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

At our assembly yesterday morning, we celebrated the achievements of many students in our school, who received the end of term, St Joseph’s awards. I congratulate these children on the way they demonstrated the characteristics of this award throughout this term on a regular basis. These awards are given each term to the children who live out the three values of St Joseph’s –

**Faith**  
We have faith in our self, others and God.  
“I believe I can, so I work hard to learn.”

**Respect**  
We value our own potential, our community and all cultures.  
“I am able to respect others and myself in class and at play.

**Nurture**  
We educate and allow individuals to take responsibility for their growth.  
“I am supported by others to achieve to the best of my ability.”

**Congratulations goes to:**

- **Prep** – Jayden McEffer  
- **Year 4** – Damon Zelinski  
- **Year 1** – Kaleb Watson  
- **Year 5** – Jack Oliveira  
- **Year 2** – Bella Barrett  
- **Year 6** – Lachlan Zelinski  

**End of Year Acknowledgements**

As the year draws to a close, it is the classroom teachers who traditionally receive the heartfelt acknowledgements from parents. Whilst this is unquestionably deserving, there are many other staff members who contribute to the excellent education provided at St Joseph’s. Our community acknowledges and thanks our Specialist Teachers (Teacher Librarian, Curriculum, ICLT, HPE, Art), Inclusion Teachers (Learning Support, Guidance Officers), School Officers (Teacher Assistants, Secretaries), Relief Teachers, Tuckshop Workers, Groundsman and Cleaning Staff who all contribute significantly to the education provided at St Joseph’s!
Principal’s message continued

School Uniform in 2016
Our school uniform is a visual symbol of who and what we are to the people of our community. The wearing of our uniform demonstrates pride in our school and is an advertisement for our school community. As you look forward to purchasing uniforms for the 2016 school year, I would like to remind everyone about what our school uniform will consist of from the beginning of next year:

- New school shirt or old school shirt until the end of 2016,
- School shorts or skorts,
- **Footwear**: **Black Shoes/joggers** with white socks.
- **Black shoes will be compulsory in 2016.**

The decision to change footwear from joggers to black shoes was not taken lightly, however it was a decision that was voted on and accepted at the last P&F meeting in 2014.

Year 6 Thanksgiving
Tonight we will celebrate and give thanks to the children who are in Year 6. Thank-you to Ms O’Connor, Miss Marshall, Mrs Brown, Mrs Prendergast, Br. Tim, Mrs Crawford, Mrs Guteridge, Mrs Dennis and anyone else who played a special part in preparing for this special event. Congratulations to all the Year Six students on this special achievement.

Congratulations to the children who will receive our special awards tonight:
- Presentation Sister’s Study Award
- Deidre Brandon award for Most Improved
- Br Cletus Drew Christian Leadership Award.

As this year draws to an end, I would like to thank you all for your kind thoughts, words and support throughout the year. I wish each and every family the joy and blessings that the Christmas season brings, and a safe and restful holiday.

Condolences
Please also keep Br Mick and his family in your prayers. Mick Hanley’s older sister, Mrs Ann Everett, passed away Friday 27/11/15 after a long illness.

May Ann rest in Peace.

Greg O’ran
Principal

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
CHRISTMAS CAROLS
The annual school Carols Night was a night filled with Christmas spirit as we gathered as a community. We thank Mrs Dunn for her excellent job in preparing the children for the night. Thank you very much also to the P&F and their band of helpers for running the BBQ and working so hard on the night.
A wonderful evening full of festive fun was had by all.

END OF YEAR COMMUNITY MASS
At 10am on Friday 4 December we will join with the Parish as a whole school community to celebrate Mass as our final School gathering for 2015. We invite you to join with us for this special celebration. Please note the earli-er finish and make appropriate arrangements for your child to be picked up from school at 12pm. The only buses to be running at this time will be our own school buses to Cherbourg and Wondai.

As the school year comes to a close, it is with deep sadness that I say farewell to all at St Joseph’s school community. In 2016, I will be returning to my classroom teaching role at St Mary’s and hope to continue my connection with the South Burnett community.

I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to students, staff, parents and community members for the wonderful time you have afforded me over the past two years in my role as Assistant Principal Religious Education. I will miss our beautiful smiling children, dedicated and amazing staff members, and friendly, committed parents and carers. St Joseph’s is a unique little community and I take with me, many fond memories of my time here. I’d like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Gerrard who takes on this role in 2016.

Wishing you all a very happy and holy Christmas, and a safe, relaxing holiday.

God Bless you all,

_Célia O’Connor_
Acting APRE/CST
Dear Parents and Carers,

This year has been a great year for student learning about social and emotional interaction with one another. These lessons have been part of the You Can Do It program. We will continue these lessons in 2016 and continue to expand our collection of video based lessons. I’d like to thank all the teachers for their dedication towards rolling these lessons out to students.

**Note for parents of Year 6 students**

On Monday 30th November, I sent home a note about consent to release information to your child’s prospective high school. This note is required so that Jess Marshall is able to meet with a staff member from Murgon State High School to discuss how your child went in 2015. This information provides an opportunity for the staff members of Murgon State High School to plan for the needs of your child. Could you please sign and initial the form in accordance with your preferences.

Thank you everyone for your support and I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas.

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

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P & F NEWS

I would like to thank everyone who has been involved with P & F throughout the year.

Many thanks to all who have worked in the Tuckshop, on Mother’s and Father’s Day stalls, purchased raffle tickets, worked at the Races in Wondai, the Parish Fete, Relay for Life, School Christmas Carols, the gate at the speedway and, of course, the Murgon Christmas Carnival. Much of the funds raised from these events this year will go towards next year’s Canberra trip for our year 5 and 6 students.

The concept of the P & F is to support the school on a volunteer basis. As they say many hands make light work. In 2016, we would like to welcome as many new faces to this organisation even if it’s just for two hours each month. Any time given is greatly appreciated.

I would like to wish each and every family a safe and Merry Christmas and look forward to facing the challenges that 2016 will bring.

In closing, if you wish to help out at the Murgon Christmas Carnival, our last fundraiser for the year, please contact the school on 4168 1627 before 12pm this Friday.

Scott Prendergast
President
Greetings to November & December Birthday Students

Year 1
Kaleb Watson - 19th Dec

Year 4
Sophie Gleich - 18th Dec

Year 5
Jack Oliveria - 30th Dec

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 7
Prep  Jayden McEffer & Kane Kelly
Year 1  Ella Peterson
Year 2  Bella Barrett
Year 3  Gabriella Bennett
Year 4  Damon Zelinski
Year 5/6  Kaitlyn Zelinski

Week 8
Prep  Jakaiden Dynevor
Year 1  William Taylor
Year 2  Logan Robinson
Year 3  Joseph Atkins
Year 4  Danika Dynevor
Year 5/6  David Rowberry & Lachlan Bligh

Happy and Holy Christmas
to everyone

May the New Year of 2016 be Prosperous for all.

From Fr. Michael sm

Parish Mass Times

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

ST. JOSEPH’S PARISH HALL IS AVAILABLE FOR RENT FOR UNLICENSED FUNCTIONS PHONE 4168 1406
Cooking up a treat of Chicken Satay under Mrs Dennis’s Master Chef’s instructions

Tuckshop
Break-up special
the wonderful ladies in the Tuckshop are offering a
Tuckshop Special on THURSDAY 3/12/15 STILL TIME TO ORDER
HOT DOG, POPPER & JELLY & ICE CREAM FOR $6.00
PLEASE SEND IN YOUR ORDERS ON A BROWN PAPER BAG
IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO.
THANK YOU!

Indonesian Chefs
Cooking up a treat of Chicken Satay under Mrs Dennis’s Master Chef’s instructions

Selamat Hari Natal dan Tahun Baru