Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to Term 4! I trust that you all had a great break and are ready for another great term. This year all of our students will be participating in the Verse Speaking section of the 2015 Mackay Eisteddfod. The performance days are as follows:

**Tuesday 20th October**  
Prep, Year 5 and Year 6

**Wednesday 21st October**  
Year 1 and Year 4

**Thursday 22nd October**  
Year 2 and Year 3

On your child’s performance day we ask that they be dropped down to the Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre (MECC) at 8am. They are to meet their teachers on the grass between the MECC, the Art Space and the fountain. The session starts at 8:30am and we must be seated by 8:15am. Students who arrive after the doors of the theatre close will not be allowed to enter.

**Students who would normally attend Before School Care and may require transport to the MECC must contact the office to receive a permission form for transport.**

Students will be transported back to school via bus after the session is completed (approximately 10:30am). The bus is for the performing students only not for siblings who have stayed with parents to watch the session.

**What to wear:**
Students in Years 1 – 6 are to wear their formal uniform (checked shirt). Prep students are to wear their green Prep shirt. It is important that all members of the choir are wearing the same uniform, and that it is worn correctly as per the school uniform guidelines available on our school website. All students need to wear their hair in a neat and tidy manner. Hair is to be tied or pinned back so the audience can see the performer’s facial expressions.

**What to bring:**
Students will bring their school bag packed ready for the day (lunch, water bottle, hat etc) with them to the MECC on the morning of their performance. Students will be given the opportunity to have a snack either before or after their performance.

**Tickets:**
Parents are welcome to come and watch their child perform and tickets are available from the MECC.

Next Friday 16 October, all choirs will be performing their poems on assembly. The students have been working hard over the last term learning and perfecting their two poems and we wish all our choirs the best of luck and thank the teachers for their assistance in preparing the students for this exciting experience.

Bianca Hodges  
Principal
IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER
20 Prep, Year 6 & Year 5 Eisteddfod
21 Year 1 & Year 4 Eisteddfod
22 Year 2 & Year 3 Eisteddfod
28 2016 Prep Orientation Day
30 Day for Daniel

LITURGY NEWS
23/10: 2S & 5D Midday Mass
30/10: Prep W & 5D Midday Mass
6/11: First Friday Mass with MacKillop
11/11: Armistice Day liturgy
13/11: 1B & 3R Midday Mass
20/11: P( R ) & Yr 4 Midday Mass
27/11: Whole school Mass 12 noon
1/12: Advent Liturgy 8.40am
2/12: Graduation Mass 6pm
4/12: Closing Liturgy 9.30 am

ST JOSEPH’S CATHOLIC PARISH OF NORTH MACKAY & NORTHERN BEACHES
SACRAMENTAL PROCESS 2015 / 2016

Preparation for the Sacraments of
- Reconciliation (First Confession),
- Confirmation
- First Eucharist (First Holy Communion)

Ritual of Belonging: Saturday 31st October or Sunday 1st November.
Family Workshop 3: Sunday November 8th or Wednesday November 11th.

For further details, contact Parish Office 4957 4855

Monday to Friday 9:00am – 12:00pm.

October is known as the month of the Rosary and during this month students will be praying the Rosary prayer for peace. The Rosary has been a popular prayer with Catholics ever since the twelfth century. It is a prayer in which we honour Mary, the Mother of God, and think about events in her life and in the life of Jesus. The liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually in October.

Originally the rosary had 150 beads - the same number of psalms in the Bible. In the twelfth century, religious orders recited together the 150 Psalms as a way to mark the hours of the day and the days of the week. Those people who didn’t know how to read wanted to share in this practice, so praying on a string of 150 beads or knots began as a parallel to praying the psalms. It was a way that the illiterate could remember the Lord and his mother throughout the day. The “Divine Office”; the official prayer of the church; is the recitation of the psalms over a four week period, and is still prayed today.

This first rosary was prayed as we do today, a person would pass their fingers over each bead and say a prayer, usually the “Our Father”. The “Hail Mary” as we know it wasn’t even around at that time.
The Hail Mary owes its origin to the rosary. When people said the rosary in the twelfth century, Gabrielle’s greeting “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee” was often said along with the Our Father. Later, Elizabeth’s greeting “blessed are you among women” was added. It was not until the sixteenth century that the words “Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death” were added.

During this month of October as we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary we are invited to rediscover the beauty of this ancient prayer.

**SCHOOL FEES**

Term 4 school fees will be sent via email next week.
School fees for Term 3 are now **OVERDUE**.

We would like to thank those families who have paid. It would be appreciated, if you have not finalised your account, to attend to this matter as soon as possible. If you are experiencing difficulties, please contact Di on 4957 3355.

This term, we are offering a number of lunch time activities and Lego building is one option. We would be very grateful for any donation of Lego that is no longer being used at home. If you are able to help, please drop it into the office. Thank you.

**WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN**

Thank you for the wonderful support you have given with the Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion. The school ended up with a total of 21720 points that will be used to purchase some valuable teaching resources. Thank you again for your support.

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

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Tuckshop has resumed for term 4, tuckshop will continue to be open on Thursday and Friday of each week. Just a reminder that all orders are now required to be placed online through Flexischools, with the exception of play bell items which can be purchased by the children with cash after the bell.

If you are unsure of how to use or set up a Flexischool account, the tuckshop will be open next Monday and Tuesday from 8.15am-8.45am where you can set up your account and learn how to navigate the program.

Nyomi Davidson
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NETBALL GALA DAY

On Thursday 17th September, St Joseph’s participated in the Netball Gala Day. A team of 9 players participated in the day. The team showed great sportsmanship, encouraging their team and opponents and showing respect to the umpires and coaches. The team and school would like to thank the parents who trained the team and helped on the day - a big thank you to Kylie Zeglio, Tina Kirkwood and Marie Parsons. We would also like to congratulate the players, Ella, Hannah, Melayna, Madison, Sarah, Sienna, Brielle, Jessie and Sophia, who all played well as a team and won all of their games.

TOUCH FOOTBALL

St Joseph’s Tornados V Wanderers Wipe Outs
Field 6  5.45pm

LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK FAIR is NEXT WEEK!

When:       Mon 12 Oct to Wed 14 Oct
Where:      Library
Time:       8-8.30am and 3-3.30pm
Theme:      ‘Under the Sea: Explore an Ocean of Books!’

Our second Book Fair for the year is next week. I have set up the cases and there are a lot of new titles, which is always very exciting. We are still looking for a couple of volunteers who may be able to assist with sales for half an hour in the morning, or in the afternoon, on one or more days.

WISH LISTS: Students will be bringing home their ‘Wish Lists’. Please note these lists are a ‘wish’ only, to let parents know that their child/ren have been to have a look at the fair and what books they have found interesting – they are not a request for payment. If you have any questions about the lists, or payment, please contact me via the school, and I will be happy to help.

Book Fair Volunteers Required
If you are able to help with sales during Book Fair, please complete and return the following:

☐ Monday morning between 8am to 8.30am
☐ Monday afternoon between 3pm to 3.30pm
☐ Tuesday morning between 8am to 8.30am
☐ Tuesday afternoon between 3pm to 3.30pm
☐ Wednesday morning between 8am to 8.30am
☐ Wednesday afternoon between 3pm to 3.30pm

Name: ______________________________
Contact number: __________________________

Have a great weekend!

Ms Sheree Morrison
Library Co-ordinator.
STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES
Semester 2, 2015

Bus Fare Assistance
- Does your child attend a school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary?
- Does your family spend more than $33/week* on fares to and from school (*$25/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a publicly available bus not owned or associated with the school?

Students with Disabilities
- Does your child have a verified disability that requires transport assistance to and from school?
- Has your school’s learning support teacher assessed your child’s travel capability rating as ‘semi-independent’ or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at www.schooltransport.com.au by 31 October 2015.
Late applications cannot be accepted.

Catholic Education
Diocese of Rockhampton

Outside School Hours Care Coordinator
Term time continuing 25 hrs/wk
MacKillop Catholic Primary School, Mackay
All applications are to be forwarded to Mrs Allison Blakey, Principal, 20 Nadami Drive, Andergrove, QLD 4740, P: (07) 4956 3600 or E: mmh@rok.catholic.edu.au
Please download an application package from our website.
Applications close 5pm, Thursday, 15 October 2015.
www.rok.catholic.edu.au

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Early Learning & Care