Principal’s Message

“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there” (Matthew 18:20).

In any group, small or big, things cause friction. We think our way is right. Often fights can happen over who is right, instead of what is right.

“Talk it through” is the nub of Jesus’ advice on what to do when there is a difference of opinion. We can avoid much festering resentment and ill-will if we speak directly with people or organisations that we feel wrong us in some way. Often conversations lead to mutual understanding, apologies and even forgiveness.

What I say to children is that when we do things, we send messages to others. If I spread rumours about a class mate, I send the message that I want others to spread rumours about me. What I ask kids is – Is that really what you want? Children always say “No!” No they do not want to be treated rudely or in nasty ways.

In my opinion, Jesus’ advice to talk it through comes back to the ‘Golden Rule’ – Treat others the way you want to be treated. If you want to be treated kindly – be kind. If you want to be liked – be likable. The ‘Golden’ part of this rule is to do this regardless of what the other person does to you.

Warmest regards,

John Hinton

Thank You:
- To the P&F Committee for the meeting last Tuesday evening.
- To John and Ray our school handyman volunteers.
- To Jenny and Brad for their work with our Year 6/7 students in the ‘In My Eyes’ photography project.
- To Twila for her work with our Junior and Senior Choirs at the Eisteddfod.

New School Website QR Code
From the APRE

Mary MacKillop Pilgrims Visit

This Wednesday, twenty-seven pilgrims will visit St. Joseph’s as part of the Mary MacKillop pilgrimage taking place in Maryborough, Childers and Bundaberg. The pilgrims will be here for afternoon tea and then join in our Bookweek celebrations which will include blanket reading on the oval. Along their journey, these pilgrims celebrate the story and rich heritage of Mary MacKillop and the Sisters of St Joseph, which we are blessed to be a part of.

Father Emmanuel’s Farewell Mass

This Sunday, our school and parish communities come together to farewell Father Emmanuel. As we have continued on our faith journey, Father Emmanuel has always been there to lead us. We thank Father for his dedication to our community over the past six years. Mass is at 3pm followed by afternoon tea. Please bring along a plate to share. Our school choir will be singing at the Mass. Look forward to seeing many of you there.

Reconciliation Program

Tomorrow a number of our students will begin the next stage in their faith journey when they start preparing to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. Please keep these children in your prayers over the coming weeks.

Have a great week

Helen Freshwater

Eisteddfod Choir

Last Monday and Tuesday our Senior and Junior Choirs had the opportunity to enjoy the experience of showcasing their work on a beautiful stage, the very first time for many of them. Some of our seasoned singers received individual awards, but every single individual was a winner (summoning up the courage to get on that huge stage and deliver their prepared work was the goal). True champions, many of them battled colds, coughs and high fevers. I am sure teachers and parents have been given a detailed report on the memorable experiences at the Brolga Theatre.
Term 4 Swimming
Term 4 swimming commences for all St Joseph’s students on Monday the 15th of October (week 2). Swimming will be on Mondays and Wednesday for four weeks. The swimming levy will pay for 7 lessons; however the school will pay for an extra 8th lesson.

Trivia Night
The Isis High P&C are having a trivia night on Sept 8 at the Cultural Centre. Please contact Isis High for more information.

Woolworths Earn & Learn
Please return your Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers and sheets to the front office by Friday 24th. It doesn’t matter if you don’t have a full sheet we can still use them. We need to return our sticker sheets next week so that we don’t miss out on redeeming resources for our school. Thank you all for the wonderful response and participation in this year’s Woolworths Earn & Learn.

Student Information Update Forms
We sent home the student information update forms. Please check the details and make any adjustments so that we have your correct information for our records. You can return them to the office.

Year 3 have had Olympic Fever!!!
We have enjoyed following the Olympic events, using the Official Australian Team Website. Daily visits to this site helped us keep a medal tally and follow our favourite athlete’s progress. We chose an Australian athlete and have written a biography about their life. As well as finding out information about our Modern Olympics we have also researched the Ancient Olympics and found some very interesting facts. The Olympics began as a religious festival to honour the God Zeus. Did you know that women weren’t even allowed to watch the Olympics and that the Ancient athletes competed without clothing!! We made some great comparisons between the Modern and Ancient Olympics.

Our artistic skills focussed on using line to portray movement. We found a sporting action picture and used line to emphasise the movement of the picture. Here are some of our masterpieces.

Tomorrow we will visit the Forest View Retirement Village and have morning tea with the residents. We have also prepared some songs to sing and will read a library book with them.
Happy Birthday

Joseph McBride 20/08
Kyle Blake 21/08

Father’s Day Stall

The P&F will be holding a Father’s Day stall on Friday, the 20th between 9-11am.
The students will have an opportunity during class to have a look and purchase a gift/s for their Dad’s.
The items are small and priced between $2 and $5. Items range from pens, hats, tools, playing cards, mugs and many other items.

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 six years, Fr Emmanuel Sebastian at 3pm, Sunday 26th August, 2012 followed by ‘Afternoon Tea’.

Book Club
Please remember to hand in your book club orders at the office by Monday 27th August.

Tuckshop
When ordering tuckshop, can you please make sure you have included enough lunch bags. We need a separate one for cold drinks and hot foods. If you don’t have bags, please include an extra 10c for the tuckshop to supply a bag. Thank you all once again for the fantastic support you have been showing.