**Blessing**

Lord God and Creator, we bless and praise your name. In the beginning you made man and woman, so that they might enter a communion of life and love. You likewise blessed the union of this man and woman so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church: look with kindness on them today. Amid the joys and struggles of their life you have preserved the union between them; renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace, so that (surrounded by their children) they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**(R.) Amen.**

*Dear Parents/Carers and Members of St Joseph’s Community,*

This will be my last newsletter, as Mr Cran will return next Monday. I would like to thank everyone for the fantastic experience I have had as Acting Principal of St Joseph's. St Joseph's is a wonderful school with great students and staff and I have been very blessed to lead our community over the past six weeks.

I would also like to thank Father Michael and all the St Joseph’s community for their support and welcome over the past six weeks. My family and I have felt a part of this community from day one and I will never forget the warm hospitality we have received.

God Bless you all and I wish you all the best for the remainder of Term 4 and 2016.

_Sean Erwin_

Acting Principal

*End of Term BBQ helpers,*

Bridie Prendergast and Ron-Keyah Bond

With Mr Erwin
Welcome to Week 1.

Welcome back to a new and exciting term, with lots of focused learning and teaching ahead of us!

Our Lady of the Rosary (Feast Day October 7)
Today is a special Feast Day of celebration for Catholics. It is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (7th October).

Here is some information about this special Feast Day

Many religions use beads to keep track of prayers. Our Rosary, a circle of beads, is like a garland offered to Mary because we pray a prayer on each bead. This well-loved prayer has its roots in the 150 psalms. People who couldn’t read began praying 150 Hail Marys instead, the equivalent of three of our modern rosaries covering the original three sets of mysteries.

The story of the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is an interesting one. In the 16th century Pope Pius V was having trouble with the Ottoman Turks, who were a real danger to Christianity. After months of disagreements and bickering, he was able to unite Spain, Venice, and the States of the Church in a naval expedition to fight the Turks.

The two navies met in the Gulf of Lepanto in Greece on October 7, 1571. On the same day, the Rosary Confraternity of Rome was meeting at the Dominican headquarters there. The group recited the Rosary for the special intention of the Christians at battle. The Christians defeated the Turks in a spectacular victory and believed it was the intercessory power of the Blessed Virgin that won the victory. Pope Pius V dedicated the day as one of thanksgiving to Our Lady of Victory. Pope Gregory XIII later changed the name to the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

The story of the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary focuses on the intercessory power of Mary. It shows that when Christians are in danger, they can go to Mary. And when an individual is in pain, discouraged, or having trouble accepting God’s will, he or she can also go to Mary. She will pray to her Son for anyone who calls on her. Anyone who prays to Mary no longer feels alone because she prays with them and for them.

http://www.loyolapress.com/saints-stories-for-kids.htm?cId=404002

Reading Adventures!

Congratulations to Tytrell for achieving another 200 sight words! What a wonderful effort!

Tytrell reports feeling more confident with his reading because he can recognise so many more sight words. Tytrell is enjoying a great book called The Very Cranky Bear by Nick Bland because it is easy to read, has a great storyline and ends up with the cranky bear joining into a game and feeling happy again.

Here are a few more strategies for word attack to help parents/carers when reading with your child at home. Why not give them a try!

MASS
This Friday 9th Oct is an Anointing Mass at 9:30am in the Church. Year 5/6 will be participating. The first Buddy Mass for this term will be on Friday 23rd Oct with Year 2 and Prep. Everyone is welcome to attend.

CASTRA COBBERS
The first class to visit Castra for the Cobbers Program will be Year 3, on Tuesday 13th Oct.

Wishing everyone a lovely fortnight,

Celia O’Connor
Acting APRE/CST
Classes will have an opportunity to participate in “You Can Do It” lessons this term. During these lessons, students will be learning about persistence. In these persistence lessons, students will have the opportunity to learn about:

- How to overcome obstacles,
- How to deal with procrastination,
- And work on the right “Mind set” of persistence:
  - Giving Effort
  - Working Tough

These lessons are a worthwhile investment of the students’ time as they are skills and attitudes that they will use in their current school life, high school and into their adult life. In addition to this, it is a great way to set the tempo to what is going to be a great Term 4.

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

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL CARE
CRICKET
STARTING NEXT TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER
3.15PM TO 4.15PM (PLEASE BE PROMPT TO COLLECT YOUR CHILD AT 4.15PM)
SCHOOL OVAL
FREE AFTERNOON TEA IS PROVIDED
THIS IS A FREE ACTIVITY COME AND JOIN THE FUN
TO REGISTER PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR A FORM

Ella Peterson
&
Trent Aubrey
were the first
Students to
receive more than
10 respect tokens in
one week.
Congratulations!

Staff, Students, Parents and BCE personnel gathered at
St. Peter Claver Church, Cherbourg for a meet and greet BBQ
Term 4 is a massive one for Year 5/6, including the last term of primary school education for the Year 6 leaders. In the lead up to the Year 6 Thanksgiving there is still learning to happen. In English we will be reading the book ‘Hating Alison Ashley’ and undertaking a comparison to the film. A number of topics will be learnt in Maths including basic algebra, 3D objects, measuring angles and graphing. Science and Geography will be combined. We will look at the geological changes, including volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis and the impact on the Earth’s surface. The students will look at how communities can respond to these scenarios. We will continue to participate in different prayer experiences in Religion whilst understanding the role of Mary in the Church. Looking forward to an exciting and productive term!

News from Mrs Dennis

Indonesian
This term students have asked if they can learn about Indonesian food, sports, games and music. We will have lots of fun cooking, dancing and learning an Indonesian Christmas carol!

Physical Education
This term we will finish off our cricket skills before commencing swimming in Week 5 at the new Murgon Pool! Exciting! More information in regards to swimming will follow next week in a separate note.

First week back sees Year 3 off to entertain the residents from Castra at Mrs Dunn’s farm. The students will be singing and performing their fete dance along with the Prep class. Students are then going to put the mapping skills, they have been learning in Geography, to good use and complete an orienteering course at the farm.

In Maths we will be learning to give change, studying angles and looking at symmetry. Our first English block is based on the book, “Once Upon A Slime” by Andy Griffiths. In History we will be learning about the different emblems for each of the states and the Coat Of Arms.

We can’t believe we’re almost at the end of YEAR 2! This term we’re going to be looking at all different types of poems and focus on why we use adjectives, in English. In Maths we are going to be looking into multiplication, division, flips, slides and turns and Australian coins and notes. During Science we’re going to be focusing on understanding forces, such as pushing and pulling. While in History we’re going to be looking at toys and how they’ve changed over time. During Religion this term, we’ll be focusing on the Old Testament and the New Testament stories.

This term, Year 4 will be fine tuning their skills in persuasive writing, developing spelling strategies and understanding how images play a key role in story telling in a variety of mediums. In Maths we will be exploring fractions, telling the time as well as maintaining our skills in multiplication, division, addition and subtraction with large numbers and the properties of 3D shapes. Science will be a mixture of all the concepts we have covered this term with students developing their own experiments and information packs that they will share and complete with their buddies. In History, the students will select one time period out of the four we have previously explored and construct a booklet answering key inquiry questions regarding that era. Geography will be all about sustainability and we will use the school’s chickens to aid our learning. In Religion we will be focusing on the scripture and how we can apply the messages in the Bible in our everyday lives. Team 4 is looking forward to a challenging but rewarding term as we strive to be the best we can be!

Year One would like to thank Mrs Muckert very much, for her excellent Teaching while Mrs Barry has been overseas. Curriculum details for Year One will be sent home next week upon Mrs Barry’s return.
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

Nell Gutteridge in the Library

Amelia Murray reached a Milestone in her learning by completing her Indigo Sight Words.  
**Well done Amelia**

**Congratulations** to Emily Campbell-Slatter in Year 4 for Achieving a Credit in the UNSW Writing Competition.  
Emily also received a Credit in the UNSW Spelling Competition.  
**Well done Em!**

**Greetings to October Birthday Students**

- **Year 4**  
  Fletch Prendergast 25th  
  Tytrell Combo 28th

- **Year 3**  
  Saffron Sandow 8th

- **Year 6**  
  Jamie Atkins 7th

**Students of the Week**  
**Week 10**  
- Prep Jakaiden Dynevov  
- Year 1 Kaleb Watson/Ella Peterson  
- Year 2 Logan Robinson  
- Year 3 Trent Aubrey  
- Year 4 Fletch Prendergast  
- Year 5/6 Morgan McPhail & Oliver Bembrick
ST. JOSEPH’S PARISH HALL IS AVAILABLE FOR RENT FOR UNLICENCED FUNCTIONS
PHONE 4168 1406

**Parish Mass Times**

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

**Next P & F Meeting October 21st**
in the Administration Block
All Welcome!

**MONDAY IS TUCKSHOP DAY**
Check your last copy of the Menu to see what can be ordered

**Cricket season has begun!**
Come along and join the fun.
Thursday training from 4-5pm and four hours of fun on Saturday mornings.
At cricket, we make friends for life.
Why don’t you join us?
Phone Michelle 0413 849988 or Leanne 0438 684705 for details.

**Bowls Charity Day**
Ladies Auxiliary of Castra
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

- B.B.Q.
- Jumping Castle
- Face Painting
- Snow Cones
- All Inclusive

**WANTED**
**POSTAGE STAMPS**
To help the Mary MacKillop International Missions in Peru
All you need to do is send your used postage stamps to school.