Dear Parents and Friends

On Monday I had the opportunity to travel to Brisbane with Miss Bugeja, Mr Grundy and Ms Byrne to participate in school visits to two Apple Distinguished schools in the Brisbane area. Both schools demonstrated for us the impact that access to technology, and in particular one-to-one devices, can have on the teaching and learning process.

We are extremely grateful for the support of our parent community through our P and F Association, as from the beginning of next year we will have two class sets of iPads to be purchased with the assistance of a $20000 donation from the P and F, as well as additional support being provided to teachers through the introduction of an eLearning Coach to work with teachers in classrooms to integrate this technology into teaching and learning programs.

SCHOOL APP TO LAUNCH NEXT WEEK
Next week you will receive instructions on how to access our new School App which will be another way for us to communicate regularly with parents. The App will be a useful tool to access all forms of communication, with parents able to refine which messages are sent through based on relevance. Parent Lounge and Online Tuckshop ordering can also be accessed via the app. The App will be free to download and is also available via the web for those who do not have access to a smartphone or tablet. A letter outlining how to download and add St Joseph’s to the App will be sent home by Thursday next week.

NORFAIR
DISCOUNTED RIDE TICKETS AVAILABLE
NORFAIR is just around the corner! Next Friday 13 November is NORFAIR and there will be amusements for the children to enjoy, including a jumping castle, train ride and more. Rides are $5 per amusement, or you can purchase an armband which allows UNLIMITED rides on ALL amusements from 5pm – 9pm for just $15. Armbands will be on sale from the St Joseph’s School Office, 4 Canberra Street from 8am – 3.30pm from Monday 9 to Friday 13 November for a DISCOUNTED RATE of $10 if purchased prior to NORFAIR, and will also be available at NORFAIR for $15 on the night.

SCHOOL BOARD AND PARENTS AND FRIENDS
Last night our P and F met for the final time for 2016 and next Tuesday will be the final Board meeting for 2016. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all in our school community who have contributed to these two important bodies without our school. They offer significant support and provide opportunities for community engagement in future goal setting for our school. Thank you for your contributions and I look forward to our School Board and Parents and Friends Association continuing as integral groups within our school community next year.
DATE CLAIMER: Volunteer’s Luncheon – Friday 27 November at 1.30pm in the Library. Invitations will be distributed to all families next week. Your RSVP for catering purposes is appreciated.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION – REMINDER
Year 6 Graduation will be held on Tuesday 1 December commencing with Mass at 6pm. A letter requesting numbers for catering was sent home this week and numbers and full payment is required by next Tuesday 10 November. There is a planning meeting for the supper for Year 6 parents who are able to assist on Tuesday 10 November at 2.15pm in the Library.

A request was also sent to Year 5 families for assistance with serving at the supper on 1 December. Please return these slips by Tuesday 10 November so that a timetable can be distributed. Thank you for your assistance and support.

SCHOOL DISCO
Our final School Disco will be held this 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, lucky door prizes, games and competitions on the night. All money raised will be donated to support the medical costs of Miss Dixon’s sister-in-law who was recently involved in a serious car accident resulting in her being confined to a wheel chair. Your support is greatly appreciated. We look forward to a fun night for our whole school community.

Bianca Hodges
Principal

Mark Your Calendar

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
25 Carols Night 5.30pm – 7.30pm
27 Final Whole School Mass 12noon
27 Volunteers Luncheon 1.30pm in the Hall
30 Pizza Day

DECEMBER
1 Graduation Mass, 6pm – 7pm
1 Graduation Supper, From 7pm
2 Year 6 Fun Day
3 Report Cards Issued
4 End of Year Liturgy 9.30am – 10.30am
  Farewell Assembly 11.00am

PLEASE NOTE WE HAVE RECEIVED NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE OF DATE FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE 2016 SCHOOL YEAR.

SCHOOL WILL RESUME WEDNESDAY 27 JANUARY 2016
Prep R  Logan Doyle
For your excellent attitude towards giving things a go. Thank you for never giving up even when it seems so hard. Keep it up Logan.

Prep W  David Doyle
For being a wonderful role model for others and taking your responsibility very seriously. Thank you.

1B  Mitchell Ruhl
For the impressive letter writing you’ve been doing in the classroom this term. I especially enjoyed the letter you wrote to the green crayon.

1E  Layla Saunders-Dunn
For allowing your dad’s fabulous didgeridoo playing to be shared with your friends in our class. Thank you Layla.

2D  Willow Barrett
For being kind, caring and hard-working. You are always willing to help others. You are kind to everyone and you are always trying your best. Thank you Willow.

2S  Amber McCarthy
For your interesting and magical dreamtime story about the hammer-head shark. You are a fabulous writer.

3R  Tasane Chuadee
For always displaying the values of respect, service, compassion, justice and excellence. You are a fantastic role model for all those around you.

3RM  Thao Tran
For being responsible and carrying out her duties successfully. Thank you Thao.

4B  Zane Ward
For the wonderful effort and enthusiasm that you have shown towards your reading. You have improved so much and I am so proud of you!

4CF  Trey Sturgess
For the kind and caring attitude you show towards your Prep buddy during our visits. You are a great buddy!

5D  Darby Coleman
For your very creative and entertaining Quatrain poetry piece titled “Hiccups”. Well done.

5H  Oscar Tweddle
For the effort you have been putting into classroom tasks and assessments. Keep up the great work Oscar.

6B  Ryan Bundesen
For trying so hard to master fraction and decimal remainders in division. Your perseverance has been noticed.

6GG  Taylor Uriarte
For continuing to present all your written and bookwork so beautifully. It’s a pleasure marking your work.
APRE NEWS

LITURGY NEWS

- 11/11: Armistice Day liturgy 10.50am
- 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
- 1/12: Graduation Mass 6pm
- 4/12: Closing Liturgy 9.30am

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)

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.

November

Each year in November in our Church family we remember and pray for our family members and friends who have died. We celebrate two important days at the commencement of this month. On November 1st we celebrate All Saints Day and on November 2, we celebrate All Souls Day - a special day on which we remember all people who have died.

On All Saints Day we honour all the saints from the past and present who have inspired us with their love for God. Like them, we too are called to be saints in our daily lives. There are thousands and thousands of people who have been named saints by the Church because of the way they lived their lives for God.

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.

Nyomi Davidson
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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our wonderfully talented students who recently competed in the Mackay Eisteddfod. Parents have sent their children’s results to the office so we can share them with our school community. If you would like your child’s achievements published please email the details to sjnm@rok.catholic.edu.au

St Joseph’s Drama Groups
YEAR 3 & UNDER
Molly Coleman 1B
Riley Kershaw 1B
Brooklyn Swara 1B
Neve Doyle 2D
Chloe Anderson 2S
Elli Camilleri 2S
Zane Haddow 2S
Nyah Anderson 3R
Tasanee Chuadee 3R
Ruby Coleman 3R
Tahlia Grima 3R
Shelbi Heywood 3R

DRAMATIC EXCERPT YR 3 & UNDER – HIGHLY COMMENDED
PREPARED MIME GROUP YR 3 & UNDER – THIRD
YEAR 6 & UNDER
Makenzey Boyce 4B
Zuzanna Comerford 4B
Grace Nord 4B
Olivia Reid 4B
Ethan Haddow 4CF
Georgia Kershaw 4CF
Estella Martin 4CF
Sophia Algie 5D
Darby Coleman 5D
Hannah Donnelly 5D
Madison Dowden 5D
Brielle Lett 5D
Bethany Varley 5D
PREPARED MIME GROUP YR 6 & UNDER – HIGHLY COMMENDED

YEAR 6 & UNDER
Aaron Ely 5H
Liam Heywood 5H
Declan Jones 5H
Ella Parsons 5H
Jordyn Wilson 5H
Maddison Wilson 5H
Jade Haddow 6B
Jesika Lett 6B
Ashley Bessell 6GG
Isabella Dowden 6GG
Isabella Grime 6GG
James Neivandt 6GG
PREPARED MIME GROUP YR 6 & UNDER – THIRD

All year 4, 5 and 6 students listed above received THIRD in Dramatic Excerpt YR 6 & under

MATILDA RALPH
Duologue Yr 6 & Under 1st
Guitar Solo 10 years & under 1st
Prepared Mime Yr 4 2nd
Singing – Girls Solo 9 & under 3rd
Characterisations Yr 4 Highly Commended

JAMES NEIVANDT
Boy’s Singing Solo 10 years 1st
Verse Recitation Solo Yr 6 1st
Humorous Recitation Solo Yr 6 2nd
Characterisations Solo Yr 6 2nd
Prepared Mime Solo Yr 6 2nd
Duologue Yr 6 & Under
(Partnered with Isabella Dowden) 2nd
James was also the winner of the Butch Bernet Shield and Bursary for most promising performer 14 years and under.

COMMONWEALTH BANK SCHOOL BANKING
In Term 3, the Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program ran a completion for all students currently enrolled in the program. Students had to make at least 3 deposits to their account during Term 3 and points could be doubled by completing an online Money Mission.
Georgia-Rose Chambers was lucky enough to win one of the great prizes that were on offer. She won a $30 Booktopia Gift Certificate. Congratulations Georgia-Rose and keep up the great saving!
Tang Soo Do Kids
Help your child with their:
1. Coordination
2. Respect
3. Concentration
4. Behaviour
5. Fitness
... whilst having fun!

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42 yrs of training
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ST JOHN’S PARISH FAIR
SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER
COMMENCING 6PM
ST JOHN’S SCHOOL GROUNDS

- Sputnik
- Children’s Activities
- Lucky Dodger
- Home Baking
- Santa
- BBQ, Hot Chips, Pastelizes
- Donuts and Drinks
- Ham Wheel
- Meat Wheel
- Cent Sale
- Bottle Stall

St Mary’s Community Christmas Fair
Saturday 14 November 2015 6pm
Juliet Street, South Mackay

Ham Wheel
Homemade Cakes & Sweets Stall
Jumping Castles, Miniature train rides
Bottle Stall

BBQ and cold drinks
Lucky Grocery Wheel
Photos with Santa
Hot chips and snow cones