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Monday 20 August
Book Week
Assembly: 5/6D
Yr 6: Peer Mediation Training

Tuesday 21 August
7.30am: Band Practice
Book Fair

Wednesday 22 August
Book Fair
2.05: Choir
3-4pm: Wakakirri Practice

Thursday 23 August
Mass Readings: 4F
Book Fair
Ausdance
Yr 2-6: Australian Youth Choir Visit

Friday 24 August
Banking
Book Fair
8.40am: Sr Jenny Cuppa. Back of hall
Banking
9am: Book Week Character Parade
10am: Gala Day
Maverick Night

Monday 27 August
Assembly: 5/6L
Book Fair

Tuesday 28 August
7.30am: Band practice
Book Fair

Wednesday 29 August
Father’s day stall
Yr 2: Excursion – League program
Yr 2: ARL Gala Day
3-4pm: Wakakirri Practice

Thursday 30 August
Liturgy Readings: 1F
Ausdance
2pm: Instrumental Concert

Friday 31 August
8.40am: Sr Jenny Cuppa. Back of hall
Banking
Catholic Zone Track and Field: QEII
Yr 1: Excursion Lego Centre
Yr 6&7: Gala Day

RECEPTION
Mon: 8.30-3.45
Tues-Thurs: 8.15-3.45
Fri: 8.30-3.15

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NEXT WEEK IS BOOK WEEK
BOOK FAIR: 8am-4pm from Tues 21 – Tues 28 Aug.
BOOK WEEK PARADE: 9am Fri 24 Aug.

MAVERICK NIGHT
NEXT FRIDAY 7PM 24 AUGUST
7 DAYS TILL THE FUN BEGINS. PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS NOW.
INFORMATION NOTES WERE SENT HOME WEDNESDAY.

ARTWORKX2012
An event not to be missed!
Opening night: Friday 19 October, 2012 starting 6pm.
$10 Tickets will be presold. Tickets price include entry, drinks and nibbles. The Artworx exhibition continues until Friday 26 October, 2012 showcasing the many talents of our creative students & much more!
Highlights include:
Auction on opening night of art works from notable artists
Artworks for sale
On Monday our Year 6 students prepare to become **Peer Mediators** through a one day course held at school and conducted by staff. Thank you to Dianne Kibble and David Higgins for their preparation of the course material. Peer Mediators work at break times in the playground, particularly with the children from Prep to year 2. They help children to solve problems that might occur during play time.

Book Week takes place through this coming week. This year’s theme is **Champions Read** which is an apt theme for an Olympic year. The theme was well demonstrated also when the Titans came to school and read stories with the Year 3’s. Class displays are to be found in the school library.

On Tuesday, **Book Fair** begins in the school library. Come in and browse. Purchase a book for a birthday or Christmas gift!

I am at the South-side Service Centre on Wednesday for a concurrent primary and secondary principals’ meeting.

**Ausdance** continues on Thursday.

Another Gala Sports Day takes place on Friday for our senior students at various venues.

**Have a great week!**

**WAKAKIRRI**

Congratulations to our Wakakirri team who have made it through to the finals! The Wakakirri Team won 3 awards on the night in the heats. We thought they were good and had hoped they would make it as well through to the next stage, so it was great to receive confirmation of this on Monday. They were selected to compete in the Brisbane Final on Friday 14 September. There is a complication however which will need to be sorted out this week. Several of our performers will be at Emu Gully on their Year 6 Camp on the day when the Wakakirri finals will be held. They are needed for the performance. We will need to organise parent/staff transport for the children so that they can leave the camp early on Friday 14 September. Good luck to the team. Well done!

**SUNSMART GRANT**

Well done team! Finally a grant decision went our way – not through lack of trying! We received $2500 towards a shade sail over the fort in the Prep area. Sincere thanks to Katherine Miller for her grant preparation and to Dominic Barnes for arranging the several quotes required. Thanks also to SUNSMART for their support. We look forward to installing the new shade sail during the September break.

**CHOCOLATE DRIVE**

Thanks again to Lesley Solar and all who assisted with the Chocolate Drive! Please ensure that you get your money in this week. We are starting to make a profit now, but still have over 66 boxes outstanding, which means about $1320 still out in the community. Please make a supreme effort to bring the money in this week so that the children at Joey’s can enjoy the Lego Robotics promised through this fundraising effort.

**FATHER’S DAY STALL**

Thanks to David and Priscilla Fitzgerald for convening this important stall for the kids. All is progressing well with further donations coming in gradually. If you have any donations for the Father’s Day stall, please leave them at the school office and we will pass them on to David and Priscilla.

**SCHOOL CANTEEN UPDATE**

We are currently looking to exchange our extra fridge (brand new – Karen Cole procured it for us through a grant application) for several items that would be used in the canteen for catering/tuckshop purposes. The school is also considering the installation of a larger oven. This would be useful for our major functions such as Art Worx. However, because we are a registered food business, we would have to apply to the council for approval of any changes to the existing premises. A larger oven would mean a larger range-hood, some electrical works and adjustment to stainless steel benches – all involve costs, plans and red tape.

**ST JOSEPH’S TARA – SCHOOL VISIT**

Approx 16 students from St Joseph’s Tara are camping in the hall on Thursday evening 30 August. Tara is a town in the Western Darling Downs region. They are going to the Eureka Excursion Centre on Friday.

**PARENT SOUNDING BOARD—POSTPONED**

Our second ‘sounding board’ for 2012 has been postponed and will take place in the hall at a date yet to be decided. This is to allow parents and staff to attend the funeral of Mike Cleeland.

**SCHOOL FEES**

Thank you to families who make such financial sacrifices to ensure that their school fees accounts are kept up to date. We encourage families who are finding it difficult to meet their commitments to make regular small payments via direct debit. This action keeps eating away at the amount owing and lets us know that you are genuinely working towards paying off accounts. There is a danger of putting off regular payments and saving towards or committing a tax refund towards one large payment as other unplanned bills can crop up to destroy one’s plans such as mechanical problems with the family car.

The Year One class celebrated a liturgy in the church yesterday with most of the school attending. It was lovely to see
the students celebrate Matthew’s gospel. They acted out the important message of helping others when they are in need. The imagery of feeding, clothing and supporting others in their times of need was very powerful. It was a timely reminder as winter draws to a close about the people who live on the streets of our community; or who are struggling to stay in their home. It made me pause to think about how difficult people’s lives can be without support from those around us. Our friends and family always need our love and care and this is present in our everyday life but what do we do for those strangers who are finding their life to be a struggle. Perhaps we could look to assist with Vinnies, Rosies or some other agency which cares for our most vulnerable.

STUDENT ILLNESS
As the term has progressed the number of students who have been unwell has increased. Winter has brought illness to many homes. Students have suffered from ear infections, chest infections, bronchial complaints, colds and flus. It is important to note that if your child has a runny nose or a cough then they are exhibiting symptoms which clearly show that they are infectious. If this is the case the best place for them is at home. Apart from the fact that having them at school when they are sick prolongs their illness they are putting the other children and staff at a greater risk of contracting any infection which is present in the class. Children who are sick do not participate in learning as well and find concentration very difficult (just like us). The staff understand that working parents may find making care arrangements difficult (as they do when their child is unwell) but kindly request that if your child is showing any signs of infection, coughing, sneezing or have a runny nose that you assist your child’s recovery by allowing rest and recuperation at home.

Our choir competed in the Queensland Catholic Schools and Colleges Music Festival last night at Villanova College. Choirs can be awarded a Gold, Silver or Bronze certificate. There were 7 catholic schools in our section and we were the only school to receive gold. Thank you to our wonderful performers who sang beautifully, making us all feel very proud of them. Thank you to our talented accompanist Alison Harbottle for making us sound fabulous and to Ms Schloman for coming with us. It was great to perform to our huge group of supporting fans of parents and friends. And a great opportunity for you to be able to hear the children sing. Thank you for your support.

DATE CLAIMERS
Friday 17 August– St Augustine’s Band performing in the hall at 2pm
Thursday 30 August– Band and Instrumental concert in the hall at 2.10pm. Students who are performing will be informed by their instrumental teachers.
BOOK FAIR – LYN GIEBELS

Our Book Fair is on Tuesday 21st – 28th Aug, 8am-4pm and we need your help! We are looking for volunteers to help in the library. We will have plenty of activities that encourage the love of reading in children! Please return the form below if you can lend a hand. Don’t forget the BOOK CHARACTER PARADE on Friday 24th Aug at 9am and our CLASS DISPLAYS class displays in the library.

ATTENTION: Lyn Giebels

I would be happy to help with the Book Fair by: (please tick one or more of the boxes below)

- working during the Book Fair
- helping to set up the Book Fair
- creating signs and decorations
- helping to pack up the Book Fair

Name: ____________________________________________ Contact number: ___________________

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART 2012 - MRS HATZIS

Congratulations to the students for their enthusiastic participation in the ‘Jump Off’ for Jump Rope for Heart on Wednesday morning. The children were suitably exhausted after giving their cardiovascular system a good work out. Thank you to the families who have supported the Heart Foundation through sponsorship or donation.

Please send any forms and collected monies to the office in a clearly marked envelope with your child’s name and class so that we can place an order for the prizes.

Those who have registered online just need to finalise their sponsorship.

APP of the WEEK by ST J’s APPSTARS

National Science Week is Australia’s annual celebration of science and technology and thousands of individuals – from students, to scientists to chefs and musicians – get involved, taking part in more than 1000 science events across the nation. It provides an opportunity to acknowledge the contributions of Australian scientists’ to the world of knowledge. It also aims to encourage an interest in science pursuits among the general public, and to encourage younger people to become fascinated by the world we live in. As well as events, there are apps, of course.

Clever Bird Early Science - Spark your child's interest in Science with simple lessons that use everyday experiences. Try 5 lessons for FREE.

MOON - This Moon app will unlock the mysteries of everyone’s favourite celestial body. Introduce children to such concepts as the lunar phase (with beautiful corresponding imagery), moonrise and moonset, lunar illumination, lunar altitude and more. FREE.

LITERACY PLANET-MELLISSA BURGESS

AS OF 15th of August OUR SCHOOL IS IN 23TH POSITION IN AUSTRALIA

CLASS LEADERS from 6th – 12th Aug. 10- 20 minutes a day is all that is needed.

PC – Jack Byron
PC – Angelina Gamble
1C – Naomi Joelle Mataia
1F – Jade Regeling
2C – Phoebe Tyrell Raddatz
2F – Nathan Andrews (1st School Leader)
3C – Kaleb Van de Langenberg
3F – Lilly Watson (2nd School Leader)
4C – Andrew Assaad
4F – Nicholas Houghton
56L – Maddison Scowcroft
56D – Natalie Rosales
6C – Asha Saju
6F – Tayla Phillips
7C – Bianca Chua
7F – Holly LeMasurier

What a great achievement by the whole school. Well Done
WHO IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE AT ST JOSEPH’S?

It is our gardeners, capably led by Mrs Schloman. The garden keepers spend their Thursday and Friday lunch times tending our gardens, making compost, tidying up, digging and planting and they have even been overheard talking to the plants. Perhaps that’s why they are growing so well! Have you noticed the herb garden lately? It is remarkable the knowledge and understanding that these gardeners have developed about plants and herbs and what it means to tend a garden. These gardeners are certainly making a difference at St Joseph’s.

*Children are born with a sense of wonder and an affinity for Nature. Properly cultivated, these values can mature into ecological literacy, and eventually into sustainable patterns of living.*

Zenobia Barlow, in “Confluence of Streams”

P&F NEWS-DOMINIC BARNES

BOOK CLUB

Thank you to those who placed Book Club Orders which closed on 10 August. This Term’s orders are now being placed and should arrive in the next couple of weeks.

MAVERICK NIGHT

A separate note went home on Wednesday to each family with a reminder and info about Maverick Night on 24 Aug.

*Updated Sponsors list for the Maverick Night. Please support these Companies when out and about.*


CHOCOLATE DRIVE

Thank you SO much for your support for our bi-annual Chocolate Drive. The drive officially ended on 3 August and we are just needing to chase up 66 boxes of chocolates that are still out there.

At this stage, we cannot accept chocolates back, as this was advertised before the holidays when they were sent out. There will be a letter sent home to those families who still have boxes of chocolates, as the remaining $1320 is being paid for by P & F levies rather than purchasing extra Robotics Kits.

If you still have money to send in, please do so as soon as possible so we can cross names off the collection list.

SHOPPING VOUCHERS

Woolworth’s stickers are now at 46,000. This is fantastic. Stickers and filled and half filled sheets need to be returned to us by next Friday so we can mail them to Woolworths in time for closing.

Coles vouchers have now finished. Please return them as soon as possible.
SCHOOL PORTRAITS

The school photos should arrive to us next week. Please keep an eye out for the photos coming home soon. Can you support us by following the instructions below?

Download your image now and help your school
WIN $10,000 CASH!
PLUS $1000 CASH for you!*

For more details check out our facebook page
facebook.com/AdvancedlifePhotography.Design.and.Print
or www.advancedimage.com.au to enter.


*Prize Winners must be 18 years or older and be the parent or guardian of the student whose image was downloaded.

DENTAL VAN

The dental van was removed on Friday as the clinic exchanges vans for a refurbished model. They will continue to see students at the end of next week. The new van will return on Monday.

RAIL SAFETY WEEK

As part of Rail Safety Week (13-19 August 2012), Queensland Rail is reminding school students to stay alert near railway tracks, and ensure they act safely on and around rail property.

Did you know?

✦ Trains can’t swerve and by the time the driver can see you it is already too late for the train to stop in time.
Disobeying railway crossing signals or trespassing on railway property is not only dangerous, but is also illegal.
Keep yourself safe

✦ Only cross railway tracks at designated crossings where it is safe and legal to do so.
✦ At railway crossings, obey all signs and signals. Listen for a warning bell or train whistle, watch for flashing lights and always look both ways.
When riding your bike, walk it across the tracks when crossing at a marked railway crossing.

STINGRAYS BASKETBALL CLUB FREE BASKETBALL TRAINING CLINIC

WHEN: commencing Wednesday, 22nd August 2012    TIME: 5.00 – 6.00 pm
WHERE: Insports Centre, 146 Bryants Rd, Shailer Pk. E: stingrays.club@live.com.au  Therese M: 0412 788 884

LITTLE ATHLETICS IS SIGNING ON NOW!

Little Athletics is a great way for kids to get fit and active. Little Athletics Queensland Centres cater for children from the ages of 3 to 16 years and is enjoyed with an emphasis on ‘Family, Fun and Fitness’ where the children and parents get involved in athletics at their local Centres. It offers a non-contact sporting pursuit for children where the focus is on the improvement of the individuals skills rather than on winning and losing. To find your nearest Centre, visit www.qlaa.asn.au or phone 1300 559 436.

COMMUNITY NEWS