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CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

*With Christ We Grow*

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***Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019***

Dear Parents and Friends,

On Sunday we have the opportunity to celebrate our mothers. Mothers play a crucial role in the lives of their children and with motherhood comes great responsibility. One of the most meaningful roles that a mother plays is the role of nurturer. This word is sometimes used synonymously with the word "mother". Through our mothers' love, we learn to love, and we feel God's love more profoundly.

All mothers, and those who take on the role of mother, deserve a day of recognition for the unending love they demonstrate for their children, raising us through difficult times and constantly guiding and loving us. Mother's Day is an opportunity for us to show our gratitude and our respect for this challenging role.

At our Board meeting this week, we had an interesting discussion on media stories this week of some Australian schools reportedly cancelling Mother's Day celebrations in an effort to ensure inclusivity and diversity. But inclusivity and diversity are not taught by exclusion. All students should be encouraged to celebrate those who love and raise them. It is true that some students may feel sadness because of the loss of a parent, the loss of parental involvement or contact, or other complicated reasons that impede on this important relationship. But our children are not entering a world that will protect them from every uncomfortable experience. Our role isn't to shield them, but rather help them learn to deal with their feelings healthily.

Let us learn from our own mother the lessons of courage, strength and hope modelled for us by Mary. Mothers play a divine role not only in our lives, but also in our society and in the world.

Wishing all of the women in our school community who play an important role in nurturing children, a very Happy Mother's Day.

Bianca Hodges  
Principal



# DATE CLAIMER



## MAY

- 14-16 NAPLAN testing
- 18&19 Children's Liturgy
- 19 Family Workshop – Eucharist 10.00am
- 20 Pizza & Subway Day
- 22 Family Workshop – Eucharist 7.00pm
- 27-29 Book Fair
- 28 McDonalds Math
- 29 School Photos

## APRE NEWS

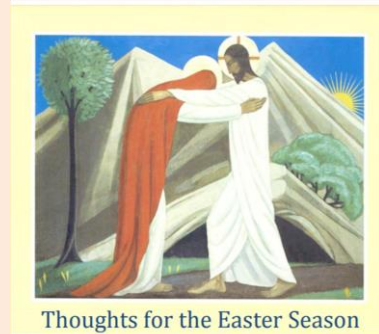
### Term 2 Week 3

### *Important Dates*

**Sat/Sun 18/19 May**  
**Sun 19 May 10.00am**

**Wed 22 May 7.00pm**  
**Sat/Sun 1/2 Jun**  
**Fri 7 Jun**  
**Sun 9 Jun**  
**Sun 9 Jun**

**Children's Liturgy**  
**Family Workshop (Eucharist)**  
**OR**  
**Family Workshop (Eucharist)**  
**Children's Liturgy**  
**Whole School Mass 9.30am**  
**Pentecost Sunday (End of Easter)**  
**Family preparation day (Eucharist)**  
**2-5pm**



Thoughts for the Easter Season

### Easter Season

Jesus helps us to see the daily resurrections  
that can transform our world and ourselves.  
This Easter we can catch a glimpse of the Risen Christ  
and our Risen Selves by . . .  
helping to transform another's hurt into forgiveness,  
.... transforming our dying planet  
into a world of interdependence and beauty,  
... freeing ourselves from anything  
which might hold us in the tomb.  
Resurrection is about allowing ourselves and others  
to live alleluias every day of our lives.  
It is believing we are all one.  
It is about hope and being set free.  
And, yes, it is about a cosmic leap of faith!  
Reflect Joy in your own life!  
**Source: Ministry of the Art**

### Mother's Day

This Sunday our country celebrates our mothers—and rightly so. For the care and love which our mothers have given us is beyond price or measure. Of course, our earthly parents are not perfect. But any love we have known from them is a likeness of the love God has for us. Today, let us thank God for the life, love, and tender care we have received from our mothers and through Jesus Christ. God bless our mothers. (<https://stbenilde.org/mothers-day>)

Special thanks to Year 5 teachers and students on a beautiful Mother's Day liturgy. It was especially warming to have so many special women in our lives share and celebrate with us.

We also thank and congratulate Mrs Jess Jackson-Gee and her band of volunteers for all the hard work, organisation and extra hours she put into making our picnic lunch truly amazing.



We wish all mothers a wonderful and special day with their families.



Happy Mother's Day



Mother's Day Liturgy 2019



♥♥ We love our Mums ♥♥



PIC COLLEGE



Mother's Day Liturgy 2019



♥♥ We love our Mums! ♥♥



Happy Mother's Day



# CURRICULUM NEWS

## NAPLAN Online Testing – Years 3 & 5

In Week 4, our Year 3 and 5 students will participate in the 2019 NAPLAN Online testing. These tests will all be done online, with the exception of the Year 3 Writing Task, which will be handwritten for the final time in 2019. With tests being online, schools have the choice of schedule, during a two week period. A schedule has been determined and sent in for approval. St Joseph's students will be sitting all of the four tests during the first week, from Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May until Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2019. It is important that, during this period, students in Years 3 and 5 bring their iPads to school every day, FULLY CHARGED.

The results of these tests will not be available until late in Term 3 with individual student reports also being issued to schools at this time. NAPLAN results provide a 'snapshot' of multiple sources of data that are currently used at our school. This data is used to create a complete picture of classroom instructional needs to accommodate student learning.

At St Joseph's, our teachers from Prep – Year 6 are involved in regular processes of collecting and analyzing data to inform the 'next steps' in teaching and learning that allow for the personalization and differentiation of programs to meet the unique needs of each student. Over the past several years, whole school data for numeracy, writing, reading and spelling have been collected and developed into data displays that reflect each individual student's growth within and across their year levels. Collecting data for numeracy skills is also recognized and used to continue the growth for each student. Analysis of this data provides a lens through which our school progress is monitored and incorporated into teaching and learning programs. Importantly, our school regularly and openly collects and reviews this data as a means of monitoring and improving student learning outcomes and to guide the professional learning needs of our school.

The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests must be undertaken by all students enrolled in government and non-government schools in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 across Australia.

Some important points to remember:

- NAPLAN tests are undertaken by students as a normal part of their learning program. Teachers have ensured students are prepared for the tests and have provided appropriate support and guidance.
- NAPLAN tests are a snapshot of your child's learning via a formal written test format. Please ensure that you consider their results (when they arrive around Term 3) in conjunction with your child's school based reporting and in consultation with your child's teacher. And finally,
- Parents and carers can best assist students by making them feel comfortable about the nature and purpose of the tests. Assure your child that the NAPLAN tests give them just another opportunity to show what they know and can do.

The tests must be administered under strict test conditions on the dates specified, and will commence immediately after assembly on each testing day. **Therefore, it is important that the children arrive at school promptly at 08:35 a.m.**

Further information can be accessed at [www.naplan.edu.au](http://www.naplan.edu.au).

Please do not hesitate to contact me at school should you have any queries or concerns regarding your child and the tests during the next week.

Deb Mallet – APC

# TUCKSHOP NEWS

I hope all the Mothers enjoyed their day today visiting their kids at school and enjoying one of Tuckshops Mother's Day morning tea boxes. I was overwhelmed by the support. A big thank you to the ladies who helped make our day a success. Happy Mother's Day to you all for Sunday.

**PIZZA AND SUBWAY DAY** is Monday the 20th May. **All orders are to be placed online by Friday the 17th May at 1pm. No late orders will be accepted.**

## Menu

Meatlovers pizza 1/4 slice. \$3.50  
Pepperoni pizza 1/4 slice. \$3.50  
Cheeselovers pizza 1/4 slice. \$3.50  
GF pepperoni 1/4 slice. \$3.50

All subs are \$5.50

Subs with salad include Lettuce, tomato, carrot and cheese. Sorry no variations.

Chicken and salad 6inch sub  
Chicken and cheese 6inch sub  
Pizza and salad 6inch sub  
Pizza and cheese 6inch sub  
Ham and salad 6inch sub  
Ham and cheese 6inch sub

Brownie \$1  
Water \$1  
Poppers \$1.50  
Apple, orange or pash  
GF Brownie \$1  
Honey soy Deli chips \$1.80  
Quench- Red or Blue \$2.20

## Important dates to remember for Tuckshop

WEEK 5 Monday 20th May Pizza and Subway  
WEEK 9 Monday 17th June Pizza and Subway  
WEEK 10 Tues 25th June Sports Carnival

Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	N/A
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	N/A
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Anna Deguara, Stephanie Ferris
<b>HOMEBAKE ROSTER</b>	
Chocolate Slice	NOT REQUIRED
Pikelets	NOT REQUIRED

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SPORTS CARNIVAL.

I need 6 people to help me in the tuckshop for the sports carnival. If you are available to help on Tues 25th June in Tuckshop please contact me to let me know. If you confirmed for last term and can still help please let me know. All help is appreciated and volunteers will be able to leave and watch their children's events when on.

Dates helpers needed:

TERM 2- every second THURSDAY and occasional Fridays.

Please contact me at the school to let me know if you can help or via txt.

Jess – 0401 508 029

# 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.**



**Prep J Amelia Banning**

For her clever sustainability idea. Take your rubbish home if there isn't a bin at a park.

**Prep W Alexis McGeary**

For your demonstration of leadership skills, risk taking and problem solving during our first week of Literacy Groups. Well done Alexis!

**1M Owen Edmonds**

You are always respectful toward your teachers, classmates and our school resources. Your behaviour and approach to your learning are a wonderful role model for your classmates. Thank you Owen.

**1B Jayden Derdziak**

1B really appreciate how proactive and helpful you are around the classroom. You radiate enthusiasm in every lesson and you consistently manage all tasks in a timely manner. Keep up the terrific work Jayden!

**2WE Kayden Turner**

For applying yourself to all tasks this week. You have demonstrated the values of excellence and respect. Well done!

**2J Emma Downes**

You have settled so well into 2J and we are so grateful that you have joined us. Already you have been demonstrating our five school values and have made some wonderful friends within the classroom. Well done Emma and welcome to our school.

**3C Leni Bryan**

For an excellent and consistent effort with your maths over the past few weeks! Well done and keep up the good work.

**3PM Deja Clements**

Thank you for the happy attitude you always bring to school. We love that you put your best efforts into all that you do!

**4B Indie Hughes**

For showing improvement in your daily maths. You are always listening and trying your hardest.

**4HP Cody Doneley**

For the energy you bring to the classroom each day. You are such a positive student and your vibrant personality brings a smile to everyone's face. Thank you for brightening our days Cody!

**5D Amber Jenkins**

For the excellence you have been displaying with your reading improvement. Your attention to fluency, expression, correct use of punctuation and your confidence to read aloud has been wonderful to witness. Keep up the fabulous effort Amber!

**5N Lily-Jay Lewis**

For the confidence you have shown while starting at a new school. You read beautifully during our prayer assembly and it is wonderful to see you making new friends. Thank you for coming to St Joseph's.

**6GG Elliot Avenell**

For an impressive result in your Maths test and the creative work, you have put into your Technology lessons.

**6R Alexia Armitage**

For the fantastic letter of complaint, you are writing to Mrs. Kelly. Your paragraphs are well thought out and your persuasive writing techniques are very creative. Keep up the great work Alexia!



## STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES

### Semester 1, 2019



#### Bus Fare Assistance

- Does your child attend a **school outside the Brisbane City Council** boundary?
- Does your family spend more than **\$20/week\*** on fares to and from school (\* \$15/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a **publicly available bus** not owned or associated with the school?

#### Students With Disability

- Does your child have a **verified disability** that requires **transport assistance** to and from school?
- Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's **travel capability rating** as 'semi-independent' or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and

**apply at [SchoolTransport.com.au](http://SchoolTransport.com.au) by 31 May 2019.**

**Late applications will not be accepted.**

## FEDERAL ELECTION

As many of you would be aware, a Federal election has been called for Saturday May 18th. It is important, as always, to be aware of the policies of the major and minor political parties to assist with making an informed decision on voting day.

From an education point of view, the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) has released some important information regarding the Catholic education view and what is important to our sector.

As Federal government funding make up a very large majority of our funding, it is key that we are aware of the policy on education these parties have. I provide below a brief summary of the PDF attached with further information on these topics. Both NCEC and QCEC advocate on behalf of Catholic schools in Australia at election times.

### ***State of the parties***

The 2019 federal election is being contested on revised boundaries, increasing the number of House of Representatives seats to 151, and notionally adjusting each parties' parliamentary representation.

### ***Catholic Education's election funding and policy objectives***

The key issues for Catholic Education at the upcoming federal election are:

- increased capital funding
- more resources for early childhood education
- religious freedom in schools

### ***Summary of known education policies***

Catholic Education has sought formal responses from the major parties to several questions regarding their education policies.

### ***Battleground states Queensland***

Queensland is home to 306 Catholic schools, teaching 147,000 students. "Catholic schools are an important part of the fabric of our Queensland communities and have been for more than 170 years," said Dr Lee-Anne Perry, executive director of the Queensland Catholic Education Commission.

### ***The importance of Catholic school families***

Families are the lifeblood of all schools. They pay the taxes that fund (or partially fund) all Australian not-for-profit schools and most contribute their own income to their children's schools as well.



## Why governments fund non-government schools

Many people ask why governments fund non-government schools - including parents who send their children to Catholic and other non-government schools

For further information or updates from NCEC, feel free to head to their website: <https://www.ncec.catholic.edu.au/>



### **CATHOLIC EDUCATION UPDATE**

**SUBMISSION DATE:** May 2019

**PURPOSE/AUDIENCE:** Message to schools/principals (that includes a message to parents that can be used in school newsletters)

#### **HEADLINE:**

#### **MOTHER'S DAY IDEAL FOR PARENTING HEART-TO-HEART**

#### **BODY COPY:**

Gifts and flowers are nice, but what Queensland mums really want is more understanding and support from their partner, according to Triple P's recent parenting survey. Doing Triple P together helps reduce conflict, so here's the hot tip for dads: sign up for free parenting support at [www.triplep-parenting.net](http://www.triplep-parenting.net)

*We would also ask that you include the following in your school's newsletter:*

#### **MOTHER'S DAY IDEAL FOR PARENTING HEART-TO-HEART**



Gifts and flowers, breakfast in bed – they're all nice, but what Queensland mums really want is more understanding and support from their partner, according to the Triple P – Positive Parenting Program's recent Queensland parenting survey.

Dads, too, may feel unsupported, but it can be hard for couples to know where to start, and nobody wants to argue on Mother's Day.

But here's a tip for fewer arguments and greater cooperation between parents, and between parents and kids: doing Triple P together helps get parents on the same page and reduce conflict. For a Mother's Day gift that's not only free but more meaningful than the usual, sign up for free parenting support or do Triple P Online together: [www.triplep-parenting.net](http://www.triplep-parenting.net)

With thanks,

The Triple P – Positive Parenting Program team