Principal’s Message

On Monday, teachers from St Mary’s in Maryborough, Star of the Sea and Xavier in Hervey Bay and our own St Joseph’s in Childers came together for Consistency of Teacher Judgement. This year we hosted CTJ (you may have noticed the multitude of cars parked around the school). I am proud to say the day was extremely positive and productive.

As approximately 80 teachers across 4 schools engaged in professional learning and moderation, many positive comments were overheard in relation to:

- The quality of speakers
- The engaging format
- Our facilities and school grounds.

Many thanks were delivered to teachers who worked behind the scenes to ensure the success of the day. Thanks are also due to parents, who during their busy lives made suitable arrangements for the care of their children.

Warmest regards,

John Hinton

To be successful, participates 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.
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.

Student Information Update
Please notify the office if you have changed your address, email, phone numbers or emergency contacts.

Needed for LOTE
We are after empty shoe boxes for a creative Italian activity. If you can help, please send them in to the front office.

New Assistant Principal Appointed
On behalf of the Executive Director, we are pleased to announce the appointment of Liam Dougherty to the position of Assistant Principal Religious Education from the commencement of the 2016 school year. Liam comes to the role with significant leadership experiences across multiple schools. Please join with us in congratulating Liam on his appointment.

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.

Grandparents Day
Grandparents Day is a chance for grandchildren, children and the community to thank grandparents for their love and support. The day recognises the significant contribution that grandparents make to their families and communities. We will celebrate this important day with a mass on Friday 23rd October commencing at 9.00am in the Church, led by our Prep One class and Miss Heron.

Following mass, grandparents are invited to participate with their grandchild/ren in activities including blanket reading, puzzles and board games. A light morning tea at the tuckshop for all guests will follow the activities.

We are looking forward to seeing you all there and celebrating this special occasion with you!
World Mission Month
The focus of World Mission Month for 2015 is the Church’s outreach to the island of Madagascar, providing for the physical and spiritual needs of children. Access to clean water for washing, cleaning, cooking and drinking in Madagascar is extremely scarce. Children in villages have to walk great distances to springs and creeks to fetch water with containers.

So how can we as a St Joey’s community help? Well the Prep One class are encouraging everyone to support their “Crazy Sock Day” on Thursday, 29th October. Wear your “Crazy Socks” and bring a gold coin donation that will be sent to Catholic Mission to assist their work helping people in Madagascar establish ways of treating their water supply and gaining greater access to clean water. Freddo’s will go to the best “crazy socks”!

Year 3/4 Camp
On behalf of year 3/4, we would like to thank the P&F for supporting our overnight camp. We would also like to thank our teachers for looking after us. Many comments have been made in relation to our growing maturity since returning from camp. Isn’t that right Mr. Dougherty, aka the flying Kiwi?

Term 3 Events
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
- Crazy Sock Day
- 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

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
Student of the Week

Thanks to the Commonwealth Bank we have 3 prizes to give away. In Term 4 we will be running a Super Savers Banking Competition. For every deposit you make through school banking during term 4, you will receive an entry into the draw. It will be drawn on Wednesday, 18th Nov.

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STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES Semester 2, 2015

Bus Fare Assistance
- Does your child attend a school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary?
- Does your family spend more than $33/week* on fares to and from school (or $25/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?

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 2015.

Late applications cannot be accepted.