Friday, November 13, 2015

Dear Parents and Friends

On Monday night our final school disco for the year was held, with all funds raised being used to assist a local family with medical costs following a serious accident in August. I am pleased to report that we raised $800 at the disco. Thank you for your support.

Our school is a hive of activity today, with NORFAIR to be held tonight from 5pm. It is a great community event and we appreciate the support of our families for our parish events.

Next week we welcome Mrs Carmel Ryan and Mrs Kaye Beston to our school as they conduct the National School Improvement Tool process at our school, a review of the teaching and learning culture in our school. Part of this process will involve meetings with teachers, parents and students to assist us to set clear goals for the future development of our school. We welcome Carmel and Kaye to our school and look forward to sharing the results of their visit with our school community.

SCHOOL APP LAUNCHED
Yesterday instructions on how to add our School App were sent home. Over the coming weeks, new tabs will be added for each year level and the app can be refined so that you receive notifications for your child’s specific year level. We hope that this is another way to enhance our communication processes.

CAROLS NIGHT AND ARTS DISPLAY
On Wednesday 25 November we will celebrate the end of our school year with a family Carols Night and Arts Display. The evening will start with an opportunity to have a relaxed dinner and stroll through the arts display in our hall from 5pm – 6pm. The first performances of the night begin at 6pm, with each class presenting a song and the dance they have been learning in our Arts lessons this term. Tuckshop will be operating with pre-ordered pizzas on sale, as well as drinks and some snacks. A separate letter detailing the ordering procedure for pizzas will be distributed on Monday. We look forward to the opportunity for our whole school community to gather and celebrate the end of the year together.

Bianca Hodges
Principal
**NOVEMBER**

18 -20   Year 5 Camp – Action Challenge  
25   Jump Rope For Heart Jump Off  
25   Carols Night 5.00pm – 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  
   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

**Position Vacant**

St Mary’s Catholic Primary School, Mackay

**Teacher Assistant**

Commencing in January 2016 on a term time basis - applications are invited from suitably qualified and enthusiastic persons for this position. The successful applicant will have appropriate experience and an understanding of and a commitment to the ethos of Catholic education.

A Working with Children Check (WWCC) and eligibility for a Suitability Notice will also be required.

Please submit your resume via post to PO Box 4124, South Mackay QLD 4740 or email to smm@rok.catholic.edu.au

For further information, please contact:  
The Principal, Mr Michael Stewart, St Mary’s Catholic Primary School,  
Phone: (07) 4951 1743 or email smm@rok.catholic.edu.au

Applications close 3pm, Wednesday 18 November 2015

**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  Bradley Rawle  
For always being a good friend to others in Prep. Thank you for being a good role model to others.

Prep W  Kooper Stewart  
For your confidence in beginning your school journey with us at St Joseph's. It's great to have you with us!

1B  Thurston Barba  
For your fabulous participation during dance lessons with Mrs Bishop. You are a super star.

1E  Kade Jesinowski  
For demonstrating maturity and responsibility towards your work. We love it. Thank you Kade.

2D  Ailey Matheson  
For the creative and interesting ideas you have put into your dreamtime narrative writing. Great work Ailey.

2S  Isiah Rea-Bradbury  
For your intriguing dreamtime narrative about the antaline. Your writing is a pleasure to read. Keep up the brilliant work super star.

3R  Nicholas Searle  
For the excellent effort you have put into your procedural text work this term. Well done.

3RM  William Radke  
For your dedication to learning. Thank you for sharing your knowledge in such a humble way.

4B  Zoe Laffy  
For the wonderful way that you apply yourself in every task you approach.

4CF  Lachlan Power  
For your efforts during maths and literacy. I can see the improvements each day. Great work.

5D  Dustin James  
For your positive attitude and group work skills you displayed during our recent Science Days about Desert Survivors. Well done Dustin.

5H  Declan Jones  
For your excellent participation and your focus towards learning about Desert Survivors during our recent Science Days. Well done Declan.

6B  Cooper Bell  
The way you began writing your Theatre Review on The Lion King. You showed dedication and effort.

6GG  Brady Lawson  
For your terrific improvement in reading over the year. Keep up the great work.
LITURGY NEWS
- 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

MISSIONS FAIR
A big thank you to everyone for their great support of our Mini Missions Fair. We raised approximately $1200 for the Catholic Mission appeal. Well done everyone and congratulations to Year 6GG, the top money raisers who raised $234! Thank you once again.

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.

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

Nyomi Davidson
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BOOKLISTS

Booklists are now available to order online. The information needed to order is found with this newsletter. All orders must be ordered by 30th November in order to be delivered before school starts. Please note that orders are only available online and not through the school.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ORDERING PACKS ON-LINE FOR 2016

Go to www.kookaburra.com.au/login

1. Select Login to view your Account pricing. Enter username: STJOS139 and password: studentpack (lower case)
2. Click on Student Packs
3. Select your student’s year level for 2016
4. Add the quantity next to products required by your child, in the “Quantity” box.
5. When you are satisfied with your selection, click on “Add to Order” at the bottom of the page.
6. Review your selection.
7. Once you are satisfied with your order, click on “Complete Order” at the bottom of the page.
8. For your convenience your order will be shipped to your nominated daytime delivery address (signature required) Please ensure someone will be available to receive the goods at time of delivery. Enter your student details to this page before proceeding.
9. Proceed to “Payment Details”.
10. Select your payment method and proceed.
11. Click on “Submit Order”.
12. Complete all details required to finalise your order.
13. A copy of your order will be emailed to you as a receipt.
14. Your order has now been placed with Kookaburra. If you have any queries, please contact Kookaburra Customer Service Team customer.service@kookaburra.com.au

PLEASE NOTE:
* The cut-off date for all orders is 30th November, 2015 for delivery by 20th January, 2016.
* Orders received after 30th November, 2015 will be given a lower priority, and may not be received at your nominated delivery address prior to Term 1 2016. Orders will only be available for home delivery. Associated charges and fees will apply.
* Please also note that only online ordering is available after 30th November, 2015.
* Student Packs are unable to be collected from the school.
* All orders are firm sale.