Welcome BBQ & Parent Information Session - Tuesday 11th February from 5pm
Opening School Mass – Friday 14th February at 9am
Riverside Retreat (Year 6/7) – Monday 17th February
P&F AGM (All Welcome) – Tuesday 25th February
Ash Wednesday Mass – Wednesday 5th March
Goals for Kids Visit (During HPE) – Thursday 6th March
Year 6/7 Camp – Monday 10th to Wednesday 12th March

Please see the school website calendar for other events taking place in the future.

Principal’s Message

I am very pleased, as the year begins, to extend a warm welcome to parents new to St Joseph’s School and to those of you who are continuing. Thank you for choosing a Catholic education for your children. I hope that 2014 will be a very fulfilling one for you and your children and that it has begun in a spirit of confident enthusiasm.

We have 106 students from Prep-Year 7. Our 5 classes comprise of the following:
Prep/1: 21 children  
Yr 1/2: 21 children  
Yr 3: 18 children  
Yr 4/5: 22 children  
Yr 6/7: 24 children

We are a Catholic School and will endeavour to provide a distinctive education for families who choose St Joseph’s School for their child. New students and families will seek enrolment at St Joseph’s over the course of this year. When this happens we must remember that we are a Catholic School and this means we welcome others openly.

In a welcoming spirit, we invite all of our families to the Welcome BBQ and Class Information Evening this Tuesday.

The welcome BBQ is a social opportunity to meet and welcome new families and students. A sausage sizzle and a can of soft drink will be available. The purpose of the information session is for parents to meet their child’s teacher, see the classroom and hear about some of the expectations we have. One of the greatest influences in a child’s achievement is their parents. The more interest parents show in what is happening at school, the more influence they have with their child’s achievement.

Invitation is from 5.00pm. There will be a short welcome address at 5.55pm. Parents and carers are then invited to attend the information session. Each class teacher will run two sessions: Session 1 is from 6.00pm; Session 2 is from 6.30pm. Each session is the same. This gives parents and carers who have children in more than one class the opportunity to visit each class.

Warmest regards,

John Hinton

Thank you to:
Newsletters
The newsletter will be sent home on Monday of each week. Please ask your child for your copy as it contains important information about the school. We are always happy and pleased to record in the newsletter the involvement and achievement of children in activities outside the school. However, we rely on parents and guardians to inform us of these details, and request that it be put in writing to ensure accuracy. We need articles/information for inclusion in the newsletter by the previous Friday afternoon. The Newsletter is also placed on the school website each week. www.stjosephschilders.qld.edu.au

Term 1 Swimming
Students in years 1-7 will participate in swimming lessons conducted by staff from the Isis Swimming Pool.

Lessons dates are:
Week 4 – Tuesday 18th and Friday 21st February
Week 5 – Tuesday 25th and Friday 28th February
Week 6 – Tuesday 4th and Friday 7th March
Week 7 – Friday 14th March (School Swimming Carnival)

Times will be:
- 12.00 – 12.30pm: Year 1/2
- 12.30 – 1.00pm: Year 3 (with 5 additional year 2 students)
- 1.00 – 1.30pm: Year 6/7
- 1.30 – 2.00pm: Year 4/5

Broncos Visit
Last Tuesday, two players from the Broncos visited St Joseph’s as a part of the NRL campaign against bullying.

Students from years 3-7 listened to what bullying is and is not. They also listened to some of the horrible effects long term bullying can have on people.

Following this presentation, students were invited to ask the players questions. Many students took this opportunity and asked insightful questions.
Winter School Uniform Order
The cold weather will surely be upon us soon. To have winter uniforms here on time, we need to have your orders now. Winter uniforms are not held in stock and must be ordered in advance. We only order once a year, so be sure to order to avoid disappointment.
The school offers two types of jackets:
1. Fleecy Jacket - $22.00
2. Soft Microfibre Jacket - $30.00
Both of these jackets have the school emblem embroidered on the left hand side. There will be a display of the school jackets in the school office. Tracksuit pants can be purchased from major chain stores, as long as they are dark navy blue in colour.

Please fill in and return the inserted order form to the school by Friday, 21st March, 2013.

Thanking you,
Deanne Krieger & Erica Russo - Uniform Convenors

Extra-Curricular Activities
Please contact the school office if you wish your child/children to participate in Tennis or Instrumental Music. A reminder that these extracurricular activities operate under ‘user pays’ arrangements (places are limited).

School Banking
There will be no school banking next week.

Tennis
MLC Tennis Hot Shots Learning lessons for Primary & Secondary school children will be held at the Isis Tennis Club Inc, North Street, Childers.
Thursday 13th February, 2014 for Term 1.
Conducted by Bundaberg Tennis Academy Professional Coach Kevin Banner. Registration is Essential.
For more information please contact Kevin 4152 0753 or 0409 520753
Happy Birthday
David Bodnar  12/02

CHRISTIAN VALUES  CATHOLIC FAMILY  INDIVIDUAL GROWTH

Prep/1  Reuben McBride  Phynn Boase  Sean Wozniak
Yr 1/2  Tylan Dunn  Rikki Gilbert  Ellehra Wilkin
Yr 3  Charlotte Bradley  Ava Karpowski
Yr 4/5  Thomas Nunn-Rutledge  Clancey Pryor  Kynan Jones
Yr 6/7  Selena Russo  Michael Dodd  Campbell Pryor

Volunteers Needed!
- We are seeking a volunteer grounds person to work one day per week.
- We are always looking for tuckshop volunteers. The commitment is 3 hours every second Wednesday, however flexibility exists.

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Alloway Football Club Inc
Sign on Childers Show Grounds 19th Feb from 4pm – 5:30pm
Teams – Mixed U6-U15, Girls teams, Colts U19 boys
Senior men and Senior Women
Training:
Juniors – Childers Show Grounds 19th Feb or St Lukes
School, East Bundaberg 20th Feb
Senior Men and Women – Training starts the 14th Jan
Tuesday & Thursday 6:30pm
Alloway Country Club
Contact: Chad Simpson 0448 268 249
president@allowayfc.asn.au