



Friday, 29th March 2019

Dear Parents and Friends

Tomorrow night we will be hosting our annual Trivia Night. Events such as these, coordinated by our parent body, create opportunities for our school community to gather and socialise, as well as raise funds for much needed projects that enhance our school and its resources. These projects would not be possible to achieve without the generous support of our parents and wider community.

The organising committee have worked hard to put together a great night for our community and I would like to thank them for their efforts. Our trivia night has also been well supported by the following generous sponsors:

- SPOTS Mackay
- Empire Wealth Solutions
- Dr Nicole Higgins
- Funk It Up
- Ski & Sea Safe Boat Training
- Simon Waddington Builders
- Sapphire Financial Services
- Claydon Panel Works
- Kevin's Place
- Matheson Plastering
- Harris Industrial Services
- Alcorns Bakery

I would like to extend my thanks on behalf of our school community for the support of these local businesses.

It's not too late to book a last minute table! Contact our office to secure your place.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS – CROSS COUNTRY AND ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

CROSS COUNTRY

Cross country will be held on Monday at the Gooseponds for students from Years 4 – 6. However, only students who are 10 – 12 years are eligible for selection for Southern Suburbs.

Cross Country will go ahead regardless of weather conditions on Monday due to Southern Suburbs being held in Week 1 next term. If we have wet conditions, students are encouraged to wear their sports uniform and change into their formal uniform after the event.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL – CANCELLED THURSDAY 4 APRIL

Due to current weather conditions and the suitability of the grounds for track and field events, we have made the decision to cancel the Athletics Carnival on Thursday 4 April next week, and we will reschedule this whole school event to later in Term 2 when we have more suitable weather conditions.

However, we still need to finalise our nominations for Southern Suburbs by the end of this term!! **So, we will still hold our event on Tuesday next week to complete the following events which will be to finalise the nominations for Southern Suburbs only.** When we hold the full carnival in Term 2, we will finalise Age Champions and house points based on events on that day. Results from 200m, 800m, 1500m and discus will be kept and added to results of events held at the full carnival in Term 2.

Events to be held on Tuesday 2 April will be:

10 – 12 years 100m, 200m, 800m (at North Mackay oval from 9am)

Return to school for lunch

10 – 12 years Shotput, long jump, high jump field events (at St Joseph's School)

Student results from this day will be used to finalise nominations for Southern Suburbs only. At our full school Athletics Carnival in Term 2, Age Champions points will be awarded based on repeat field events, sprints and relays, and existing results from 200m, 800m, 1500m and discus from Tuesday 2 April.

The date for Term 2 will be advised as soon as possible.

WOOLWORTHS JUNIOR LANDCARE GRANT

We've been successful with our application for a Woolworths Junior Landcare Grant for our project, Sustainable Waste Management!

GREAT NEWS

**We've just been awarded
a Woolworths Junior
Landcare Grant!**



St Joseph's is one of 538 primary schools and early learning centres throughout Australia receiving a Woolworths Junior Landcare grant to help grow our next generation of environmental champions.

The grants are being funded with money made from the sale of the Woolworths recyclable Bag for good™ which was launched in 2018 when the supermarket stopped using single-use plastic bags.

The children and teachers are looking forward to working and learning from this project and we'll keep you updated on the results.

[Click on](#) the Woolworths Junior Landcare Grant map to read about our project and others.

<https://landcareaustralia.org.au/woolworthsgrants/maps/detail.php?id=map&school=St>

PROJECT COMPASSION – FREE DRESS DAY AND DISCO, 'CHICKITAS' and EASTER RAFFLE

Week 10 will be our final week of Project compassion where we will hold two events - 'Chickitas' and an in-school-time disco. 'Chickitas' encourages us to come together as a community to support others who are less fortunate than ourselves by providing a sustainable food source for a family or community in need. We ran this program with great success in 2015/2016 and would love to reach

our goal of 100 chickens this year. Each chicken costs \$5. For the \$5 donation, each student receives a certificate of appreciation, they get to place a virtual chicken on our fundraising wall in the library and they get to nominate a teacher to go in the draw to wear the infamous CHICKEN SUIT on Friday of Week 10 during our disco. The (un)lucky teacher who is drawn will have to don the suit and do the chicken dance in front of the children at assembly (and there may even be an added element of slime this year)! These chickens make great Easter presents to friends and family, knowing that you have helped to secure a sustainable food source for a family in need, and the certificates can be given as a gift. 'Chickitas' starts on Monday of Week 10, with chickens on sale from the library before school and at lunchtime!

We will hold a disco in the final session on the last day of term, Friday 5 April. Students can come dressed in free dress and bring along a gold coin donation. We will have drinks and snacks on sale in the tuckshop also. Our Easter Raffle will be drawn during the disco – tickets can still be purchased next week for 50c from your classroom teacher. Your support of the efforts of our Student Representative Council during Project Compassion has been greatly appreciated. We thank you for your continued generosity.

Bianca Hodges
Principal

DATE CLAIMER



All events for the school year can be found on our website calendar. www.sjnmrok.catholic.edu.au

MARCH

30 TRIVIA NIGHT

APRIL

1 Cross Country: 10 – 12 years
2 School Board Meeting
5 Holy Week Liturgy 12 – 1pm
Project Compassion Disco 1.30pm – 3.00pm

APRE NEWS



Term 1 Week 9

Important Dates

Sun 24 March 10.00am

Confirmation Family
Workshop
OR

Wed 27 March 7.00pm

Confirmation Family
Workshop

Sat/Sun 27/28 April

Rite of Enrolment (Eucharist)

Sat/Sun 4/5 May

Children's Liturgy

Sat/Sun 18/19 May

Children's Liturgy

Sun 19 May 10.00am

Family Workshop (Eucharist)
OR

Wed 22 May 7.00pm

Family Workshop (Eucharist)



Project Compassion 2019 – HOPE 3rd week of Lent

Those of us who live on the land, in the food-producing areas of our country, know only too well the importance of reliable water sources. It is clear that our climate is changing, and the effects of this change are being felt across the globe. Pope Francis reminds us that "We need to see that what is at stake is our own dignity. Leaving an uninhabitable planet to future generations is, first and foremost, up to us. (Laudato Si' #160)" We are all part of the solution to this problem.

The readings invite us to ponder the sublime mystery that God is present with us in all the events of life as we reshape into God's own image the gift of creation freely bestowed on us.

This week, we focus on Peter from the Solomon Islands where, surrounded by water, it is proving increasingly difficult to obtain clean drinking water for the local community. Groundwater sources at Peter's boarding school have dried up and rainfall is too unpredictable to rely on. Water in surrounding wells and boreholes often made students sick and time spent walking to collect water has a ripple effect of decreased school attendance. The long daily walks in search of water each day have been particularly challenging for Peter, who has a disability and walks with the aid of a stick.

However, Peter's school community, along with Caritas and its partners, have worked together to build a reliable water system. Everyone gave 100%. Staff and students at the school dug trenches, carried equipment and helped to develop a water management plan, while Caritas and its partners provided a water tank, pump, technical advice and staff for the project.

Peter now looks with hope towards a future where he can easily access clean water when he needs it and he can focus on his education and achieve his dreams.

Peter says, "I would like to thank the people of Australia and hope for Caritas to do more things for us, for our school." However, there is still much to be done, with taps, toilets, water and sanitation hardware still in great need at the school, and basic water access is still lacking in many other schools.

Our shared humanity demands that we work to ensure that all of us are provided with the basic needs for life. Pope Francis writes "Our world has a grave social debt towards the poor who lack access to drinking water, because they are denied the right to a life consistent with their inalienable dignity. (Laudato Si' #30)"

You can also find out more about Peter's story on the Caritas website or how you can fundraise and get involved. Go to <http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion>

Peter is giving 100%, will you? Hope starts with your support. Thank you.

HOCKEY DRAW

Friday 29th March

U7s

St Joeys Green Vs Eimeo Rd
4.00pm Field T1

St Joeys Gold Vs West Tigers
4.00pm Field T2

U9s

St Joeys Vs Eimeo Green
4.30pm Field T2

Saturday 30th March

U11 Boys

FitzJoeys Vs St Francis
8.40am TURF

U11 Girls

FitzJoeys Vs St Francis
10.00am TURF

TUCKSHOP NEWS

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL has been cancelled due to wet weather. All orders will be refunded through Quickcliq.

Tuckshop will run as normal next week, Wednesday- Friday.

VOLUNTEERS

Wednesday 3 rd April	N/A
Thursday 4 th April	N/A
Friday 5 th April	Anna Deguara, Stephanie Ferris
HOMEBAKE ROSTER	
Chocolate Slice	NONE REQUIRED
Pikelets	NONE REQUIRED

With thanks

Jessica Jackson-Gee

2020 PREP ENROLMENTS

Enrolments for Prep are currently being taken for the 2020 school year. If you have a child due to commence Prep next year born July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015 please complete an enrolment form available from the school office or download from the school's website. When returning the enrolment form, please ensure there is a certified copy of your child's birth certificate, baptismal certificate & immunisation records. It is essential that we have our current families accounted for so that we know the number of places available for new families.

We need to sight the original birth certificate or have a certified copy please.

Mackay Hospital and Health Service

Mackay Oral Health Services – School Dental Service

Dear Parents,



The School Dental Service is now offering services to students enrolled at your school. Medical/Consent forms will be sent home and need to be fully completed and returned to the school office by **Friday, 5th April 2019**.

The school Dental Service will contact the parent/guardian to make an appointment at
North Mackay School Dental Clinic, Harvey Street.

If you have any enquiries please phone **49514241**

A Parent/Guardian must transport and accompany their child to all appointments at this clinic.

For further information on this service, please visit our website:
<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/oralhealth/services/school.asp>





Prep J Owen Cox

For your excellence in activities involving sorting of materials and pictures. You were able to explain the differences between the groups.

Prep W Emelia King

For working hard to exercise self-control, patience and good listening skills. By doing this, you are demonstrating Excellence, Respect and Justice. Great job Emelia!

1M Madalyn Crimmin

For being a happy and friendly addition to 1M. You show respect and kindness to all you meet. Thank you for always being willing to help others!

1B Alma Aneesh

For her consistent courteous and respectful nature in and out of the classroom. Keep up the fantastic effort Alma!

2WE Lena Zahra

For always being an excellent role model! You treat everyone with Respect and Compassion and you demonstrate Justice when you treat others fairly. You have taken responsibility for your learning and always do your best. You are awesome.

2J Millie Midgley

Your beautiful nature and kindness is always appreciated in 2J. Thank you for always using your smile to light up the classroom.

3C William Peters

For an awesome effort with your 'show don't tell' descriptive writing!

3PM Bryton Whittaker

For showing excellence with your reading this week. You read with great pace and fluency. Well done!

4B Ryan Higgins

For the enthusiasm and motivation you have demonstrated while working on your Oral Presentation. Keep up the good work.

4HP Lauren Feters

For your consistent effort and hard work in all tasks. Your quiet persistence and willing participation in all lessons are wonderful examples for your peers. Thank you.

5D Madeleine Searle

For the positive attitude you display in class with your friends, teachers and the way you complete your work. It is wonderful to witness your willingness to do your best on a daily basis. Keep up the fabulous effort Madeleine!

5N Tyson Hatfield

For being a wonderful role model to your peers while having a relief teacher. You demonstrated great manners, cooperation and responsibility and I am very grateful to receive such wonderful reports about you. Thank you!

6GG Willow Barrett

For being a quiet achiever who always shows respect for others and works to the best of your ability!

6R Sophie Blanchfield

For the inquiring and positive way you are approaching your daily tasks. I am pleased with the way you ask questions and participation in class discussions to expand your understanding of what we are learning. Keep it up Sophie!

SCHOOL FEES

OVERDUE
Please Pay

To date, we still have a large number of families who have outstanding school fees.

If you are experiencing difficulties or wish to discuss payment options PLEASE CONTACT DI WILSON on 49573355.

LOST PROPERTY

Parents are reminded to check our lost property box, located in the Admin office. There are numerous items including water bottles, plasticware, hats and jumpers. All items not claimed before the end of Term will be disposed of.



**JOIN US FOR OUR
YEAR 6 VISIT TO HSC
INTRODUCTION TO HIGH SCHOOL**

Tuesday, 30 April 2019

Holy Spirit College supports students transitioning from Primary School to Secondary School with our Year 6 Visit Day. Students from Emmanuel, MacKillop, St Brendan's and St Joseph's Catholic Primary Schools will experience a regular school day at HSC by participating in some exciting classes throughout the day. (Students will be transported by bus to and from HSC.)

WHAT TO BRING

Small backpack Water Bottle Hat Enclosed leather shoes Pens/Colours	LUNCH AND AFTERNOON TEA WILL BE PROVIDED. Students with dietary requirements are encouraged to pack their own lunch.
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For more information, please contact the College Office
admin@hsc.qld.edu.au • 07 4969 2600



**Year 7 in 2020
Information Evening**

Thursday 2nd May 2019, 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Family Fun Activities • Sausage Sizzle Provided



**PEACE AND UNITY
HOLY SPIRIT COLLEGE**

 Catholic Education
Diocese of Rockhampton

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Junior Secondary Years 7 - 9
Senior Secondary Years 10 - 12

In One Spirit... we welcome • we nurture • we excel