Dear St Joey’s School Community,

My vision for education in our primary school is simple. I believe children need a deep knowledge of, and experience in, literacy, numeracy, spirituality and getting along with others.

Last week, I shared with you my vision for teaching children how to get along with others. This week, I share with you my vision for spirituality in our school. I believe spirituality is about having reasons for the things we say and do. We are a Catholic school; this means we are a part of 2000-year-old tradition. Our tradition has had awful and despicable moments, like the Royal Commission Inquiry or the Inquisitions of the 1100, 1200, 1400 and 1500’s. At its best our 2000-year-old tradition has much to say about having reasons for the things we say and do.

Children are frequently asked by adults, “why did you do that?” Too often children say “I don't know.” My vision for spirituality at our primary school is that children do know. They do know why they helped an injured child get an ice pack, they do know why they said “hello” to a visitor, they do know why they smiled at a friend and they do know why they included the naughty boy or girl in their game. My vision for their reason is simple and clear – because we are made in the image and likeness of God. Your child (and you) and the hearing impaired child and the autistic child and the different child and the golfer and the rat bag and the interrupter and the avid reader and the average speller and crafty child and the traumatised and the abused child and the cranky child and the physically disabled child and the friendly child and the intellectually impaired child and the rep athletics child.

Whatever we do in our school my vision is that we have reasons. When the reason is – because we are made in the image and likeness of God, then we have struck something truly spiritual.

I look forward to sharing my vision for literacy and numeracy in the coming weeks.

Warmest regards,

John Hinton

St Joseph’s Tipping Ladder

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FAASSY
BUXTON BULL SHARKS
THE BLAKE’S
THE SANTACATERINA’S
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ALEX’S TIPS
FITZ-GIBBON
KATIE BEAR
THE BONANNO’S
Hold the Date for St Joey's Fete

Fete raffle
Year 1/2 are looking for raffle donations to be drawn at our school fete. Items could include: non-perishable food items, stationary, toys or any other suitable items of your choosing.

Bottle Tombola Stall
Donations are being collected for the fete stall. If you are able to donate, please drop your items off at the Student Support Room. Thank you for your support. Nicole and Joy.

Two St Joseph’s Netball teams played against Cordalba on Friday. It was a very enjoyable time.

Book Donations for Fete
If anyone has spare books at home they’ve finished with, and would like to donate them to the school for our fete, it would be very much appreciated. Please feel free to drop them into the front office. Thanking you in advance. Carol Marvell.

After School Clubs – Thursdays 3:00pm – 4:00pm
This term, children from years 4-6 have the opportunity to participate in a Cricket Club, facilitated by Billy Freeman. There are currently a small number of remaining places for interested students. Students in years 3 and 4 are invited to take part in an Arts enrichment program, facilitated by Miss Heron and Miss Michelle. There are currently a small number of remaining places for interested students. Please see Mrs Macklin if your child is in the appropriate year level and would like to participate.

Isis Community Preschool & Kindergarten
On the 23rd (Tuesday) and 24th (Wednesday) of August from 9am, Isis Community Preschool & Kindergarten (14 Pizey Street) will be hosting parent information sessions by Bushkids (normally about 20-minute presentation + question/discussion time).

Bushkids is a not for profit organisation providing primary health care to children and their families in rural Queensland communities. There is a centre in Bundaberg and they provide services such as Speech Language and Occupational Therapy.

The presentation covers information on Bushkids, services they provide- individual and group therapies, some milestones for children 4 years and some alternative options for support/services.

We invite any interested parents to come along. Phone 41 261 241 for further information or to RSVP.
Pre-Prep Program

Our pre-prep program commenced last week. If you would like to include your child, or know someone who would, please contact the office.

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8th August – Feast Day of Mary MacKillop

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Last Tuesday afternoon the St Joseph’s strings entrants in the Maryborough Eisteddfod visited Forest View to entertain the residents. The group will compete at the Eisteddfod on Wednesday afternoon.

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The Many Story Treehouse Exhibition
To celebrate the exciting opening of “The Many Story Treehouse” exhibition, celebrating Terry Denton’s illustrations for the phenomenal Treehouse series of books by Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton, The Bundaberg Regional Galleries are welcoming Terry Denton to a very special event, “A Mammoth Morning of Drawing Fun,” at Childers Art Space on Saturday, 15th October. For more information please contact Bundaberg Regional galleries on 41304750.

St Joseph’s School Choir – Eisteddfod
The St Joey’s School Choir performed at the Maryborough Eisteddfod today. They performed 'Lanterns' and 'I Love a Piano'. The choir received a 1st place! Congratulations to all participating students and special thanks to Twila Whittingham (school vocalist).