Dear St Joey’s School Community,

Catholic Education Week will be celebrated across Queensland from 24 - 30 July this year.

This annual event is held to promote the special ethos of Catholic schools and to highlight the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day.

The theme for this year’s celebrations is: Opening Doors in the Year of Mercy.

Catholic education strives to make a difference in the lives of those in our schools and in the wider community by challenging young people to live out the message of Jesus and to reach their full potential as compassionate, contributing, life-giving members of society.

During Catholic Education Week 2016, Catholic education communities across Queensland are invited to celebrate and share how they are opening doors for others.

There are 300 Catholic schools in Queensland that educate around 147,000 students and employ 19,000 teachers and staff, and most will celebrate Catholic Education Week in some way.

Our school is planning a number of activities during the week, including hosting a Gary Pinto concert for our school and St Joseph’s School in Gayndah.

I thank you for your ongoing support and look forward to seeing you during Catholic Education Week 2016.

Warmest regards,

John Hinton
P & F Meeting
The next P&F meeting is scheduled for 6:00pm on Tuesday, 26th July. All those interested in working together to achieve outcomes for the entire school community are invited.

Thank You Shalom College, Bundaberg
During the recent Blessing and Opening of our administration and staff buildings, Dan McMahon (Principal of Shalom), announced a $5000 donation from Shalom to St Joey’s. Mr McMahon indicated that this donation was due to the people of Childers supporting the Shalom markets. In order to ensure the donation is utilized on community projects, the P&F will be responsible for assigning this money. We thank you, Shalom College, for your generosity!

Fizz Touring Production – Thursday, 28th July
We are hosting Opera Queensland for an evening production for all St Joey’s families on Thursday, 28th July from 5.30pm.

This performance is a great introduction to opera and covers the big issues facing little people today - self-confidence, bullying and social media (issues we believe are best tackled when the home and school are connected and working together). Prior to the performance, a sausage sizzle will be available from 5.30pm.

Costs associated with the sausage sizzle and the performance are being met by the school and the P&F, meaning no further financial contributions are necessary on the night for St Joey’s School families.

Please prioritise this event in your calendar and ensure that, if you are attending with your children, you arrive promptly so that the performance is not negatively impacted for the performers or audience.

APRE News
In Term 2, as part of my professional renewal leave, I visited both Belgium and France.

In Belgium, I was part of a Queensland group of Catholic educators that participated in a course at Leuven Catholic University. The content of the university course was very insightful and challenging. It was a three-week course ‘packed’ in to two weeks, so was full on – but worth every minute of it. The topics included (but not limited to): Catholic School Identity, Forgiveness & Reconciliation, Interreligious Dialogue, the Bible in the classroom, Vatican II and Faith Education with Children. We celebrated Mass in some historic and beautiful chapels. We also had the opportunity to visit two local Catholic schools.

I then went to France and visited some meaningful places - part of my Grandfather’s story, hence part of mine too. I visited a few churches in Neppie, Armentieres and Hazebrouck where ‘Poppy’ went to Mass whilst on the Western Front in 1916. It was still a special day, especially getting a chance to go to the flat farming grounds that were once full of trenches where my grandfather was. It was here that my grandfather’s war finished. On the 3rd of July at 10:30pm the Germans sent a barrage of bombs/missiles towards his regiment’s trenches. He was one of 64 wounded, with 33 alongside him killed. Lest We Forget.

The final part of my journey was visiting Vignacourt. Michael & Donna Fiechtner introduced me to the local school students and I had the opportunity to take part in some teaching of English (see photo below). Billy the Bear was there, and I was given the French Robert the rabbit to bring back to Childers. The classroom experiences were great, and the students are very excited about our school partnership. I look forward to the friendship agreement between our towns to be signed on Anzac Day 2017.
Pre-Prep Program
Our pre-prep program commences this week. This program will again provide an engaging experience for 2017 prep aged children. If you have a child commencing prep in 2017, please consider this program and book a free place for them through the school office ASAP.

Hold the Date for St Joey’s Fete
We are looking forward to hosting the annual St Joey’s School Fete on Friday, 2nd September (4-9pm). Please keep the date free in your calendar. Mrs Wilkin is our Fete Coordinator.

St Joseph’s Athletics Carnival
Thank you to all those who helped out at the carnival on Friday.

The winning team: Djaagan.

Age champions:
8yrs  Ciana Tarda, Marcus Trapp
9yrs  Rhys Blake, Xavier Freeman
10yrs  Rikki Gilbert, Tylah Dunn
11yrs  Jodie Fitz-Gibbon, Jayden Santacaterina
12yrs  Teagan Hass, Mitchell Tarda.

After School Clubs
This term, children from years 4-6 have the opportunity to participate in a Cricket Club, facilitated by Billy Freeman. Students in years 3 and 4 have been invited to take part in an Arts enrichment program, facilitated by Miss Heron and Miss Michelle. Letters have been distributed, first come first served!
## Term Two Awards

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## Student of the Week

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