Principal's Message

St Joseph’s School is one school within the Brisbane Catholic Education community of schools. Although we are the most geographically northern school, we receive much support from Brisbane Catholic Education Office.

This morning we received a planned visit from our new Executive Director – Mrs Pam Betts. Pam was appointed to the role after a deep variety of leadership experiences both within and outside of Brisbane Catholic Education.

Our morning began at 7.45am with a staff breakfast in the hall. This opportunity provided Pam with an informal way of talking with staff around a table filled with hospitality. Following breakfast, children assembled in the under covered area and were introduced to Mrs Betts (many children remembered Mr Hutton’s, former Executive Director, visit last year). We then moved into the hall where Twila hosted a mini-concert to celebrate and showcase our talented classes and choirs.

Just before 10am, Mrs Betts departed Childers on route to St Joseph’s School in Gayndah. We wished her safe travels and God’s continued blessing in her leadership of Brisbane Catholic Education’s community of schools.

Today, we also welcomed Matthew Parkinson who is in his final year of a primary education degree. Mr Parkinson has a 6 week practicum placement in year 4/5. We welcome Matthew.

Warmest regards,

John Hinton

Congratulations:
• To St Joseph’s School students who participated in the Wide Bay Cross Country carnival last Thursday. The results were as follows:
  o Cooper Burns - 11th
  o Will Martell - 25th
  o Joshua Maroney - 22nd
  o Nick Prichard - 37th
  o Brooke Fitz-Gibbon - 23rd
  o Campbell Pryor - 30th

St Joseph's Footy Tipping Leaders:
1. Anderson
2. The Blake's
3. Mr Hinton
From the APRE
Mother’s Day
This Sunday, we celebrate Mother’s Day, where we take the time to be thankful for the unconditional love our Mothers give us. The year Prep/1 class will help us celebrate this love with a school Mass on Friday 10th May at 9am. This will be followed by morning tea in the tuckshop area. We hope to see you there.

A prayer for Mothers.
God our Creator, we pray:
For new Mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility;
For expectant Mothers, wondering and waiting;
For those who are tired, stressed or depressed;
For those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family;
For those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty;
For those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities;
For those who have children they do not want;
For those who raise children on their own;
For those who have lost a child;
For those who care for the children of others;
For those whose children have left home;
And for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.
Bless all Mothers, that their love may be deep and tender, and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good, living not for themselves alone, but for God and for others.
Amen

Have a great week
Helen Freshwater

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM – First Communion & Confirmation
The first parent meeting for the Sacred Heart Parish Sacramental Program for First Communion & Confirmation is on Wednesday, 22nd May, 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.

We will be running a Reconciliation program later in the year. Look out for dates in the newsletter.

If your child will be participating in the First Communion & Confirmation program, please contact: Helen Freshwater at St. Joseph’s School on 41 261 866 or Fr. Sunny at the Parish Office on 41 261 256 by the 8th May.

School Website
Please take a look at our School’s website. This website is updated regularly and includes a comprehensive list of school activities for term 2.

2014 Prep Enrolment Open
Please spread the word – Prep enrolment for 2014 is open at St Joseph’s School. A small advertisement has been placed in the Town & Country to remind our wider community of the option for Catholic Schooling in Childers. Please be reassured knowing that Catholic children followed by siblings of currently enrolled students are given priority if required.
ANZAC Day Poems (Year 3/4)

**War is Cold** by Harriet Smith

The war wasn’t warm- it was cold, and the men that fought were very bold.

In the trenches it was cold as ice, It wasn’t very nice.

And now it is over and all the men that died, are in heaven and all the wives have cried for their husbands that have died.

**Graves** by Nicholas Corsetti

Graves are for soldiers- they went they died.

When families come to see the graves some might cry.

The men that fought are buried there- We remember them and care.

**War** by Bree Uridge

When the diggers went to war to earn the land a little more, some soldiers lost their lives to win the land, but some lost their wives.

The soldiers crawled along the bank, When ships got bombed and sank. The digger grew old, his time was up. But he had lots of luck and he didn’t muck up.

**Anzac Guns** by Thomas Nunn-Rutledge

Anzac soldiers became tired, dodging bullets that were fired. Soldiers had to hide in ditches, Some got bitten and sick by leeches.

My friend got shot- we dug him a grave, We always remember that he was brave. He saved us all, he gave us life, We all remember his sacrifice.
Happy Birthday

Amber Thompson-Klumpp
06/05
Cody Dickson
08/05

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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.

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STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES, Semester 1, 2013

**Bus Fare Assistance**
- Does your child attend a **school outside the Brisbane City Council** boundary?
- Does your family spend more than $22/week* on fares to and from school (*$17/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](http://www.schooltransport.com.au). Late applications cannot be accepted.