Principal’s Message

Dear Families,

Welcome back to our new school year. I hope you all enjoyed a very relaxing and enjoyable time with family and friends over our Christmas break. This year promises to be a year full of unknown opportunities for us to support each other in our partnership of educating, guiding and modelling Christian values to our children. I am sure as each of us walks forward on this new journey we will grow in confidence and relish the challenges that lie ahead.

The term has started with a real sense of purpose and a great spirit of co-operation and enthusiasm for learning. Teachers have worked tirelessly to ensure that classrooms are ready for learning and I am sure that you will be appreciative of your child’s new learning environment. It is this dedication and commitment which allows us to start the year so smoothly.

To you, the parents, I look forward to catching up over the next few weeks at our Parent/Teacher Meetings, School Masses and other activities and events that are planned for the term. We are here to work in partnership with you and I would appreciate any input or suggestions that you may have to ensure that our school runs as smoothly and efficiently as possible.

As we move through our second week at school I hope that your children are settled and happy in their new classes. Certainly the talk has been very positive with teachers commenting about how eager and enthusiastic the students have been. A good relationship with your child’s teacher will make it easier for you to stay informed about your child’s progress across all areas of schooling and to work together if difficulties or problems arise throughout the year. There needs to be a sensitivity that respects the parents who have a special knowledge of their children, and the teacher as a well trained professional.

Teachers are dedicated and caring people (particularly the teachers at St Joseph’s!) and they want to be not just good teachers, but teachers that their students will remember because they shared their knowledge and love of learning with them. Jonathan Sarks, Rabbi and author of —The Politics of Hope‖, said about teachers:

“Teachers open our eyes to the world. They give us curiosity and confidence. They teach us to ask questions. They connect us to our past and future. They are the guardians of our social heritage. Life without a teacher is surely not a life.”
Dear Parents,

I am pleased to be writing this as Acting APRE at St Joseph’s. I have been blessed to have been given this role and I look forward to working with you throughout the year. I would like to thank all staff, parents and students for making my transition easy and welcoming me into your community.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new families joining the St Joseph’s community and welcome back all the families from 2015. It has been wonderful seeing all the smiling faces and the eagerness of the children to commence school for 2016.

This year we celebrate ‘The Year of Mercy’.

The Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy is a Catholic period of prayer held from the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (December 8), 2015, to the Feast of Christ the King (November 20), 2016. Like previous jubilees, it’s seen by the Church as a period for remission of sins and universal pardon, in this occasion focusing particularly on God’s forgiveness and mercy.

Masses - Each term the students engage in a class buddy mass and the Year 4, 5 and 6 students will attend an anointing mass. These masses are held at 9:30am on Fridays with the exception of special celebrations, families are encouraged to attend.

**Mass Dates for Term 1**

Week 2 — 5th February is the Opening Mass.
Week 3 — 10th February — Ash Wednesday — The start of Lent and the important time to engage with Project Compassion
  12th February — Anointing Mass with Year 5/6
  14th February is the Staff Commissioning Mass
Week 4 — 19th February — Buddy Mass Year 4 & 2
Week 6 — 4th March — Buddy Mass Year 3 & 1
Week 7 — 11th March — Anointing Mass with Year 4
Week 8 — 18th March — St Joseph’s Mass Year 5/6 & Prep
Week 10 — Holy Week Celebrations

**Ephesians 4:32** Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Blessings,

Tracey Gerrard  APRE
Guidance Counsellor News

RESILIENCE

The Program Achieve class lessons over the next 6 weeks will focus on the development of the students’ Resilience. Resilience is referred to as “the capacity to manage the stresses and strains of growing up”. Throughout these lessons, the focus will be on...

Some examples of Resilience behaviour include:

- Staying calm in the face of difficult or challenging situations, people and events.
- Controlling one’s behaviour when one gets extremely upset.
- Calming down within a developmentally appropriate time.
- Bouncing back to work and play.

Goals of Resilience Lessons:

- Provide students with an understanding of emotions and also provide them with an emotional vocabulary.
- Examines that certain situations can evoke emotional responses.
- Teach students that emotions vary in intensity.
- Provide students with understanding that they choose how to feel about an adverse event.
- Teach the students a variety of emotional resilience skills to help them through difficult situations.

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.

David Francis  Guidance Counsellor  St Joseph’s Primary School, Murgon, Mon, Tues & Fri

Library News

Book Club flyers will be sent home today. These orders are due back by 9 February. 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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Newsletters — ELECTRONIC COPY OR PAPER COPY

Please indicate whether you would like to receive your School Newsletters as Electronic copy OR Paper copy.

______________________________ (Family’s Eldest Child) would prefer an ELECTRONIC / PAPER copy (please circle)

Email Address to receive the School Newsletter: __________________________________________________________
I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new families and of course, those returning again to St Joseph’s for what should be another very busy year.

The P & F have been very active over the years and this year looks set to be no different. The focus for this year will be on the school oval and also being able to support the year 5/6’s as they venture to Canberra in July.

If there is some way that you can help, whether it be on a regular basis or once off, you are always welcome and your help is greatly appreciated.

We try and meet once a month. This can’t always be achieved due to other work commitments by many who already attend. Keep an eye on the Newsletter for when these meetings are advertised.

We conduct Tuckshop on a Monday, and if that is a public holiday it is on the Tuesday. We also work the pit gate at Kingaroy Speedway. Cook and sell Hot chips at the Wondai Races and many events held within the school.

If you would like any further information regarding the P & F, please don’t hesitate to contact the School Office and the staff will point you in the right direction.

Scott Prendergast  P & F President

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Tuckshop Monday

Please place your order for Morning Tea and Big Lunch on brown paper bags.

If you are available to assist in the Tuckshop please contact us at the Office. Thank you.

SLUSHIES FOR SALE

As A Fund Raiser for our Year 5/6 Canberra Trip

We will be selling SLUSHIES

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays — AVAILABLE AT BIG LUNCH ONLY

Starting this Thursday 4th

$2.00 per cup at Office Block
Greetings to our February Birthday Students

Year 1
Ta’Jaylah Willmot 24th

Year 2
Rubin Alberts 14th

Year 3
Isaac Watson 9th
Bella Barrett 18th
Shontayne Cobbo 18th

Year 4
Kali Button 1st

ART News

Wondai Art Gallery
Students Art exhibition — all welcome
During the month of February, St Joseph's students, are exhibiting works of art from 2015. Families are welcome to attend the opening night on Friday 5th February. Students are free. Adults cost $5.00 which includes a hot and cold supper. A local winery will be operating on the night.

Parish Mass Times

SATURDAY 6TH FEBRUARY
Wondai 6.00pm
Proston 8.00am

SATURDAY 14TH FEBRUARY
Murgon 6.00pm
Proston 8.00am

SUNDAY 7TH FEBRUARY
Murgon 8.00am
Goomeri 10.00AM

SUNDAY 15TH FEBRUARY
Wondai 8.00am
Dương 10.30am

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

Kingaroy Junior Netball
Sign On

COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN

Meet new friends and be part of a team.

Sign on - Friday 5th February from 3.30pm – 5.30pm at the Kingaroy Netball Courts.

Development nights to build on skills & fitness for new and returning players will be Friday 12th, 19th and 26th February at the Kingaroy Netball Courts 4.30pm – 6.00pm.

Like us on Facebook to keep up to date with information about our club and events.