Principal’s Message

The following information is derived from the Queensland College of Teachers website.

World Teachers’ Day was inaugurated on 5th October 1994 by the United to commemorate the 1966 joint signing of the UNESCO/ILO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers. In adopting this recommendation, governments unanimously recognised the importance of competent, qualified and motivated teachers in society.

Internationally World Teachers’ Day is celebrated on the first Friday in October. However as this is usually during Australian school holidays, Australia celebrates the day on the last Friday in October of each year.

Celebrated in over 100 countries, World Teachers’ Day acknowledges the efforts of teachers in an increasingly complex, multicultural and technological society. It is a day on which students, parents and community members can demonstrate their appreciation for the contributions that teachers have made to their community.

Show your appreciation; write a note, thank them in person or present them with a certificate from www.qct.edu.au/wtd

Thank You:

- To our Teachers and School Officers here at St Joseph’s, especially for their dedication and commitment to their students.
- Members of the School Board for the meeting last Wednesday afternoon.
- To a local quilting group for the donation of a beautifully crafted quilt to raffle.
Teacher Transfers

Congratulations to Brenton Edwards (Teacher at St Joseph’s School in 2010 and 2011) who received a transfer to Guardian Angels School in Ashmore from the beginning of 2013. Congratulations to Kate Hinton who received a transfer to St Joseph’s School and will teach fulltime in 2013.

2013 Teaching Contracts

In 2013 there will be two 12 month teaching contracts at St Joseph’s. As a part of Brisbane Catholic Education policy, these contracts have been advertised through Catholic Jobs Online. We are seeking a prep/year 1 and a year 1/2 teacher.

2013

As previously stated, we are planning on having five classes in 2013 (same as this year). Compositions of these classes are likely to be:

- Prep/Year 1
- Year 1/2
- Year 3/4
- Year 4/5
- Year 6/7

Further enrolments may affect the compositions of the classes.

The above compositions indicate that in 2013 students in year 1 and year 4 will be split. Teachers will be providing a recommendation relating to which class each student might be best located (based on each student’s holistic development). This recommendation will then be aligned with school based learning data. Parents have the right to express their preference and should do so in writing to the school principal by Friday the 2nd of November. The final decision will be made by the school principal.

From the APRE

Crazy Sock Day

Don’t forget to wear your crazy socks on Friday.

Catholic Mission Australia has dedicated the month of October to Jesus’ mission of creating a world where everyone can live a fully dignified life. As part of a Catholic community, we too can be part of achieving this. The year 6 & 7 Prayer and Celebration Leadership Ministry will be organising a ‘crazy sock’ day this Friday the 26th October. The children will be able to wear socks of their choice (along with their normal school shoes and uniform) and bring a gold coin donation. Let your imagination run wild, the crazier the better!

A liturgy will also be celebrated this Friday morning at 11.30am and you are most welcome to come along and join us in prayer and reflection to continue the mission of Jesus.

Grandparents Day

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’ will be most welcome! We hope you join us for this special occasion.

Have a great week

Helen Freshwater
**School Fees**
The Term 4 school fees have been posted out; if you haven’t received them by mid-week please contact the office.

**2013 School Fees**
Brisbane Catholic Education has recommended a 4% increase in fees and building fund levies for 2013. A copy of the 2013 Fees and Levies were inserted into last week’s school newsletter. Please contact the office if you require further information.

**2013 Booklists**
Booklists have been finalised and are available from the school office for the exceptionally organised/overly keen families. These booklist will be distributed by the end of term 4.

**Pie Drive Fundraiser**
Last week, the P&F 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.

**In My Eyes**
The year 6/7 In My Eyes photos will continue to be displayed at Childers Arts Space until the 18th of November. I encourage everyone to pop in and check out the photos. Also, keep your eyes peeled in the Town and Country for a ‘photo of the week’.

Parents seeking an electronic copy of their child’s photos should contact John Hinton.

**Dad’s Read**
As part of the National Year of Reading, the Childers Library will be hosting a Dad’s Read event on Wednesday, 31st October, 5pm – 6.30pm for children 3 to 13 years of age.

A number of local Dads will read stories. These brave Dads include John Hinton, Principal St Joseph’s; David Horner, Music teacher; Tim Bunn, Fire Officer; Tony Ricciardi, local Councillor and a couple of other local identities who have not confirmed their role as yet. Any Dads interested in being involved should make contact with Denise Rapkins at the Childers Library.

As Wednesday 31st is also Halloween, children and their families are encouraged to come dressed in Halloween costumes or as their favourite superhero or fairytale character.

As well as stories, there will be craft, games, lucky door prizes and nibbles to keep those energy levels up.

For catering and craft purposes, bookings are required and can be made at the Childers Library, 41304650. Bookings close 30th October.

**Woolworths Stickers**
My thanks to the generous support of Woolworths and school families who collected the shopping stickers. Last week we used our sticker credits to purchase well over $2500 worth of learning resources.
**Dental Van Procedures**

The School Dental Van treats all students from Prep to Year 7. The Dental Staff consists of a Dental Therapist - Narelle Russo (short, dark hair), and a Dental Assistant - Dianne Everett (the taller lady). On occasions (approximately each 6-8 weeks) a Dental Officer from Bundaberg visits for a day, mainly for consultations.

The van is usually staffed on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8.00 am till 3.30 pm. All students who return forms will be seen class by class depending on the school’s schedule and other events. We appreciate school staff allowing us to see students during class time and we endeavour to work around important events such as tests, sports, music, etc. Students with emergency needs can be seen at any time.

Initially students are issued with a combined consent/medical history form which needs to be completed fully (in black biro) and returned to the school office or dental van. After these are processed we will collect children from class for a simple examination. If students require treatment another form explaining this will be sent home to be signed by a parent/guardian before any dental work is done.

If you would like to come to your child’s dental appointment please write this on the consent form and we will contact you to make an appropriate time. If you need any other information or have a query please ask. We will take small groups of prep students to the dental van for a "show and tell" so some children have never seen us before. Thank you for welcoming us to your school. We are looking forward to meeting you all.

**Thank You,**

Narelle Russo and Dianne Everett

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**BUS FARE ASSISTANCE**

**Semester 2, 2012**

Online applications for the

**Bus Fare Assistance Program and the Students with Disabilities Scheme**

will be accepted from

1st October, 2012 – 31st October, 2012

To lodge an online application to receive a rebate for either program, go to:

www.schooltransport.com.au

Further enquiries to:

3336 9192 or

schooltransport@qcec.catholic.edu.au

Applications received after 31st October, 2012 cannot be processed.

The weekly threshold for 2012 is $20 per family, $15 per concession family. The family must spend more than the weekly threshold on fares.