Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our school uniform is a visual symbol of who and what we are to the people of our community. The wearing of our uniform demonstrates pride in our school and is an advertisement for our school community.

Over the last 12 months, after consultation with parents, students and staff and with the introduction of a new school Logo, a design for a new school shirt was sourced. Originally, this was to take place at the beginning of this year, however this was placed on hold until the right shirt was found. We have now agreed on this design for our new school shirt.

Our new School shirts will be available at the beginning of Term 3, with a changeover period of 18 months, during which families may wear the new shirt or old shirt.

The new school shirt will only be available for purchase at St Joseph’s Office.

Parents will still be able to purchase shorts and jumpers from both Struddys Sports Store and Mark Smith’s Menswear. Children are asked to only wear blue tracksuit pants, please, which can be purchased anywhere.

Our new uniform for both Boys and Girls will consist of:

- New school Shirt,
- School Shorts or Skorts,

**Footwear:** Black Shoes with white socks

The decision to change footwear from joggers to black shoes was not taken lightly, however it was a motion that was made, voted on and accepted at the P&F meeting. Once again this will be phased in next year. Should you need to buy your child new shoes for this year, I would encourage you to buy black shoes. Black shoes however will be compulsory in 2016.

I would like to thank Linda Brown, Rosie Roberts - Official clothing, our P&F committee, who worked with me on the new uniform design and to all of the staff, parents and students who had input into our final decision.
Welcome to Week 5! Well done to the children in Years 3 and 5 who sat for the Naplan Tests last week and tried their very best on all the questions.

BUDDY MASS
Last week Year 1 and Year 4 celebrated a beautiful Buddy Mass about Mary, Jesus’ mother. Thank you to all the children who participated respectfully, and to our teachers for preparing such a lovely Mass.

Yr 3 and Yr 5/6 Buddy Mass for this Friday has been postponed. The new date will be advised soon.

PENTECOST
This Sunday is Pentecost. This is a very special time in the Bible when the disciples and other Christians received the Holy Spirit. God didn’t just pick any day for this to happen. Like everything God does, he has a specific time, purpose and reason for it and Pentecost was no exception.

Pentecost occurred 50 days after Easter Sunday or 50 days after Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus had already gone back to Heaven so the disciples and new believers of Jesus were waiting to receive the Holy Spirit because that’s what Jesus told them would happen. Plus, since Jesus wasn’t with them any more, 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 said to them (John14:26).

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.

SORRY DAY
Sorry Day is next Tuesday, 26th May. National Sorry Day is an Australia-wide observance held on May 26th each year. This day gives people the chance to come together and share the steps towards healing for the Stolen Generations, their families and communities. Stolen Generations refer to Indigenous Australians who were forcibly removed from their families and communities.

This will be an important day at St Joseph’s next week and will begin with a whole-school Liturgy at 9:30am. Every year, a student in Year 6 is nominated for a special award, the Kenneth Watson-Cuttler Award for Reconciliation. This is important to the St Joseph’s community and we are looking forward to welcoming Lena Redman and her family to share the story with us as part of our liturgy. Activities promoting working together and respect for each other will include canvas art, beading and getting to know our visiting students from All Hallows College in Brisbane. Each year, students from All Hallows visit St Joseph’s for an Immersion Experience and this is a wonderful way for our children to share the great things we do at St Joseph’s.

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME
Next Wednesday, 27th May is National Simultaneous Storytime at which children all over Australia gather together and share a reading experience with the same nominated book. This year the book we will share together is called ‘The Brothers Quibble’ by Aaron Blabey. Each class has been enjoying this fantastic story about family and we will enjoy seeing displays of student work about the book, next Tuesday. Parents are welcome to come along.

The reading will begin at 11am.
This fortnight in Program Achieve students continued their study of Organisation.

Last week in **Lower Primary**, students have been learning to:
- identify outside distractions that can prevent them from achieving their goals; and
- state the importance of overcoming outside distractions if they are to reach their goals.

This week the **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.

Last week in **Middle Primary**, students have been learning to:
- state the difference between realistic and unrealistic goals;
- set realistic goals for themselves;
- distinguish between external and internal distractions for their goals;
- identify thoughts that will help them overcome internal distractions;
- identify thoughts that will help them overcome internal distractions; and
- show how the “Needing to Be Perfect” and “I Can’t be Bothered” ways of thinking can lead to internal distractions and the failure to achieve goals.

This week the **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.

Last week in **Upper Primary**, students have been learning to:
- set realistic goals;
- choose their goals; and
- identify daily actions they should take to reach their weekly goals.

This week the **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.

Regards,

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

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**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES**

Active After School Communities start next Tuesday afternoon, 26th May. The sport will be Rugby League and will be coached by Colin Huxtable from the NRL. These coaching sessions will run from 3:15pm to 4:15pm for the next four Tuesdays. If you are interested in attending, this is completely free with afternoon tea provided. To confirm that you will be participating, please see the Office for a permission form and return it by Monday, 25th May.
**Parish Mass Times**

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Parish Priest: Fr. Michael Carroll sm PH 41681406

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**ST. JOSEPH’S PARISH HALL IS AVAILABLE FOR RENT FOR UNLICENSED FUNCTIONS 41681406**

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**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

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

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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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**TUCKSHOP MONDAYS**

WINTER WARMER SPECIAL

TOASTED HAM SANDWICHES

onion, cheese, tomato

(please specify)

$3.50

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**Next P & F Meeting**

26th May 6pm

in the Administration Block

All Welcome!

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**ST JOSEPH’S PARISH FETE**

Celebrating St. Joseph’s 50 Years Anniversary Fete

Saturday Sept 5th 2015

Please note: change of date due to the

50th Anniversary of St. Joseph’s Fete.

Many Stalls: Hot Food, Drinks, Novelty, Piety, Craft, Raffle, and Rides, come and join all the fun at the local Parish and School Fete.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE PHONE

LEISA WALKER 41 681 293 (after 5PM)

FR. MICHAEL CARROLL sm 41 681 406

ST. JOSEPH’S SCHOOL OFFICE 41 681 627

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**STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES TRAVEL REBATE**

Semester 1, 2015

- Does your child have a verified disability that requires transport assistance to and from school?
- Has your school’s learning support teacher assessed your child’s travel capability rating as ‘semi-independent’ or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at [www.schooltransport.com.au](http://www.schooltransport.com.au) by 31 May 2015. Late applications cannot be accepted.

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**MURGON TO CHERBOURG FUN RUN**

Congratulations to Trent Aubrey who came in as the First Primary School student over the line at the Murgon Cherbourg FUN RUN.
The Preps enjoyed their afternoon at Castra interacting with the residents and performing songs for them!