Principal’s Message

This week, Holy Week, is a time when we remember the dark suffering and death of Jesus, whilst waiting for light to overcome darkness with the resurrection of Jesus Christ’s on Easter Sunday.

One central focus of the Easter Sunday Liturgy is the Paschal (Easter) Candle. This candle is lit at the start of the liturgy and is carried into a darkened church where the priest proclaims three times: Christ is our Light, and the congregation responds: Thanks be to God.

Our world is filled with signs of the resurrection - signs that Jesus is alive today and is the Light that leads us from darkness into the fullness of life. The recent Caritas campaign saw countless acts of generosity as children and families rallied to assist and support the marginalised in our world. Those who participated brought the light of Christ into the darkness of the lives of others. Whether they were Christian or not does not matter – what matters is that they are a sign of the resurrection for us.

We can also be signs of the resurrection in our ordinary lives. Every little kind word or action, every generosity thought or deed, every effort to be a peacemaker in our homes and workplaces, is a sign of the resurrection. We are called to be people who walk in the light, and to bring that light into the darkness of our own lives and the lives of others.

Warmest regards,

John Hinton

Caritas Disco Photos

NRL Tipping Competition Ladder:
1. Rogers Family
2. Corsetti4
3. The Fitzy
4. Henny
5. The Hinton’s

$20 per team is due to the school ($10 will be directed to the school bus project, $10 will be directed to prize money).
Cross Country Information
Congratulations to Wira, 2015 Cross Country champions. Runners who secured a place (1
st, 2nd or 3rd), will receive a letter detailing the Isis Cross Country carnival to be held on Wednesday, 29th April, 2015. Please note, the Isis carnival is for children aged 9 years and over.

Caritas
This week brings us to the end of our Caritas campaign. Children and families have financially supported this termly campaign through a variety of initiatives including, personal contributions, a student disco, a $2 challenge and a free dress day. Together we raised an amazing amount of approximately $350. This proves that we can make a difference when we think globally and act locally. Thank you for your support.

Next term, we look forward to supporting our own local social action project called Helping Hands. More information will be provided in term 2.
Holy Week
This week is Holy Week. Each morning, we will be gathering for Courtyard Prayer. During this time we will reflect on the events of Holy Week, including Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Parents are invited to join us each morning from 8.35am for our Courtyard Prayer sessions.

P/1 and 1/2 Characters Dress Up Day (Tuesday)
In English Blocks, P/1 and 1/2 are discussing and investigating fairytales. Students have brainstormed what a fairytale is, the structure of the story, common language and the types of characters used. Some examples of fairytales include, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, The Frog Prince, Rapunzel (not Tangled), Jack and the Beanstalk, The Three Little Pigs, The Princess and the Pea, Sleeping Beauty, Cinderella and Pinocchio.

On Tuesday, we are going to have a ‘Characters Dress up Day’. It is most important that these characters are from fairytales and not movie adaptations or new release movies. We do not expect specially purchased costumes. Part of creating is allowing the children to think about what they could make with what is in their cupboard. This helps them to be resourceful. Of course if you have a costume already, that is certainly fine.

School Photos Rescheduled
Due to the recent tummy bug that has spread through our community, school photos have been postponed. Parents who have made payment, online or via envelops, can rest easy knowing that a future date will be arranged with the same company and no additional charges will result.

Dance Classes for St Joseph’s Students
Many of us are familiar with Michelle Brumwell’s Dance Studio called Incandescent Dance. I am pleased to announce that Miss Michelle will be providing dance lessons for each of our classes in term 2. The duration of these lessons will be one hour and will occur every Wednesday in term 2.

English Block Teacher
In terms 2 and 3, each class English Block will now be staffed with 2 teachers and 1 school officer. Ask around, can any other school offer such an intensive learning program in high quality Catholic education environment – needless to say, we are pretty proud of ourselves at the moment!

Term 2 Resumes – Tuesday 21st April, 2015
Childers, as well as four other Brisbane Catholic Education schools, were classified as an IPRASS (Incentive Payments – Remote Area Staff Scheme) school in 2014. This classification led to much additional funding for our school and two additional ‘Travel Leave Days’ for our teaching staff. The Travel Leave Days mean our school cannot open to students on these two days – first Monday of term 2 and term 3.
Cianna Tarda
Grace Whelan
Stevey-Mae Harney

Lily Dunn
Theresa Bretherton
Stephen Brown

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**INFORMATION AND ENROLMENT DAY**

Sunday 19th April 2015
11am—3pm
St Joseph’s School Hall—Childers

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**Equipment for Sale**

Please see the office to purchase

- **Speaker & Amp** $50
- **Projector** $50