



**ST JOSEPH'S**  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

*With Christ We Grow*

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***Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> July 2019***

Dear Parents and Friends

*together*

Our theme this year is Together. We have spent a lot of time working with our students on what this word looks like when we bring it to life in our school through our actions and words. This theme also applies to the important partnership that exists between our school and the families within it. Without this partnership, the impact of the work we try to achieve here is lessened.

There are some key ways that the partnership between home and school can be strengthened:

**Communication:** Communication is a two-way street. We have expectations as a school that we communicate important news and information with our school community in a timely manner. We don't always get this right, but we try our best and welcome feedback on this. There is also an important responsibility on the part of parents and carers to **engage** with this communication.

**What does this look like?**

- Regularly checking Class Dojo – our main channel for important communication as a whole school, class and at an individual level, including the personal messaging function
- Reading the newsletter that is distributed weekly to remain informed
- Checking the school calendar – published via our school website or can be downloaded onto the Google calendar app and add this calendar for notifications of upcoming events

**Engagement:** We celebrate the influential role parents play in the education of their children. Parents are a child's first teacher, well before the formal world of education is encountered. While estimates vary, somewhere between 75% and 85% of a child's waking hours are spent outside the influence of school. Parent engagement in the educational development of their children improves attainment more than any other single factor. Parents can help their child most by having regular and meaningful conversations with them, by setting high aspirations and by demonstrating their own interest in and support of learning at home and at school.

**What does this look like?**

- Engaging with your children and taking an active interest in what they are learning each term. This will now be listed on our school website each term, so that parents can gain a better understanding of the focus for each year level
- Take advantage of the feedback we offer as a school to assist you to have meaningful conversations with your children around their schooling goals and growth. This includes **attending parent/teacher interviews** and **reading and sharing with your children their end of semester reports**. The more parents and students talk to each other, the better children achieve – this success is reflected not only in academic achievement, but with the development and application of character strengths and those dispositions, attributes and skills associated with being an effective learner.

## St Joseph's School Data on Parent Engagement - Interview Term1, 2019

<b>Prep</b>	<b>76% interviewed</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>60% interviewed</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>74% interviewed</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>61% interviewed</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>80% interviewed</b>	<b>Year 6</b>	<b>51% interviewed</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>67% interviewed</b>	<b>Total interviewed</b>	<b>217 out of 317 children received feedback on their learning</b>

**Involvement:** There is a difference between engagement and involvement, and both are important. Where engagement refers to a more active and personal level of participation in supporting learning at home, parent involvement is the active involvement in school initiatives and events that assists parents to build strong relationships within the community. Students with **involved parents** or other caregivers experience greater academic growth, have better social skills, and show improved behaviour.

### What does this look like?

- Be a Joey's Supporter! This year our Joey's Supporter Executive Committee implemented their Just One Thing initiative – asking each family to contribute to just one thing across our school year. This coming weekend is a great opportunity for you to contribute to our major event for the year, the Family Fun Day and Markets. These opportunities exist during and outside of school hours, and every family can contribute in some way that suits your family schedule
- Join us for our special events, or prayer and assembly each morning

Next week is Catholic Education Week, a great time to celebrate these partnerships again. We welcome all families to join us across the many activities next week.

### UPCOMING PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

<b>Tuesday 30 July</b>	Year 6 Camp – final requirements meeting. 5pm in Year 6R classroom
<b>Tuesday 6 August</b>	Years 4 – 6 Personal and Social Development Education information session, 5pm in the library
<b>Wednesday 7 August</b>	Prep Transition Visit 1, 9am in the library for Prep 2020 families

Bianca Hodges  
Principal

## DATE CLAIMER



### JULY

- 28 St Joseph's Family Fun Day & Markets
- 28 – 3 Catholic Education Week

### AUGUST

- 2 Catholic Education Week Activities
- 8 Joey's Supporters Meeting

## ENROLMENTS 2020 PREP

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.**

# ST. JOSEPH'S FAMILY FUN DAY & MARKETS

**SUNDAY 28 JULY 12PM - 4PM**



**Rides**



**Live Music by VaMa**



**Bar**

**Unlimited ride tickets \$25**

**Rockwall, Swinging Pirate Ship, Supa Swoopa Large**

**Chair Swing, Cup N Saucer Ride, Chair O Plane**

**Small Chair Swing, Slide and Jumping Castle**

**Market Stalls - Dance Express - Meat Trays -  
Ham Wheel - Cake Stall - Facepainting - Food  
& Drinks and lots more!**

**St. Joseph's Primary School, 4 Canberra Street North Mackay**

Please find below a link to a Google Doc for volunteers for the Market Day. If you are able to help, please add your name to the relevant timeslot.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZroNu82yUNWY5v3uPYvuB8-ZCpQVILF5Z4EqSX6w57o/edit>





### IMPORTANT DATES



Mon 29 July

Fri 2 Aug

Sat/Sun 3/4 Aug

Fri 9 Aug

Sat/Sun 10/11 Aug

Thursday 15 Aug

Shave For a Cure – Molly Pace 8.40am

Catholic Education Week

Catholic Education Week mass at midday

Children's Liturgy

Midday Mass Years 2 and 6

Practice for First Communion 3.30pm

First Communion

Whole school mass 9.30am – Feast of the Assumption (Holy day of



This coming week, we celebrate Catholic Education week. Catholic Education Week is an opportunity for all 306 Catholic schools in Queensland to celebrate and promote their distinctive mission and ethos.

Catholic education strives to make a difference in the lives of those in our

schools and in the wider community by challenging young people to live out the message of Jesus and to reach their full potential as compassionate, contributing, life-giving members of society.

In 2019 the theme for the week is **Many Voices. One Spirit.**

Activities to celebrate this week at St Joseph's include:

- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July – Molly Pace will shave off her hair. All funds raised will go towards a cure for brain cancer research.

**Students are invited to wear a beanie and make a donation.**

- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August
  - ❖ 10.40am Sausage Sizzle lunch (to be ordered as a special event on QuickClik)
  - ❖ Midday Mass to celebrate Catholic Education Week
  - ❖ 1.00pm Afternoon Tea
  - ❖ 1.20pm Catholic Education Week activities

### Gospel Reflection – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July

In this teaching, Jesus reveals that the essence of prayer lies in our relationship with God. Our utter neediness makes an irrefusable claim on God. What hinders prayer is a forgetfulness that God is our creator and that all we are, and all we have is gift. In prayer, we acknowledge who we are and who God is for us, and such habits of prayer are the basis for a constant sense of being in relationship with God.

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# Molly Pace Cutting Curls

Please support Molly Pace on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July as she shaves her hair to raise money for the Mark Hughes Foundation.



Molly also has a fundraising page that you can donate to via the link below. "In 2006 my eldest sister Jayde (who attended St Joseph's) lost her battle with brain cancer before I even got the chance to meet her. I can't change that, but I've created this page because I want to make a difference and hopefully help find a cure for this terrible disease. I'm inspired by the work of the Mark Hughes Foundation and wanted to support them by raising money. Please help me help them by giving whatever you can using the 'Give Now' button via the link below. The more people that know about Mark Hughes Foundation, the greater their impact, so please also spread the word by sharing my page with your friends and family. Thank you in advance for your generosity, it means a lot!"

<https://give.everydayhero.com/au/molly-pace-cuttin-curls>





## Activities on Friday 2 August 1.20pm to 2.40pm

ACTIVITY	LOCATION
PRAYING IN COLOUR	Outside Prep W
OBSTACLE COURSE	Outside Prep J
YOGA	1M
DISCO	1B
CARD MAKING	2J
PAINTING	Outside 2WE
MAKING BOOKMARKS	3C
STORY SHARING	3PM
ORIGAMI	4HP
DECORATING CROSSES	4B
DOG CATCHERS "TIGGY"	Year 6 Oval
MINDFULNESS COLOURING	Library
SCAVENGER HUNT	Whole School
CRICKET	Back Oval
LEGO	Library
COIN RACE	Outside the Library

**Remember to bring a coin for the coin race.**



**Prep J Cleo-Rose McAfee**

For your consistency in writing and practicing your name daily. Love how you are now attempting your surname also. Keep it up.

**Prep W Cooper Holcombe**

For the amazing effort you have put into making a great start to the term. You have been showing lots of respect. Thank you Cooper.

**1M Milly McCosker**

For approaching difficult tasks with an open mind. You are developing a positive and mature attitude to your learning and embracing new skills. It is wonderful to see you gaining confidence. Keep it up Milly.

**1B Isla Mezzen**

For starting at a new school with so much confidence. We are so excited to have you in our class.

**2WE Max Neilson**

For working with a positive attitude and perseverance this week. It has been wonderful to watch you achieving great things.

**2J Ned Turpin**

For showing a great amount of dedication to your writing this term. It has been lovely to see the amount of effort that you have been displaying. Well done Ned!

**3C Jack Watson**

For making a great start to Term Three by being respectful and staying on task all week. Great job Jack!

**3PM Taylor Oxford**

For the wonderful attitude that you have started the term with. You are very positive and enthusiastic about your learning and this is seen in the great work that you have already done. Well done!

**4B Jia Ruh Zhang**

For your radical Rapid Recall results. Your outstanding speed and accuracy with your times tables is amazing!

**4HP Marie Leichsenring**

For settling into St Joseph's so well. You have made lovely new friends and have been an absolute pleasure.

**5D India Passfield**

For the wonderful effort you have been putting into your reading this week. I am so proud of the continued improvement that you are showing. Well done India!

**5N Abbey Graffunder**

For the fantastic progress you have made in reading and spelling. You have really applied yourself to your learning and should be so proud of what you have been able to achieve so far this year. Keep up the amazing work!

**6GG Jeremiah Breen**

For a brilliant job as the voice of Gollum, in our reading of "Riddles in the Dark". You really entertained us!

**6R Alexis Armitage**

For the wonderful perseverance and effort you have applied to all tasks this week. Well done. Keep up the amazing effort Alexis!



# TUCKSHOP NEWS

Next week is Catholic Education Week. To celebrate on Friday, Tuckshop will be holding a sausage sizzle day. Please order online at [www.quickcliq.com.au](http://www.quickcliq.com.au). Cans of drink, milk, poppers, quench, snacks, ice creams and sweets will be also available for purchase at the window on the day. First break is sausage sizzle only and second break will operate as normal.

## **TUESDAY SPECIALS**

Bacon and egg muffin \$4

Hotcakes with butter and maple syrup \$4

Hashbrown \$1.50

Fresh fruit salad

- rockmelon and/or watermelon. \$4

## **WEDNESDAY SPECIALS**

Homemade mince burger. \$5.50

Chicken fillet burger. \$5.50

Battered fish burger. \$5.50

## **FAMILY DINNERS on Tuesdays**

Lasagne -GF available

Spaghetti - GF available

Enchiladas- GF available

Nachos - GF available

Sweet Potato Shepards pie - GF

Garden Salad

Garlic bread

Quiche Lorraine

Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> July	N/A
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> July	N/A
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> August	N/A
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Anna Deguara, Stephanie Ferris
<b>HOMEBAKE ROSTER</b>	
Chocolate Slice	NEEDED. PLEASE SEE WEBSITE FOR RECIPE.
Pikelets	NEEDED. PLEASE SEE WEBSITE FOR RECIPE.

# CONGRATULATIONS

School Captain Norman Hartigan participated in the Laurie Spina Shield on the weekend in Townsville. Norman's football team won the Shield out of 74 teams on Saturday night. The grand final played in the Townsville Smiles Stadium as the curtain raiser for the Cowboys game. Congratulations Norman.





# SCHOOL PHOTOS

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**Suburb:** MACKAY NORTH

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per Group

**Groups include** (Also check if there are groups you may have missed from previous days of photography)

School and House Captains	Junior Choir	Green House
Gold House	Hockey U7	Red House
Hockey U9	School Leaders Muck Up	School Captains
School Leaders	Senior Choir	

## PAYING ONLINE

- (1) To view and order please go to [advancedlife.com.au](http://advancedlife.com.au) on any computer, tablet or smart mobile device and enter the 9 Digit Online Code at the prompt box.
- (2) Select **"BROWSE GROUP PHOTOS"** from the menu.  
If your school has given permission you will be able to view low resolution copies of the new Groups and past groups available. If not, make selection from the list.
- (3) Once you have chosen all groups to order, select the **VIEW SHOPPING CART** option and follow the prompts.



## CHEQUE | CASH | MONEY ORDER

Envelopes are available for collection from the front office should you prefer to pay cash, cheque or money order. Envelope orders need to be returned to the school with 14 days. No discount applies to envelopes based orders.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Credit card payment is only available online. Please select your groups carefully as under no circumstances will a refund or exchange be available on incorrectly ordered photographs.

The above photos can be viewed in the office prior to ordering.

# NEW PARKING SIGNS

A big thank you to all parents who have observed the new signs at school. It shows you are considerate to others and are concerned for the safety of our children.



# FLU SEASON REMINDER

As you are aware every year Queensland experiences an influenza or flu season. As we enter this season it is timely to remind parents and care-givers not to be complacent about flu.

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 hand sanitiser gel;
- Wash your hands before and after touching your eyes, nose and mouth;
- Encourage your children when coughing or sneezing, to cover their mouth and nose with disposable tissues which should be disposed of immediately;
- Don't share items such as glasses or cups, lipstick, toys or anything which could be contaminated with respiratory secretions;
- Maintain at least one metre distance from people who have flu-like symptoms such as coughing or sneezing;
- 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.

For further information please contact Queensland Health on [www.health.qld.gov.au](http://www.health.qld.gov.au) or phone 13HEALTH (13 432584).

# WHOOPIING COUGH

Queensland Health has advised Rockhampton Catholic Education that whooping cough is currently prevalent in the wider community.

Whooping cough is a contagious respiratory infection and can affect people of any age. In some individuals, the infection may only cause a persistent cough, in others it may start like a cold with a runny nose, sneezing and tiredness, and then progress to the characteristic coughing bouts.

It is suggested that parents remind children of the following hygiene practices:

- stay home when you are sick;
- wash your hands frequently with soap and water or hand sanitiser gel;
- wash your hands before and after touching your eyes, nose and mouth;
- when coughing or sneezing, cover your mouth and nose with disposable tissues which should be disposed of immediately;
- don't share items such as glasses or cups, lipstick, toys or anything which could be contaminated with respiratory secretions;
- maintain at least one metre distance from people who have flu-like symptoms such as coughing or sneezing

Vaccination, exclusion and early diagnosis is important to limit the spread of whooping cough in our community. Anyone who displays symptoms of whooping cough is encouraged to seek medical advice. For further information please contact Queensland Health on [www.health.qld.gov.au](http://www.health.qld.gov.au) or phone 13HEALTH (13 432584).



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## POSITION VACANT



### Indigenous Education Liaison Officer Term Time (25 HPW)

### Holy Spirit College, Mackay

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and enthusiastic persons for the position of Indigenous Education Liaison Officer. This is a term-time contract position (25 hpw), with the commencement date to be negotiated.

The successful applicant should be able to demonstrate:

- A knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander societies and cultures, as well as issues affecting them
- An ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and their families
- An ability to liaise with teachers, Indigenous students and their parents/carers and should have a genuine interest in supporting students and their communities.

When applying please ensure you include a 1-2 page cover letter statement outlining your demonstrated capabilities as outlined in the above criteria.

It is a genuine occupational requirement that this position be filled by Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander peoples, as permitted and arguable under Section 25, 104 and 105 of the Qld Anti-Discrimination Act of 1991.

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.

For further information and to apply, please visit our website [www.rok.catholic.edu.au](http://www.rok.catholic.edu.au)

Applications should be addressed to:

Mr Brad Jarro  
Indigenous Education Coordinator  
Catholic Education Office, PO Box 524, Rockhampton QLD 4700

Email: [employment@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:employment@rok.catholic.edu.au)

Applications close 5pm Wednesday 7 August 2019.

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