Principal’s Message

Welcome to Catholic Education Week. This annual event is held to promote the special ethos of Catholic schools and to highlight the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day. The theme for this year’s celebrations is: Making a Difference... inspired by Jesus.

Like other Catholic schools, we strive to be a welcoming, inclusive, and connected community that values diversity and treats each student with dignity, enabling them in turn to promote and respect the dignity of all.

During Catholic Education Week 2013, Catholic education communities across Queensland will celebrate and share how they are ‘Making a difference .... inspired by Jesus’in the lives of their students and within their communities.

There are 296 Catholic schools in Queensland that educate around 140,000 students and employ almost 17,000 teachers and staff and most will celebrate Catholic Education Week in some way.

St Joseph’s School in Gayndah will be visiting on Friday to share in our Catholic Education Week celebrations. I thank you for your ongoing support of Catholic education in Childers.

Some facts about Catholic Education in Queensland

- The first Catholic school in Queensland was established in the colony of Moreton Bay in 1845 on a site near where the Myer Centre now stands in Central Brisbane.
- School locations range from Thursday Island in the north to the Gold Coast in the south and Longreach and Quilpie in the west.
- Since the 1960’s both the Commonwealth and State governments have been important providers of funding for the education of students in Queensland Catholic schools.

- According to the latest figures available on the My School website (March 2012), Catholic schools on average operate at only about 90% of the resourcing level of government schools even when parent contributions are included. On average around 60% of Catholic school recurrent income (for everyday operating costs) is provided by Federal government and 20% by the State government while 20% is contributed by parents and community.

Thank you:
- Mrs Freshwater and Mrs Freeman for their leadership of our school over the past 2 weeks.
- The P&F Committee for the meeting held last week.
- Tuckshop volunteers Lynda Ricca, Louise Graham-Jones and John Hinton.
- Parents and staff who assisted at the Isis District Athletics Carnival.

Warmest regards,

John Hinton
From the APRE

Congratulations to Katelyn Carige, Amara and Cooper Burns, Nicholas and Max Corsetti who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion with Bishop Brian Finnigan on Saturday night. Thanks to Twila Whittingham and the choir who helped make this a special occasion for these children and their families.

Catholic Education Week

This week we celebrate Catholic Education Week – Making a Difference. On Friday, St. Joseph’s Gayndah will travel to Childers to join us for this celebration. Children from both schools have written letters to each other to make some connections before the visit. We will be having a liturgy in the church at approximately 10.20am, where we will reflect on ways we have been able to ‘Make a Difference’ and pray for the courage and strength to continue to do so. You are most welcome to join us for the liturgy. This will be followed by a sausage sizzle for lunch. The children will then participate in a number of activities throughout the afternoon before we farewell our guests.

Children’s Liturgy

Children’s Liturgy will commence on the 3rd of August at the Saturday evening 6pm Mass and will continue to be offered once a month. Children’s Liturgy is a way of presenting the Liturgy of the Word in a way that is more meaningful to the children. During this time, the children will listen to the Gospel of the day at a level they can understand and enjoy. This is enriched through a number of ways, including, discussion, prayers, songs, craft and role play. All children are welcome to come along and join in this wonderful experience.

Have a great week.
Helen Freshwater

Student Ministry Executive Mid-Year Reports

Please find a copy of the Student Ministry reports inserted into this newsletter.
New School Photos
A new electronic photo album, which is located in the office, is currently displaying some new school photos that were taken at the end of term 2. If your child is displayed on this album and you would like a copy of the photo, please make this request through our administration staff. You will need to provide a current email address.

Isis District Athletics Carnival
Congratulations to all St Joseph’s students who participated in the recent Isis District Athletics carnival. Once again all students conducted themselves superbly, truly living out the Play is the Way phrase – We do the right thing because it is the best thing to do.

Special congratulations to the following students who made the Isis District Athletics Team:
- Ky Sweeney – shot, long jump
- Cooper Burns – long jump
- Celia Freeman – 100m, high jump, long jump
- Callum Nugent – 100m, 800m
- Charley-Jayne Harney – 800m
- Campbell Pryor – long jump
- Tracey Hoffmann – long jump
- Caitlin Cook – long jump
- Brooke Fitz-Gibbon – 100m, high jump

This team will represent the district in Hervey Bay on the 1st (800 metre runners only) and 2nd of August. A letter detailing these carnivals was distributed today.

Festival of Cultures Car Park
The P&F will again be coordinating the car park during the Festival of Cultures in Childers on Sunday, 28th July. Funds raised will contribute towards the purchase of early years literacy resources, particularly home readers. We are calling for parents to assist on the day. There will be two shifts to choose from: 7.30am – 9.30am or 9.30am – 11.30am. Those who have already offered their assistance include Tania Tarda (P&F President), Suzanne Chung (P&F Treasurer and Secretary), Carolyne Bee and Helen Woodman. Please make contact with the office to volunteer for a shift.

School Banking
Stay cool at school this summer by saving in Term 3 of School Banking!

Win a CommBank Marquee for your school or an iPad mini for yourself just by depositing to your CommBank School Banking Account. The School with the highest percentage of active students making at least one school banking deposit in term 3 will win a marquee. Every student who completes a minimum of one school banking deposit in term 3 will be in the running to win a cool iPad mini or a Dollarmite Backpack!

For you chance to win, students need to simply make one or more School Banking deposits during Term 3. To find out more, talk to your School Banking Co-ordinator or visit your local branch.

Things to know before you Can: Competition opens 08/07/13 and closes 27/09/13. Competition is open to all Queensland School Banking Schools. The Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124. Full terms and conditions available in Branch.
**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Happy Birthday

Hailei Breznikar 27/07

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If these dates do not suit tuckshop helpers, please contact the school office. If you are available to assist please contact the school office.

**Childers Touch Association Inc**

This November, Childers is hosting the Wide Bay Junior Championships. Junior Players aged 8-16 are invited to attend training and games every Monday at 5Pm at the Childers Showgrounds. Registration and insurance is $30 for the semester. We look forward to seeing you there.