Dear St Joey’s School Community,

Welcome to Catholic Education Week.

We have a wonderful week of planned activities designed to education and promote Catholic education during this special week. We encourage parents to attend these organised activities as practical.

Monday Commencing from 9.30am in the hall, there will be a combined liturgy and music concert with St Joseph’s School Gayndah. From 2pm, there will be a special music concert for our students (all parents are encouraged to attend as possible).

Thursday Commencing from 5.30pm, there will be a BBQ and visiting performance from Opera Queensland for all St Joey’s families and staff members. 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). 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.

Friday Commencing from 2.15pm, Year 5/6 will be leading a Catholic education themed assembly (all parents are encouraged to attend as possible).

Warmest regards,

John Hinton

Ahead of the Childers Festival this Sunday, we are seeking volunteers to assist with the car park (all funds raised go to the operational costs associated with our school bus). Furthermore, a number of St Joey’s students will be involved in the media and marketing associated with the festival. If you are willing to assist with the car park or would like your child to be involved in the media and marketing project, please make contact with John Hinton today or tomorrow.
Congratulations St Joey’s Staff

Congratulations to the following staff members:

- Miss Heron (Prep Teacher) was nominated and endorsed for a Excellence in Teaching Award (Early Career Teacher).
- Mr Hinton was nominated and endorsed for an Excellence in Leadership award.
- Mrs Hinton was nominated, endorsed and shortlisted as a finalist for an Excellence in Teaching award.

These awards are an outward symbol to our community that St Joey’s staff members are a talented and capable bunch of educators.

Child Protection Posters Around St Joey’s

Hold the Date for St Joey’s Fete

P & F Meeting

The next P&F meeting is scheduled for 6:00pm tomorrow (26th July). All those interested in working together to achieve outcomes for the entire school community are invited.

Touch Photo

Congratulations to St Joey’s students who participated in a touch carnival over the June/July holidays.
Isis District Athletics
Congratulations to the 33 St Joseph’s students who attended the carnival over the two days last week.

From the results, five students have been selected for the Isis District athletics team to compete in Gayndah on 3rd of August - Tylah Dunn, Grace Whelan, Teagan Hass, Jayden Santacaterina and Clancey Pryor.

From the carnival results, Combined Small Schools points were provided with Djaagan winning the aggregate trophy. A special congratulation to Isis Age Champions:

- 9 yrs Xavier Freeman
- 10 yrs Tylah Dunn
- 12 yrs Teagan Hass.

Queensland Schools Golf State Championships
Congratulations to Wesley Hinton who recently competed for St Joey’s School and Wide Bay in the under 12 Queensland Golf State Championships. Wesley won the overall Nett score (lowest score after handicap).

Isis Community Preschool & Kindergarten
On the 23rd (Tuesday) and 24th (Wednesday) of August from 9am, Isis Community Preschool & Kindergarten (14 Pizzey Street) will be hosting parent information sessions by Bushkids (normally about 20-minute presentation + question/discussion time).

Bushkids is a not for profit organisation providing primary health care to children and their families in rural Queensland communities. There is a centre in Bundaberg and they provide services such as Speech Language and Occupational Therapy.

The presentation covers information on Bushkids, services they provide - individual and group therapies, some milestones for children 4 years and some alternative options for support/services.

We invite any interested parents to come along. Phone 41 261 241 for further information or to RSVP
Pre-prep program open to all children entering prep in 2017

St Joseph’s School welcomes all families who have a child entering prep in 2017 (not just St Joseph’s School enrolled children) to participate in a fun and interactive prep program. The program will focus on providing opportunities for children to become familiar with the experience of coming to school and learning in a new environment. Our prep program will provide a range of experiences that focus on developing early literacy and numeracy skills, as well as fine and gross motor skills. Children will also have an opportunity to become familiar with prep daily routines and transitions.

Thing to know about the program:
- This program is open to all families who have a child entering prep in 2017 (not just St Joseph’s School enrolled children).
- The program runs from 1st—4th week Wednesday (1st–4th week will be encouraged to attend on the alternate Wednesday, i.e. advertising days).
- The program begins on Wednesday, 20th July, and concludes on Wednesday, 7th September (a total of 8 weeks).
- Following this program, a more targeted program will be facilitated in terms of St Joseph’s students enrolled for prep in 2017.
- Parents are expected to stay with their child for the first two weeks of the program and are welcome to stay for subsequent weeks if they wish.
- Morning tea will be provided for all children.
- Snackings through to prep’s School office are essential (please advise any allergies or dietary requirements).

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Childers Read To Me Day

**Concept:** As part of Literacy week, the Childers community is invited to join us for Read to Me Day, an exciting literary event aimed at encouraging reading with children from birth to year three.

**What:** Groups of supervised children will take part in rotational activities throughout the central area of Childers. At each station an adult will read to the group and in some instances they will participate in an activity. This year’s event will have a circus theme – dress up in your best circus costume.

**Why:** To model and foster a love of reading to young children; to create interaction between families, businesses and groups; to show our children they are important and we are keen to organise events for them within our town.

**When:** Thursday 1st September 2016.
**Where:** Millennium Park, Childers and surrounding businesses. Further details to follow.
**Contact:** Alexia & Judy (Isla Dist SHS) 41 921 222; Denise (Library) 41 304 560