Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last Friday, I announced Mr Sean Erwin will be Acting Principal and Mrs Morag Muckert will be our Year 1 teacher while Debbie Barry and I go on Long Service Leave later this term. We welcome Mr Erwin and Mrs Muckert to the staff of St Joseph’s.

Last Friday, students from Prep to Year 3 had an opportunity to experience “The Ditto Show” which was an interactive Personal Safety Education program presented by Bravehearts. The children participated enthusiastically as they learnt about feeling safe and unsafe through songs, actions and words. It was wonderful to see the children respond positively to the experience. In addition to the performance and to continue communicating Ditto’s personal safety messages, each student was provided with an activity book which they were able to take home and share with parents.

**Grandparents’ Day – Friday 14th August**

On Friday 14th of August, St Joseph’s would like to honour the role Grandparents or Special people, play in the lives of our children. They offer support, love and their time in helping us raise our children. On this day, we would like to open the doors of our classrooms, to share with our Grandparents and Special people, the learning and fun that happens every day here at St Joseph’s. Please extend a warm welcome from us to these important members of your family.

The day will begin at 8.40 with Grandparents and Special people spending some time in the classrooms. At 9.30 we will then all gather in the Church for a liturgy. The Grandparents will be invited back to the hall for a concert performed by our school students. The day will then conclude with a light morning tea. Please remind them, that if they have more than one grandchild to visit, they do not spend too much time in one classroom.

We look forward to sharing our school and meeting many members of the St Joseph’s extended family.

**St Joseph’s 50th Anniversary Fete**

Everyone is working hard and the children are getting more excited as they are starting to hear just what they can look forward to. Our fabulous and dedicated committee is planning and organising those last minute arrangements to make the 50th Anniversary on Saturday 5th September a day to remember. Stall Convenors and so many more helpers are all preparing for the big night – another example of how our community works well together.

Over the coming weeks we will be asking families to support through the donation of items, ingredients, etc – these will be clearly explained and timed so that the impact upon families will not be excessive.

I would like to thank Leisa Walker for all the time and effort she has put into leading the fete Committee over the last few years. Leisa, due to time restraints and family commitments, has resigned as fete convenor. Leisa, the community appreciated all the extra work you and John did for the St Joseph’s Fete. Thank You again and we wish you all the best.

**District Athletics**

Next week St Joseph’s will send over 30 students to compete at the South Burnett Athletics Carnival in Nanango. We wish these students all the best and know they will represent St Joseph’s well over the two days.
Welcome to Week 4!

Dive Into a Good Book!

How are we going with our Premier’s Reading Challenge list of books read? Parents and Carers, please remember that for Prep to Year 2 students, all the books you read to them at home, can be written on their Individual Record Sheet for the Premier’s Reading Challenge this year!

All students from Prep to Year 6 are encouraged to get involved in the Premier’s Reading Challenge by simply writing a list of all the books they read up until the 20th August this year. Students have an Individual Record Sheet on which to record their books. Students have received a bookmark and will receive certificates for their participation in this challenge. Happy reading!

At St Joseph’s our beliefs about reading include:

- We intend that all children will become readers. We show our students that we are readers and we demonstrate an unshakeable belief that they will learn to read.
- We use books that have meaning and we reinforce that reading for meaning is top priority. We are aware that books are not only to help children to learn to read, but also read to learn.
- We use a range of authentic texts. We understand the power of literature and its potential to passionately engage children with reading.
- We know about reading. We know what constitutes development in reading and we know the signposts that indicate development along the way.
- At every developmental stage, we provide maximum support when children are reading challenging texts. We use the ‘Gradual Release of Responsibility’ model as an expected practice. This ensures that each child receives the optimum amount of support for their developmental stage.

Keep watching in upcoming newsletters, for more reading stars!

Sight Words Buddies

We have now begun a whole-school practice time for buddies to help each other learn their sight words. Thanks to this initiative, which saw improvement across the school in 2014, we continue to generate data which informs our school of progress and achievement in reading. Thank you to all students for their willingness to assist their peers with this important learning experience.

Saint Mary Mackillop

This Saturday, 8th August is St Mary Mackillop’s Feast Day. Australia’s first Saint, she is an incredible example of the way we too can live as Jesus taught us. Thank you to Year 2 who led us all in a beautiful prayer for St Mary Mackillop at assembly.

Dear God,

with grateful hearts we remember the power for goodness that Mary MacKillop is in our world. On her feast day may we be touched anew with her spirit of prophetic charity and generous participation in mission. We ask this in the name of Christ, the Sacred Heart, and of the Spirit of Mission.

Amen.

Wishing you all a wonderful week!

God Bless,

Celia O’Connor

Acting A.P.R.E./CST
This fortnight in Program Achieve students will continue their study of **Getting Along** and we will be learning:

- Identify how the “being intolerant of others” way of thinking may lead them to dislike or avoid other people.
- Challenge their non-accepting, judgmental thoughts towards others.
- Replace their non-accepting, judgmental thoughts with accepting, nonjudgmental thoughts and develop a positive “being tolerant of others” way of thinking.
- Initiate different actions or conversations so as to make friends.

Next week we will be learning about:

- State what a problem is.
- State what a solution is.
- Explain the “Thinking First” way of thinking, and how by thinking about different solutions to interpersonal problems, they can get along better.

Regards,

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

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**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

**Week 2**

Prep  
Keith Bond, Orian Hawkins, Emily Gleeson

Year 1  
Rhys Williams, Jaquon Clevens

Year 2  
Isaac Watson, Caylen Murray

Year 3  
Gabriella Bennett, Daniel Rowberry

Year 4  
Riley Robinson

Year 5/6  
Harry Perrett, Ron-Keyah Bond

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**Week 3**

Prep  
Jayden McEffer

Year 1  
Kaleb Watson  
Lauchlan Williams

Year 3  
Alessa Druery

Year 4  
Jasmynne McEffer

Year 5/6  
Rebecca Palmer

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There has been an outbreak of head lice at the School and your child may have contracted the condition. We are asking that all parents examine their child’s hair for signs of lice infestation. The lice themselves are often hard to find because they move around on the head. Therefore, you should be looking for the eggs or nits. These appear as tiny silvery white specks attached to the hair shaft near the scalp. Dandruff and hairspray may look similar but these are easily brushed away, the eggs are not. Other signs of lice infestation may be a red rash and scratch marks on the scalp, nape of the neck or behind the ears.

If your child has contracted head lice do not be alarmed. Although the condition is unpleasant, it is easily treated with a specialised treatment available from your local chemist. After using the treatment use a fine tooth comb to remove the dead lice and eggs. Any articles which may harbour lice such as clothes, towels and bed linen should be washed in hot water and detergent. Combs and brushes should be washed in hot soapy water.

As head lice are highly contagious it is suggested that you examine and treat all members of the family at the same time.
Watch as the children climb the Giant slide and scramble up the slide rope ladder till their hearts are content!!

COME and DUNK Mr Cran!! Be the first!
Up for dunking are teachers, police, Fr. Michael and others.

Tickets $25 Arm Bands

Many Stalls: - Hot Food, Drinks, Novelty, Piety, Craft, Raffle, come and join all the fun!

Bucking Bull ...... Who will be the First to Ride and Stay On!!! Will it be Fr. Michael?

THOMAS THE TANK
ENGINE RIDE AND 2 JUMPING CASTLES

Be Afraid ... This is the action slide of all time. Double Lane Big Drop is the steepest and fastest slide in town. Test your nerve and climbing skills when you are climbing to the top. Not for the faint hearted.

TOTAL ACTION...Licensed to thrill!

Fun Fun Fun
Wondai Art Gallery.
This month St Joseph's School are exhibiting in "Kids Korner". There is art on display from all of the grades. We are in very good company, as Fr. Michael is also exhibiting in the front gallery this month. He has a selection of icons on display.

Friday the 7th August is the opening night and all families are welcome. It starts at 6pm with finger food and music at the Wondai Gallery. This exhibition runs for a month.

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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Happy Birthday Greetings
Students

Prep
Bessie Barrett - 12th

Year 3
Caitlin Barnett - 3rd
Xander Hawkins - 4th

Year 4
Joanela Purcell - 26th

Year 5
Bridie Prendergast - 12th

Year 6
Josh Peterson - 2nd
Rebecca Palmer - 15th

Congratulations to Amelia Cran on making her First Holy Communion on Saturday 1st August at St. John the Baptist Church Wondai.
Christ's Blessings Amelia.

Congratulations and Best wishes to Bridie Prendergast who is part of the Under 12 Girls South Burnett Rugby League School Girls Team who travels Saturday and Sunday to Gympie to compete in Wide Bay Carnivals.
ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH HALL IS AVAILABLE FOR RENT FOR UNLICENSED FUNCTIONS PHONE 41681406

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Parish Priest: Fr. Michael Carroll sm PH 41681406

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.

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
⇒ 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.

St. Joseph’s School & Parish Fete

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.

For more information PLEASE Phone Fr. Michael Carroll sm 41 681 406 St. Joseph’s School Office 41 681 627

TUCKSHOP MONDAYS

CHANGE OF WINTER WARMER SPECIAL

Mince rolls $3.50
Replacing toasted sandwiches

Next P & F Meeting TBA in the Administration Block All Welcome!