The Australian government is currently reviewing funding for all schools and has recently proposed new funding arrangements that will be debated in the Federal Parliament later this year.

These new arrangements could have significant consequences for the funding received by our school. I believe it is vital that you are aware of the facts about school funding and are able to actively defend the right of our school to the funding it needs to continue to offer a quality education, while keeping our fees as low as possible.

There has already been a lot of misinformation about school funding in the media. In particular, claims have been made that Catholic and other non-government schools receive more funding than State schools. These claims are simply wrong. Students in Catholic schools on average receive only about 80% of the government funding provided to students in government schools.

I encourage you to view the video Catholic school funding in Australia prepared by the Queensland Catholic Education Commission (QR code below).

Over the coming weeks, I will also provide you with more detailed information about funding in our school newsletter. I encourage you to take an active interest in this information and be ready to participate in this funding debate.

More information about Catholic school funding can be found at: www.fundinginfo.catholic.edu.au

Warmest regards,

John Hinton

Thank You:
- To the students, parents and staff who were involved in the vision and mission consultation meetings last Monday.
From the APRE

Welcome Father Sunny

St. Joseph’s welcomes Fr. Sunny to Childers and the Sacred Heart Parish. Father is from the Carmelite Order, Kerala, India. He will be presiding over our first school Mass on Friday when we attend the First Friday Mass and give thanks to our Fathers. We look forward to working together with Fr. Sunny and we hope he enjoys his time here in Childers.

Reconciliation Program

Next week the following children will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation; Katelyn Carige, Amara Burns, Cooper Burns, Max Corsetti, Nicholas Corsetti and Abbey Gibbs.

Please keep these children in your prayers as they begin this new stage of their faith journey.

Father’s Day Mass

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.

Choir Performance

Word has got around town that the St. Joseph’s School Choir is sounding fantastic! We have invited residents from Forest View and members of our parish community to come along next Monday the 10th September to enjoy a performance from our choir followed by morning tea.

Have a great week
Helen Freshwater

Protected Industrial Action

Through the media you may hear about protected industrial action that will occur in many Catholic schools across Queensland on Thursday, the 6th of September. This action will not affect St Joseph’s School, Childers. The majority of union member staff at St Joseph’s voted against taking industrial action in the form of a whole day stoppage of work.

Moving Forward

Please find enclosed in this newsletter a copy of St Joseph’s grievance process called Moving Forward.

Hi5 Strategy

You may have heard your child talking about the Hi5 Strategy. This is a strategy all children are being taught at St Joseph’s. The strategy provides a process for students to make courageous decisions when they don’t like something that might be happening to them or one of their peers. The process is:

1. Speak firmly
2. Say “Stop!”
3. Say “I don’t like...(say what it is that you don’t like)”
4. Walk away
5. If it continues, tell a teacher

You can help your child by reinforcing the Hi5 Strategy if they talk to you about issues at school.

Animals on School Grounds

Due to health and safety concerns it is our preference that animals are not brought onto school property. However, if it is unavoidable animals must be restrained at all times and the owner must not allow any student to approach the animal. It should be noted that consideration is available for ‘show-and-tell’; however this must have prior permission from the class teacher who will be required to complete a risk assessment.
**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.

**Guinea Pig Carers Wanted**  
Loving family to care for two adult female guinea pigs while their owners are away 16/9/12 - 6/10/12. Cage and food provided with the guinea pigs. Good chance to see what it is like being the temporary owner of two small pets. 41268470.

**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.

**Prep/Yr 1 Father’s Day Open Night**  
Last Friday night we opened our doors and invited Dad’s into our classroom. The room quickly filled with many Dads as well as Grandads coming along to see just what happens in Prep/Yr 1. After having a look around doing some construction, painting and trying out our ipads, our Dads and Grandads got to enjoy a sausage sizzle and a chat. We loved showing them around our classroom and letting them see what we do at school. We think our Dads wished they were back at school!

Thanks for coming to our open night Dads.
The school offers private tennis lessons with Mr Kevin Banner, an accredited coach who travels to Childers from Bundaberg. Lessons are held on the school tennis court during school hours, every Thursday from 12 noon onwards. All students are placed in groups of similar ability for a half hour lesson.

The cost of the lessons is $6 each week and lessons are billed separate to the school fees each term. Students from Prep-Year 7 are welcome to enroll.

**Tennis – 2012**

Happy Birthday

Chloe Broderick 06/09

**Tennis Lessons 2012 - Term 4**

Please return to the school office by Friday 21st September.

I ______________________ give permission for my child/children listed below to attend tennis lessons with Mr Kevin Banner on Thursdays. I acknowledge that the lesson cost $6 each week and will be billed per term on a separate invoice.

Yr: ______ NAME: __________________________

Yr: ______ NAME: __________________________

SIGNED: __________________________________ DATE: ______________

Please do not send payment with this form. An account will be sent home to you for payment.

**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.

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