Week 4 • 12th May, 2014

Principal’s Message

This week, students in year 3/5/7 participate in National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). Would you believe I actually had to Google what the ‘P’ stood for in NAPLAN! Why?

1. Our school is much more interested in helping to prepare your child for life not a test. This means we do not narrow our curriculum or teach to a test. Furthermore, we are proud of this.
2. Our students naturally perform well on the tests because we are blessed with quality teachers, motivated students and supportive parents.

Below are 4 tips for parents interested in helping their child in NAPLAN this week:

1. Keep calm – A leader’s attitude is contagious and will be ‘caught’ by your child. Pressure may help you in your job but it won’t help young people in tests. Play it calm and chose your words carefully.
2. Keep NAPLAN in context – It is one very narrow measure of student achievement.
3. Acknowledge that tests are stressful – Encourage your child to be brave and participate to progress.
4. Share stories of what helped you when you sat tests – For example, have a good breakfast, keep an eye on the time and don’t get too bogged down on one question.

Warmest regards,

John Hinton

Thank you to:
- This week is volunteers week. Our thanks to our many volunteers.

DATE CLAIMERS

Make up Strings music lesson (Beeke) – Monday 12th May
NAPLAN – Tuesday 13th – Thursday 15th May
School Board Meeting – Thursday 15th May at 4.30pm
St Mary’s Maryborough (Yr 4/5) – Friday 16th May
Auskick – Friday 16th May
Fire Visit (Yr 1 students) – Friday 16th May
P&F Meeting – Tuesday 20th May at 6.30pm
St Joseph’s School Athletic Carnival – Friday 20th June

BRONCOS BANNER
St Joseph’s Footy Tipping Leaders are:
Chocolate Frogs Buxton Bull Sharks Bonannos
Seussical Letter
In conjunction with the Choral Society, a combined schools musical will be taking place at the end of 2014. St Joseph’s School has elected to be a part of this musical. It is the intention of the Choral Society to have all associated schools and students involved in the launch of the combined schools musical during the Childers Show. Please read and complete the Seussical letter and return it to school asap – a class ice cream party is dependent upon it!

Expressions of Interest
Historically, selling school uniforms have been a part of the P&F service to the school and their families. The commitment required to convene the Uniform Shop, as well as the additional burden carried by school administration staff, are quite notable. Therefore, the P&F are currently seeking expressions of interest from local businesses that wish to provide school uniform sales. This way, all administration tasks associated with the Uniform Shop will be handled outside the school.

All expressions of interest should respond to the following four points:
1. The business must be available for parents to access uniforms readily and easily.
2. The business must be able to offer a commitment to cost effectiveness.
3. The business must be able to offer a quality standard of material.
4. The business must have credibility in the community.

All expressions of interest must be received by the Principal on or before the 31st May, 2014.

Prep Open Mornings
We will be hosting a ‘non-compulsory’ morning of play and learning for families enrolling or considering enrolling for Prep in 2015.

Open Mornings will occur on the 4th and again on 11th of June from 9.00-10:30am in our P/1 classroom (only attend one).

Can you please pass the message on to anyone you know who may be interested in checking us out and flag the flyer inserted in the newsletter.

Prep Enrolment
2015 Prep Enrolment is open. I would appreciate all current families, with children beginning prep next year, to complete enrolment as soon as possible. This enables our Leadership Team to more reliably predict our 2015 prep cohort and future class arrangements which benefits all children. Please help spread the word – prep enrolment early please.
Parish News

Presbytery Open Days
The annual Presbytery open days will be held this week – Wednesday morning after Mass (approximately 9.30am) and Thursday evening (approximately 6pm). Everyone is welcome, including children.

First Communion & Confirmation
The first parent meeting for the Sacred Heart Parish Sacramental Program for First Communion & Confirmation will be held on Tuesday, 3rd June, 2014 at 4.30pm in the St. Joseph’s school hall. This meeting is the enrolment meeting and first session for parents and children. The program is for Catholic children who have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and are in Year 3 or older. Dates for subsequent sessions will be published in upcoming newsletters. The First Communion and Confirmation Mass will be held at the Sacred Heart Church on Saturday, 19th July at 6.00pm. This will be followed by supper in the School Hall.

We will be running a Reconciliation program later in the year. Separate information will be published at a later date in newsletters.

If your child will be participating in the First Communion & Confirmation program, or if you have any questions, please contact:

Lauren Robba at St. Joseph’s School on 4126 1866 or Fr. Sunny at the Parish Office on 4126 1256 by Friday, 16th May.

P&F Mother’s Day Raffle
The P&F Mother’s Day Raffle was drawn on Friday, 9th May. Congratulations to Joy Macklin (1st prize) and the Bradley family (2nd prize).

Thank you to all families for supporting the raffle. Funds raised will contribute towards a 2014 P&F project – such as the upgrade of the school BBQ.

P&F May Meeting
A friendly reminder that May’s P&F meeting will be held next Tuesday evening, 20th May, at 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

School Board Meeting
A friendly reminder that May’s School Board meeting will be held this Thursday, 15th May at 4.30pm.

Strings
A reminder that strings lessons with Beeke will occur on Monday, as well as Thursday this week.

Wide Bay Karate Titles
Congratulations to Bridget Woodman and Kate and Jodie Fitz-Gibbon who, last weekend, participated in the Wide Bay Karate Titles. Saturday consisted of 8 hours training, while competition took place on Sunday. Further congratulations to Kate who placed 2nd in Kata and 3rd in Kumite, and to Jodie who placed 2nd in Kata and 2nd in Kumite.
### Student of the Week

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**School Fete – Art and Craft Stall**

If anyone is interested in donating any art and craft items to the stall please feel most welcome. Any money made from this stall will be donated back to the school.

If you have any queries please contact Tanya on 0478 609 316

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**Happy Birthday**

Cooper Burns
18/05

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**Shopping Trip Fundraiser**

Join us for a fun-filled shopping trip to Eumundi Markets & Sunshine Place and help to raise funds for people with disabilities in the Bundaberg region.

Carinbundi
Care in Bundaberg

**Saturday 24th May 2014**

Bus leaves from 4/44 Johnna Blvd at 9am & returns at approx. 5pm
Cost $35
Book now at the Carinbundi Office
28A Hoehler Avenue / 4936510