Principal’s Message

Catholic Education Week will be celebrated across Queensland from 21-27 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: Making a Difference… inspired by Jesus.

Catholic schools strive to make a difference in the lives of individuals 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.

Students are nurtured to develop a commitment to social justice and a critical social consciousness, and are prepared for global responsibilities through stewardship of the earth’s resources.

Like other Catholic schools, we strive to be a welcoming, inclusive, and connected community that values diversity and treats each student with dignity, enabling them in turn to promote and respect the dignity of all.

During Catholic Education Week 2013, Catholic education communities across Queensland are invited to celebrate and share how they are ‘Making a difference .... Inspired by Jesus’ in the lives of their students and within their communities.

There are 296 Catholic schools in Queensland that educate around 140,000 students and employ almost 17,000 teachers and staff and most will celebrate Catholic Education Week in some way.

Our school will be welcoming student from St Joseph’s, Gayndah on Friday 26th July to celebrate this week with us; parents and carer are always welcome.

Thank you:
• To all parents who assisted during the Athletics carnival.
• To the P&F committee and School Board for last week’s meetings.

Warmest regards,

John Hinton

BRONCOS BANNER
St Joseph’s Footy Tipping Leaders:

1. The Blake’s
2. Anderson
3. Fitzy
4. Russo Family
5. Kriegers
6. Henny
7. DJSJ Harney
Get Started Initiative
In October, 2012, the Queensland Government announced funding of $18 million to support the Get in the Game initiative. Get Started is one of three programs within this initiative that aims to assist children and young people who can least afford to join a sport and recreation club.

Eligible children and young people are provided with a voucher up to the value of $150 for the payment of membership and/or participation costs.

To be eligible for the program, the child’s parent/guardian must hold a Centrelink Health Care Card or a Pensioners Concession Card. To assist other children and young people identified as benefiting from the program whose parent/guardian does not have a Health Care or Pensioners Concession Card, a referral agent process has been incorporated into the program. Two referral agents are required to endorse an application for a voucher and they both must have known the child/young person for a minimum 12 month period. Principals, teachers and guidance/career counsellors can act as referral agents.

As a referral agent, teachers, principals and guidance/career counsellors support children and young people who would benefit from participation in sport and recreation and require assistance with the payment of membership and/or participation fees. The referral agent is required to provide the parent/guardian/carer of the child with a copy of the Get Started Parent/Carer/Guardian Fact Sheet and include their full contact details which are then lodged by the parent.


Athletics Carnival
Last Friday, the annual St Joseph’s Athletics Carnival was held at the Showgrounds. Both the Red and Blue Teams should be congratulated for their spirit and competitiveness, exhibiting the Play is the Way skill ‘Participate to Progress’.

Congratulations to the Blue Team, the 2013 Athletics Champions.

Congratulations to Age Champions – Zac Drake, Casey DeGroot, Ky Sweeney, Clancey Pryor, Will Martell, Maicey McKey, Joshua Maroney, Kate Fitz-Gibbon, Campbell Pryor, Anderson Bee and Brooke Fitz-Gibbon.

A number of records were broken on the day, including:
- Ky Sweeney - Breaking the 100 metre sprint, long jump and high jump records.
- Tracey Hoffman/Brooke Fitz-Gibbon - Breaking the shot put record.
- Jeff Freeman – Breaking the Men’s Elite long jump record.
- Kerry Fitz-Gibbon – Breaking the Women’s Elite shot put record.

Finally, thank you to staff and parent helpers making the day successful and enjoyable for all.
Year 7 to Secondary
Next year, the year 7 and 6 students will both have their final year at St Joseph’s School before entering their chosen Secondary School. Recognising the added rights and responsibilities granted to students in their final year of primary school, we have sought to clarify what we as a School should do. In the month of March, a Discussion Paper was released to work with students and parents to discern how we might approach the final year in primary school for two graduating year levels. A further opportunity for face-to-face consultation was available during the P&F meeting in May. We are now in an enhanced position to release a position and clarify considerations. I understand that the position and considerations will not please everyone. I would urge each of us to be mindful that we are part of a larger school community with needs equal to those of our own.

Position
During 2014, students in years 6 and 7 will share all associated leadership responsibilities and celebrations wherever possible.

Considerations
- Welcome/Induction of School Leaders Mass – This will involve all year 6 and 7 students.
- Selection of Ministry Groups – This will involve all year 6 and 7 students prioritizing their preferred Ministry Group choices.
- Appointment of students to the Ministry Executive – This will involve a year 7 and year 6 student both being appointed as Ministry Executives for each Ministry Group, whenever possible.
- Leadership shirts – This will involve each year group organizing their own shirt design.

- Special Awards at the end of primary schooling – This will involve a year 7 and year 6 student being recognized separately in each Special Award category.
- Accompanying graduation photos with school photos – This will involve all year 6 and 7 students.
- Farewell of families at the End of Year Mass – This will involve all associated families.

Parent and Friend Committee
June’s P&F Meeting focused on the organisation of the multicultural car park, an update regarding the audio/visual upgrade of the hall and the funding of early years literacy resources.

Festival of Cultures Car Park
The P&F will again be coordinating the car park during the Festival of Cultures in Childers on Sunday, 28th July. Funds raised will contribute towards the purchase of early years literacy resources, particularly home readers. We are calling for parents to assist on the day. There will be two shifts to choose from: 7.30am – 9.30am or 9.30am – 11.30am. Those who have already offered their assistance include Tania Tarda (P&F President) and Suzanne Chung (P&F Treasurer and Secretary). Please make contact with the office to volunteer for a shift.

School Board
June’s Board meeting involved a review of school finances, feedback on the draft of a new school prayer, and an update regarding policy, LIFE and community connections.

Tennis Lessons (Wednesday this week)
Please be aware that Kevin Banner will be conducting tennis lessons on Wednesday of this week, instead of the usual Thursday.
Happy Birthday

Will De Groot  19/06
Will Martell  24/06
Grace Allwood  25/06
Caitlin Cook  26/06
Harriet Smith  26/06
Ryan Santacaterina  29/06

If these dates do not suit tuckshop helpers, please contact the school office. If you are available to assist please contact the school office.

CHRISTIAN VALUES | CATHOLIC FAMILY | INDIVIDUAL GROWTH
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Prep/1 | | Jaime-Lee Johnston
Yr 1/2 | | Gabrielle Bonanno
Yr 3/4 | Amara Burns | Bridget Woodman
Yr 4/5 | Joshua Maroney | Jade Krieger
| | Christian Fredriksen
Yr 6/7 | Campbell Pryor | Tracey Hoffmann

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TENNIS
A Holiday Tennis "Get Active" Clinic will be conducted by the Bundaberg & District Junior Tennis Assoc. Inc. and Bundaberg Tennis Academy Coaches Kevin Banner & Murray Whitbread for boys and girls 5-16 years of age.

The clinic will be held at Rotary Park Tennis complex, 69B George Street, South Bundaberg next to St Vinney’s on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 26th, 27th & 28th June, the first week of the School Holidays.

The Clinic is based on the Tennis Hot Shots program which includes fun, racket and ball skills, movement skills and games.

Times: 8.30am - 10am; 10am - 11.30am; 8.30am - 11.30am (5-12 years); 1.30pm - 4.30pm Advanced & High School. Registration is Essential!
Please phone Kevin 4152 0753 or 0409 520753 or Murray 0407 639824

Come Horse Riding
Horse riding camps for ages 6 years – teens. All riding abilities are welcome.

7 Day Riding Camps
Fun horse riding camps every school holidays. Includes arena lessons, learning how to keep and care for a horse/pony, trail rides twice a day, gymkhana and night activities.

22 – 29 June
29 June – 6 July
6 – 13 July

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