Principal's Message

Hello and welcome to school for 2015. A special welcome to new parents and children.

During the Graduation Dinner of 2014, it was my pleasure to announce the Special Awards recipients and runners up for graduating students. The Special Award categories align with our School Motto - Christian Values, Catholic Family and Individual Growth. The key differences with these Special Awards, as opposed to the End of Term awards, are they require consistent achievement across years of school as opposed to one term, and they are voted on by all staff as opposed to one classroom teacher.

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The recipient of each Special Award had their name inscribed on the perpetual shield (that lives in the School Office), received a framed certificate to keep and received a $75 cash prize from Isis Central Mill and St Joseph’s School. Our sincerest thanks to Isis Central Mill for this community sponsorship.

Warmest regards,

John Hinton
Newsletters
The newsletter will be emailed to parents on Monday of each week. If you have informed the school office of a preference in receiving a hard copy, one will be provided. If your preference is a hard copy, please ask your child for the newsletter each Monday, as it contains important information about the school.

We are always happy and pleased to include the personal achievement of students (past & present) outside of school in the newsletter. We rely on parents to inform us of these details, and request that it be put in writing to ensure accuracy. We need articles/information for inclusion in the newsletter by the previous Friday afternoon.

Term 1 Swimming
Students from years 1-6 will participate in term 1 swimming lessons on Tuesdays and Thursdays in weeks 3, 4 & 5.

Our swimming carnival will occur on Friday, 6th March (week 6). This carnival does not involve the prep students due to their age and development. However, prep students may make a visit and have a quick splash in the small pool. Once again we are in need of parent volunteers to conduct the carnival.

If you are available on the 6th March and would be able to help, even if it was for a short time, please fill in the slip below and return it to the school office by Thursday, 6th March.

Parish News
Maureen McCarthy is retiring from her role as Parish Secretary, a role she held for several years. We thank Maureen for her commitment and dedication to all that she undertook in her many roles not only as Parish Secretary but also for her valuable assistance to the other committees she served on, including the School Parish Inclusive Think Tank.

We pray that Maureen will have good health and happiness in all her future endeavours.

Children’s Liturgy
The first Childers Liturgy for the 2015 year will be held next Saturday, 7th February at the 6pm Mass. Following the conclusion of Mass, a light supper will be shared while children enjoy the beauty of play.

Open School Mass
The Opening School Mass will be held on Friday 13th February at 9am. The Opening School Mass is the formal occasion to welcome all new students and induct our year 5/6 students into their Leadership Ministry. We warmly welcome our entire community for this Mass.

I/we …………………………………………………… am/are available to help at the Swimming Carnival on 6th March, 2015.

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Parent/Caregiver
Welcome BBQ and Class Information Sessions
On Tuesday, February 10th, parents and carers are invited to a welcome BBQ, followed by parent information sessions conducted in classrooms. The welcome BBQ is a social opportunity to meet and welcome new families and students. A sausage sizzle and a can of soft drink will be available. The purpose of the information session is for you to meet your child’s teacher, see the classroom and hear about some of the expectations we have. One of the greatest influences in your child’s achievement is you. The more interest you show in what is happening at school, the more influence you have on your child’s achievement.

Invitation is from 5.00pm. There will be a short welcome address at 5.55pm. Parents and carers are then invited to attend the information session. Each class teacher will run two sessions: Session 1 is from 6.00pm; Session 2 is from 6.30pm. Each session is the same. This gives parents and carers who have children in more than one class the opportunity to visit each class.

Parent & Friends Committee
The Parents & Friends Association is an integral part of St Joseph’s School and provides a formal structure for parents and others interested in the welfare of the students to plan and organise activities for the benefit of our students and school. The P&F AGM and subsequent 1st meeting is set for Wednesday, 18th February from 6.30pm and will conclude by 8pm.

Please consider becoming actively involved in your child’s school.

School Board
The first School Board meeting will occur on Wednesday 18th February at 4.30pm.

School Times
School begins each day at 8.35am. Drop off can be any time after 8.15am (morning supervision begins at this time). Pick up time is 2.50pm (afternoon supervision concludes at approximately 3.05pm).

Uniform Policy
All parents and students must be aware of the uniform policy contained in the parent handbook. This handbook is available on the school website; alternatively a copy of the policy can be collected from the school office.

Formal Uniform – Monday, Tuesday & Friday
Sports Uniform – Wednesday & Thursday (preps everyday)

Medication
A reminder that all types of medication must be handed in at the school office (not kept in school bags). Paperwork is also required for administering medication. Please see the school office for further details.

Be Sun Smart
So that Children are more protected from the harmful rays of the sun while they are in the playground, children are required to have a school hat for outside play every day. Children are also encouraged to wear sunscreen and drink plenty of water (a cold and filter water system at school makes this easy).

Extra-Curricular Activities
Instrumental Music lessons with Beeke Smith and Beverly Hanbury begin this Thursday. Tennis lesson with Kevin Banner begin on Thursday, 12th February. Please contact the school office if you wish your child/children to participate in these ‘user pay’ programs (places are limited). If your child participated in music and/or tennis in 2014 and you wish for them to continue, you will need to inform the office.
Happy Birthday

Sophie Bretherton 02/01
Thomas Nunn-Rutledge 06/01
Slater Wilkin 08/01
Jaisyn Schneider 12/01
Tarrián Breznikar 15/01
Xavier Freeman 18/01
Nadia Bodnar 23/01

Isis Junior Golf

The first week of junior golf is set for Saturday, 7th February at 7.30am.

The event will be a golfer/non-golfer 6 hole ambrose.

All interested families are welcome.

School Banking

School banking will be on Wednesdays this year. 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.

The Banking Rewards program will be running again with some great new rewards to collect.

Student Banking Competition

Thanks to the Commonwealth Bank we have 3 prizes to give away. In Term 1 we will be running a Super Savers Banking Competition. For every deposit you make through school banking during term 1, you will receive an entry into the draw. It will be drawn on Wednesday, 1st April.

Tuckshop Volunteers Needed!

- We are always looking for tuckshop volunteers. The commitment is three hours every second Wednesday, however flexibility exists.

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Football “Soccer” training is recommencing Wednesday 18th February from 4pm – 5pm at the Childers Showgrounds. New players are most welcome.