Principal’s Message

A ‘Connected Community’ is a place where a group of people are working together to achieve a common goal. This description is certainly fitting for St. Joseph’s, where the development and growth of our students is our priority. Recently the P&F Committee funded the purchase of classroom and home readers to boost our current stocks. These readers will be used to support the teaching of reading strategies, comprehension, vocabulary, text structure and text features.

A collection of home readers was also purchased and will be in circulation shortly. Research overwhelming tells us of the importance of reading with children, and home readers are one way to support this. Home reading also strengthens the partnership between home and school, a ‘Connected Community’, where we work together to develop the reading skills of our students.

Thanks you:

- To Paul Corsetti for taking gear for the athletics carnival to the showgrounds and returning it back to school.
- To the P&F Committee for purchasing new readers for our school.
From the APRE

We look forward to celebrating Mass on Friday morning with the Most Rev. Bishop Brian Finnegan. The Mass begins at 9am and we would welcome any parents or friends able to attend. Students will be provided with an opportunity to meet the Bishop following Mass as he visits classrooms and shares in an early BBQ lunch with the school community.

The Bishop’s visit to the school precedes the Sacramental Mass on Saturday night when five of our students, along with a sixth child from our Parish, will celebrate their Confirmation and First Holy Communion. We are very pleased and proud that the choir will be using their vocal talents to provide further support for the musical aspects of the Mass. Supper in the hall follows Mass and anyone attending this part of the celebrations is asked to bring along a plate of food for a shared meal.

Please keep these students in your prayers over the coming week as they prepare for this significant event in their faith journey: Katelyn Cariage, Cooper Burns, Amara Burns, Nicholas Corsetti, Max Corsetti and Abbey Gibbs.

Sandra Freeman

Small School Athletics Carnival

On Friday, St. Joseph’s competed in the Small Schools Athletics Carnival at the Showgrounds. We were blessed with perfect weather, avoiding any of the recent showers. The children certainly did our school proud, with the determination to do their best while showing great sportsmanship.

Blue team collected the trophy for the Champion Team of the carnival. Congratulations to the following Age Champions:

Benjamin Gardner-Smith
Brook Fitz-Gibbon
Joshua Maroney
Clancey Pryor

Thirty-two of our students were successful in making the Small Schools Athletics Team and will compete at the Isis District Athletics Carnival this Friday.

We wish them the best of luck.

State of Origin

This Wednesday is the decider of the State of Origin. Children are able to wear their team’s coloured T-shirt/jersey along with their normal school uniform on Wednesday.
HELP NEEDED
Are you interested in volunteering your time to work with students and teachers? Are you a teenager or adult with good computer skills?

Help is needed here at school. If you are able to spare some time to work with the ‘Dragon Speak’ computer program, we would be very interested to hear from you.

For more information, please phone Margaret Corsetti at school on 4126 1866.

We will be sending in our Woolworths Earn & Learn Sheets next week so if you have any loose Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers they can be handed into the school office. Thank you to everyone who has been supporting this fundraising effort.

Tennis Lessons Vacancies
We have some spots left in our tennis program if you would like your child to learn to play. If you would like more information please see the office staff.
**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

**Happy Birthday**

Jesse Harney 17/07

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**CHRISTIAN VALUES**
**CATHOLIC FAMILY**
**INDIVIDUAL GROWTH**

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**WOODGATE BUS LINE**

A bus committee has recently been formed by the parents of Goodwood State School because of increasing behaviour issues with the students catching the Woodgate Bus. If your child catches this bus and you would like to be involved in this committee and help plan strategies to rectify this problem there will be a meeting on Wednesday 24 July at 9:30am at the Woodgate Beach Caravan Park coffee shop “The Deck”. If you have any questions or can’t make the meeting and just want to have your say please feel free to contact either Cheryl 0409 400 399 or Melinda 0417 654 909.

**Tuckshop Menu Change**

Please note that this week there will be no Corn on the Cob and Pikelets.

**Our Tuckshop Needs you!**

The tuckshop is in need of volunteers if it is to continue. We are looking for Mums, Dads or Grandparents to help in the tuckshop which operates every second Wednesday. There is also a vacancy for a Tuckshop Convenor. If you think you can help out, please contact the office.