Principal’s Message

On Monday and Tuesday students from St Joseph’s Junior and Senior Choir will be performing at the Eisteddfod in Maryborough. Over recent weeks, Twila has been busy rehearsing our school choirs, giving much of her personal time to organise and refine their performances. In addition, Twila has written a school song that will be recorded by a small number of students in coming months.

Obviously Twila performs ‘above and beyond’ her paid employment at St Joseph’s. Twila is one such example of going ‘above and beyond’ that I see regularly. Teachers are paid 30 hours per week for their work. However most teachers at St Joseph’s, and many other schools, work upwards of 40 hours. Obviously school holidays decrease average weekly hours, however if you do the maths, it does not come close to an even playing field. In private industry, I wonder how many employees would work an additional 25% of hours per week without pay.

The point of highlighting teacher work time is not to advocate for fairer industrial awards. Throughout 2012, I have not heard one teacher at St Joseph’s complain about unfair working conditions. Instead, my point of highlighting teacher contributions to the school is to recognise their contributions as being appreciated and deserving of respect. This certainly does not mean teachers get everything right all the time, nobody does. What it does mean is that we should not hasten to judge and criticise. Instead, let us all find time to positively affirm those who we trust our children to, those who continually go ‘above and beyond’.

Warmest regards,

John Hinton

New School Website QR Code
From the APRE
The Feast Day of the Assumption of Mary Mass

The Feast of the Assumption is a celebration of Mary’s faithful relationship with her God. She made room for God in her life. The Feast of the Assumption of Mary remembers when the mother of Jesus died, was resurrected, glorified, and taken bodily to heaven. The word assumption is taken from a Latin word meaning “to take up.” Year 4 and 5 invite you to join us for this Mass and would love you to share morning tea with them after.

The Year of Grace

We are being asked in this the Year of Grace to contemplate the face of Christ. Who is Jesus to us? Where do we see him in our lives? With this being Homeless Persons Week, I would like to share with you a reflection about the Face of Christ. After watching this, reflect on an unexpected time when you have found the Face of Christ.

God’s grace is on the loose amongst us. Coincidence is a name God uses when he doesn’t sign his name. What if coincidence is grace. (Fr John Chalmers)

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.

The Yr 1 and 2 children singing at the Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop Mass last week

Have a great week
Helen Freshwater

Students vs. Teachers Rematch

Last week, the Year 6/7 Sports Ministry organised a teachers vs. students soccer game. We were lucky enough to have Mr Lawler be a part of the student team and Mr Bodnar referee the game.
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News from 6/7 Classroom:
“In My Eyes”
Each Friday morning for the last four weeks, we have been participating in a photography workshop, “In My Eyes” organised by Jenny Gilbertson, a local artist from Charts (Childers Arts Space) and Brad Marcellos, a photographer from ABC Open. Brad firstly discussed how to take interesting photos and then asked each student to submit three photos from four different topics: “My Pet Friends”, “What a Mess”, “My Backyard” and “What I Like”. Brad has then been able to enhance these photos which will be printed on canvas and then displayed as part of an exhibition in the Art Gallery later during term 4. We will all attend the official launch of our exhibition at a breakfast function on 10th October.

Please access the most recent blog via our new school website.
CHRISTIAN VALUES | CATHOLIC FAMILY | INDIVIDUAL GROWTH
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Prep/1 | Luke Maroney
Tia Raffaut |  
Yr 1/2 | Isabella Wozniak
Timothy Chung |  
Yr 3 | Ky Sweeney |  
Yr 4/5 | Selena Russo |  
Yr 6/7 | Travis Katt | Brooke FitzGibbon

Happy Birthday

Thomas Blinco 16/08
Fletcher Grabbe 17/08

CARDIO TENNIS
Tennis Professional, Kevin Banner has a class for Cardio Tennis each Thursday night 6pm - 7pm at the Isis Tennis Club in North Street, Childers. Good fitness and fun with Heart rate monitors. Enquiries: 4152 0753 or 04009520753. Bookings are Essential.

Farewell & Thank you!
Sacred Heart Catholic Parish
Childers invites you to join us in a Mass of Celebration and Farewell for our Parish Priest of 6 years, Fr Emmanuel Sebastian at 3pm, Sunday 26th August, 2012 followed by ‘Afternoon Tea’.

Wallaville State School COUNTRY FAIR! 
Attention: Stall Holders!

To book a site at this event -
Please contact Fiona on 0427 875 098 or Email enquiry to wailavillecountryfair@gmail.com

Put us on your Calendar!

Rides! 
Stalls! 
Food!
Stalls! 
Entertainment! 
Raffles & Prizes!
Fashion Parade

When: 20th October
Where: Wallaville State School
Time: 1.00pm - 9.00pm 

Please book a stall and contact Fiona on 0414 976 660 for all details.

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