Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Reflection

Believe that life is worth living, and your belief will help create the fact.  

- William James

Before Orville and Wilbur Wright ever flew the first airplane at Kitty Hawk, they believed flight was possible. They had a picture of it in their minds. The first step in creating anything is to be able to picture it in our minds. If we can picture it as a possibility, we can work to make it happen.

When we were small, we dreamed a thousand dreams about what could happen in our lives. Anything, even magical things, seemed like they could happen, and our world was full of visions.

That part of us that believes wonderful, magical things can happen is still in us. It may have been beaten down for a while, but it is still there waiting to help seek the wonderful, lovely and good things in life.

Let us always believe we can achieve great things in our life. We are put on this earth to do great things and serve god in a positive, proactive way.

ST JOSEPH’S GREGORY TERRACE

Last week we were very fortunate to be visited by Year 10 students from St Joseph’s Gregory Terrace, as part of their immersion program. Our students benefited immensely from this visit and many friendships were formed. Our teachers were very appreciative of the assistance provided by the boys in class on Tuesday. I was amazed how well boys from the city adapted to country life and the challenges of sleeping in the library and working with small children for a whole day. They certainly developed an appreciation for the great work our teachers do every day!

TRUANCY FROM SCHOOL

All students are expected to be at school every day. Learning takes place every day in many ways. Please ensure your child attends school all the time. The statistics regarding school attendance and success in life are there for all to see. Students who do not attend school struggle later in life and that is not what we want. Please see the table on page 2 for the effects of even small amounts of time away from school.

PREP OPEN DAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

Last Thursday, 10th September, we hosted Prep Open day at St Joseph’s. Thank you to Mrs Dawson for the excellent preparation for this very important day. The families that turned up had an excellent morning and are enrolling next year. Please encourage anyone you know who is looking for Prep enrolment in 2016 to come and see me as soon as possible.

CHERBOURG MEET N GREET BBQ

Following on from the Prep Open day, teachers and staff will be travelling to Cherbourg this Wednesday, for a Meet n greet BBQ from 3-30 to 4-30pm at St Peter Claver Catholic Church. Thank you to Elise Crawford and Mary Boney for organising this great event and I hope many parents will attend and meet the wonderful teachers from St Joseph’s.

FIRST DAY BACK

Tuesday, 6th October is the first day of term 4. Term 4 is nine weeks instead of ten. School concludes Friday, December 4th. I wish all students, staff and parents/carers a safe holiday.

God Bless

Sean Erwin
Acting Principal
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Welcome to Week 10.

Welcome to our final week of Term 3. It has been a wonderful term of learning, celebrations, friendships and service to others within and beyond our own community.

**ORANGE SKY LAUNDRY**

Together with many other Brisbane Catholic Education schools, St Joseph’s is helping to raise funds for this worthy cause. Last week we enjoyed fun activities decorating biscuits and oranges in The Arts lessons, eating lovely orange cakes, jellies, and orange icy cups! Thank you for participating in these activities. A huge thank you to Mrs Dunn and the Faith Group students for your enthusiasm and efforts to make these activities fun and successful!

**THIS WEDNESDAY WILL BE A FREE DRESS DAY AT SCHOOL. WEAR SOMETHING ORANGE!** Bring along a gold coin donation and help the two founders of Orange Sky Laundry to buy a second van fully equipped with a washing machine and dryer to help bring dignity to homeless people.

**RECONCILIATION**

Today, **Tuesday 15th September** there was **Reconciliation for students at 1pm** in the church. All students who have made their first reconciliation were invited to attend.

**Reconciliation celebration** will be held from **6pm in the Church**. **Congratulations** to Lachlan Greenwood, Trent Aubrey, Saffron Sandow, Pheona Combo, Tyson Guillesser and Shea Troeth

**CASTRA COBBERS**

This week Year 4 will visit the residents of Castra for the Castra Cobbers program. A huge thank you to Br Mick for driving the bus for each visit.

**SIGHT WORDS STARS!** Congratulations to Trent and Saffron who have successfully completed all their sight words! What an excellent achievement and a great effort from both students. Not only have Trent and Saffron worked very hard on improving their sight words in class, but they have engaged in fantastic concentrated work with Mrs Brown as well.

Keep up the great work students!

**NANO NAGLE AWARDS**


**PRAYER FOR A SAFE SCHOOL HOLIDAY**

Sustaining God, caretaker of life, you are always present. You live in us. Watch over our St Joseph’s students and family during the break, and keep us safe in your watchful gaze.

Bless our school community as we celebrate our holidays.

We make this prayer through Jesus our guardian.

Amen.
This fortnight in Program Achieve students have been learning to:

- State a variety of conflict-reducing behaviours.
- Demonstrate conflict-reducing behaviours.
- Generate thoughts that alleviate anger ("Being Tolerant of Others" way of thinking).
- Explain how the "Acting Without Thinking" way of thinking can cause increased conflict in interpersonal problems.
- Generate alternative strategies for conflict resolution before taking action ("Thinking First" way of thinking).

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

Congratulations to Jamie and Sheldon!
Recently Jamie Atkins and Sheldon Brown competed at the Wide Bay Athletics Carnival in Maryborough. Sheldon represented South Burnett in High Jump and Jamie in Long Jump. They both recorded their personal bests at the carnival.

Congratulations to both students on their very successful achievements.

Congratulations to the boys from Yrs 3 & 4 who combined with boys from Moffatdale School to win the Grand Final on Friday at the Taabinga 10-a-side Rugby League Gala Day, defeating Cherbourg 3-0. Congratulations also to our Yr 6 boys who also combined with Moffatdale, St Mary’s and St Patrick’s to beat Taabinga 2-1. Thank you to the other schools for a great day and all games were played in good spirit. Thanks also to Mr Justin McCarthy, Mr Scott Prendergast, Mr Michael Greenwood and Mr Jock Watson for your coaching/bus driving/running water and all round general support of a very successful day. Finally, congratulations to Harry Perrett and Josh Peterson for their individual recognition for a great Murgon Mustangs Rugby League Season. Harry awarded Most Valuable Player for U12 and Best Defensive Player, while Josh was awarded Most Improved Back for U12 and Player with the Most Potential for 2015.

Great Readers in Year 5 — Pheona & Oliver
Cooking Lessons with Aunty Janelle Carlo
Year One in Science have been Learning about our senses and what living things need to survive. We planted seedlings and we have to water them and take good care of them.

In History we have been looking at important events in our lives like Birthdays and also special celebrations like Christmas.

We have been constructing picture graphs in Maths, using hair colour and favourite colour. We are also learning the names of the months and days of the week.

Prep students enjoyed meeting Sr. Marilyn and Sr. Carmel last week. Prep’s enjoyed showing the Sisters their Classroom and the learning that has been happening in Prep.

There has been lots to report about in Year 5/6 this Term! A quick snapshot……..This Term we have celebrated Book Week. In the lead up, we learnt about Book Reviews and we created Book Trailers on the iPads, based on each of the short listed books, which were shown to the rest of the school. We have enjoyed reading Morris Gleitzman’s book, Boy Overboard and learning about those who have migrated to Australia and those who have had to seek asylum.

The residents at Castra thoroughly enjoyed watching our Grandparent’s Day and Fete Dance!

Year Four Students this term have been investigating the Green Turtle in Science. We presented out knowledge by designing information posters and books and displayed them in our unit corner in the classroom. We learnt how to write a book review and challenged ourselves by learning how to effectively argue our opinion using debating techniques.

Year Two class have been receiving lots of RESPECT TOKENS for their hard work in the Classroom and for playing nicely in the Playground. We have really enjoyed doing YELLOW BOX and are becoming great Readers!!

In Religion we have been listening to different stories about Jesus and why they are important today.
Dear Parents and Families:

Reading is the most important skill you can teach a child. Of all the skills children learn, it is the one you can influence the most. We invite you to visit our Scholastic Book Fair and experience a celebration of reading that provides families the opportunity to get involved in a universal mission: *encouraging kids to open a world of possible.*

Reading is vital to every child’s success, and raising children as readers means getting involved while they’re young. Now is the time. Since there will never be a substitute for a parent’s direct involvement in his/her child’s education, please make plans to visit our Book Fair. Hope to see you there!

**Book Fair Dates:** 20th to 23rd October 2015  
**Shopping Hours:** 8.30am to 3.30 pm

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**Greetings to September Birthday Students**

*Prep*  
Jayden McEffer - 2nd  
Sharnali Diver - 8th  
Emily Gleeson - 8th  
Amelia Murray - 13th

*Year 1*  
Shawny Leedie - 1st  
Jaquon Clevens - 8th  
Qwontajiah Clevens - 16th  
Ella Peterson - 19th  
Mischa Gleeson - 25th

*Year 2*  
Emily Palmer - 25th

*Year 3*  
Jamarl Alberts - 13th  
Seth Lucht - 13th  
Kaylah Bligh - 27th

*Year 4*  
Emily Campbell-Slatter - 7th

*Year 5*  
Teagan O’Sullivan - 2nd  
Ron-Keyah Bond - 5th  
Oliver Bembrick - 28th

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**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

**Week 8**  
Prep  Harriet Clevens  
Year 1  Rubin Smethurst  
Year 2  Eddie Riley  
Year 3  Gabriella Bennett  
Year 4  Tarnia Bligh  
Year 5/6  Josh Peterson

**Week 9**  
Prep  Kyshanti Bond  
Year 1  Ella Palmer  
Year 2  Solomon Bembrick  
Year 3  Mikayla Quinn  
Year 4  Jasmynne McEffer  
Year 5/6  Jack Oliveira

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*Congratulations to Jamie Atkins, Alessa Druey, Bridie Prendergast, Lara Kapanick, Danika Dynev, Rubin Smethurst and Harriet Clevens who received the End Of Term Awards yesterday morning at our Prayer Assembly.*
Next P & F Meeting October 21st
in the Administration Block
All Welcome!

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH HALL IS AVAILABLE FOR RENT FOR UNLICENSED FUNCTIONS PHONE 4168 1406

Parish Mass Times

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Parish Priest: Fr. Michael Carroll sm PH: 4168 1406

Reminder......

The Parish Sacramental Reconciliation tonight — Tuesday 15th Office.
Shared meal afterwards 6pm — 8pm. Call Fr. Michael 4168 1406

WANTED POSTAGE STAMPS

To help the
Mary MacKillop International Missions in Peru
All you need to do is send
Your used postage stamps

Sr. Carmel and Sr. Marilyn present at the Blessing of the Plaque for the Presentation Bell

Reminder......

Freekshop will be open the first Tuesday School starts. 6th October.
Normal Menu

Heather Rowberry demonstrating Dog Training for our Students
HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR A MUCH NEEDED E.C.G. MACHINE
Lucky Door Prize, Raffles and many more Prizes to be Won.

Date: Sunday 11th October
Where: Murgon Bowls Club
Time: 11.00am
Price Adults: $20 p/person
Adults not playing $10
Children (U/18) $5

Fete Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

A wonderful successful night was enjoyed by all at our Anniversary Fete on Saturday 5th September. It was once again a fun filled night of activities, delicious food and entertainment. A huge thank you to every family who contributed in any way to assist in making this night possible. We had a huge assortment of donations, cooking, raffles, helpers, convenors, people who set up and cleaned up, sponsors, and our band of loyal Fete Committee people. How blessed are we to have so many committed people in our midst?

It is a lot of hard work and many months of planning and preparing and the commitment and dedication made by all to assist in making the night a success is truly immeasurable.

Congratulations to the children and the staff for their fantastic dances on the night.

Congratulations as well to all the winners of the Raffles etc.

Thank you to the Kingaroy High School Band, Regina Sloper’s Dance Troup and Guy Davis — their performances were very entertaining.

Thank you to all the people who volunteered to be dunked on the night!!

Thank you to Zac Dawson for being our awesome MC.

*Thank you to one and all and for all Contributions!*