Ash Wednesday: Students will be attending Mass at 9.30am tomorrow with parents invited and encouraged to attend.

Patty Cake Monday: Please remember that Patty Cakes are available on a Monday for morning tea. 50c each!

PT&F Meeting – Welcome to 2016!
Thank you to everyone who attended the PT&F meeting this week. This is a very important and successful committee in our school and we look forward to a successful fundraising 2016. The next meeting of the PT&F will be the AGM and also the AGM for the Board so please come along and volunteer your time for either of these important groups in your school. If you would like to nominate someone or yourself for the Board please fill in the attached form and send it in to the office asap.

Opening School Mass: Congratulations to our School Captains; Brad Forsyth and Amelia Seymour and Prefects; Phoenix Carroll and Yolanda Such who were inducted into their roles on Friday during our opening mass. We look forward to your leadership in our school for 2016.

Swimming: Upcoming swimming sessions are Friday the 12th, 26th of February and the 4th of March. Your child will need $3.00 for the pool but not if you have a season ticket. Please send the money in on the day in case swimming is cancelled due to the weather. The bus has been fully subsidised by the school for term 1 2016. Children will need swimmer towel, sunscreen, towel, thongs and a swimming shirt.

We need volunteers to help on these days between 11.30 – 1.00pm. Of course, we would welcome any volunteers to help on these days between 11.30 and 1.00pm if you are available. This assists with supervision and extra help with small groups for our beginners and also our more able swimmers.

Parent Information Session; St Joseph’s annual parent information session will be held at 6pm this Wednesday the 10th of February. Parents are encouraged to attend and be fully informed for the year ahead.

From the canteen; Please send lunch orders in a brown paper bag with names, class and order and as close to the correct money as possible to make it easier for our wonderful canteen people to run the canteen on Fridays. We still need helpers urgently, please return canteen notes or contact Linda McCulloch.

Chicken Pox: We have had another case of chicken pox reported to the school. Please be aware of spots and itching and consult your doctor if you are concerned. Please refer to the document that was sent out last week.

St Patrick’s Day – Wednesday the 17th March; Children may wear a touch of green on this day for the cost of a gold coin donation. Green socks, ribbon or something small would be appropriate.

St Joseph’s Day; This year St Joseph’s day falls on a Saturday so we will be celebrating on Friday the 18th of March instead. Please join us for lunch at Rose-Lee Park at 1pm to help us celebrate our school feast day.

Swimming Carnival BBQ Coordinator Needed
We really need a parent/s to volunteer to coordinate the BBQ for the swimming carnival this year. This will involve taking the BBQ, implements, sauce etc to the pool and ordering the sausages and kebabs. We can send out a reminder for the number of sausages or kebabs required for each family if that helps. We look forward to hearing from you to volunteer for this job.

Swimming Carnival: Our Annual School Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday, 18th of February, at the Qurindi pool, commencing at 3.00pm. Buses will deliver children to the pool at 2.30pm. Children will be collected at the end of the carnival by parents. All children participate in this carnival and are expected to attend. There are events for children of all abilities and the emphasis is on participation. Of course, we encourage our swimmers to really give 100% and see if they can qualify for our Diocesan Swimming carnival, Thursday 25th February. Students can wear their sports uniform with the appropriate coloured shirt for their house if they would like to.

FROM THE LIBRARY: Library Days
Mondays: 1/2 and 5/6
Tuesdays: Volunteers to help on these days between 11.30 – 1.00pm. Of course, we would welcome any volunteers to help on these days between 11.30 and 1.00pm if you are available. This assists with supervision and extra help with small groups for our beginners and also our more able swimmers.

School Uniforms: New Polo Shirts have been ordered and should be here within the next two weeks. All other uniform items are available from the front office: Skorts and Shorts $15.00, Hats $15.00, Polo Shirts $13.00, Tracksuit Jackets $32.00, Tracksuit Pants $22.00, School Bag $30.00. It is our policy that items need to be paid for before being given to the children so if you require hats or clothing urgently, please send a cheque or cash, with details, in to school with your child.

Website: Please remember that our website has the latest newsletters uploaded weekly and we also have the parent calendar on there as well. This is a great reference point especially if you cannot locate your weekly newsletter.

School supervision is from 8.30am until 3.45pm. Please do not leave your children at school outside of these hours as they will be unsupervised.

Date's to remember
Week 3
10th Ash Wednesday Mass 9.30am
Parent Information Session 6.00pm
12th Swimming 11.30-1pm
Canteen: Sky Duncan and Ame

Week 4
15th Patty Cakes; Megan Gumbleton, Emma Partridge and Cindy Teuma
17th 6.30pm Board Meeting
18th School Twilight Swimming Carnival 3.00-7.30pm
19th Canteen: Sky Duncan and Erica Allan

Week 5
22nd Patty Cakes; Rachel Aspinall, Rikki Tetley and Melissa Carroll
23rd Whole school history excursion
25th Diocesan Swimming More
26th Swimming 11.30-1.00
27th Canteen: Vicki Flett and Rachel Coward

Week 6
29th Patty Cakes; Ame Bennett, Kelly Stackman, Odile Saad
Wil Gaay Residential School March
2nd Board and PT&F AGM 6.30pm School Library
4th Swimming 11.30 – 1.00
6th Children’s Focus Parish Mass

Week 7 Catholic Schools Week
Kate-Lee Duncan, Coral Seymour, Jess Slade
10th Selective High Schools Placement test

Week 8
14th Patty Cakes; Rachel Coward, Erica Keeyes, Cindy Teuma
16th Board Meeting 6.30pm
17th St Patricks Day
18th St Joseph’s Day Celebration. Please join us for Mass and lunch in the park.
19th St Joseph’s Day

Week 9
21st Patty Cakes; Rikki Tetley, Melissa Carroll, Tanikila Moore
25th Good Friday
26th Holy Saturday
27th Easter Sunday

Week 10
28th Easter Monday
2nd April
3rd Daylight savings ends

Week 11
4th Patty Cakes; Odile Saad, Allison Neyle, Kelly Stackman
5th PT&F Meeting
6th Cross Country Carnival

Year 6 Visit from Libby Moloney, McCarthy Catholic College on Wednesday the 24th of February at 3.20pm. Parents of Year 6 students are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Charlie Kelly won the competition when the Titans visited our school. All the children really enjoyed their visit.

Week 2 Award Winners
Principal’s Award; Being and engaged learner. Ayden Coward, William Bartholomew, Mason Keeyes, Jade Wilson.

Student of the week awards: Stella McMahon for being a positive role model for Kindergarten. Monique Hutton for an amazing week of learning. Lily Canham for a great effort in spelling. Bryce Kelly for settling in well to our St Joseph’s Community. Josh Hall for making good use of computer technology to design a wordsearch.

Sacramental Dates for 2016
First Communion – In St Joseph’s School Library and lessons commence at 3.50pm. Tuesday 26th April, 3 May, 10 May, 17 May, 23 May (Father Vic to teach). Reflection Day is 27 May. First Communion is Sunday 29 May which is The Body and Blood of Christ.
First Confession – St Joseph’s School Library and lessons commence at 3.50pm. Tuesday 2nd August, 9 August, 16 August, 23 August, 30 August (Father Vic to teach). First Confession is on Wednesday 31st August 2016.

QURINDI & DISTRICT SOCCER ASSOCIATION INC
(Qurindi Junior Soccer 0-18yrs)
Annual General Meeting – EMERGENCY FOLLOWUP MEETING
7.00pm Thursday 18 February 2016, Qurindi RSL Club. For further information contact: Warren Faulkner Ph: 0455 909183, Michelle Gallagher Ph: 0429 461305, Davin Goodwin Ph: 0428 658845. If the Committee positions are not filled at this meeting, there will be no Junior Soccer in 2016. All welcome. Kind regards, Michelle Gallagher Secretary, Qurindi & District Soccer Assoc. Inc
Welcome to Week 3, Term 1!

Thank you to the families who were able to attend last Friday's Opening School Mass. It was wonderful to come together and pray for God to watch over us in all we do in 2016. It was also a memorable occasion for our School Captains and Prefects who were sworn in to their positions of responsibility. Congratulations to Amelia, Brad, Yolanda and Phoenix!

With our leaders now inducted St Joseph’s students have voted for their Term 1 2016 Student Representative Council Class Representatives. Congratulations to:

- Infants: Skyelah Gumbleton
- Year 3&4: Jake Seymour
- Year 5&6: Darcy Devine

Last Friday we had the pleasure of welcoming members of the NRL Gold Coast Titans. Nathan Friend, Jod Cartright and Karl Leeton spoke to the children about their dream of playing football for a living and the dedication required to follow their dream. They also spoke of the importance of hydration and ensuring they receive adequate sleep each night.

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help at next Thursday’s swimming carnival. As St Joseph’s continues its desire to be proactive in Child Protection, I ask that all volunteers please take 5 minutes to complete their working with children check. These forms will be sent home to anyone who has put their name forward and has not provided St Joseph’s a current WWCC number. Thank you in advance for playing your part in keeping our children safe.

I look forward to seeing many of you at tomorrow’s Information Night. (See separate attachment for a plan of the night). This is a chance for you to meet your child’s teacher and start the communication process. St Joseph’s wants to form a partnership with each of our parents as we work together to ensure your child reaches their potential.

Finally, I would like to officially recognise the efforts of Skye Duncan. Skye has offered to volunteer in the canteen every Friday for 2016. This generosity goes a long way to ensuring the canteen is available every Friday for our students.

Have a great week!

John Clercy
Principal

“Pray for me, that I make the least possible mistakes.” Pope Francis

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