Dear Parents and Caregivers,

At this time of the year teachers are working to collate student work samples and reflect on student progress to enable them to make reporting decisions. These decisions are then shared with parents and carers in the reporting process. This process is inclusive of a written report and a parent teacher interview. Both of these elements of the process complement one another and the best access to information about student achievement occurs when the report card is reviewed in the parent teacher interview along with student work samples. It is hoped that all parents or carers will take advantage of the opportunity provided by the class teacher for a reporting interview to ensure a complete and accurate understanding of each student’s achievement.

Parent Teacher interviews will be conducted on the 23rd and 24th June. Please prioritise these dates in your diary.

This week the staff and students of St Joseph’s will celebrate Marcellin Champagnat Day. Here at St Joseph’s we are privileged to have had a long association with the Marist Brothers and Fathers. This week we celebrate the contribution Fr Michael, Br Julian and Br Tim and other Marist Brothers have made to our school.

Our school will celebrate Marcellin Champagnat Feast Day, with a Liturgy and during this liturgy the Marcellin Champagnat Awards will be presented by Br. Neville and Mr Peter Stower. Students who receive this award have been:

- Well mannered and co-operative;
- Respectful of others;
- Generous – Willing to help teachers and students without being asked;
- Hard working – Attending school regularly and not giving up easily;
- Prayerful – Listening carefully during prayers and liturgies

Thank you to Fr Michael, Br Julian, Br Tim and Br Neville and all other Brothers who have worked so hard for the community of St Joseph’s.

OPEN DAY AND CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

All families, both present and future, are welcome to come through our classrooms to see the great learning that is happening in our school on Friday 12th June. St Joseph’s will be open from 9.00am – 10.00am and 2.00pm to 3.00pm. This is a day that has a dual purpose:

FOR EXISTING FAMILIES

A great part of my role is being able to visit classes throughout the day. Recent visits have highlighted a very high level of engagement from all students with the class activities they have been assigned. I am very proud of the fact that our classrooms are excellent learning environments. We are opening the doors to the classrooms so parents are able to view this excellent learning and celebrate with your child their learning so far this year.

FOR INTERESTED PREP AND OTHER NEW STUDENTS AND FAMILIES FOR 2016

This is a great opportunity for families that have children starting Prep next year to come and see the school, meet teachers, and look at the renovations in the Prep room. If your child is due to start, or if you know anyone looking at starting their child in Prep in 2016, come and see our learning in action. Please let people know what a great school St Joseph’s is and tell them about our Open Day.

Have a good week everyone,

Greg Cran
Principal
MARCELLIN CHAMPAGNAT FEAST CELEBRATION:

Welcome to Week 7! This Saturday, 6th June is a very special celebration for Br Tim, Br Julian and Fr Michael, here at St Joseph’s. It is the Feast Day of Marcellin Champagnat, the founder of the Marist Brothers. We will welcome Br Neville Solomon to our school on Wednesday, to celebrate the ‘Montagne Year’, and this special Feast. We will celebrate with a whole-school liturgy at 9:30am in the church. At this liturgy, Marcellin Awards will be presented to a student in each year level, who shows outstanding examples of living out values important to Marcellin Champagnat. Everyone is welcome!

At the Marist Schools Association website, there is a lot of information about this special person, and we are blessed to have Marist Brothers in our school and parish community. We wish them a wonderful Feast Day!

This year Marist schools are celebrating the Montagne Year. The word ‘Montagne’ comes from the surname of a teenage boy who grew up in the area of France where Marcellin Champagnat lived. When Marcellin was asked by the boy’s mother to visit her dying son, he found a boy who was ignorant of God. This event shocked Marcellin and encouraged him in his plans to establish an order of teaching Brothers, known today as the Marist Brothers, to help evangelise young people.

In this Montagne year, we are invited to focus on the ‘Montagne’s’ around us, those searching for God in a world confused and distressed by a lack of opportunity for some and peace for all. Back in his time, Marcellin supported such people, speaking out through his firm words and clear actions. In this way Marcellin displayed his deep personal faith and his generous love of people. On Saturday June 6th 2015 we once again celebrate Marcellin’s life, a life devoted to the teaching and caring of others.

May he guide us in our endeavours to do the same here in Australia and beyond. Happy Champagnat Day!

Heavenly Father,
We pray for all children and youth on the margins.
For those children who have parents who cannot care for them:
Comfort them when they are lonely,
Feed them when they are hungry,
Heal them when they are sick or with fever.
We make this our prayer through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Buddy Mass:
This Friday is the rescheduled Buddy Mass for Years 5/6 and Year 3. Mass is at 9:30am in the Church. All Welcome.

First Eucharist:
This Sunday 7th June will be First Communion for children of St Joseph’s Parish. We wish Amelia, Dylan, Lucy, and David very special blessings on this wonderful day.

Wishing you all a wonderful fortnight.

God’s Blessings,

Celia O’Connor
Acting APRE/CST
This fortnight in Program Achieve students completed their study of Organisation.

This week in Lower Primary, students have been learning to:
- list what they have learned about getting organised; and
- state as goals areas where the whole class needs to be better organised.

This week in Middle Primary, students have been learning how to:
- to create daily task lists;
- to distinguish between difficult and easy tasks;
- the usefulness of doing unpleasant, difficult tasks before doing pleasurable, easy tasks;
- to plan assignments by breaking down long term tasks into simpler steps (task analysis) and scheduling each step on a monthly assignment calendar (time planning);
- to state how the “Planning My Time” way of thinking helps them to be organised;
- to recall basic elements of organisation; and
- to set a goal for one or more areas of organisation for self-improvement.

This week in Upper Primary, students have been learning to:
- state the importance of making lists and will be able to make list daily task to be done;
- create their own lists of daily activities to be done;
- priorities tasks according to their importance; and
- break down large tasks into small components (task analysis).

Regards,

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

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ICAS Subject | ICAS Sitting Date | Prices (incl. GST) \\
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Science | Wed 3 June | $8.80 \\
Writing | Mon 15 June — Fri 19 June | $18.70 \\
Spelling | Tues 16 June | $12.10 \\
English | Tues 28 July | $8.80 \\
Mathematics | Tues 11 August | $8.80
This Thursday there will be celebration of the sacrament of Reconciliation, formerly known as confession. A number of the students have been prepared for the sacrament.

The sacrament of Reconciliation has its origin in the person of Jesus Christ. The gospel of Luke has a number of parables told by Jesus about forgiveness. The most famous is the story of the Prodigal Son. In a rural community such as ours it has added significance.

A farmer had two sons. The younger one asked his father for his share of the inheritance which included half the farm. The father gave him half the inheritance and the son went away and spent it on having a good time. After he had spent all the money the only job he could find was feeding pigs. The original audience of this story was Jewish. Eating pork was contrary to their religious rules. Finally the son came to his senses and decided to return to his father. The original audience of this story would have expected the father not to welcome him back.

But the father was waiting for him at the gate and ran to him and hugged him. He put a ring on his finger, sandals on his feet, gave him the best clothes and killed the fatted calf to celebrate his return. Jesus told the story to emphasize how forgiving our God is. In the parable the father represents our forgiving God.

I encourage parents to prepare their son/daughter by reminding them of the command to love God and our neighbour as we would like to be loved. (Mark 12:30) and of the command to obey their parents (Ephesians 6:1). The sacrament of Reconciliation is primarily about God’s forgiveness and love.
Next P & F Meeting
22nd July 6pm
in the Administration Block
All Welcome!

St. Joseph’s
School & Parish Fete
Saturday Sept 5th 2015

Celebrating St. Joseph’s
50 Years Anniversary Fete
Please note: change of date
from Friday 4th Sept
to Saturday afternoon 5th Sept
due to it being the 50th Anniversary.
Many Stalls: Hot Food, Drinks, Novelty, Piety, Craft, Raffle, and Rides, come and join all the fun at the local Parish and School Fete.

All Welcome!

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

Congratulations to
Romana Ricketts
Winner of the
KENNY-WATSON CUTTLER RECONCILIATION AWARD
Romana displays qualities of Nurture, Respect and Faith in all her words and actions. She treats all people as equals.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS
Year 1: Frank Boney  Year 2: Solomon Brembrick  Year 4: Amelia Cran  Year 6: Millar Shields
Rhys Williams  Robert Miller  Dylan Kapernick  David Rowberry
Ella Palmer  Eddie Riley  Year 5: Sheldon Brown
Riley Gleich

Happy Birthday Wishes Everyone
Years 5 and 6 having fun writing their own plays and performing them in front of the other classes.

Year 3 students sharing their puppets and how they made them with the Castra Cobbers

Congratulations to our Netball Champions!
The girls yesterday won B Grade - Division 6 of the Queensland Catholic Schools Netball Carnival.
The girls went through undefeated and the last game against the another undefeated team was a nail biter.
Thanks to Jess, Sue and Amy for all the hard work they have done with the girls.

Congratulations to Fletch & Sheldon (pictured) Harry, Bridie & Rebecca for competing at The Wide Bay Cross Country Trials Last Tuesday at the Murgon High School.

National Simultaneous Storytime
Wednesday 27th May