Dear Parents,

Farwell and thank you. The past 5 years have allowed my family and I a glimpse into the wonderful school that is St Joseph's Catholic Primary School in Childers. From 2017 we will be a small part of this school's history. Knowing that some wonderful staff and families will be joining the St Joey's community from 2017, provides us with much reassurance that St Joey's will continue to provide a high quality Catholic education for Childers and the surrounding areas.

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of our School's Annual Report. This brief report captures the achievements we have made in relation to our articulated annual goals. We are proud of the progress we have made, yet know there is more work to do.

In 2017, St Joey's will have three annual goals.

1. Through communicating key elements of the Catholic Identity Project to our community, by the end of 2017 we will have moved closer towards a recontextualised and dialogue school.
2. By the end of 2017, 75% of students in years 3-6 will achieve a score of 3 in sentence structure and punctuation using the BCE writing analysis tool through targeted instruction focusing on expected and effective practices, high yield strategies and professional learning.
3. By the end of term 2, we will have articulated a digital technology strategy for the school so that learning and teaching may move forward with the integration of technology.

I wish the school a successful 2017 and thank you for your continued support.

Warmest regards,

John Hinton

End of School Fun Day
The final school day of 2017 is Friday, 2nd December. School finishes at 12pm on this day, enabling staff to gather for a Christmas lunch and formal farewells of departing staff members. We would appreciate your support in ensuring your child is promptly picked up from school at 12pm.

With the support of the P&F and school staff, we have arranged a wonderful final day of celebrations that include:

8.00am Community Breakfast
9.00am End of Year Mass
10.00am Class Activities
10.45am Eating Time
11.00am Wira Vs Djaaga n Water Play
12.00pm Term 4 Concludes

In order to enable the water play, children will need to pack their swimmers, towel and goggles or sunglasses. We are asking that any families who have water pistols or super soakers (several if you have them) that they please bring these in and also be willing to share them with other students.
Pasta Night at Sacred Heart
On 3rd December, First Saturday of the month, the Parish will be hosting a Pasta Night following 6pm Mass. As this is Children’s Liturgy Night, St Joseph’s students and parents are invited to join the parish community to a quiet evening before the Christmas rush.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers
We thank you for your support. The classes have created wonderful hampers that are sure to bring happiness and joy to families in our local community this Christmas. Emili from St Vincent DePaul will be collecting these hampers from school during a special assembly on Monday.

St Joey’s Thanks Volunteers
As a school community we recognised and thanked our regular volunteers at assembly last week. Each volunteer was presented with a personalised thank you and a $10 coffee gift voucher. We are very blessed to have the support of many. Below is a photo of volunteers who were available for the assembly.

Lost property
We have a number of lost property items that need collecting. If your child is missing anything, please check the lost property located in the red and blue bins in the undercover area. Unnamed items will be disposed of at the end of the school year.

Congratulations on 20 Years Beeke
This year our instrumental music teacher celebrated 20 years of work at St Joey’s. We were unaware of this milestone until Beeke mentioned it quietly to a staff member. Thank you for your quiet, yet strong and confident, music teaching presence with us Beeke.
Farewell St Joey’s Students and Staff
On Friday, we formally farewell students and staff whose journey with us at St Joey’s comes to an end.

Students
Leticia Trapp – Relocating to Toowoomba
Marcus Trapp – Relocating to Toowoomba
Addison Piggott – Relocating to Bundaberg
Rhanni Piggott - Relocating to Bundaberg
Jayde Piggott - Relocating to Bundaberg
Gabrielle Bonanno - Relocating to Bundaberg
Will Bonanno - Relocating to Bundaberg
Macie Hinton - Relocating to Brisbane
Wesley Hinton - Relocating to Brisbane
Sophie Bowman - Isis High
Amelia Bradley - Isis High
Teagan Hass - Isis High
Clancey Pryor - Isis High
Erin Sanburg - Isis High
Bree Uridge - Isis High
Bridget Woodman - Isis High
Tarrian Brezniker – St Mary’s College, Maryborough
Max Corestti - St Mary’s College, Maryborough
Nicolas Corsetti - St Mary’s College, Maryborough
Kynan Jones - St Mary’s College, Maryborough
Max Pedavoli - St Mary’s College, Maryborough
Mitchell Tarda - Isis High

Staff
Amanda Heron – Relocating to Mackay
Nicole Amey – Shalom College, Bundaberg
Rachel Piggott – Relocating to Bundaberg
Kate Hinton – Brisbane Catholic Education Office
John Hinton – St Ambrose’s School, Newmarket

Congratulations Kate Hinton
Kate has been teaching at St Joey’s for the past 5 years. Kate came to the role with teaching experiences from three other schools. While teaching at St Joseph’s, Kate has provided for the engagement, progress and achievement of students, whilst ensuring children are pastorally cared for. We congratulate Kate on her appointment as a curriculum consultant for Brisbane Catholic Education from the beginning of 2017.

Welcome St Joey’s Students and Staff
In 2017, we look forward to formally welcoming new students and staff who are commencing their journey with us at St Joey’s.

New Students
Ashton Vella – Prep
Dustdan Young – Prep
Ellouise Green – Prep
Evie Plant – Prep
Isis Gardiner – Prep
Jack Rogers - Prep
Jessica Holthouse – Prep
Keanu Punch – Prep
Kiani Braakman – Prep
Layne Fowles - Prep
Maegan Prichard – Prep
Maeve McBride – Prep
Paige Kummerow – Prep
Lexi Sullivan - Prep

New Staff
Petrea Hass – Principal
Chiara Koury – 2017 Prep Teacher
Ama Randall – Learning Aid
End of Term Awards

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**TOUCH FOOTBALL**

Childers - Tues 10th Jan.
Junior Training Camp.
Free Skills & Drills.
Register @
www.sunshinecoasttouchfootball.com

Wishing you a blessed holiday season!