From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents and Carers,

Week 6… another week of wet weather and restricted play areas for the children. As you would be aware St Joseph’s is embedded in the ‘You Can Do It’ philosophy. One of the keys of success, ‘Getting Along’ is being tested as they play in close quarters without the opportunity to expend all of their bottled up energy. We have spoken to the children regarding safe movement around the school and tolerance when dealing with others. They are in charge of their own behaviour! I encourage you to continue this discussion with your children, ask them to explain ‘tolerance’ and discuss ways that we can display this in our everyday lives as we work in unison to build a better community for all.

This week’s school prayer gathering on Monday morning, based upon the Gospel reading from the weekend discusses a parable where a gardener is challenged by the vineyard owner to get rid of a fig tree that is failing to bear fruit. The gardener pleads with the owner to give it another chance, with more nurturing it may produce in the next year. Quite simply the fig tree may represent ourselves when we are not living out our faith, not being genuine to our relationship with God or living up to our responsibilities or capabilities. Lent is a time for reflection and repentance. It is a time when we can make an extra effort to put things right. Prepare to start anew. Give yourself and/or someone else a second chance. Forgive and forge on!

We need to constantly remind ourselves of our mission in life and our responsibility as Christians to respond to challenging relationship situations in an appropriate manner. The values of tolerance, acceptance and respect are our responsibility, in line with Jesus’ message and example, in promoting a just and loving society.

I am heading off to Coffs Harbour from Wednesday to Friday to attend the Diocesan Principal’s and Catholic School Office Executives conference. Have a great week!

A thought for the day…. ‘If somebody who doesn’t know me very well were to look at what I do in a typical day, would they be able to tell that I’m a person of faith?’

Peace and blessings,

Jason Clarke
Principal
Catholic School’s Week Competition

Catholic School’s Week will be celebrated in Week 7 from the 11th to 15th March. All Year 6 students from our area will travel to Kingscliff to celebrate a combined Mass while the rest of our school participates in a Liturgy followed by open classrooms and morning tea.

As part of this annual event the Catholic School’s Office is running a competition to highlight the theme this year which is ‘Every child counts’ If your child would like to enter the competition the following steps need to be completed.

1. Write a script for a 20 second video exploring the theme ‘Every child counts’ by the end of the week.
2. Present your idea to Mr Clarke.
3. Make a 20 second video of your idea.
4. Bring it to school to be entered into the competition.

Prizes are awarded at Primary and Secondary level. If your entry wins you win an Ipad for yourself and some prizes for the school.

Get creative and get involved! Good luck!

You Can Do It Awards

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SRC Easter Raffle

Again this year, St Joseph’s Student Representative Council is organising an Easter Raffle.

As in previous years donations of Easter Eggs or other goods related to the Easter theme can be sent into school, or dropped off at the office, so that prizes can be made up for the raffle.

In past years the raffle has always been very successful because of your generous support.

We would appreciate it if donations could be sent during the next two weeks.

A small book of raffle tickets is included with this newsletter.
**Netball Gala Day**

Unfortunately the Netball Gala Day that was scheduled for Wednesday this week has been postponed due to the rainy weather.

We are hoping to try again later this month.

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**Forum Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser**

An order form for the St. Joseph’s P & F School Forum Easter Hot Cross Bun drive was sent home last week.

Orders and money need to be returned to school by Friday March 15th.

Your support of this fundraiser would be greatly appreciated.

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**Thank You**

To everyone at St Joseph’s - thank you for your kindness and especially the super lovely Kindy mums who have cooked us beautiful, delicious meals and treats...

**THANK YOU SO MUCH.**

That has been the sweetest thing ever! - love Rachael, Joe, Amarae, Aryion and baby Sabre.

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**Parents and Friends Forum News**

We had a great show of parents to our first meeting of the year. Thank you for your support and wonderful input.

As you know we are having a hot cross bun drive so don't forget to place your orders. Some of our St Josephs’ family businesses will also put order forms in their stores. A big thank you to them!

Our welcome disco will be held Friday 22nd March at the school. Bring a plate to share and enjoy the evening.

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**Building Healthy Habits**

Children are learning habits that will often last them a lifetime. Consider the following:

- Breakfast is important. Children who eat breakfast have better concentration. Eating breakfast can reduce snacking on high-energy foods in the afternoon in both adults and children.

- Be realistic about the size of the serve you offer children. Forcing children to finish what is on their plate when they are not hungry may lead to overeating and/or strong food dislikes.

- Avoid giving children processed snack foods high in sugar. Encourage brushing teeth in the morning and before bed to develop good dental habits.

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**Students arriving at school on time and ready to learn!**

It is important that students arrive at school on time and before the 8.50 a.m. bell. To ensure children have the best opportunity to be set up for effective learning it is necessary for them to have had an organised morning routine and are present to begin class with their teachers from the beginning of the school day. It is during the initial morning routines within the classroom that students are settled, anxieties relieved and directions and timetables for the days’ activities are attended to. While we understand that there are always occasional times where a late arrival cannot be avoided, please ensure that you give your child/ren the greatest opportunity for success at school by having them arrive on time.

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**Infants Liturgy**

Kinder is very excited to prepare their first liturgy and would love lots of people to come along and help us celebrate.

We will sing dance and proclaim with joy so come join us in the church at 12.15 p.m. this Thursday, March 7th!
HELPING OUT:

How can parents help out?

- Join our library and resource group. We’d love to have your help and it’s a great way to meet other parents.
- Choose an hour to come in and help tidy and re-shelve our books
- Come when called to take new books home to be covered
- Help identify and label Premier Reading Challenge books (PRC)
- Help out with sales during the Book Fair
- Encourage your child to be responsible for remembering his or her own library bag and books independently.

PARENT LIBRARY

Our school has a wonderful resource in our Parent Library. It is located in the glass cabinet in the office. Many of the books and DVD’s have been donated by the Catholic Schools Parent Assembly (CSPA) and offer some much needed advice, help and understanding on many issues we all face as parents and carers. Please feel free to browse through and see Mrs Ryder to record your borrowing. There is no strict borrowing time limit on these resources.

Jo Gresham and Alison Chapman are our Parent Library Representatives.

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Outside of a dog, a book is a man’s best friend.
Inside of a dog, it’s too dark to read.
— Groucho MARX
~ Mem Fox’s 10 Read Aloud Commandments ~

1. Spend at least 10 wildly happy minutes every single day reading aloud.

2. Read at least three stories a day: it may be the same story three times. Children need to hear a thousand stories before they can begin to learn to read.

3. Read aloud with animation. Listen to your own voice and don’t be dull or flat or boring. Hang loose and be loud, have fun and laugh a lot.

4. Read with joy and enjoyment: real enjoyment for yourself and great joy for the listeners.

5. Read the stories that the kids love, over and over and over again and always read in the same "tune" for each book (i.e. with the same intonations on each page, each time.)

6. Let children hear lots of language by talking to them constantly about the pictures, or anything else connected to the book; or sing any old song that you can remember; or say nursery rhymes in a bouncy way; or be noisy together doing clapping games.

7. Look for rhyme, rhythm or repetition in books for young children and make sure the books are really short.

8. Play games with the things that you and the child can see on the page, such as letting kids finish rhymes, and finding the letters that start the child’s name and yours - remembering that it's never work, it's always a fabulous game.

9. Never ever teach reading or get tense around books.

10. Please read aloud every day, mums and dads, because you just love being with your child, not because it’s the right thing to do.

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Welcome Disco

Our St Joseph’s Parents and Friends School Forum is holding a welcoming disco at the school on Friday evening March 22nd from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

The music is being supplied by Brett O’Keefe. Please bring along a plate of food to share. This is a great opportunity for getting to know our new families and to meet some of the teachers in a more social setting.

Hopefully many families can support this gathering.

Canteen

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A big welcome to our new canteen volunteers: Alison Lee, Emma Todd, Belinda Glazebrook, Tanya Penrose, Penny Obst & Kate Ferguson.

New helpers are still needed to fill some gaps in the roster. If you can help, please call/text Nelle on 0438 982 688 or email her at nelle@spiritlevelhealing.com.au

Sushi on the Menu

As from tomorrow Wednesday 6th March, students will be able to order sushi from the canteen. Each roll will cost $2.00 and the following flavours are available:

- Chicken teriyaki
- Tuna & avocado
- California roll (seafood)
- Vegetarian roll

Sushi will be supplied by the Samurai Sushi Bar in Murwillumbah. Orders will be phoned through by 9:30 a.m. Any late orders will miss out, unfortunately.

New Menu - After much consultation with staff, parents & volunteers, it has been decided to introduce a new streamlined menu in the canteen in Term 2. As such, we will be running down stocks of some canteen items and they may not be available towards the end of Term 1. In such cases we will reimburse by placing the money in your child’s lunch bag or offering an alternative.

We apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause.

School Photos

School photos will be taken on Wednesday April 3rd. Please ensure that all children are at school on time, dressed in full school uniform.

Individual photo envelopes will go home this week. If you require a family envelope please contact the school office and one will be sent home for you.

Money and orders need to be returned to school no later than Monday April 1st.
Mt St Patrick College
Murwillumbah

Open Day
Thursday 21st March 2013
Morning Session 9.30am – 11.30am
Evening Session 5.00pm – 6.30pm
Enrol Now for 2014
Applications close
Friday 5th April 2013

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Holy Week Ceremonies
Passion (Palm) Sunday – March 24th
Saturday Vigil - 6 p.m. Sacred Heart Church
Sunday 7:45 a.m. – Blessing of Palms in Sacred Park with the Anglican community then procession to Sacred Heart Church for 8 a.m. Mass.
10 a.m. – Mass OLPS South Murwillumbah

Triduum
Holy Thursday
7 p.m. Sacred Heart Church. Celebration of the Lord’s Supper followed by Exposition.

Good Friday
9 a.m. Stations of the Cross – South Murwillumbah
3 p.m. Sacred Heart Church. Solemn Celebration of the Lord’s Passion

Easter Vigil
7 p.m. Sacred Heart Church

Easter Sunday
8 a.m. Sacred Heart Church
10 a.m. OLPS South Murwillumbah

Mt. St. Patrick College Enrolment 2014
Parents wishing to enrol their son or daughter in Year 7 in 2014 at Mt St Patrick College are asked to submit an Enrolment Application Form to the College by Friday 5th April, 2013.

Please contact the College on 66722340 for further details, if necessary.

Mowing Thank You
Thank you to Mason Brown for mowing the school playground the week before last.

Thank you also to Stump Farrell for mowing the school grounds in the pouring rain this weekend, and Wayne Tagget for coming in to tidy the grounds.

We are most appreciative of your help in keeping the school neat and tidy, especially under the current rainy conditions.

ST PATRICK’S CONCERT
THURSDAY 14TH MARCH
IN CATHOLIC HALL
COMMENCING AT 7.30PM.

FEATURING ITEMS PRESENTED BY:
- Students from: Mt St Patrick College,
  Mt St Patrick Primary School and
  St Joseph’s Primary School
- Murwillumbah Philharmonic Choir
- Sue Gallagher
- Ben Reynolds
- Peter Garrett
- Nina Baumer
- Licorice Alsorts
- Duet - Beth Brooks & Tony McKerrow
- Margaret Peate School of Dance

ADMISSION: Adults - $5.00 Family - $10.00
Supper will be served at 9.00pm following the concert.
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WEEKEND MASS TIMES
Sacred Heart Church
Saturday  6:00 p.m.  Sunday  8:00 a.m.