Principal’s Message

SCHOOL VISION UPDATE

Through consultation with our community we have been working to establish a shared vision for the future of our school. Last term an invitation went out to be involved in the consultation and a number of meetings ensued involving students, parents and staff. Following this, the School Board, P&F and Staff were asked to prioritise some of the feedback.

Below is a list of the prioritised feedback. The theme of the prioritised feedback is ‘connection’. Our community clearly want students of St Joseph’s to develop strong connections, for example with their family, other students, staff, God, the Sacred Heart Parish and the wider Childers community.

I am currently seeking any further feedback regarding this main theme or the prioritised feedback below.

Catholic Ethos and Environment

- To know God more fully
- Connection with Josephite charism
- Home/School/Student connections
- Strong connection with Parish including Parish Priest
- Social justice

Curriculum Teaching Learning

- Inclusive education
- Extension and support provided
- High expectations for learning

Community, Partnerships & Services

- Communication between home, school & child
- Strong community partnerships/community excursions
- Entire school community works together on shared goals

School Organisation & Administration

- Effective resource management
- Good communicators
- Learning is 1st priority

Feedback can be made in person, via letter or via email. Please submit feedback by Friday the 26th of October. A school vision statement will be announced in the month of November.

Warmest regards,

John Hinton

Thank You:

- To students, parents and staff for their attendance at the In My Eyes launch at Childers Art Space.
- To Jenny Gilbertson (Bundaberg Regional Council), Brad Marsellos (ABC Open), Kate Hinton and Karen Lindsay for supporting the In My Eyes project.
- To Meryl McCulloch for sketching a board for a leadership ministry group.
From the APRE
Calling all Grandparents!
On Friday, 2nd November, Grandparents in our parish and school communities are invited to come along to St. Joseph's where we will celebrate the important role Grandparents play in the lives of our children. Classrooms will be open for Grandparents to wander through to experience some of the exciting learning happening in our classes. We will gather as a whole school in prayer to reflect on and be thankful for the wonderful ways Grandparents support our children. This will be followed by morning tea. Of course, 'Stand in Grandparents' are most welcome!

We hope you can join us for this special occasion.

Have a great week
Helen Freshwater

Students With Disabilities
Students with hearing, vision and physical disabilities in non-government schools in Queensland will, from 2013, not be eligible for support from the visiting teacher service provided by the Department of Education, Training and Employment, nor will they be eligible for most services through the Disability Service Support Unit. Brisbane Catholic Education already conducts its own visiting teacher service for students with hearing impairment and this will continue. Negotiations and planning to ensure continuity of an appropriate service for those students with physical or vision impairment in non-government schools have been instigated as a priority.

2012 NAPLAN
Our school-wide NAPLAN data indicated that year 7 was our highest performing year level (performing above the state average in all areas; grammar, punctuation, reading, spelling, writing and numeracy), followed by year 5 and then year 3. This is evidence of value added learning – the longer students stay at St Joseph’s School, the higher they perform over time.

Teacher Professional Development Day
Monday the 22nd 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. Please be aware this is a student free day.

2013
As previously stated we are planning on having five classes in 2013 (same as this year). The composition of these classes has not yet been finalised. In order to assist in planning, please contact the office as soon as possible if your child/children will not be attending St Joseph’s School in 2013.

2013 School Fees
Brisbane Catholic Education has recommended a 4% increase in fees and building fund levies for 2013. Accordingly the fees and levies for St Joseph’s for 2013 has been inserted into this newsletter.

We hope that these increases will not be too burdensome on families already coping with many other financial challenges at this time.

Also contained in the newsletter is a copy of the 2012 fees and levies schedule so that parents can compare the difference between 2012 and 2013.
Release of Book – Jesus’ Story

Twila Whittingham, our wonderful choir instructor, has released her children’s book, Jesus’ Story. This beautifully illustrated story follows Mary and Joseph leading up to and during the birth of Jesus. It is presented on glossy pages which highlight the delightful characters created by the illustrator, Mallory Batchelor. Twila has also included some Christmas Carols which relate to the story.

The school has purchased a copy of Jesus’s Story for the library. It is also available at the office for $15 if anyone is interested in purchasing one to take home.

Congratulations Twila.

Pie Drive Fundraiser

The P&F Association has sent home a Festive fundraiser featuring many savoury and sweet baked goods. Please consider generously supporting this venture by ordering from the great menu list and consequently raising funds to purchase resources for our children.

Childers Craft Bazaar

Tuesday, 16th October, 2012
8.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Childers Cultural Centre

Leatherwork, handbags, woodwork, quilting, paper crafts, decorated goose eggs, jewellery – glass, silver, shells, pearls, leather – quilting, toys, bears, dolls, children’s clothes, candlewicking, embroidery, and much more .......

Light lunch available all day  Admission $3 – children free

Enquiries: Phone Nene 4126 8885 or Trish 4126 6357

Proudly presented by “Grace” Lutheran Church, Childers

TENNIS: MLC Tennis Hot Shots Learning commences this week, with MLC Hot Shots Games starting this Saturday 13th October - 10.15am - 11.30 /12noon, at the Bundaberg & District Junior Tennis Association Inc. courts, 69b George Street, with Bundaberg Tennis Academy Coaches, Murray Whitbread and Kevin Banner. All ages are catered for. Group & Private lessons available. Enquiries please phone Murray 0407 639824 or Kevin 4152 0753 or 0409 520753

CARDIO TENNIS: The new fitness program that caters for all standards of players, conducted by Bundaberg Tennis Academy Coach, Kevin Banner at the Bundaberg & District Junior Tennis Association complex. Times: Monday 6.15am; Wednesday 9.30am & 7pm; Thursday 7pm; Friday 8.30am commencing next week. Registration is essential with numbers limited. Phone Kevin 4152 0753 or 0409 520753.
**School Banking**

School banking is on Monday each week. Please ensure that your child’s banking is handed in to the office on their arrival to school. Packs are available for any new students who wish to join School Banking. Please enquire at the office.

**Happy Birthday**

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**Book Club**

Please remember to hand in your book club orders at the office by Thursday 19th.

**School and Community Band Extravaganza!**

In Conjunction with the Bundaberg Municipal Band Regional Tour

- **Featuring**
  - Bundaberg Municipal Band
  - Moreton Youth Music Ensemble Concert Band
  - Isis District State High School Concert Band
  - Cordalba State School Concert Band
  - Childers State School Concert Band

Culminating in a combined performance of the spectacular 1812 Overture!

**Where:** Childers Community Stadium  
**When:** October 20th, 6:30PM  
**Cost:** $2 Single, $5 Family

To all Families at St Joseph’s School,

I have entered 3 of Emily Burns’ dances into an online dance competition called Dance Upon A Dream. The public vote and the judges vote. There is only 1 vote per dance per valid email address. They will ask you to confirm the address by sending you a link to your email address. Once you press confirm, your vote is then counted.

Would you please vote and ask as many family & friends to vote as possible?

The links are listed below:

- [http://danceuponadream.com/entry/10048](http://danceuponadream.com/entry/10048)
- [http://danceuponadream.com/entry/10041](http://danceuponadream.com/entry/10041)
- [http://danceuponadream.com/entry/10042](http://danceuponadream.com/entry/10042)

Thank you in advance,

Janet Burns