**Principal’s Message**

**Week 2 • 13th October, 2014**

The final term of 2014 is packed full of experiences and opportunities to engage as ‘A Connected Community’.

Our website includes an up-to-date calendar - the address is:

stjosephschilders.qld.edu.au

For your convenience a list of upcoming events are provided below (please monitor future newsletters for more information closer to the time of events).

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**Calendar of Events – Term 4**

- Excursion to Australia Zoo (Prep/Year 1) – Tuesday, 14th October
- Consistency of Teacher Judgement (School Closed to Students) – Monday, 20th October
- Book Fair – Wednesday, 22nd – Thursday, 23rd October
- Survivor Camp (Year 4/5) – Wednesday, 22nd October
- Net Ministries Leadership Day (Year 4/5) – Friday, 24th October
- School Board Meeting – Wednesday, 29th October
- No Music Lessons with Bev – Thursday, 30th October
- All Saint Day Mass – Friday, 31st October
- Day for Daniel (Red Shirt – Gold Coin) – Friday, 31st October
- First Friday Mass (Year 3) – Friday, 7th November
- P&F Golf Event – Friday, 7th November
- Remembrance Day Service (Lauren & Student Ministry Executives) – Tuesday, 11th November
- P-3 Transition Morning – Wednesday, 19th November
- Possible Sussical Musical Performance – Thursday, 20th November
- Odinaka’s Deanery Ordination? – Friday, 21st November
- World Educator’s Day – Friday, 21st November
- Student Reports Sent Home – Friday, 21st November
- Year 1, 2 & 3 visiting Fame, Bundaberg – Friday, 28th November
- Year 6/7 Fun Day – Friday, 28th November
- Parent-Teacher Interviews – Monday 24th November – Thursday, 4th December
- Year 7 Transition to Isis High – Monday, 1st – Tuesday, 2nd December
- Year 6 Transition to Isis High – Wednesday, 3rd – Thursday, 4th December
- End of Year Mass – 9am, Friday, 5th December
- End of School Year – 12 noon, Friday, 5th December

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Warmest regards,

John Hinton

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APRE Space
At St Joseph’s, children learn about sacred texts. Sacred texts include the Old and New Testaments contained in our bible, as well as writings of the saints and other significant Christians. Studying scripture in the classroom takes the reader into the world of Jewish and Christian believers. Children and their teachers develop reading and interpretation skills to appreciate the understandings of God and religious experience that are presented in Biblical texts.

The Catholic approach to interpreting scripture is summed up in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: In Sacred Scripture, God speaks to the person in a human way. To interpret Scripture correctly, the reader must be attentive to what the human authors truly wanted to affirm and to what God wanted to reveal to us by their words. In order to discover the sacred authors’ intentions, children and their teachers must take into account the conditions of their time and culture, the literary genres in use at that time, and the modes of feeling, speaking and narrating then current. They also seek to understand the relevance of the meaning of texts for themselves and the wider community today.

THREE WORLDS OF THE TEXT - Core texts are the prescribed Scriptural texts that need to be taught in depth each year level. These are mandated by the Archdiocese. By exploring the three worlds of the text, students will engage in:

A study of the world of the text (What is actually in the text? What type of writing is this text? Is there a particular structure of the text? Who are the characters in the text and what happens? ...)

A study of the world behind the text (What can we learn about the context of this text - the historical world of the human author(s); the cultural world of the time; the geographic considerations of the text; the community for whom the text was written...)

An exploration of the world in front of the text (What meaning does the text have for our lives today? What might God want to say to us through this text today? What might God want to say to me through this text today? What does the Church say to us about the meaning of this text? How might this text be used in faith communities today?)

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 grandparents of our community reading regularly to children in the prep/year 1 class. We would love to expand this program. We are looking for grandparents (either connected to our school or parish) who would be willing to volunteer one hour per week. If willing, please contact the office with your details.

Parish News
St Peter's Catholic Church at Biggenden is celebrating 75 years and cordially invites all school families to attend Mass with Archbishop Mark Coleridge as main celebrant at 10am on SUNDAY, 19TH OCTOBER. A light lunch will be shared in Biggenden Memorial Hall after Mass. This is also our annual parish get-together so please put the date in your diary. As catering and transport arrangements need to be made, please put your name on the clipboard in the church or phone the parish office on 41261256 by 8th October. We hope you can come along to get together and help our fellow parishioners celebrate this important milestone in their faith history.

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

Grandparents Day
Thank you to all the wonderful grandparents who participated in the annual Grandparents Day celebrations on Friday. We want all grandparents to know that they are important people in the lives of children – from treat provider to wisdom supplier we thank you.
2015 Classes
In 2015, with the move of year 7 to secondary, we are planning on having four classes. The composition of these classes will be announced in coming weeks. Factors that need consideration 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 as soon as possible if your child/children will not be attending St Joseph’s School in 2015.

2015 School Fees
Throughout 2014 a direct debit trial that spreads payments across an entire year (as opposed to term time only) has been underway. I am happy to announce this trial was successful and will now be a part of our normal school fee structure options from 2015.

In 2015, fees and levies will be maintained close to 2014 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 2015 fee structure will be included in a future newsletter once approved by the relevant bodies.

Consistency of Teacher Judgement
Monday, the 20th October, is a teacher professional development day. This is an annual day where teachers moderate work samples with teachers from other Brisbane Catholic Education schools to ensure consistency. Please be aware this is a student free day. The Religion Curriculum is a key focus on this day for our teachers as they share units of work on Sacred Texts.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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Tuckshop

Week 2 – Wednesday 15/10
Full tuckshop this week.
We will have confectionery, chips, drinks and ice blocks available every week at first break.

Specials –
Triple Choc Cookies - $1.00
Sunnvbov Ice Blocks - .50c

STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES
Semester 2, 2014

Bus Fare Assistance
- Does your child attend a school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary?
- Does your family spend more than $25/week* on fares to and from school (*/ $20/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a publicly available bus not owned or associated with the school?

Students with Disabilities
- Does your child have a verified disability that requires transport assistance to and from school?
- Has your school’s learning support teacher assessed your child’s travel capability rating as ‘semi-independent’ or more dependent?

CQ Karate Titles

On the last weekend of the school holidays, three of our students travelled to Rockhampton for the CQ Karate Titles.
- Kate Fitz-Gibbon placed 2nd Kumite, 2nd Kata and 2nd Team Kata
- Jodie Fitz-Gibbon placed 1st Kata, 2nd Kumite and 2nd Team Kata
- Bridget Woodman placed 1st Kumite, 2nd Kata and 2nd Team Kata

Well done girls.

Happy Birthday

Luke Maroney 11/10
Ryan Blinco 16/10
Sofie Bonanno 16/10
Celia Freeman 17/10
Charlotte Bradley 18/10
Kate Fitz-Gibbon 18/10

Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at www.schooltransport.com.au by 31 October 2014.
Late applications cannot be accepted.