**Principal’s Message**

In the newsletter last week, I identified the taxation benefits for families in having a voluntary building fund, as opposed to a compulsory one. I take this opportunity to identify some of the projects that have been undertaken in recent time with the use of funds sourced from the voluntary building fund.

The voluntary building fund currently pays down a number of loans for projects that have included the new classroom and toilet blocks and the renovated classroom spaces on the second story of the main school building.

In addition to paying down loans, last year the voluntary building fund paid for the Prep/Year 1 classrooms to be painted (inside and outside), shelves in the sports shed (to make this space safer), an automatic door installed on the toilet block, the new back fence near the multipurpose court and the replacement of the box gutters on the main school building. This year, funds are being contributed towards the upgrade of the School Hall (a shared facility for the entire school).

Funds sourced from the voluntary building fund enable safe, learning focused and aesthetically pleasing spaces for all children. We have a school environment in which we are all proud and I thank families for their continued contributions.

**Thank you to:**
- The Parish Sacramental Team (Helen Bonanno, Sandra Freeman and Helen Freshwater) for their work in the Reconciliation program.
- Year 4/5 and Father Sunny for their organisation of the Grandparents Day Mass.
- Year 6/7 for their organisation of Blanket Reading.
- All students, teachers and parents for your participation in the Book Week dress up.

Warmest regards,

John Hinton

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**St Joseph’s Footy Tipping Winners:**

1. The Blake’s
2. Anderson
3. Fitzy

Congratulations! Prize money is to be collected from the office.
From the APRE

Reconciliation
Over the past 3 weeks children from our parish have been preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. During this time the children have been learning about times when they have made wrong choices and how God’s love for us is so great and he is always willing to forgive us.

We keep Gabrielle Bonanno, Ava Karpowski, Wesley Hinton, Kyle Blake, Mitchell Tarda, Bill Banting, Theresa Bretherton and Jodie Fitz-Gibbon in our prayers.

Loving God
You are our friend always.
We are good people
but sometimes we make mistakes.
We are sorry for the uncaring things we do.
Thank you for loving us all the time
even when the choices we make aren’t always the right ones.
Help us to be make good choices so we can be more caring and thoughtful towards one another.
Amen

Have a great week
Helen Freshwater

Farewell Mrs Durnan
Carla Durnan, who is currently job sharing in the year 6/7 class, will be taking leave until the beginning of 2015. Mrs Durnan has worked in many roles across St Joseph’s School, including Class Teacher, APRE, ST-IE and Acting Principal. We wish the Durnan family all of God’s blessing.

Grandparents Day
Thank you to all of the Grandparents who joined our celebrations last Friday. We began in our Church, where the year 4/5 class helped Father Sunny to lead us in thanking God for gifting us our Grandparents. After Church, Grandparents joined the school in the annual Blanket Reading event organised by the year 6/7 class. Following a beautiful morning tea, Grandparents were treated with performances lead by Twila and the school choirs (even David, who is Cooper and Amara’s Grandfather, had a jam with the choir).

Book Week Celebrations
This year our Book Week celebration was combined with Grandparents Day. As mentioned above, the school participated in the annual Blanket Reading event. Following morning tea, students dressed up in a variety of costumes. The Prayer and Celebration Ministry organised special certificates for best dress in a variety of categories. Of course staff could not miss out on an opportunity to dress up and have a little fun as well.

Alter Serving Roster (Saturday, 14th September, 6pm)
Sophie, Curtis and Christian Fredriksen

Children’s Liturgy 1st Weekend of Each Month
Children’s Liturgy will continue on the first weekend of each month. The next Children’s Liturgy will be on Saturday, the 5th October at 6pm. All children are welcome to come along and join in this wonderful experience.
Welcome Beverly Hanbury
Mrs Hanbury is our school’s new instrumental teacher. There is space for up to 4 beginner students to share a lesson (years 3-7 only). Instruments may be available to borrow (free of charge). This is an affordable way to have your child try out an instrument. Please contact the office if you are interested.

Isis High Fun Run
Some students from years 3-7, staff and parents have entered a St Joseph’s School team in the Isis Fun Run at Woodgate Beach this Sunday. If you would like to be involved please contact John Hinton by Tuesday (at the absolute latest).

Review of St Joseph’s School Uniform
At the request of the Principal, the P&F are undertaking a review into our school uniform. The first part of this review is a short survey that was included in last week’s newsletter. Alternatively, it can be accessed online at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GTW92YQ

Please take a couple of minutes to complete the survey (even if you are very satisfied with the uniform) and return it to the school office by the end of the week.

The P&F would like to provide reassurance to parents that any possible adjustments to the current uniform will be phased in over time.

Student Disco
This Friday, the Sports Ministry will be hosting a student disco in the hall (St Joseph’s School students only). The disco begins at 5.30pm and finishes at 7.30pm (promptly). The theme of the disco is the letter ‘S’ (‘S’ for ‘S’ports Ministry). Soft drink, poppers and chips will be available for purchase from the tuckshop. Thank you to Mrs Freeman, Mrs Royan and Mrs Medley who have volunteered to supervise.

Year 1/2 Visit to Paragon Theatre
Learning about the history of Childers’ buildings in class, the Year 1 / 2’s took the opportunity to visit the Paragon Theatre, a special icon of Childers with a long history behind it. Waiting at the door to meet us was the new owner, Merissa Craft (nee Riccardi), who in fact, attended St Joseph’s school during her primary years. Due to have her first baby very soon, she was only too happy to show us around.

The spacious foyer and ticket box is still as it was many years ago. Even the old phone was there, the only communication to the projector room.

First we visited the bottom floor which was once filled with rows of canvas seats for watching movies. Merissa explained how there used to be a second floor but it was later removed. The students learned the theatre was built in 1909 by Mr Gee. He then sold it to Mr & Mrs Mammino who later sold it to their daughter, Mrs Riccardi, who happens to be Merissa’s grandmother. The Paragon has been kept in the family for many years.

The original curtain still hangs in front of the movie screen. The screen is able to slide backwards which opens up a stage. Plays, orchestras and musicians used to use it when movies weren’t playing.

Upstairs, the seats were more comfortable but more expensive. Guests had a special service and could order drinks and food delivered from a room down a private set of stairs.

There were lots to see in the projector room, including two huge projectors. As one movie came on two reels, two projectors were needed so one half of the movie could play and then continue on the second projector without stopping the movie. Glass slides were used for the advertisements before the movie with their own special projector. A turntable was used to play music during the advertisements.

After the tour, the students asked many questions, including – what and when was the last movie played in the theatre. The last movie played was in 1998 and the movie was Titanic.

Year 1 / 2 had a wonderful time looking through the Paragon and thanked Merissa for her time and information.

Hopefully she will be playing movies again in the old theatre soon.
If these dates do not suit tuckshop helpers, please contact the school office. If you are available to assist please contact the school office.