Dear Parents and Friends

I was lucky enough to be able to attend all of our school performances this week at the Mackay Speech and Drama Eisteddfod. I could not have been prouder of our students, who all competed to the best of their ability and represented our school admirably. Our results in each section were:

- Prep: Highly Commended
- Year 1: Highly Commended
- Year 2: 2nd Place
- Year 3: 3rd Place
- Year 4: Highly Commended
- Year 5: Highly Commended
- Year 6: Highly Commended

Thank you to all of the parents who came along and supported the students as they performed, and a huge thank you to all of the teachers who have worked so tirelessly with the students to prepare them over the past term. Public performances like these really assist the students to build discipline, to hone their listening skills and work as part of team. Congratulations to all of the students.

This morning we also had a lovely celebration for Grandparents’ Day. It was wonderful to see so many grandparents join us for the morning and we thank all grandparents for the contributions they make to the lives of their grandchildren.
NORFAIR
Our Parish Fair is not far away now, with NORFAIR being held at St Joseph’s on Friday 13 November. As in past years, our school will contribute to this fair through the running of a Bottle Stall. **This coming Monday 26 October, students are invited to wear Free Dress to school for a $2 donation.** The funds raised will be used to purchase prizes for the Bottle Stall. We appreciate your support of NORFAIR, and hope to see you there on Friday 13 November from 5pm.

DAY FOR DANIEL
Next Friday (30 October) is Day for Daniel, marking the culmination of our focus on Personal Development/Protective Behaviours topics with students. We will mark this day by encouraging students to wear a red item of clothing to school. On Friday, we will also gather to remember the important safety messages that have been discussed as part of our focus on Personal Development/Protective Behaviours lessons following assembly.

DATE CLAIMER
School Disco – Monday 9 November 5pm – 7pm for Prep to Year 6. The theme for our disco is “**AT THE MOVIES**”, so get ready to dress up as your favourite movie character. Prizes for best dressed, games and competitions on the night.

CLASS REQUESTS FOR 2016
As we near the end of the school year, planning has begun for 2016. Parents with requests regarding class placements for 2016 are invited to submit these in writing to the office by Friday 6 November. **Requests for particular teachers will not be considered**, however we do consider the needs of your child and will try to accommodate requests in consultation with teachers to create balanced classes for 2016.
Prep R  Scarlett Rea-Bradbury
For your excellent participation and use of expression during eisteddfod practice this week. Well done Scarlett.

Prep W  Jasmine Lay
For settling back into St Joseph’s in a confident and happy way. It’s great to have you back.

1B  Ruby McCosker
For your amazing letter writing you’ve been doing in class last week. Well done Ruby!

1E  Ella-Jade Jackson Gee
For the kind and considerate actions that you showed your friends this week. You are such a caring friend to have in our class.

2D  Koby Atkinson
For putting in a huge effort to complete tasks during literacy rotations this week. Awesome job Koby!

2S  Victor Daniels
For the mature way you have approached learning. You are extremely responsible. Thank you for being such a wonderful role model to your classmates.

3R  Oreca Pentecost
For the fantastic effort you have put into your recipe writing this week. Well done.

3RM  Matthew Bundesen
For your willingness to learn. Your patience and ‘have a go’ attitude is fantastic. Thanks Matthew.

4B  Georgia-Rose Chambers
For lighting up our classroom with your beautiful smile. Thank you Georgia-Rose.

4CF  Bailey Anderson
For always being helpful and your beautiful manners. Keep it up.

5D  Kadence Fricke
For your effort and expression during your eisteddfod practice. Well done.

5H  Ella Parsons
For your enthusiasm and facial expression you put into eisteddfod practice.

6B  Blake Ferris
For your fantastic collage of ‘Scar’ from the Lion King.

6GG  Ashley Bessell
For your excellent participation and expressiveness during eisteddfod practice!
IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER
26    Free Dress Day – Norfair Bottle stall raiser, $2
28    2016 Prep Orientation Day
30    Day for Daniel – Wear a red item of clothing

NOVEMBER
5     P & F Meeting – 6pm Library
9     Mission Day – Free Dress – Wear crazy socks
9     School Disco 5pm – 7pm
11    Remembrance Day
11    Jump Rope For Heart money due / Jump Off
13    Norfair
18-20 Year 5 Camp – Action Challenge

APRE NEWS

• LITURGY NEWS
  • 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: PR & 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.

MISSIONS DAY: We will be participating in a ‘Mini Mission Fair’ on Monday 9th November. This is our yearly event to raise funds for those less fortunate than ourselves. Our Mission Fair will begin at 1.30. All students will then participate in an activity session with each class conducting a stall or activity. All items will cost 50c and we ask that students spending money be limited to no more than $10. The following are some of the activities that children will be involved in during the day.

The theme for Mission month is “Socktober” so students are free to wear some jazzy socks if they wish. This day will be a free dress day. Normal free dress rules apply – appropriate and sun safe clothing.

• Lucky paddle pop sticks
• Guess the lollies
• Target Throw
• Ten Pin
• Stretch the Snake
• Coin toss
• Slam dunk
• Icy poles
• Trash and treasure
• Ping pong spray away
• Pin the tail
• Tasty Treat
• Biscuit Decorating
• Dance room
• Pet Rocks
SCHOOL FEES

Term 4 school fees were emailed last week. If you did not receive your copy, please contact the office ASAP. 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.

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TOUCH FOOTBALL

LAST GAME THIS WEEK

St Joseph’s Tornados V Northview Ninjas
Field 2   3.30pm

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Fair 12-14 Oct
Thank you everyone for your support of our second Book Fair for the year. Book Fair is the main fundraiser for St Joseph’s library, and our school earns commission on all sales. Sales for this Book Fair totalled $4819, which is a great result. All commission earned from sales directly benefits our school and students, going towards new books for the library and classrooms, and new curriculum resources to assist teachers.

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers!
It would not be possible to run Book Fair if it wasn’t for the fabulous volunteers who offer their time to assist with sales. Thanks must go to Sherrie Altman-Groom, Lauren Nord, Sarah James, Kylee Kister, Nyomi Davidson, Rachel Waye and Belinda Harvey. Thank you also to the year 6’s who helped with sales during their lunch break.

Lucky Draw
Congratulations to Michael Hinchey from 4CF, who was the winner of the Book Fair Lucky Draw prize, and to Shelbi Heywood from 3R who was the winner of our ‘Guess the Seashells’ competition.

Book Fair Orders
All orders have been placed for Book Fair, and I am now awaiting their arrival. I will deliver the books to students as soon as I receive them.

Book Fair Donations
Thank you to those parents also who purchased books from the Book Fair and donated them to the school. Your donation is greatly appreciated – and I know the students will love your choices!

Book Donation
Thank you to the Hackney family who has donated a large number of high interest and curriculum relevant books to the library.

Thank you,
Ms Shereean Morrison
Library Co-ordinator
ST JOHN’S PARISH FAIR
SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER
COMMENCING 6PM
ST JOHN’S SCHOOL GROUNDS

- BBQ, HOT CHIPS, PASTIZZIS
- DONUTS AND DRINKS
- HAM WHEEL
- MEAT WHEEL
- CENT SALE
- BOTTLE STALL

- SPUTNIK
- CHILDREN’S ACTIVITIES
- LUCKY DODGER
- HOME BAKING
- SANTA