Dear Parents and Friends,

This week has seen the meeting of two key parent groups within our school – our Parents and Friends Association and our School Board. Both of these groups offer important avenues for parents to take an active interest in the learning of your child and to be engaged in decision making for future school improvement.

Parent engagement is being positively involved and active in your child’s learning. Your attitudes, values and behaviours can positively influence your child’s education outcomes. We know that parents, families and carers are some of the most important influences on a child’s education. When you are positively engaged in your child’s education, they are more likely to attend and perform better at school.

Effective parent and family engagement in education is more than just participation in school meetings and helping with fundraising, it is actively engaging with your child’s learning, both at home and at school. When schools and families work together, children do better and stay in school longer.

You can support your child to get the most out of their schooling. The earlier you become engaged, the better it is for your children. Parent engagement is associated with improvements across a range of indicators, including:

- better education outcomes
- enhanced engagement with school work
- more regular school attendance
- better behaviour
- and increased social skills.

While it’s important to stay informed and be involved in school activities where possible, there are also lots of things you can do at home which can help your child to do better at school:

- Have high yet achievable expectations of your child.
- Talk regularly about school and the value of learning.
- Encourage positive attitudes and respect for school and teachers.
- Model the behaviours you would like to see in your child.

Other things you can do which have also been shown to have a positive impact are to:

- Read out loud with your child and listen to your child read out loud.
- Talk and ask about what they are learning.
- Ask what was and was not fun at school.
- Help them to develop strong work habits.

One of the most effective ways parents and families can help children to do better at school is to make sure they go to school every day. School attendance has a major influence on educational outcomes. Students who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve better results at school.
and are more likely to complete their schooling. It is important that students are at school for the start of each day, so that they settle for the day well and engage in life-skill building daily routines.

At our P and F Meeting last night, we farewelled Nyomi Davidson as P and F President. I would like to extend my thanks to Nyomi for her enthusiasm and dedicated efforts as the President of our P and F. We welcome Laura Linneweber and Melissa Pimm as our new co-Presidents of the P and F until our AGM in March 2018.

Next year we will also be looking to welcome new members to our School Board for the 2018 school year. If you are interested in find out more about our School Board and how you could get involved, please contact the School Office.

**STUDENT PROTECTION PROCESSES**

The *Student Protection Processes and Student Protection Guidelines* for all Catholic Schools (Diocese of Rockhampton) have been updated and copies are available in the school office and also in the library. The revised *Student Protection Processes and Student Protection Guidelines* are now available on the Catholic education website [www.rok.catholic.edu.au](http://www.rok.catholic.edu.au) and via our school website.

**GET SET FOR SCHOOL SUCCESS IN 2018**

As Queensland parents start enrolling their kids and pre-teens in kindy, prep and Year 7, it's also a perfect time for them to come along to a Triple P – Positive Parenting Program session - and it's surprisingly good fun! It's a chance to meet other parents, share experiences, and realise that family life can be challenging for every parent at times. There are more than 70 Triple P Seminars, Discussion Groups and Group sessions running between now and October.

It's easy to let parents and carers of children know what sessions they can choose from by referring them to [http://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/qld-uken/find-help/check-our-calendar/](http://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/qld-uken/find-help/check-our-calendar/)

The message above is for principals. We would also ask that you include the following message for parents in your school's newsletter:

**To set your child/teen up for school success…**

…ever thought about doing Triple P? It could be as simple as coming along to a 90 minute seminar, one-off discussion group, or group program. The Triple P – Positive Parenting Program can give you the tools to help your kids do better at school, make friends and succeed in life.

Choose from more than 70 Triple P Seminars, Groups and Discussion Groups running between now and October. There are morning, lunchtime and evening sessions as well as Triple P Online and Teen Triple P Online for those who can't make it in person.

Join the thousands of Queensland parents discovering that doing Triple P isn't just about picking up tips and strategies that really work – it's a chance to meet other parents and share experiences.

To register for a seminar near you, go to:

**PREP TRANSITION VISITS AND ORIENTATION DAY 2018**

In preparation for joining our school in 2018, we are inviting new and prospective students to join us for Prep Transition Visits between now and the end of the school year. These sessions are offered to give your children the opportunity to become familiar with their new school and to meet some of the children who will be in Prep in 2018. Parents are required to stay with the children for these sessions. Tea and coffee will be provided so you can mingle and meet new parents while the children are kept busy. The visit dates are listed below and run from 9.30 – 10.30am:
Visit 1 – Thursday 24 August: Visit the library during Book Week celebrations
Visit 2 – Thursday 14 September: Visit Prep playground for some fun outside doing Maths alfresco
Visit 3 – Thursday 26 October: Visit the Prep classrooms for some fun inside doing Literacy activities.

PREP ORIENTATION DAY - Thursday 9 November (Week 6, Term 4)
9am – 11am
Children will have an opportunity to work with the Prep teachers while we hold a parent information session detailing the Prep Program for 2018. On this day you will receive an orientation pack with all of the information required for Prep 2018, including uniforms, booklists and start of year procedures.

Bianca Hodges
Principal

St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School

Invites PARENTS to a free
Cybersafety Workshop

On Tuesday 29 August from 6-7pm
at St Joseph’s Catholic School Hall, 4 Canberra Street
Presented by Brett Lee

Iness Creator Brett Lee

Brett Lee has been personally involved in the online investigation, arrest and prosecution of numerous offenders, whose medium for preying on children is the internet. Further to this, Brett has completed the FBI Advanced Internet Investigator's Course and has worked with the FBI Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, California USA, the Department of Homeland Security Cyber Crimes Centre, Virginia USA and the San Jose Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, California USA

The session will focus on equipping parents with protective and preventative measures relating to online activity and use of technology and devices, social networking, instant messaging and communication, cyberbullying and sexting.

DATE CLAIMER

AUGUST

14-16 Year 6 Camp
21-25 Book Week
29 Cyber Safety Parent Information Session – Brett Lee
29 Father’s Day Stall
31 P & F Meeting
**SEPTEMBER**

1  Father’s Day Liturgy and Sports Afternoon  
5  Parent Teacher Interviews  
15 Last Day Term 3

**APRE NEWS**

**LITURGY NEWS:**

Friday Mass is celebrated each Friday at 12 noon. You are most welcome to join with us in celebrating Eucharist with Father Stephen.
1/9: Father’s Day Liturgy  
15/9: Mercy Liturgy (2W & 2R leading)

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**

![SACRAMENTAL PROCESS 2017/2018](image)

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

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Book week is coming and tuckshop is doing a 'Continents' themed menu.

Tuckshop Menu for BOOK WEEK
WEDNESDAY 23RD AUGUST

North America  -  Hotdog – mustard, cheese, tomato & bacon
South America  -  Chicken kebabs
Asia          -  Chicken or Beef pot noodles
Antarctica    -  Icy cups
Africa        -  Savoury mince roll
              -  Gluten Free Savoury mince and rice
Australia     -  Bushman’s meat pie
Europe        -  Lasagne
              -  Gluten Free Lasagne

Please make sure you order online by the 23rd to avoid disappointment.

Thanks
Jess

With thanks
Jess  0401508029

NETBALL

Netball Draw Saturday 12th August 2017

Junior Grand Finals
U12D
Saturday 8:30 am – St Joseph’s Topaz vs MKY Nth State School Crt 5

HOCKEY

Hockey Draw – 12th August 2017

U7
St Joseph’s  v  Emmanuel Gold  8:00am  Field 3B

U9
Joey’s MacK  v  St Francis  8:00am  Field 7B

U11 Boys
Joey’s West  v  Emmanuel  8:55am  Field 2

Good luck to our U11 Joey’s West team playing in their Semi Final, play hard and see you in next weeks Preliminary Final

EMMANUEL KINDERGARTEN – MOUNT PLEASANT

Emmanuel Kindergarten in Mount Pleasant is now taking enrolments for 2018.
The Kindergarten runs a 5 day fortnight program with qualified teachers who provide a nurturing environment with a high quality, play based, educational curriculum.
If you would like to have a tour of the Kindergarten, or receive an expression of interest form, please contact us at the Kindy.

Emmanuel Kindergarten
32A Tolcher Street
Mt Pleasant
Ph: 4942 0452
Email: enm_elc@rok.catholic.edu.au
**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

SCHOOL PHOTOS School Photos were delivered to the school last week
Please find below a message from advancedlife photographers in relation to group photographs:


School co-curricular group photographs were taken recently. These groups include sports/school captains, sporting groups, whole of Year 6 and school choir. These group images are now available for purchase at the advancedlife ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL Community Portal. Simply follow the link above or click order now to go directly to your community portal. Important Information: Group photos can only be purchased online: DO NOT return payment to school. Photos will be returned to your school for distribution approximately six weeks after photos are ordered
Past years' photographs are also available at your school's advancedlife & your advancedyou photo sites (follow the link above)

Advancedlife would like to express our appreciation to St Joseph's Catholic Primary School for placing your trust in us. Please remember we offer a 100% money back guarantee on our products to ensure your peace of mind. We would also love to receive your feedback or resolve any issues you may experience as fast as possible, to ensure your satisfaction. If you have any questions, comments or feedback relating to your advancedlife experience please contact us at enquiries@advancedlife.com.au

**UNWELL STUDENTS**

We have a number of children unwell this term. If children are unwell through the night or before school, please keep them at home until they recover. We fully appreciate that parents don't wish their children to miss school, but many illnesses are easily passed on between children and spread quickly. Please keep the wellbeing of other children in mind when deciding whether or not to send ill children to school.

**FLU SEASON REMINDER**

As you are aware every year Queensland experiences an influenza or flu season. As we enter this season it is a good time to remind parents and care-givers not to be complacent about the flu. The flu is a virus more serious than the common cold and can be spread through talking, coughing and sneezing. Symptoms include sudden fever, dry cough, muscle aches and pains, fatigue, headache, sore throat and a stuffy or runny nose. If your child has flu-like symptoms, the following is advised:

- Keep your child home from school;
- Ensure your child washes their hands regularly with soap and water or sanitiser gel;
- Encourage your children when coughing or sneezing, to cover their mouth and nose with disposable tissues which should be disposed of immediately;
- Ensure they drink plenty of fluids and get lots of rest;
- Consult your doctor if you are concerned about their symptoms.

The school requests that anyone displaying flu-like symptoms stay at home until such symptoms have passed. Families should also reinforce the recommended protective actions listed above. Increased awareness and ongoing attention to prevention and control measures, such as vaccination and good hygiene, are steps that we can all promote to reduce the impact of influenza.
Prep R  Scarlette Arthy
  For the amazing improvements in your writing. It’s great to see you applying the sounds you know in your writing. Well done Scarlette!

Prep W  Ella Browning
  For your confidence as a reporter during investigations time. I really enjoyed watching you write your report using letters. Well done!

1M  Bryton Whittaker
  For the impressive work you’ve been doing in daily 5 this term. You are a ‘word family’ superstar! Well done!

1SE  James Kay
  For the way you treat your classmates with great kindness. You are always willing to help others. Thank you, James!

2R  Daniel Giuelli
  For consistently displaying the value of respect. It is lovely to see that you are always ready to learn and participate in all lessons with enthusiasm. Well done, Daniel.

2W  James Neubecker
  For the compassion, resilience and bravery you show to all – you are my inspiration. Keep being you!

3D  Molly Coleman
  For the wonderful effort you have been putting into your school work. You’ve been adding thoughtful ideas to our discussions and have been giving every task 100%. Keep up the fabulous work Molly!

3PF  Kahli Moore
  For displaying the value of excellence at all times. Thank you for always putting in your best effort with everything you do.

4B  Ella Weston
  For your consistently fabulous Rapid Recall results. Your speed and accuracy is excellent.

4P  Jeremiah Breen
  For your imaginative ideas in writing. Your ideas engage the reader and lead to an exciting story. Keep up the great work, Jeremiah.

5D  Joel Goods
  For your focussed approach towards your work this week. It was great to see you engaged an interacting during learning discussions as well as showing pride in your completed work. Awesome work Joel!

5H  Daniel Harris
  For your consistent hard work in reading groups. You have been working very hard to ensure that your answers are thoughtful and reflective. Thank you, Daniel.

6GG  Anna Zhang
  For excellent use of figurative language in your fantasy character description. You are very talented.

6H  Jai Ison
  For the effort you have been putting in to your handwriting and work this term. Enthusiasm and drive are amazing tools for life. Well done Jai.
WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school – and all we need you, your grandparents, aunties, uncles, friends and neighbours to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.