Principal’s Message

On Sunday our Parish farewelled Father Emmanuel Sebastian (Parish Priest). Many school families made their support known by attending Mass and the afternoon tea.

My sincere thanks once again to Twila and the Choir for leading the singing.

Over the coming weeks Father Emmanuel will take up a new role in India as Director of Karuna Nilaya, a residential school for hearing impaired children. We all wish Father Emmanuel well and welcome Father Sunny Mathew, his replacement.

Below is a special prayer written for Father Emmanuel:

You came from overseas to be, for us, one who serves. We thanks you for ministering Christ to us and helping us to minister Christ to each other. We are grateful for the many gifts you brought to our community:
For drawing us together in worship;
For visiting us in our homes;
For comforting us in sickness;
For showing us compassion;
For blessing our children;
For confirming our calling;

For supporting us in bereavement;
For helping us to grow in faith;
For encouraging us to take the initiative;
For helping the whole community realise God’s presence among us.

God, our Father, we ask you to bless Father Emmanuel and confirm him in his calling. Give him the gifts he needs to continue to respond with generosity and a joyful heart. Guide him as he returns to his homeland, India, to take up his role as Director of Karuna Nilaya residential school for hearing impaired children.

We offer this prayer for Father Emmanuel Sebastian, our brother and friend. Amen.

Warmest regards,

John Hinton

Thank You:
- To Forest View Hostel for welcoming our year 3 students last week.
- To Suzanne Chung and the P&F for organising the Father’s Day stall last Friday.
From the APRE
Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage
Last Wednesday we were visited by a group of pilgrims who were walking in the footsteps of Mary MacKillop. Their pilgrimage took in the areas of Bundaberg, Childers and Maryborough. They enjoyed lunch here at St. Joseph’s and were given a tour of our school by our Year 7 leaders. As the pilgrims moved amongst the children during ‘blanket reading’, they were delighted to see Mary MacKillop’s vision of a Catholic education where all are included, alive and well. This was truly warming to look out onto the oval and see our ‘St. Joseph’s family’ sharing in such an experience.

Reconciliation Program
A number of children in our parish began the Reconciliation Program last week. Please keep these children in your prayers as they begin this new stage of their faith journey.
Katelyn Carige, Amara Burns, Cooper Burns, Max Corsetti, Nicholas Corsetti and Abbey Gibbs.

Father’s Day Mass
Next Friday, 7th September, we will celebrate Father’s Day with a school Mass at 9am. The Prep/Yr 1 children have been busy preparing for this celebration and morning tea after. We would love to see you there.
Have a great week
Helen Freshwater

St Joseph’s Students Scoop Prize Pool at Wide Bay Junior Championships
Maryborough hosted their annual Open and Closed Junior Championships on Sunday August 19. A small contingent of junior players from the Isis Golf Club travelled down to participate in this event. Cooper Burns was awarded the 6 hole shark junior boy championship trophy for his Gross score of 33. Will Martell won nett for the division one nine hole event, in addition to also winning a prize for the approach shot. All boys played very well on the day and should be congratulated for their success.

Currently these boys are also participating in the annual Isis Junior Club championships that will conclude this Saturday. A number of other St Joseph’s students are also participating in this competition including Sophie Martell, Katelyn Carige, Damon Carige, Christian Fredriksen, Curtis Fredriksen, Nick Prichard and Amara Burns.

New junior players are always welcome at the local Isis Golf Club situated on Goodwood Road. The junior group meets every Saturday morning. Assistance will be provided to new players with learning to play and equipment. For further information or any inquiries please contact Isis Junior Golf Coordinator Brett Martell on 41262998.
Congratulations to St Joseph’s Old Boy
Dean Enslin has recently been selected to represent the Queensland Under 25’s State Team in Adelaide at the Inter-State Target Rifle Championships to be held in September 2012.

Dean has recently competed in the Queensland Target Rifle Championships (held at Belmont Shooting Complex, Brisbane, 13-18 August) and came an impressive 3rd in his division in the prestigious Grand-Aggregate

Please find full results and scores on this link http://www.qldrifle.com/rss-news-test/185-queens-2012-winner

Year 3 visit to Forest View
On Tuesday, the 21st of August, the Year 3 class walked to Forest View Retirement Village to visit the residents. Linked in with their learning unit, which involves speaking, listening, reading and viewing within social and formal situations, the children were welcomed with open arms - literally. Many students received big hugs and sloppy kisses.

After introducing themselves, the students were given firsthand experience to socialise. They listened and chatted to the residents with big smiles and great manners.

The class sang three songs which included the Mary Mackillop song and If I were a butterfly. They were warmly appreciated.

After the short concert, the students read books that they’d borrowed and brought along from our school library. Each student sat with a resident and happily read them one or two stories. They all had avid listeners.

The class had another chat with the residents before leaving and received more hugs and kisses. The students were given a biscuit and a drink on their way out. Everyone enjoyed the morning and the students had a pleasant walk back to school.

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.
Happy Birthday

Caleb Sweeney  27/08
Bella Wozniak  29/08
Katelyn Carige  30/08
Liam Lawler   01/09

Woolworths Earn & Learn
We will be sending our Woolworths Earn and Learn sheets and stickers back this Friday, if you have any more, please bring them into the front office by Thursday.

Tuckshop
We have added Yoghurt Pops to the snacks section; they will be selling for 20c.

Isis District Little Athletics Sign-On
Date: Friday 7th September
Venue: Childers Show Grounds
Time: 5:15pm
Cost: Tiny Tots $40, Under 6 – Under 17 $90
There will be a competition run on the night.

CWL Cent Sale Fundraiser Notice
You are invited to come along and support your parish’s Catholic Women’s League Cent Sale on Wednesday, 5th September at 9am in the RSL Hall. Admission: $2 includes Lucky Door Ticket and scrumptious morning tea. We welcome suitable donations of crafts, cakes, jams, pickles, chutney, toiletry items, pot plants, fruit and vegetables for the table of prizes. Goods can be left inside St. Vinnie’s shop Mon-Fri 9.30am-4pm or Sat 9-12. Please deliver any perishable goods as near as possible to the cent sale date. Thank you for your support.