Dear Parents and Friends

Today we celebrated World Teachers’ Day, a day to acknowledge the important role of educators in the lives of children. Teachers make a difference educating and inspiring the children at St Joseph’s, and we thank them for the significant contributions they make to our school community.

Celebrated in more than 100 countries world-wide, World Teachers’ Day was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994, to recognise the role of teachers in society. Internationally, World Teachers’ Day is held on 5 October, which usually falls in school holidays, so Queensland celebrates on the last Friday of October each year.

I thank all of our teaching staff for their work with our students this year and recognise their efforts as they go above and beyond what is expected to ensure the students have the diverse range of educational opportunities available to them here at St Joseph’s.

Today our students also wore red to mark Day for Daniel, to culminate our work implementing the Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum which is now compulsory in schools. Through a series of lessons, students have engaged in activities to assist them to learn how to RECOGNISE, REACT and REPORT when they are unsafe or find themselves in situations that can have a significant detrimental effect on their mind, body or emotional wellbeing. When we RECOGNISE, REACT and REPORT, we can keep ourselves safe and help keep others safe. It was wonderful to see students dressed in red today as a reminder of these important safety messages.
NORFAIR
Many thanks for the wonderful support of our Free Dress Day for NORFAIR. We raised almost $600 for the Parish Bottle Stall. Thank you for your support.

We are seeking assistance on the day of NORFAIR in a number of areas. We would appreciate assistance with setting up from 12pm or with running our stalls (Bottle Stall and selling tickets for the Amusement Rides) from 5pm – 9pm. If you are able to assist, please email the time you are available to the office at sjnm@rok.catholic.edu.au and we will add you to the roster.

DATE CLAIMER – SCHOOL DISCO
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.

EISTEDDFOD RESULTS
St Joseph’s would like to congratulate all our students who competed in the Mackay Eisteddfod. If you would like your child’s results published in the newsletter next week, please email the results to sjnm@rok.catholic.edu.au
Prep R  James Neubecker
For your excellent recount sentence about the Eisteddfod. What fantastic writing you are producing every week. Keep up the great work James.

Prep W  Gabriella Turner
For your fantastic improvement in literacy. It’s so wonderful to see you radiating with self confidence!

1B  Tyson Hatfield
For the mature way you approach all learning and always try your best. Thank you Tyson.

1E  The Whole of 1E
For your fantastic performance at the Mackay Eisteddfod. We are so proud of you all.

2D  Zoe Wardrop
For your excellent participation and leadership during all aspects of the Mackay Eisteddfod. You should be proud!

2S  Braxden Nemitz
For working diligently in all learning tasks. Thank you for your happy attitude and hard work. Well done Braxden!

3R  Nelson Eggmolesse
For the fantastic effort you put into our Eisteddfod performance on Thursday. You did a fantastic job. Well done.

3RM  Charli Borg
For being so confident in your spelling. Great work Charli.

4B  Adam Ferris
For your enthusiasm and focus during group work. Thank you Adam.

4CF  Sarah Kirkwood
For being such a terrific worker while your teacher was away on Friday. You followed directions beautifully and finished all your set tasks. Great work Sarah.

5D  Connor Doyle
For your positive and enthusiastic approach to learning and composing his poetry piece this term. Well done Connor!

5H  Dane Wilson
For the mature way you have been approaching all of your learning tasks. Keep up the wonderful effort Dane.

6B  Ethan Cocco
For the dedication and focus you bring to each dancing lesson. You are doing a fabulous job.

6GG  James Neivandt
For your enthusiastic participation in all dance lessons. Keep up the great work.
LITURGY NEWS

- 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 have been emailed. 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.
TUCKSHOP NEWS

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****PLEASE NOTE****
The tuckshop will not operate on the last week of school.

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CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

Please note that the time line for the constitution amendments is just about at a close. If you are wishing to have a look over the P and F Constitution amendments, you can read through a copy in the office or on the school website. Alternatively I can email you a copy. The meeting to finalise the Constitution will be held on Thursday 5th November at 5.45pm just prior to the usual monthly P and F meeting at 6pm.

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