuesday 5th May
TIME: 3.30pm—5.00pm
WHO: Any girl aged 10+ who plays cricket
WHAT TO BRING: Kit gear will be available if you don’t have your own.
Also COACHES FORUM
5.30PM—6.30 PM
Enquiries: Graham Power—0429 512 909
Message from the Pastor

On the 3rd May, some students from St Joseph’s will be confirmed by Bishop Finnigan and later in the term make their First Communion. Confirmation day and First Communion day are important events in the life of a Catholic.

Confirmation and Eucharist (which is where we receive Communion) are sacraments of the Church. There are seven sacraments of the Church: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Marriage, Holy Orders (Ordination to the priesthood), and Anointing of the Sick. They are actions of the Church where the recipient experiences Jesus Christ. The old definition which is still useful today is that they are outward signs of an inward spiritual reality. Sacraments are like symbols and involve ritual. When a person is naturalized as an Australian, they don’t just receive a certificate in the mail. There is a ritual associated with becoming an Australian citizen. So the Church decided when important events occur on our spiritual journey we need an outward sign of the spiritual reality that is occurring.

When a person is baptized, water is poured over the person’s head or in some cases they are immersed in the baptismal font. Water is used as a sign of new life. The past is being washed away. The person, whether they be a baby or an adult, is also anointed with oil of Chrism. Anointing with oil signifies that the person is important. When we are baptized we become a member of the Body of Christ.

In the early Church there was an awareness that when baptism occurred, people received spiritual gifts. One of them being the gift of faith. In the letter to the Corinthians, St Paul writes that no one can say Jesus is Lord unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. (1Corinthians 12:1-3) Christians became aware that there was a Spirit in the Church that encouraged the baptized in their Christian vocation. They reflected on Jesus’ words when he said to his disciples that he would send an Advocate to guide them on their journey. (John 14:15-20) The early Church came to realize that this Holy Spirit was the love between God the Father and Jesus, poured into the Church community. They ritualized this receiving of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord (an awareness of God as awesome or beyond our comprehension) in the Sacrament of Confirmation. When a person is confirmed, the Bishop or priest says “Be sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit” and anoints the person with the oil of Chrysostom. This receiving of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is also ritualized in the laying on of hands which occurs when the sacrament is conferred. In our parish when the laying on of hands occurs the congregation sings “Veni Sancti Spiritus,” in Latin, which means, Come Holy Spirit. St Paul also mentions the effects of living by the Spirit: the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, gentleness, and self control. (Gal 5:22-23) We are called to pray that the fruits of the Holy Spirit will come forth in these young people who will be confirmed.

Fr. Michael Carroll sm