Principal’s Message

Last week, on the 4th October, was the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi.

Francis lived in the twelfth century long before the green movement, long before world heritage listings and environmental regulations and bodies. Francis had an extraordinary apperception of the environment and what a precious God-given gift it is to all of humanity. For these reasons St Francis remains an influential and inspiring figure some 900 years on.

Francis recognised God’s presence in all things, most especially in nature. His prayer Canticle of Creation reveals the depth of this insight. In it Francis refers to the earth as mother, the sun as brother, the moon as sister, and he celebrates the gifts of water, wind, fire, trees and flowers. So captivated by the beauty of nature was Francis that he even tried to avoid walking on leaves, and if he did so would apologise for damaging their beauty (maybe a little fanatical if you ask me).

Francis’ commitment to the environment and God’s presence in it is the catalyst of a milk bottle recycle/reuse project we hope to partake in here at St Joseph’s School. We will announce this project in due course. In the meantime, to engage children in recycle and reuse we will begin with a competition (see image to the side).

To be successful, participants should:

- Come up with a creative idea to recycle or reuse an empty milk bottle (more than 1 bottle may be utilised).
- Present the recycle or reuse idea in one of the following ways:
  - Create it and submit it.
  - Create it, take a photo of it and submit the photo.
  - Write a description of the idea.
  - Draw a picture of the idea.

The competition closes on Friday, 23rd October. Opportunities to complete this project at school will be provided. Participants may also complete it at home if they wish.

Warmest regards,

John Hinton
Students Free Day
Monday, 19th October is a teacher professional development day based around consistency of judgement. This is an annual event where teachers from a number of Brisbane Catholic Education schools come together to moderate work samples. Please be aware this is a student free day.

2016 Classes
Planning is well underway in respect to the composition of classes for 2016. An announcement will be made in the coming weeks. Factors currently being considered include:
- A commitment to composite classes that do not exceed two year levels.
- A commitment to consistency of class compositions, where possible.

In order to assist in this planning, please contact the office this week if your child/children will not be attending St Joseph’s School in 2016.

2016 Fees and Levies
In 2016, fees and levies will be maintained close to 2015 levels. If you are on direct debit this will mean approximately:
- One child $35 per week.
- Two children $50 per week.
- Three or more children $60 per week.

A 2016 fee and levy structure will be included in a future newsletter once approved by the relevant bodies.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Wednesday, 9th September marked a special celebration for children in our school and parish community as they made their First Reconciliation.

Children’s Liturgy 1st Weekend of Each Month
The next Children’s Liturgy will be on Saturday, the 7th November at 6pm. All children are welcome to come along and join in this wonderful experience.

Reading to Joey’s Kids
The Reading to Joey’s Kids program was enacted through the SPITT (School Parish Inclusive Think Tank). This program has involved up to 6 grandparents of our community reading regularly to our students. We thank these grandparents for their active participation in developing the next generation for literate people with a deep love for reading.

Sun Smart School
St Joseph’s is a Sun Smart school and, as Term 4 begins, we are expecting some very hot weather. Therefore, it is a good time to remind children that of the need to wear their school hat, drink plenty of water and slap on sunscreen.
Term 3 Events

Week 2:
- Year 3/4 Camp (Tuesday – Wednesday)
- Book Fair (Tuesday – Wednesday)
- Prep/1 Excursion

Week 3:
- Students Free Day (Teacher Moderation)
- Craft Bazaar - Choir Performance
- Golf Lessons (whole school)
- P&F Meeting
- School Board Meeting
- Grandparent's Day Mass and Rug Reading
- Milk bottle recycle/reuse competition closes

Week 4:
- All Saints Day Mass

Week 5:
- Golf Lessons (whole school)
- Pre-Prep Orientation

Week 6:
- Pre-Prep Orientation

Week 7:
- School Board Meeting
- P&F and School Board Dinner

Week 8:
- Parent-Teacher Interviews
- Swimming Lessons
- Fete (Friday)

Week 9:
- Parent-Teacher Interviews
- Swimming Lessons
- Year 6 Graduation Liturgy and Dinner
- End of Year Mass

See newsletter and website for up-to-date changes and additions to events
End of Term Awards

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Date       Week  Subway/Tuckshop          Helpers                                                                                           
14/10/15   2      Tuckshop                        Val Walkington, Bernadette Williams, Graeme Truscott, Tanya Gilbert                  
21/10/15   3      Subway                                                                                                                      
28/10/15   4      Tuckshop                        Val Walkington, Bernadette Williams, Graeme Truscott, Tanya Gilbert                  
04/11/15   5      Subway                                                                                                                      
11/11/15   6      Tuckshop                        Val Walkington, Bernadette Williams, Graeme Truscott, Tanya Gilbert                  
18/11/15   7      Subway                                                                                                                      
25/11/15   8      Tuckshop                        Val Walkington, Bernadette Williams, Graeme Truscott, Tanya Gilbert                  
02/12/15   9      Subway                                                                                                                      

Amelia Bradley  22/09  
Frankie Marshall  23/09  
Sophia Bowman  26/09  
Clancy Pryor  01/10  
Bree Uridge  03/10  
Luke Maroney  11/10  
Charlotte Rogers  15/10  
Celia Freeman  17/10  
Charlotte Bradley  18/10  

Happy Birthday

Amelia Bradley  22/09  
Frankie Marshall  23/09  
Sophia Bowman  26/09  
Clancy Pryor  01/10  
Bree Uridge  03/10  
Luke Maroney  11/10  
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Celia Freeman  17/10  
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