



Friday, 24th May 2019

Dear Parents and Friends,

Over the past few weeks I have had meetings with a variety of parents and students who have raised concerns regarding the use of technology at home and the establishment of appropriate and consistent boundaries and expectations. In 2017, we were lucky to have former Australia Police Detective Brett Lee visit our school, who delivered an excellent presentation regarding boundaries and technology. I would like to remind parents of some of his key messages:

We play our role as parents in the physical world very well. We teach our children that not everyone in the world is a nice person, there are dangers out there. But we don't say to our kids that this makes the real world a terrible place and you have to stay at home. We educate our kids to those dangers. We teach them to identify them, to avoid them, we teach them what to do if they have a problem. We also teach them what is and isn't acceptable and we teach them their responsibilities so they have that knowledge to be able to make the right choice themselves when we are not around.

We need to transfer that approach to technology and children will get the same rewards. Technology will try to slip under the radar. Try to convince you as a parent that you don't have the same rights. "My child deserves privacy on the internet". No they don't. This is a mindset that is not based on fact. Our young people don't deserve privacy on the internet. They are in a very public place. They are connected to 3 billion people, and if we are not going to be there to guide them, to help them to be able to manage that world, nobody else is going to do that. They are not born with this knowledge. They are only going to get these messages of substance from schools and parents putting policies and procedures in place. This isn't really about technology, it is about the health and wellbeing of our children and the effective operation of technology at home and school.

Setting boundaries makes you a good parent, because being a good parent means doing your best to create a safe environment. There are so many great things that the internet has to offer, but because we are connecting with real people, we all have a role to play in ensuring that this very public forum is a safe place for our kids to operate in. Our children don't deserve privacy on the internet, and that is not saying that our children are bad or that they will do the wrong thing, but that is where the bad things happen online, when our kids think that they have privacy or other people think they have privacy with that child online. And we can't be there all the time, what we need our children to believe is that the internet is a public place and this kind of thinking could be reason enough to help them make a good choice or it could give someone else the reason to go somewhere else if they think they don't have privacy with your child.

The key messages delivered to the students were simple and need to be reinforced over and over again until it becomes part of the world that they live in. They were:

1. People you **only** meet on the internet **are strangers**
2. I protect my personal information on the internet
3. The internet will always have rules
4. If I ever have a problem online, I get off the internet and talk to someone I trust who can help me
5. The internet is **public** and **permanent**

Brett also outlined five simple principles that can work for all families to manage and minimize risk so children can engage in positive ways online:

1. Set clear rules and boundaries
2. Stay up to date with their usage
3. You make the final decisions
4. Use management controls
5. Communicate with your kids

I encourage all families to take the opportunity this week to check what your children are doing at home with technology, particularly on the iMessage app. Set firm time limits, get technology out of bedrooms to minimise opportunities for misuse and the interruption of sleep and ensure that the recommended Screen Time parental controls have been set. We all need to be working together to ensure that boundaries are consistent and help children to establish good, healthy habits for the use of technology into the future.

Bianca Hodges
Principal



Prep 2020

St Joseph's is now accepting enrolments for PREP 2020. New and existing families are invited to contact our School Office for an enrolment pack or these can be downloaded from our school website.



Interviews will commence Monday 3 June. Interview spaces are filling up fast, so please book your appointment now to avoid disappointment.

Existing families with students in Prep 2020 must ensure you do not miss this deadline, as there are no guarantees of a place after the first round of offers have been made.

Offers of positions will be made on Friday 21 June.



PIC-COLLAGE

DATE CLAIMER



MAY

27-29 Book Fair
28 McDonalds Math
29 School Photos

JUNE

1 Joey's Supporters Working Bee 2-4pm
3 PREP INTERVIEWS COMMENCE
4 School Disco 5pm – 7pm in St Joseph's School Hall

APRE NEWS

Term 2 Week 5

Important Dates

Fri 24 May 12 noon
Mon 27 May – 31 May
Fri 31 May 12 noon
Sat/Sun 1/2 Jun
Fri 7 Jun
Sun 9 Jun
Sun 9 Jun

Mon 10 Jun 8.40am

Midday Mass – Year 3
Reconciliation Week
Midday Mass – Years 2 and 6
Children's Liturgy
Whole School Mass 9.30am
Pentecost Sunday (End of Easter)
Family preparation day (Eucharist) 2-5pm
Pentecost Liturgy in the hall



Making Jesus Real - MJR

This year every Catholic Primary School in our Diocese is embedding MJR into their school community with the help of MJR "champions". The MJR champions will promote and support MJR in their school and will also participate in ongoing Professional Development.

What is MJR? MJR is a way of life. Through MJR, the words, actions and teachings of Jesus Christ come alive for others. It is a practical way of bringing the Christian faith into our everyday lives. MJR provides a common language and approach that is accessible to students and staff.

A weekly MJR Facebook post will be sent out on the Catholic Education Facebook page so please ensure that you have liked and followed this page so that you can like and share these posts with everyone.

Beginning this week, and over the next few weeks the students will be participating in group works, with a focus on GTS (Greeting, Treating and Speaking). The students will be given the challenge to ensure they greet people using their names, treat people with a smile and respect, and speak in a kind and respectful way.



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WORKING BEE

We are holding our second working bee on Saturday 1st June from 2pm – 4pm and would appreciate your help to clean our Learnscape Garden, beautify our gardens and much, much more. Thank you to all our families that have already indicated they can help through our Just One Thing notes.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SPORTS CARNIVAL. 3 more people needed. CAN YOU HELP??

If you are available to help on Tues 25th June in Tuckshop please contact me. 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 they are on. It is important we get enough helpers to make sure the canteen runs well.

Important dates to remember for Tuckshop:
WEEK 9 Monday 17th June: Pizza and Subway
WEEK 10 Tues 25th June: Sports Carnival

Tuckshop helper needed on:
Friday 31st May. CAN YOU HELP?

If anyone could volunteer their time in tuckshop this term it would be greatly appreciated. Volunteers are required between 9am and 11am. If not 10am - 11am to help pack the boxes would also be very helpful. Helping involves: wrapping food items, sticking labels on bags and packing orders ready for children. We offer coffee/tea, biscuits and a friendly chat.

Wednesday 29 th May	N/A
Thursday 30 th May	N/A
Friday 31 st May	Anna Deguara, Stephanie Ferris
HOMEBAKE ROSTER	
Chocolate Slice	NOT REQUIRED
Pikelets	NOT REQUIRED

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.**



NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

Monday 27th May – 3rd June is National Reconciliation week.

NRW is a campaign held every year in Australia that works to build stronger ties between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians.

The Week is timed to coincide with two significant dates in Australia's history, which provide strong symbols of our hopes and aims for reconciliation: May 27—Marks the anniversary of Australia's most successful referendum and a defining event in our nation's history. The 1967 referendum saw over 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Commonwealth the power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and recognise them in our national census.

3 June—Commemorates the High Court of Australia's landmark Mabo decision in 1992, which legally recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a special relationship to the land—a relationship that existed prior to colonisation and still exists today. This recognition paved the way for land rights or Native Title.

The 2019 theme for NRW is Grounded in Truth; Walk together with Courage.

To foster positive race relations, the relationship between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the broader community must be grounded in truth. Whether you're engaging in challenging conversations or unlearning and relearning what you know, this journey requires all of us to walk together with courage.

Let us pray for Reconciliation

Creator God, we pray for this land, it's ancient culture, customs, languages and its people.

Gather us together to look after one another, as we build our own stories that will be passed down for all future generations. Give us our grace, to be united in one mind, one heart, and in one action so that we can continue the journey of reconciliation.

**In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,
Amen.**

Karlie Tatchell

Regional Indigenous Education Liaison Officer

Source: <http://www.reconciliation.org.au/national-reconciliation-week>



Prep J Hunter Nissen

For your excellence in using phonics learnt to aide you in your writing last week for an activity.

Prep W Ayla Stewart

For your demonstration of persistence and perseverance to achieve success at skipping with a rope. Well done Super Skipper Ayla!

1M Will Casey

For your respectful behaviour and consistent approach to class activities. You work independently and ask questions when you need to clarify tasks. You always try your best. Thank you and keep it up Will.

1B Connor Flannagan

For consistently showing the act of service in our Literacy and Numeracy groups. Connor, I appreciate the way you help others build problem-solving skills, without sharing the answers. Your enthusiasm for and strong support for learning is greatly admired in 1B.

2WE Maison Egan

For the value of Excellence. You have applied yourself well to all tasks this week. I am especially impressed with your efforts in maths and story writing. Keep up the great effort!

2J Mila Hinschen

Your positive outlook and helpfulness in 2J is always appreciated. You consistently work hard to achieve great results. Well done Mila you are a star!

3C Molly Bing

For the value of compassion, respect and service you consistently display in class. Your friendly, helpful and caring nature is greatly appreciated by your peers and teachers. Keep up the great work!

3PM Allegra Holt

For your commendable approach towards NAPLAN. You took your time and tried your best. Thank you Allegra and well done!

4B Lewis Jurzcyluk

For always working to the best of your ability. You continue to ensure your work is completed on time and are always well behaved in class. Keep it up Lewis.

4HP Ngati Tuiravakai

For the respectful actions you show towards your peers and the staff at St.Joseph's. You are cheerful, kind, well-mannered and you have been making the right choices all term which is great to see. Keep it up Ngati!

5D Year 5D

For your positive attitude and amazing resilience to complete all four NAPLAN digital assessments. You should all be so proud of yourselves. Well done 5D!

5N Lachlan Jacobs

For always being such a positive and polite member of our class. You are always willing to help and consistently demonstrate the five values of St.Joseph's.

6GG Cooper Doneley

For using great imagination and skill in written activities. You always use humour effectively. You were also excellent in completing the partner balances, in Tuesday afternoon activities.

6R Lincoln Heffington

For the excellence you demonstrate when completing your work. I am proud of how much you love maths and how you share your knowledge when working with others. Well done and keep it up, Lincoln!



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 by 31 May 2019.

Late applications will not be accepted.



2019 Coaching Clinic

Who would love the opportunity to meet and be coached by a 3 x Australian Olympian? North Mackay Little Athletics, with thanks to Little Athletics Queensland, are proud to be providing this incredible 2 day opportunity to any and all athletes under the age of 17.

The details are as follows:

What: 2 day Coaching Clinic open to all junior athletes (under 17yrs old)

When: 25th May 9am-12pm and 26th May 12pm-3pm

Where: Mackay Aquatic and Recreation Complex (25th) and Pioneer High School (26th)

Cost: \$15 for the 2 days

Events: (Saturday) Shot Put, Discus, High Jump – Scissors and Flop, Sprints
(Sunday) Javelin, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Hurdles

Who is our Olympian: 3 time Australian Olympic Shot Put Champion, Justin Anlezark. Justin made his World Championship debut in 1994 with a throw of 16.57m and has increased the distance throughout his career to make a personal best of 20.91m. This throw resulted in him winning the Gold Medal at the 2002 Commonwealth Games. Discus is also another choice event for Justin and has competed in World events with a personal best of 59.10m. Justin will be coaching the events Shot Put and Discus.

Shaun Lethem will be joining us this weekend and will be coaching High Jump. Shaun has been involved in athletics for over a decade and has an extreme passion for the sport. Throughout his years of involvement, he has achieved a level 3 coaching accreditation in Sprints, Jumps, Throws and Hurdles. Shaun is traveling up from Brisbane, where he works for Little Athletics Queensland as their Development Officer and travels to Queensland Schools, providing students with an opportunity to learn about Athletics.

North Mackay Little Athletics coach and 2019 Coach of the Year, Dave Lester will also be assisting and will be coaching Sprints and Hurdles. Dave has a real passion for all aspects of athletics, but his main specialty is Sprints. He has achieved his level 2 Advanced Coaching Accreditation and has coached many State level athletes over the years.

Please join us in this incredible clinic. For any enquiries, contact North Mackay Little Athletics on 0433 470 680 or email northmackaylittleath@gmail.com

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