Dear Parents and Caregivers,

If you know of any families with a Prep age child for next year, can you please inform them that we are welcoming enrolments now.

We welcome back all the children, parents and staff for a busy Term 3 here at St Joseph’s. It is hard to believe that we are into the second half of the year. I hope you all enjoyed the winter break and had some time to reconnect with your families. I also hope you were able to stay warm in the last couple of weeks.

Catholic Education Week will be celebrated across Queensland from 26 July - 1 August this year. This annual event is held to promote the special ethos of Catholic schools and to highlight the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day. The theme for this year’s celebrations is: Engaging Minds. Igniting Hearts. Serving Others. Catholic education strives to make a difference in the lives of those in our schools and in the wider community by challenging young people to live out the message of Jesus and to reach their full potential as compassionate, contributing, life-giving members of society. During Catholic Education Week 2015, Catholic education communities across Queensland are invited to celebrate and share how they are Engaging Minds. Igniting Hearts. Serving Others.

There are 299 Catholic schools in Queensland educating around 147,000 students and employing almost 18,000 teachers and staff, and most will celebrate Catholic Education Week in some way.

I thank you for your ongoing support and look forward to seeing you during Catholic Education Week 2015.

Staffing This term we welcome Karen Pickford back after 6 months Long Service Leave. Karen will return in a Co-Teaching role, 3 days a week. She will be working within classes to support teachers, especially in the areas of Mathematics and Literacy. This is a great opportunity for the children at St Joseph’s to have two teachers working within classrooms.

We wish Niketa Law all the best as she takes up her new role as Full Time Indigenous Teacher Aide at Saint Mary’s. Niketa will be finishing at St Joseph’s next Monday. We wish Niketa all the best in her new role and thank her for her contribution towards the education of children at St Joseph’s.

This term Debbie Barry will be taking Long Service Leave from 24 August until 9 October as she has a well-earned break with her husband Michael. I too, will be on Long Service leave from 31 August until 9 October. The community will be informed of the replacements for both Debbie and myself in the coming weeks.

Condolences Last week I received word that Paul Burnett, staff member from 2013, passed away. Paul worked as Guidance Counsellor at St Joseph’s and had a big influence on both staff and children in the 6 months he was in Murgon.

Please also keep Victor Alberts and his family in your prayers. Victor’s mother passed away before the school holidays.

May they rest in Peace.

Greg Cran
Principal
Welcome to Week 2 of a new term of learning adventures! Everyone has returned from holidays refreshed and relaxed, ready to switch onto learning.

**CATCH THE READING BUG!**
The Premier’s Reading Challenge has begun here at St Joseph’s and students are already reading, reading, reading! Just a reminder that all books which are shared and read at home, can be added to students’ Reading Record Sheet for this challenge. Keep up the great work everyone.

St Joseph’s has been on a great journey this year, of focusing teaching and learning for every student, to improve literacy. After our first semester, we are seeing absolutely amazing improvement across all year levels, and I thank all staff for their willingness to jump into this important work for our students.

**SUCCESS STORY: PHEONA!**
Speaking of amazing improvement... congratulations to Pheona for her persistence and achievement in reading this year! Pheona is very proud of her fantastic progress and says she’s only getting “better and better”. In class she is using strategies to help her with tricky words, and she says that reading is helping her in other learning areas. Currently Pheona’s reading a Thea Stilton novel and is enjoying the female characters getting up to great adventures. Pheona is now very eager to participate in the school’s upcoming ‘Peer Reading’ experience where she will be able to assist a younger student with their reading progress. Well done Pheona and keep up the great work!

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Catholic education strives to make a difference in the lives of those in our schools and in the wider community by challenging young people to live out the message of Jesus and to reach their full potential as compassionate, contributing, life-giving members of society. We will be kicking off Catholic Education Week with a lovely prayer assembly led by Year 4 on Monday 27th July.

**MASS**
This Friday, Year 5/6 will be assisting parishioners at the Anointing Mass, 9:30am.
The first Buddy Mass of the term will be on Friday 7th August with year 1 and year 4. Everyone is welcome to join us at 9:30am in the church.

Castra Cobbers will continue this term, with the first visit to the residents by Year 3 today followed by Prep and Year 2 on Tuesday 11th August.

Wishing you all a wonderful week,
God Bless,

*Celia O’Connor*  
Acting A.P.R.E./CST

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### A.P.R.E. News

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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.
The Program Achieve, class lessons over the next 6 weeks will focus on the topic of *Getting Along*. Getting Along focuses on the ability to work in harmony with others for the common good. Throughout these lessons, the focus will be on:

- Being helpful when working in a group,
- Talking rather than fighting,
- Sharing materials,
- Following important class and school rules,
- Treating teachers and classmates with respect.

This term students will be learning through the *You Can Do It* framework while using games from ‘*Play is The Way*’ to enhance their learning. This week students will be learning about the different types of emotions and then they will play Piccadilly Circus which evokes a range of emotions. We will be using a game as it requires students to use their getting along skills.

During the “in class” component of the lesson, students will be learning to:

- Explain the difference between friendly and unfriendly behaviours.
- State the characteristics of a good friend.
- Demonstrate friendly behaviours.
- Initiate friendly behaviours.

Regards,

**David Francis**

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

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**Library News**

Hi everyone,

Bookclub flyers will be sent home today. These orders are due back by 3 August. If paying by cheque please make your cheque payable to St Joseph’s Primary School.

Regards from the library

Nell Guteridge

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**Happy Birthday Greetings**

Prep
Taihya Cleary

Year 1
William Taylor
Jack Riley
Mary Aubrey

Year 3
Mikayla Quinn

Year 5
Jaylah Purcell
Jannali Warner
As you would be aware the South Burnett Private Hospital provides a vital health service to our local area. Without the support of our local community, this Hospital has a greater risk of closure. If you are interested and have not already done so, please sign the form below and return to the School Office by tomorrow 22nd July, 2015.

Save OUR Hospital

#saveOURhospital

To whom it may concern

I, the undersigned, hereby endorse Mayor Wayne Kratzmann (South Burnett Regional Council) to source a provider to ensure the continuation of the South Burnett Private Hospital.

The South Burnett Private Hospital provides a vital health service to the South Burnett region. In May, Pulse Health (then provider) advised that as of 30 June they would be withdrawing from operating the hospital. The community have been advised that Pulse Health will continue to hold the operating licence until 30th September to allow time to seek a new provider and transfer the licence.

The closure of this critical health service will have an irreparable impact on our community. Public health services in our region will be unable to accommodate the demand for health services, which will result in potentially life threatening situations.

Name: __________________________________________

Address: ________________________________________

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Signature: ____________________________________
Please note Mass time change
The Vigil Mass time has changed from 6.00pm to 5.00pm.
Until the end of winter or further notice.

Parish Mass Times

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Enquiries: Parish Priest Fr. Michael Carroll sm PH 41681406

HELP
FOR ST JOSEPH’S PARISH FETE - SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2015
Our Parish Fete is approaching fast and as it is our major fundraising activity for our school and parish community, we need your help.

⇒ Assistants for stalls
⇒ Lolly Stall Co-ordinator
⇒ Plants & Cuttings, Cake and Sweet Donations.

All Donations will be very much appreciated.

Phone Fr Michael on 41681406 or the School Office on 41681627

Sacramental Preparation for Reconciliation
Preparation for the sacrament of Reconciliation will commence on Tuesday 11th August at 7pm in the Parish Office (the old craft room). This meeting is for Parents only.

Phone Fr. Michael on 41681406 for more information.

News from the Arts
This term all grades are studying dance in “The Arts”.

Dance occurs in a wide range of artistic, cultural contexts, including indigenous, folk, classical, modern and popular, and can be experienced live, on screen and virtually. We will be studying many of these forms and preparing our dance for the fete. We will also be looking at the correlation between dance, mind and body.

TUCKSHOP MONDAYS
CHANGE OF WINTER WARMER SPECIAL
Mince rolls $3.50
Replacing toasted sandwiches

P & F
Next P & F Meeting
Tonight 21st July, at 6pm in the Administration Block
All Welcome!