Principal’s Message

Over the past couple of months I have been working with staff and parent groups to develop a new school website.

I am delighted to inform you that this new website is now up and running.

The new website features information relating to our school, news and events, curriculum, community and contact information. I urge you to explore the website and provide me with feedback on ways to improve it.

You can navigate to the website by searching for St Joseph’s Childers in Google, typing in the following url http://www.stjosephschilders.qld.edu.au, or by using the QR code below.

What is a QR Code?
A QR (Quick Response) Code is a type of barcode that is readable by dedicated QR barcode readers. Plans are in place to have a QR Code Reader installed on our school ipads. If you have an ipad or smart phone the app is about $1 to download.

Thank You:
• To Simon Grabbe for visiting year 1/2 (further information about this visit will be placed on the new website under community, and then community excursion articles.
• To St Joseph’s Gayndah for hosting the annual Catholic Education Week activities.
• To the parents who have nominated to be a part of the vision and mission consultation meetings on the 27th August. We are looking for more interested parents to participate. Please contact the school office.
• To parents and staff who assisted with the car park on Sunday.
From the APRE
Catholic Education Week visit to Gayndah
Last Thursday, our school travelled to Gayndah where we enjoyed a day with the students from St. Joseph’s to celebrate Catholic Education Week. With this year’s theme being Celebrating Community, we enjoyed a liturgy where we recognised the wonderful work we do when we come together to share the story of Jesus, to nurture and strengthen each other. We also recognised Joy Macklin who has given 30 years of dedicated service to St. Joseph’s and Catholic Education. The children then got to make new friends while participating in a range of activities throughout the school and also enjoyed a sausage sizzle for lunch. Thanks to the students and staff at Gayndah for their hospitality.

Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop Mass
On Wednesday, 8th August, we celebrate the feast day of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop. St Mary MacKillop is Australia’s first saint and patron of the Brisbane Archdiocese. Mary MacKillop lived a life of heroic goodness and responded totally to the needs of those around her and was the founder of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Our Year 1/2 students have been working hard to prepare a special mass to celebrate this feast day. They would love you to come along and share in this celebration with us.

Parish Sacramental Program - Reconciliation
We will be holding the first parent meeting for the Sacred Heart Parish Sacramental Program for Reconciliation on Tuesday, 21st August, in the hall. Reconciliation is a pre-requisite for receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. This is the enrolment meeting and the first session for both parents and children. The program is for Catholic children who have already received the Sacrament of Baptism and in are year 2 or older. Please call me for further information

Fr. Emmanuel’s Farewell Mass
On Sunday, 26th August, we will farewell Fr. Emmanuel with a special Mass at 3pm followed by a BBQ in the undercover area. Our school community, together with the parish, would like to thank Fr. Emmanuel for his dedication to our school and parish for the past six years. Twila Whittingham will lead our school choir who will be singing at the Mass. We would love you to join us for this special occasion.

Have a great week
Helen Freshwater
**ABCD Radio Interview**

Last week a number of year 6/7 students were interviewed by ABC Radio about their photography experiences. These students did themselves, their families and their school proud. Visit the school website and click on the Blog for the full interview.

**2013 Prep Enrolments**

Please be aware there are up to five prep places still available for 2013. Please let extended family and friends know.

**Isis Athletics Carnival**

Congratulations to the following students who qualified for the Hervey Bay Athletics Carnival.

- 9 Years
  - 800 metres – Will Martell
  - Long Jump – Maicey McKey

- 10 Years
  - 100 metres – Callum Nugent
  - 200 metres – Joshua Maroney
  - Long Jump – Riley Tomlinson

- 11 Years
  - High Jump – Brooke Fitz-Gibbon
  - Shot Put – Tracey Hoffman

- 12 Years
  - Shot Put – Emily Bowman

The Hervey Bay Athletics Carnival will be held this Friday. An information and permission note was sent home with students today.

**Class News - Yr 1/2**

This Term the 1/2 class is exploring Paddock to Plate. The children will answer questions such as: What is a farm? How do farms meet our needs? What are the different types of farms? What do they produce? How does it get from the farm to the shop?

We will endeavour to grow some of our own fruit and vegetables in the school’s vegie patch and hatch our own chickens in an incubator.

Last Monday, Simon from Simpson Farms came into our classroom and spoke to us about growing Avocados. Each of us received a goody bag with two types of Avocados, a pen and recipe book.

Last Wednesday we had a visit from Roushini who taught us some Bollywood Dance moves. We dressed up and had lots of fun exploring dancing to Indian music.
**Happy Birthday**

Cohen Tomlinson  
31/07

Shardae Abbott  
04/08

**iPad Raffle**
The iPad raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 1st August. Please return your raffle tickets tomorrow whether they have been sold or not. If you have misplaced them please let us know.

**P&F Special General Meeting**
The P&F will be holding a Special General Meeting at 6:45pm on Tuesday 14th August to discuss and pass a new Constitution and By-Laws. This will be a new constitution directly based on the P&F Federation template.

Copies can be obtained from the school office or by emailing the P&F directly on our email address, pchilderspandf@bne.catholic.edu.au

The Special General meeting will be followed by a normal General meeting at 7pm.

Please remember all families of our school are members and are welcome at our meetings.

**School Fees**
Due to new regulations the Term 3 school fees have been posted. If you have not received your school fees by mid-week please contact the office.

**Book Fair**
Thank you for your support during book fair week. We raised $536 and have purchased new books for the Library for all the students to enjoy.