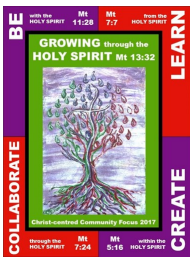


# St Joseph's Newsletter

Growing in excellence within a Christ-centred community.



**Week 2 Term 4**  
**18 October 2017**

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## SUPERVISION

Morning supervision begins at 8.20am. No children are to be left unsupervised before then. Playground equipment is out of bounds unless there is a teacher supervising.

## St Joseph's ELC Before and After School Care

Pre-school to Foundation

## EMAIL

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A Parish Mass is held in the church every Sunday at 9:00am.

6:00pm Saturday Vigil is also held in the church.

8.00am Weekday Mass is held in the church.

Parish Priest  
Fr Paul Nulley

Phone  
6247 7070

## UNIFORM SHOP

Wednesday 8:30-9:00am  
Friday 8:45-9:15am

## YMCA After School Care

Foundation to Year 6  
6242 4040  
0432 405 147

Dear parents and carers,

Many comments have been made about our teams that competed in last Saturday's Catholic Schools' Netball Carnival. The teams played well, had a fantastic time and were proud to wear their school netball bibs. The behaviour and sportsmanship of the students were exemplary. Congratulations to the players, coaches, managers, umpires, teachers and families for their support of the teams and our school.

## SCHOOL BOARD AND P&F

I talk often about the wonderful community we have at St Joseph's School. Staff feel supported and appreciated for their efforts and parents feel valued and welcomed as partners in their child's education. Parents sometimes ask how they can contribute to our school community and they wonder what the difference is between the School Board and Parents and Friends (P & F). They express a desire to help and be part of school life but don't quite know which of these would suit them.

The School Board provides the opportunity for parents and carers to support the mission of Catholic education in the school and leadership to the community. Meeting twice each term the Board discusses, considers and assists the decision making process around the school's Catholic identity, pastoral care, budget, school enterprises such as Hall hire, ELC and After School Care and developing capital and maintenance programs. Nominations for membership on the School Board are held annually with successful members appointed for either one or two years.

The Board is concerned with long term initiatives and future planning.

All parents and carers are automatically members of the P & F Association which also meets twice each term. The P & F's major function is to develop the community of parents, students and staff. The P & F supports the Board, raises money for resources identified in the school's Strategic Plan, provides services such as the canteen and uniform shop and provides opportunities for social interaction and the creation of supportive networks. The Executive is voted on at the Annual General Meeting with office bearers holding those positions for 12 months.

The P & F will be holding their AGM on 15 November and nominations for the School Board will also be called for soon. Can you see yourself working with either of these groups? You would be very welcome.

## NEWSLETTER - CHANGE OF DAY

We have brought the publication of the Newsletter forward to Wednesdays so that parents have more notice of the students receiving awards on Fridays.

If you would like something included in the Newsletter please email the article to Amanda no later than

11:00 am Wednesdays. office.sjo@cg.catholic.edu.au

## NUDE FOOD

A Nude Food picnic will be held this Friday. We are encouraging the students to bring their food in reusable containers to minimise waste.

## DIRECTOR'S VISIT

Ross Fox, Director of Catholic Education, will visit St Joseph's at 12:30 pm on Tuesday 24 October. If you would like to meet Ross, you would be very welcome to join the staff during lunch. Please RSVP by 20 October. sue.dempsey@cg.catholic.edu.au

## SCHOOL FEES

Term 4 school fees were sent out this week with a due date of 10 November. We would appreciate receiving fees on time so we can finalise our commitments before the end of the year.

## AFTERNOON DISMISSAL

With the arrival of the warmer weather we will dismiss the students from under the trees, commencing next Monday. Each class has a designated tree, marked by a ribbon to match their class colour. Parents / carers are asked to continue to collect their child from the teacher.

Please keep your children safe when walking through the car park to your cars by holding their hands and using the pedestrian crossing.

Drive Through will remain the same.

## HATS

A reminder that the students must wear their hats this term. Please label your child's hat so it can be identified. No hat, no play, sit in the shade, no exception.

## PARENT OVERVIEWS

Overviews of this term's learning in each class, is being sent out today.

## COMING EVENTS

18 Oct	7:00 pm	P & F Meeting
24 Oct	12:30 pm	Director's visit
25 Oct	6:00 pm	School Board
27 Oct		Merici Orientation
	6:15 – 7:30 pm	P – 6 Disco

Thank you everyone. May God bless you in all that you do.

**Sue Dempsey**  
Principal

# TEACHING AND LEARNING

## CYBER SAFETY



Late last term St Joseph's hosted a Cyber Safety information night, run by a local law enforcement member and an industry volunteer. The aim of the evening was to provide parents with many useful tips to protect their children against threatening or harmful situations online.

Some of the key messages they shared are highlighted below.

- Having open and honest communication with your child about what to do if they see something that upsets them is important.
- Be aware that not everyone online is who they say they are. Some apps don't require registration or verification so you may never know who your child is chatting to.
- The best way to find out what your child does online is to ask them or have them show you.
- If your child has a social media account, make sure their privacy settings are secure.
- Having strong security for your accounts can help protect you from unauthorised access, extortion, identity theft or fraud.
- It is essential children only post a picture that doesn't reveal where they go to school or live, and post as little personal information as possible.
- Keep evidence of bullying behaviour and discuss options with your child and their school to deal with the situation. It is important to avoid removing access to technology as this may prevent your child from talking to you if future issues arise.

For further information and advice on cyber safety please refer to the [Guide to Cyber Safety](#) publication. It contains many useful tips to assist families to ensure their children are safe and respectful online. There are also many supporting resources on the [ThinkUKnow website](#).

Vanessa Ross

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

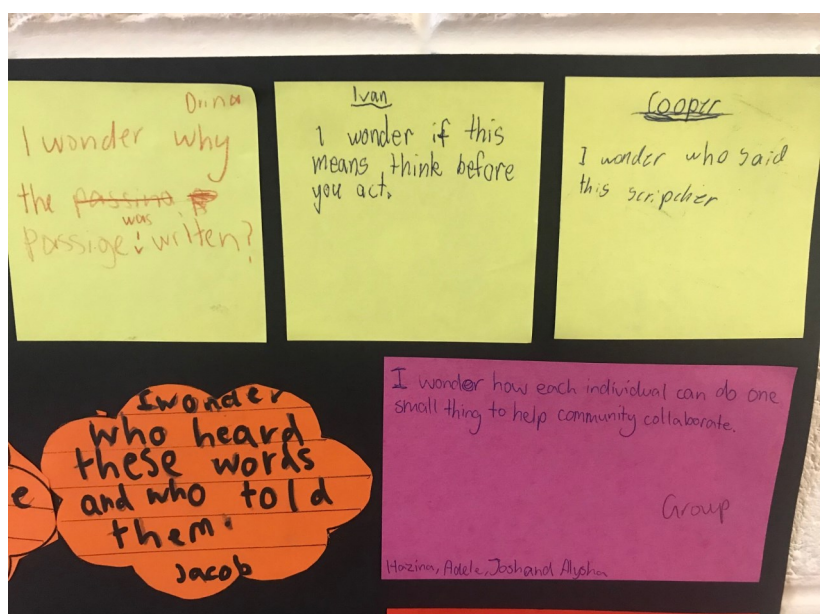
### Collaborating through the Holy Spirit

Last week the students spent time coming up with an 'I wonder' for our scripture focus this term. Five examples from each class have been put into a poster next to the entrance to the staffroom. We would encourage you all to spend time reading this selection of 'I wonders' from each class in our school.

During this week the students have been articulating our Seeds of Growth within areas in our school such as the Canteen, toilets and during Prayer Celebrations. This collaborative google doc has been a successful way to ensure that our new School Wide Positive Behaviour Guide has come from the students and is therefore lived by them.

Yours in Christ,

Luke Donnelly  
Religious Education Coordinator  
[luke.donnelly@cq.catholic.edu.au](mailto:luke.donnelly@cq.catholic.edu.au)



## Uniform Shop

### Hours of Operation

Wednesday 8:30am—9:00am

Friday 8:45am—9:15am

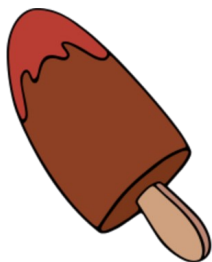
Please direct all queries to Marcela Leon at:

Uniformshop\_stjosephs\_oconnor@yahoo.com.au

## CANTEEN NEWS

The following donations would be greatly appreciated:

- Rectangular Containers—Sistema or Décor
- Plain and Self Raising Flour
- Golden Syrup



The uniform shop has a large supply of insulated, re-usable lunch bags available for purchase at \$20.00 each.

I would encourage parents to make use of these to keep children's lunches cool and fresh in the upcoming warmer weather.

A roster for volunteers in Term 4 is attached to this Newsletter. Please consider donating an hour or two of your time to assist our Canteen to keep running smoothly. Thank you.

Michelle Welch  
Canteen Manager



## MOTHERS GROUP

A newly formed Mothers Group will be meeting every second Tuesday from 10:00am in the Parish Hall.

The next three dates are 31 October, 7 and 21 November.

If you have any questions or are interested in attending please contact Clare Nulley-Valdes 0434987255 [clare.nulleyvaldes@hotmail.com](mailto:clare.nulleyvaldes@hotmail.com)

## Merit Awards - Week 2 Term 4

*Congratulations to the following students who will receive an award at Friday's Morning Gathering*

### Seed of Being

**Foundation Red:** Tom H, Nova S  
**Foundation White:** Gurumehar S, Pavleen V  
**Year 1 Purple:** Tenzin D, Zoe G  
**Year 1 Teal:** Erika A, Josephine B  
**Year 2 Magenta:** Ashley F, Kyra H  
**Year 2 Yellow:** Olivia F, Gabriela R-L, Layla F  
**Year 3 Lime:** Christelle M, Sebastian O'D-D  
**Year 3 Silver:** Aidan M, Alyssa D  
**Year 4 Blue:** Ivan S, Dexuan K, Ewan G  
**Year 5 Orange:** Alex B, Aidan E  
**Year 6 Green:** Taylah S, Alexander C



## Happy Birthday

*This week to :*

Aidan McG  
Sebastian O'D-D  
Thenuki W-D  
Chloe C-J  
Hayden S  
Fernando W-F



# St Joseph's Early Learning Centre

## Green Frogs Newsletter



### Term 4, Week 2

This week the Green Frogs have been focusing on team activities within sports such as team relays and Hoop Island. We have been learning skills such as listening to each other, following directions and working together to complete the activity or challenge presented.

Other interests have included insects, worms, mud and water play which we will continue to investigate in the coming weeks and warmer weather.

Morvern Dyer, Vanessa Wesley-Smith and Belinda Kivela



This week the ELC will be hatching chicks and ducks! We have received an incubator of chicken and duck eggs that will be staying with us for two weeks. The children will be able to watch the chicks and ducks hatch out of the eggs and observe them eating, sleeping, scratching and growing. The children will also be learning about the life cycles of chickens and ducks. The hatching chicks program also links in with our Religious Education Unit 'Celebrating Jesus' birth' as the children will experience waiting (as we wait for the chicks and ducks to hatch) and celebration (as the chicks and ducks hatch). They will read stories about waiting and celebrating and make generalised connections to liturgical celebrations related to the birth of Jesus. At the end of the two weeks, once they have all hatched, families will be able to purchase them. If you are interested, please let us know at the Front Office and we will put your name down. They will cost \$5.00 each. The children are very excited to see the first chick hatch today or tomorrow and will be waiting patiently for the ducks to hatch next week.

**Birthday wishes to the following child: Emma M.**

#### Important Dates:

**Library** - Blue Geckos (Wednesdays), Green Frogs (Thursdays)

**Music** - Music Engagement Program, Blue Geckos and Green Frogs (Wednesdays)

**October 16 - October 27** - Hatching Chooks Education Program

**October 17** - 5:00 ELC Parent Committee Meeting

**October 27** - Whole School Disco (6:15 - 7:30)

**November 2** - 9:30 - 11:45 Botanic Gardens Excursion (Blue Gecko EOW)

**November 8** - 9:30 - 11:45 Botanic Gardens Excursion (Blue Gecko BOW and Green Frogs)

**December 15** - Last Day of Term

God Bless

Molly Henson  
ELC Director