Dear Parents and Friends,

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of Week 6. We have had an outstanding response to our School Review and Improvement Survey. Thank you so much for your time in providing feedback on our school and how we can continue to grow and improve. Congratulations to Year 1B, Year 4B and Year 5D who were our Pizza Party winners. They all had a great time yesterday enjoying their prize!

We will receive the feedback data from the surveys early next week and our Internal Committee for School Review and Improvement will then take some time to work this data into a report which will put forward commendations and recommendations for our school. Our Internal Committee for School Review and Improvement is made up of representatives from our administration, teaching and support staff and a parent representative from our School Board and Parents and Friends Association. The members of the Internal Committee are: Mrs Deborah Mallet, Mrs Anne Marshall, Mrs Marcelle Price, Miss Nicole Risson, Mrs Jacqueline Koelmeyer, Ms Maureen Pierpoint, Mrs Lynette Harris, Mrs Melissa Fahl, Mr Brad Kirkwood, Mrs Nyomi Davidson. We thank these people for their generous support of this process.

Parent/Teacher Interviews – Term 1
As we creep closer to the end of term, we would like to invite parents to book in time to attend Parent/Teacher interviews. We have spent some time reviewing our process for these, and this year are encouraging students to attend these interviews with parents and be part of this feedback process.

Bookings for Parent/Teacher interviews can be made through Parent Lounge. We will distribute the booking information and open the booking site on Tuesday next week. A reminder of this will be sent home on Tuesday via school stream and text.

Project Compassion Week 7
Next week our focus for Project Compassion is on the Catholic Social Teaching principle of SOLIDARITY.

“Everyone belongs to one human family, regardless of their differences. We should do what we can to make life better for our brothers and sisters around the world.”

The Student Representative Council’s focus fundraising activity next week will be an Art project. Students can bring in a $1 donation to create a dot painting which will be laminated and sent home for use as a bookmark. This activity will run during lunchtime on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week and all students are invited to participate. Your support of Project Compassion is greatly appreciated.

Parents and Friends – AGM Postponed
Due to the weather, we had to postpone our Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting that was to be held last night. It will now be held on Thursday 10 March at 6.30pm in the Library. All are welcome to attend.

Bianca Hodges
Principal
March

- 4  Final Day for S R & I Survey
- 8  Board Meeting, 6pm – 7pm
- 10 P&F AGM, 6pm – 7pm
- 14 Swimming Carnival – Pioneer Pool
- 18  St Joseph’s Feast Day Mass/Liturgy
- 22 Parent Teacher Interviews
- 24  End Term 1

APRE NEWS

LITURGY NEWS

17/3: St Patrick’s Day Liturgy – SRC
18/3: Feast Day Liturgy/ Mass – 5D
22/3: Palm Sunday Liturgy – Prep R
23/3: Last Supper Liturgy – 2D
24/3: Stations of the Cross- 9.15am. (Whole school liturgy)

PRAYERS PLEASE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sister Pat Hayes RSM.
We pray that God will comfort Sr Pat’s family and colleagues and give them peace in this time of sadness.

*Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord,*
*may perpetual light shine upon her*
*may she rest in peace. Amen.*

PARISH NEWS - 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

At the invitation of Pope Francis we will celebrate 24 Hours for the Lord beginning around 5 pm on Friday 4 March until 5 pm Saturday 5 March. The programme is:

- St Brendan’s Church 5 pm – 9pm, 4 March
- St Joseph’s Church 9 pm, 4 March – 5 am, 5 March
- St Brigid’s Church 5 am – 5 pm, 5 March

Rosters are available this weekend to put your names down to spend time with the Merciful Lord. It would be very much appreciated if you are able to respond to this invitation.

Year of Mercy Reflection from Pope Francis:

Let us ask the Lord, each of us, for eyes that know how to see beyond appearance; ears that know how to listen to cries, whispers, and also silence; hands able to support, embrace and minister. Most of all, let us ask for a great and merciful heart that desires the good and salvation of all. www.jyofmercycdr.org.au

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held at St Joseph’s Church on the following Wednesdays: 2, 9, 16 March at 7.00pm.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - Family Workshop

Sunday 6th March St Joseph’s School Hall or
Wednesday 9th March St Joseph’s School Hall
SCHOOL FEES

Toward the end of 2015 we had a system upgrade and Parent Codes changed. All families were sent a letter to advise of your new parent code. If you pay your school fees via direct debit to your account, can you please ensure your reference number is now your 6 digit parent code.

If you need your new parent code please contact the office.

Term 1 fees were sent via email last week and are due 10th March.

Please contact the office if you did not receive your invoice.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

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***PLEASE NOTE***

At the end of Term 1 we will stop using FLEXISCHOOLS and will change to OUR ONLINE CANTEEN to reduce the fees charged to our families. A brochure with instructions on how to register will be sent home before the end of term. If you have a credit with FLEXISCHOOLS please try to use it before the end of the term. Any monies not used will be refunded. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

SPEECH & DRAMA

Drama enrolments 2016

If your child is interested in learning all the aspects of performing, miming and improvisation skills as well as developing strong communication and building confidence, then Drama is for them! Enrolments are now open for extra-curricular drama lessons starting in term 2. The children will also have the opportunity to perform in the Mackay Eisteddfod. You can find enrolments forms at the school office. Please have them returned to school by Monday the 14th March. Please return forms ASAP as numbers are limited.

Eleanor Woodman
Prep R  Logan Doyle
   For being such a terrific helper when your friends need you. You are showing others just how thoughtful you can be. Keep it up Logan.

Prep W  Chelsea Webb
   For always trying to do your best and helping others along the way. Your beautiful smile lights up our class.

1B  Jenny Xuan
   For the pride you take in your written work. Your writing is very neat and all your letters are formed correctly. Well done.

1K  Cody Doneley
   For super number work and showing good understanding of tens and ones.

2R  Isabella Whitmore
   For always trying your best and working hard to complete all of your work. Well done and keep up the hard work.

2S  Layla Saunders-Dunn
   For your excellent descriptive paragraph about Search and Rescue Dogs. Your writing is very impressive.

3D  Chloe Anderson
   For consistently coming to school ready to learn with a smile on your face. You make our room a safe and happy place.

3BM  Oliver Pinnington
   For having such an enthusiastic attitude towards your learning this week. It’s been great to see you setting goals for yourself and trying your best in all that you do. What a great week you’ve had.

4B  Ishka Shepherd
   For your mature approach towards your learning. Thank you for setting a great example for your peers.

4P  Balin Tweddle
   For your generous and compassionate response to this week’s prayer and your kind contribution to Project Compassion.

5D  Melody Utana
   For working very hard to improve with her Rapid Recall results. I’m so proud of your effort.

5S  Rhys Thompson
   For putting in your best effort towards literacy rotation activities. Keep up the great work Rhys.

6B  Camilla Rengifo-Giron
   For presenting such beautiful cursive handwriting. Your work is a pleasure to correct.

6GG  Elijah Hansen
   For listening well, working well and acting responsibly always.
HOCKEY 2016

Due to the weather forecast for the weekend it has been decided that we will postpone all under 7 & 9 games tomorrow. They are looking at organising a “Fun Day” later in the season to catch this game up.

Mackay School Hockey Draw
Saturday - 5th March 2016

U11 Boys
St. Joseph’s v St. Francis 10:30am Turf
Can all boys please be there by 9:45am so I can organise positions before the game.

NETBALL

Under 11 St Joeys Topaz
Training Thursday 3:15 – 4:15
Grading days Saturday 12th and 19th March (Draw still to come)
Games commence Saturday 16th April

Under 10 St Joeys Diamonds
Training Thursday 3:15 – 4:15 commencing 10th March
Games commence Saturday 16th April

Under 9 St Joeys Rubies
Training Wednesday 3:15 – 4:15 commencing TBA
Games commence Saturday 16th April

Mackay Netball Association Working Bee
Saturday 27th Feb 2016 7:00am – 9:00am
Each club is required to provide at least two (2) volunteers
Breakfast will be provided on the day
Please text Susan Viero 0407255324 if you are available

PREP ENROLMENTS - 2017

We are now taking enrolments for 2017. If you have a child due to commence Prep next year (born between 1 July, 2011 and 31 July 2012) please complete an enrolment form and return it to the office. If you do not have an enrolment form package please download one from the school website or collect one from the school office.

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN MACKAY & DISTRICT

This year we celebrate 150 years of the Catholic Church in Mackay and district. Bishop Michael McCarthy will lead us in the celebration of a Mass of Thanksgiving held on Sunday 22nd May at St Patrick’s Church at 11am. Following Mass you are invited to a BYO picnic lunch in the grounds of St Patrick’s College to continue the celebration. (Tea, coffee and cold drinks provided)
From Friday 20 May through to Sunday 22 May there will be a display in St Patrick’s Hall, acknowledging the gift of the Church within our community. Parishes and organisations from across the region have been invited to contribute to this display which will be open to the public.

The following groups have been invited to contribute. If you are aware of a group that has been overlooked please email details of that group to stjomky@bigpond.com or stmarys@mackay.net.au

- **Parishes**: Parish priests, administrators, & assistants; Parish Offices, Parish Councils.
- **All Catholic Primary & Secondary Schools**: Co-ordinator of Catechists, Society of Jesus, RCIA co-ordinators
- **Religious Orders**: Sisters of Mercy, Christian Brothers, Sisters of St Joseph, Franciscan Sisters, Missionary Sisters of Service, Presentation Sisters, Marist Sisters
- **Health & Aged Care**: Mater Hospital, Francis of Assisi Aged Care Home, SVDP, Centre Care, Towards Healing, Care of the Environment, Care & Concern Grp St Joseph’s,
- **Organisations and Groups**: CWL, Men Alive, Cherish Life, Natural Fertility Service, Catholic Deb Ball, Catholic Men’s Dinner
- **Prayer Groups**: Charismatic Prayer Group, Christian Meditation Group, El Shaddai, Couples for Christ, Padre Pio Group
- **Indigenous Groups**: Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islanders, South Sea Islanders
- **Ethnic Groups**: Maltese, Italian, Filipino, Indian, Irish

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**Position Vacant**
St John’s Catholic Primary School, Walkerston

**Tuckshop Co-ordinator**

Commencing in 11 April 2016 on a term time basis (approximately 8 HPW), 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.

Application packages can be obtained from the School Office, St John’s Catholic Primary School, 23 Creek Street, Walkerston QLD 4751.

Please include with your application package a letter of expression of interest and a current CV.

For further information, please contact:
The Principal, Mr Nathaniel Rice, St John’s Catholic Primary School, Walkerston phone: 07 4959 2445 or email: sjrc@skok.catholic.edu.au

Applications close 3pm, Monday 7 March 2016.