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

I am writing to keep you informed about industrial action that will occur at our school later this week. This industrial action is linked to enterprise bargaining negotiations currently being undertaken within Queensland Catholic schools.

Some teachers and staff who are members of the Independent Education Union of Australia – Queensland and Northern Territory Branch, recently voted to take industrial action in the form of two consecutive one hour stoppages between 8:30am and 10:30am on Thursday, 5 November 2015.

Please be assured that school will operate as usual and that this action will not impact your child’s learning or supervision. It should also be noted, for your information, that industrial action within Catholic Education is being taken on a school by school basis.

Along with other Catholic school employers, I respect the right of employees to take appropriate industrial action.

Please contact me if you have any concerns or require further information.

World Teachers Day

Last Friday, 30 October, we celebrated World Teachers’ Day in Australia. I would like to thank the teachers at St Joseph’s for their professionalism and commitment to learning and teaching, ensuring a quality Catholic Education for all students in their care.

This special day is an acknowledgement of their efforts in an increasingly complex profession. World Teachers’ Day provides us with the opportunity of expressing our appreciation for the invaluable contributions that teachers make in the classroom and beyond.

RELEASING THE ANGEL

One day a man came upon Michelangelo as he was chipping away with his chisel at a huge shapeless block of marble. He was surrounded by dust and fragments of marble. It was not a pretty sight.

The man asked Michelangelo what he was doing, and he replied, ‘I’m releasing the angel imprisoned in this marble’.

A key aspect of education is to help free each person, to give each individual the care, skills and tools to try and achieve one’s potential, to truly own one’s gifts, qualities and talents. This can only be chiselled out by people with vision, love and the gift to educate, to bring out, to free.

- Mario Bugna SJ, Chaplain at Burke hall, Xavier Preparatory School in Melbourne.
As we draw close to the end of the school year there are many school events occurring, including:

**PREP ORIENTATION**

*We are looking forward to greeting and meeting our 2016 Prep students on Thursday November 12.* Our Orientation morning gives them a chance to get to know the school a little better and become familiar with some of the staff members who will be part of their school days next year. We will also welcome the families of these students as we share with them some of the important aspects of life at St Joseph’s and assist them to be prepared for the start of a big adventure with their children.

If you are aware of anyone looking to enrol in Prep please ask them to contact the office so they can be part of this orientation.

**CAROLS NIGHT**

*Our Carols Night will be held on Thursday November 26 at 6pm.*

We invite you all to join us as we celebrate the spirit of Christmas at our wonderful St Joseph’s community event. The event will be held on the school oval, so you are welcome to BYO chairs, picnic rugs and, of course, singing voices to join in the carol singing under starlight.

Give mum a night off cooking as the P & F will be running a BBQ on the night.

**THANKSGIVING MASS AND CELEBRATION**

*Our Year 6 students will celebrate their Thanksgiving mass and celebration on Tuesday evening December 1.*

This a time for these students and their families to come together and celebrate their time at primary school.

Have a great fortnight everyone,

*Greg Cran*

Principal

**REMEMBRANCE DAY**

Next Wednesday 11th of November is Remembrance Day. St Joseph’s will be holding a brief service to mark this occasion. This year is the 97th anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War (1914–18). Each year on this day Australians observe one minute’s silence at 11 am, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts.

*Dear Lord,*

*We pray for those brave people who have laid down their lives to defend our freedom.*

*We gratefully remember their courage and their sacrifice.*

*May we have the grace to live in a spirit of justice, of generosity, and of peace; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, One God, for ever and ever.* 

*Amen*

**The Ode** *(The Ode is taken from Laurence Binyon’s poem For the Fallen).*

*They shall grow not old,* *as we that are left grow old.*

*Age shall not weary them,* *nor the years condemn.*

*At the going down of the sun* *and in the morning* 

*We will remember them.*

**BUDDY MASS**

This Friday 6th November, Year 3 will take the opportunity to give thanks to their buddy class Year 5/6, who have worked closely with them this year. The Year 5/6 students have shown excellent leadership and care for their younger buddies, and this Mass is a lovely way to give thanks for the gift of their compassion and concern.

Mass is at 9:30am in the St Joseph’s Church. Everyone is welcome.
APRE NEWS CONTINUED

WORLD KINDNESS DAY

Friday 13th November, is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the love and care we have for each other in our St Joseph’s community through World Kindness Day. It is a day that encourages individuals to overlook boundaries, race and religion. Did you know that according to modern psychology, showing kindness to others actually increases our own happiness in a profound way!

The World Kindness Day was introduced in 1998 by the World Kindness Movement. It is observed in many countries, including Canada, Japan, Australia, Nigeria and United Arab Emirates.

Let’s join the global community and go out of our way to show someone we know, a simple act of kindness next Friday.

Enjoy your fortnight,

Blessings,

Celia O’Connor
Acting APRE/CST

This fortnight in Program Achieve, students continued their study of Persistence.

Lower Primary
This week in Lower Primary, students have been learning to:
• state the meaning of “effort” and how it differs from “persistence.”
• state that they can choose how much effort they put in to complete a task.
• state that even if their work is hard, “Giving Effort” thoughts can help them complete a difficult task.

Next week the Lower Primary students will be learning to:
• state that certain things they have to do at school are unpleasant (“yucky”) to do.
• identify those tasks they find to be unpleasant or “yucky”.
• explain the meaning of the “Working Tough” way of thinking and how it helps them to be more persistent at accomplishing unpleasant tasks.

Middle Primary
This week in Middle Primary, students have been learning to:
• state the meaning of “procrastination”.
• recognise some of the excuses as they appear in their self-talk that cause them to put off doing homework or what they are doing in class.
• use practical ways of thinking to motivate themselves to do work they do not feel like doing.

Next week the Middle Primary students will be learning to:
• state the importance of not giving up and finishing a task (task persistence).
• state the advantages of doing schoolwork and chores they find boring or difficult and the disadvantages of putting off their work.
• state that “needing” to have fun all the time is not sensible and only makes it harder to have fun as well as get work done as an aspect of learning the “Working Tough” way of thinking.
• state some phrases they can incorporate into their thinking to motivate them to start or complete hard or boring work.

Upper Primary
This week in Upper Primary, students have been learning to:
• identify the steps taken by famous individuals towards accomplishing difficult tasks.
• identify which ways of thinking were used by these individuals that relate to “persistence.”
• be aware of some practical tips to help them get difficult tasks accomplished.

Next week the Upper Primary students will be learning to:
• explain how the “Working Tough” way of thinking can help them get things done.
• state different things they can do to motivate themselves to get things done.

David Francis
Guidance Counsellor  St Joseph’s Primary School, Murgon, Mon, Tues, Wed   Ph 4168 1627
Greetings to November Birthday Students

Prep
Orian Hawkins - 5th
Jakaiden Dynevor - 16th
Harriet Clevens - 29th

Year 4
Ashleigh Day - 4th
Damon Zelinski - 29th

Year 5
Pheona Combo - 24th

Year 6
Harry Perrett - 17th

Year 2
Lauchlan Williams - 19th

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 3
Prep Jakaiden Dynevor/Orian Hawkins
Year 1 Catelyn Purcell
Year 2 Caylen Murray/Yuna Olbes
Year 3 Lucy Hobbs
Year 4 Jasmynne McEffer
Year 5/6 Bridie Prendergast

Week 4
Prep Liam Oberle
Year 1 Justin Robinson
Year 2 Shontayn Cobo/Isaac Watson
Year 3 Alessa Druery
Year 4 David Taylor
Year 5/6 Ryan Heness

MONDAY IS TUCKSHOP DAY
Special is a Mince Roll
$3.00

This Saturday 7th November P & F have been asked to man the Pit Gate at Kingaroy Speed Way. If you are able to assist with this please phone the Office on 4168 1627.
Times — 12pm to 5pm. Any helpers would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all the people who have supported this year’s Parish Melbourne Cup Sweep. Good luck to all those people who drew a Horse in the sweep last night at St. Joseph’s School.
To all eligible Prep 2016 children, come and join us for a special getting to know you morning!

**When:** Thursday, 12th November 2015

**Time:** 9.30am—11.30am

**Place:** Prep Building at St. Joseph’s School

**What to bring:** Something small to eat and drink and remember to bring a hat

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**Poet John Major.**

Years 3, 5 and 6 were thoroughly enthralled with John Major’s presentation of poetry on Friday. He recited poems by Banjo Patterson, that the students were studying, and he introduced them to humorous poetry and other famous poets. He entertained the students with some of his own poems as well.

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Year 3 had a surprise visit, from a character, in the book they are studying in English. Bert, the cattle dog, enjoyed sharing circle time with the students.

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In music in ‘The Arts’ Year 2 have a band going. They are working on rhythm for their Christmas concert item.

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Year 3 dressed for the Melbourne Cup!
We have these items for sale. If you wish you can Tender a price for each item, or a price for the lot, or contact us at the Office on 41681627 if you would like to view the items.

On a sheet of paper tender the number of the items and the price you wish to tender and send into us at St. Joseph’s by Friday 13th November 2015.
Parish Mass Times

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

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Parish Mass Times

Saturday 7th November
Murgon 6.00pm
Proston 8.00am

Saturday 14th November
Wondai 6.00pm
Proston 8.00am

Sunday 8th November
Wondai 8.00am
Durong 10.30am

Sunday 15th November
Murgon 8.00am
Goomeri 10.00am

Would you like to know more about the Catholic Faith?

There will be an enquiry night for any person who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith.

When: Tuesday, 17th November at 7pm in the Parish Office.

Enquiries: please contact Fr. Michael Carroll sm 41 681406

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Sports News

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL CARE
CRICKET
TUESDAY AFTERNOONS 3.15PM—4.15PM
(PLEASE BE PROMPT TO COLLECT YOUR CHILD AT 4.15PM)
FREE AFTERNOON TEA IS PROVIDE
THIS IS A FREE ACTIVITY COME AND JOIN THE FUN
TO REGISTER PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR A FORM

WANTED POSTAGE STAMPS
To Help the Mary MacKillop International Missions in Peru.
All you need to do is Bring your used Postage Stamps into School

MUSIC COUNT US IN................A GREAT SUCCESS SINGING “GOLD” WITH OVER HALF A MILLION OTHER STUDENTS FROM OVER 2,000 SCHOOLS ACROSS AUSTRALIA. THANK YOU TO BR. TIM FOR ALL YOUR ORGANISATION IN MAKING THIS EVENT HAPPEN!