



Friday, 30th August 2019

Dear Parents and Friends

Next week is Child Protection Week, which kicks off our protective behaviours focus in classrooms. Keeping children safe and teaching them strategies for safe and protective behaviour is extremely important. Today our Student Protection contacts (Mrs Price, Mrs Trannore and Miss Hodges) for St Joseph's attended the regional Student Protection Inservice which highlighted key messages for keeping students safe. As part of our Personal and Social Development Education Program, across our school lessons from the *Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum* will be delivered to students from Prep to Year 6. Students in Years 4 – 6 will also attend a Cybersafety presentation by Brett Lee on September 10, highlighting some of the dangers that exist for children in the online world.



The Child Safety Curriculum is based on principles of best practice in child safety education and centres around three key messages: **Recognise, React** and **Report**. Through these lessons, students learn how to recognise, react and report when they are unsafe or find themselves in situations that can have a significant detrimental effect on their physical, psychological or emotional wellbeing.



QUEENSLAND
**CHILD
PROTECTION
WEEK**
2016 – 30 years of Service

RECOGNISE

The first key safety message of the curriculum is **recognise**. Recognise is about being aware of your environment. Children, young people and adults can all learn to take notice of what is happening around them to help keep themselves safe. Everyone can use clues, such as the things we see, hear, smell or feel to help protect us from harm and keep ourselves safe. Clues can be simple things that warn us about a danger, e.g. hearing a fire alarm or seeing smoke, that prompt us to **react**. We

can also use clues to prepare for potentially unsafe situations, e.g. if we are walking alone at night, then we try to use a well-lit route and avoid secluded lanes or parks.

When we **recognise** that there might be a safety problem, we can take steps to move away or reduce the risk or develop strategies that can help keep us safe. For instance, if you are in a busy environment such as Canelands or a local event where there are big crowds, you might consider what you and your child could do if you became separated. Strategies could include: going to a highly visible pre-determined meeting spot; writing your phone number on a card and placing it in your child's pocket; identifying who your child could approach if they become lost, e.g. police, staff at a booth.

REACT

When children **recognise** that they are in an unsafe situation, we encourage them to think about what they could do to be safe again. They will have opportunities to think about ways to **react** using real-life scenarios.

Our students will also learn that breaking the rules (e.g. saying no to an adult who is behaving inappropriately) is sometimes necessary so that they can become safe again.

REPORT

We encourage children to **REPORT** when they have been in a situation that is unsafe or recognised the signs of feeling unsafe. In this phase, they are taught to **report** what has happened to an adult. Even if a child has been able to make themselves safe, it is vital that they still report what has happened. Adults need to know about unsafe situations so that some action can be taken to help the child be safe again or ensure it doesn't happen again.

Students are encouraged to make a list of adult safety helpers. These are adults the children nominate whom they can talk to when they are feeling unsafe or have experienced an unsafe situation or feel they are at risk of something that may cause them harm. This list will include a selection of adults who live in and outside the home.

Report also includes telling an adult about unsafe or inappropriate incidents which may occur when children or young people are online. This might occur when surfing the net or using social media sites like Facebook and Instagram, and can include cyberbullying, viewing or receiving inappropriate images or messages or communicating with unknown contacts. It is important that the key safety messages of the *Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum*: **Recognise, React** and **Report** are reinforced, both at school and home. I encourage you, wherever possible, to talk with your child about safety to help them stay safe now and in the future.

The active involvement of parents in supporting and reinforcing these messages at home is key in helping students to develop strong protective behaviours. All parents are invited to attend the parent session to be held on Tuesday 10 September at 6pm in our hall, presented by Brett Lee, former Australia Federal Police Officer with significant experience in the area of online crime and predatory behaviour. Brett always delivers the most up to date information in relation to cybersafety and offers families excellent strategies for managing technology at home and establishing effective and safe boundaries for children.

WHEN:
Tuesday 10 September, 6pm – 7pm

WHERE:
St Joseph's Hall

PRESENTED BY:
Brett Lee – Internet Safe Education

FOR:
All parents and staff

ALL WELCOME!



Online Safety & Cyberbullying

THIS IS AN EVENT NOT TO BE MISSED AND WILL CHANGE YOUR THINKING

Delivered by a professional speaker on the topic of digital compliance and internet safety. You will be presented with engaging and powerful information in a way that will bring to life possible online dangers and responsibilities which are a part of your child's digital world. Strategies of protection and prevention will empower you to reduce online risks within your home. You will be amazed how simple this can be.

Delivered by a former Undercover Internet Detective

Simple measures to create a fun, educational and positive online experience

Witness the real life dangers and responsibilities

Discover how essential and important your role is

Social Networking

The Law Online

Identity Protection

Cyberbullying

Happy Father's Day

A huge thank you to our Joey's Supporters for putting on a fabulous BBQ this afternoon and to all of the Dads and other special men who joined us for a great afternoon of games and fun. Your presence in our school is very valued. Wishing you all a very Happy Father's Day this Sunday.



Bianca Hodges
Principal

DATE CLAIMER



SEPTEMBER

- 3 Parent Teacher Interviews
- 10 Brett Lee Cybersafety Parent Presentation 6pm
- 11 Parent Information Session for Sacraments 7pm
- 17 Year 5 half day visit to HSC
- 20 Last day Term 3

OCTOBER

- 7 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
- 8 Term 4 commences

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday 3rd September from 3.10pm. Bookings must be made online through Parent Lounge. Access to the interview bookings will open on **Monday 26th August at 12.00noon** and will close at **12.00noon Monday 2nd September**.

1. To access Parent Lounge, Log on to GOOGLE CHROME and access the school website: sjnmrok.catholic.edu.au
2. Click on the Parent Lounge under Our Parent Life Link
3. Log in with your username (6 Digit ID number that can be found on your school fee account) and the password is the same as previously used.

If you have forgotten or misplaced your password, click '**Forgot Password?**'. Type in your username and you will be emailed a link to reset your password. Please use the same email as is used for your school fee account.

Parent Lounge - Login [Forgot Password?](#)

Parent LOUNGE
POWERED BY TASS®

* Username

* Password

[System Requirements](#) [Login](#)

SCHOOL FEES

School fees are now OVERDUE! Thank you to all parents who have finalised their accounts. If you need to discuss your payments, please contact Tracey, our new finance officer, on 49573355.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN results will be distributed to parents once the school receives the individual results.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

I would like to thank all our families for your understanding this week when I had to close the tuckshop. I apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused you.

We still need more volunteers for both help in the tuckshop and for homebake. If you can offer your support, please contact the office.

Tuesday 3 rd September	N/A
Wednesday 4 th September	N/A
Thursday 5 th September	N/A
Friday 6 th September	Stephanie Ferris & Anna Deguara
HOMEBAKE ROSTER	
Chocolate Slice	NEEDED – PLEASE SEE WEBSITE FOR RECIPE
Pikelets	NEEDED – PLEASE SEE WEBSITE FOR RECIPE

Jessica Jackson-Gee
Tuckshop

DOCTOR MICHAEL CARR-GREGG

Next Thursday our Year 6 students will be attending the morning session with Dr Michael Carr-Gregg to learn strategies that will help them transition into high school. A parent session – **Building Happy and Resilient Children** will be held from 6.30pm.



DR MICHAEL CARR-GREGG

Happy and Resilient Children

Dr Michael's core focus areas for 2019: Addressing the issue of mobile phones in schools, Parenting Programs – building Happy and Resilient Children, using technology to improve wellbeing, Identifying Adolescents at Risk. A great opportunity to support Wellbeing in students and give parents an opportunity to ask questions of an expert in his field.

Thursday 5th September
St Patrick's Hall

VENUE: St Patrick's Hall

Parents click the link below to Pre-Register for Session 3 -
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8L7766M>

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Key Initiative your school
can offer to improve
Wellbeing.

Session 1: Surviving Yr 7.
Yr 6 & 7 12:30pm (45mins).
This presentation provides practical strategies to help students and parents transition into Yr 7, reduce stress, build resilience and lay foundations for a great journey through adolescence

Session 2: Surviving Yr 12.
Yr 10 & 11 1:45pm (45mins)
The art of surviving Yr 12 lies in the balance of work and play, pursuing physical as well as mental wellbeing and nurturing inner self. Includes practical evidence-based tips and strategies to reduce stress and increase productivity. How to manage sleep, social media, improve memory, how to avoid distractions, what foods to eat before exams, managing parents and much more

Session 3: Building Happy and Resilient Children.
Parents 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Research shows that over 60% of parents lack confidence in their parenting and we know that it is particularly stressful with teenagers. Dr Carr-Gregg presents parents with paradigms for effective evidence-based communication with teenagers and gives 10 strategies to build resilience in young people.



IMPORTANT DATES



Fri 6 Sep

Friday Assembly Year 6GG 8.40am

Wed 11 Sep

First Friday Mass 9.30am
Registration and Parent
Information Night for Sacraments
of Penance, Confirmation and
Communion

Fri 13 Sep

Friday Assembly 4HP 8.40am

Fri 20 Sep

Midday Mass Year 3
Mercy Week Liturgy/celebrations



Congratulations

to the community of
St Joseph's Primary School

This week, Mr Greg Clair, from Catholic Mission presented the school with a certificate of thanks for the generous contribution St Joseph's Catholic Primary School made, last year to Catholic Mission.

This generous donation of \$2 245.77 was enough to refurbish a classroom in Myanmar. It was also the highest contribution made by any Catholic school within the diocese.

Thank you to all our generous families who made this possible.



Gospel Reflection – Sunday 1st September

In the Gospel, Jesus uses the setting of a meal to tell the guests a parable. He uses the simple example of going to a wedding and taking a seat up with the important guests, only to be publicly embarrassed by having to be asked to move to a table with the 'also rans'. Wouldn't it be better to sit with the ordinary folk and then perhaps to have the honourable experience of being invited up to a seat of importance? In a culture where honour and shame are such important values, Jesus' hearers would concur with his teaching.

The parable concludes by raising the question what reward do you want: the reward of this world or the blessings of God? If this world is all you are concerned with then offer hospitality to those who can repay you now. Seek the patronage of the wealthy, the important, and the ones who will be able to do you favours. But if you want to enjoy the hospitality of God, associate with those closest to God's heart.

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**ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH OF NORTH MACKAY
& NORTHERN BEACHES**

SACRAMENTAL PROCESS

Preparation for the Sacrament of
•Penance (First Confession),

Will commence with Registration and Parent Information Night

WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2019

7:00pm at St Joseph's Church, 21 – 23 Grendon Street, North Mackay.

For information Letter and Registration Form

Please contact Parish Office

Phone: 4957 4855 or Email: stjomky@bigpond.com

Tuesday to Friday 9:00am – 12:00pm.

PREP TRANSITION VISITS

This week we had our second Prep Transition visit for our 2020 classes with parents participating in an information session on Social Competence and readiness for Prep. We are loving having our newest students visiting us regularly as they prepare to come to 'big school'.

Limited places still available for 2020. Contact our school office for an enrolment pack today.





Prep J William Ffrost

For your efforts and enthusiasm in Literacy Groups each session. You are applying skills taught and showing success. So proud of your achievements William.

Prep W Percy Gibbs

For your super hero effort dealing with adversity during Maths Alfresco. You calmly wielded your super power of resilience throughout your battle with the scooter board. Finally, your disguise as Aladdin was the perfect alter ego. Way to go Super Percy!

1M Hamahli Bickey

For your efforts in math groups with the 100's chart. You worked with your group to help complete the chart in time and are able to count in twos and threes on the hundreds mat. Keep it up Hamahli.

1B Kyron Single

For always being a good friend to others in grade one. Thank you for being a good role model and for demonstrating the spirit of Jesus within every school day.

2WE Asher Barba

For your wonderful expression and participation whilst reading and for an excellent use of scientific terms during our Animal Information Report and Mealworm investigations. Well done and keep up the great effort Asher.

2J Oliver Radke

For your wonderful contribution to our prayer assembly. You participated beautifully and read your part with confidence and enthusiasm. Well done Oli!

3C Cameron Bailey

For writing a descriptive paragraph during our daily 5 writing sessions. Not only did you write your paragraph Cameron, you helped a friend brainstorm, making it possible for them to write a descriptive paragraph also. Awesome teamwork!

3PM Eli Flanagan

For the much improved effort and attitude that you are displaying towards all aspects of school life. We have noticed how much you have been trying and are very proud. Keep up this wonderful effort!

4B Axle Barret

For your participation and clever responses during our Health lesson last week. You listened and contributed to some great discussions.

4HP Jaxon Cranston

For displaying a love of Literacy through your writing tasks and constant reading. You are such an avid reader Jaxon and we enjoy witnessing how passionate you are.

5D Jariyah Thompson

For your fabulous journal entry from the perspective of Danny in the book 'Danny Champion of the World'. Your creative writing ability blew me away.

5N Cooper Boyce

For the value of excellence you have displayed during maths lessons particularly when measuring and drawing angles. Keep up the fabulous work Cooper!

6GG Aria Holt

For a tremendous job arranging and performing the amazing dance routine to finish our book week display.

6R Sienna McDonald

For your diligent approach to your work. You consistently listen to and follow instructions, are always ready to learn and willing to share and be challenged. Thank you Sienna!

STOP MOTION FILM WINNERS

Congratulations to the following students who had the best Stop Motion Movie in their year level.

Check Mr Grundy's post on Dojo to see the winning entries.

Year 3: Zoe McCarthy

Year 4: Dexter Arthy

Year 5: Tyler Holt & Lydia Silveira

Year 6: Jeremiah Breen & Tess Radke



MERCY COLLEGE MACKAY

A Catholic Co-educational Secondary College
Specialising in Middle School - Years 7 to 10



POSITION VACANT: PERSONAL ASSISTANT to the DEPUTY & ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS
FULL-TIME TERM-TIME – LEVEL 4 SCHOOL OFFICER
38 HPW Monday to Friday
To Commence: 8 October 2019

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for the above position.

The right candidate will provide outstanding administrative support for a senior leadership team of four. Necessary attributes essential to the role include, but not limited to;

- enjoy working in a team environment of high expectations
- prioritise a variety of responsibilities and manage multiple tasks simultaneously
- be an independent worker when required
- demonstrated exceptional interpersonal skills, with the ability to communicate at all levels, and build positive relationships with others
- high proficiency in the area of technology / social media
- demonstrated ability to maintain confidentiality and handling of sensitive data

Previous experience in a similar environment would be considered favourably.

It is necessary for applicants to have, or be able to attain on commencement of employment, a Blue Card (working with children).

Supporting the aims of quality Catholic education and the Catholic ethos is highly important.

To apply please send current CV including 3 referees with a covering letter of introduction to;

The Principal E: principal@mercymackay.qld.edu.au

Applications close: 9AM Friday 6 September 2019

Visit our Website for full Position Description www.mercymackay.qld.edu.au

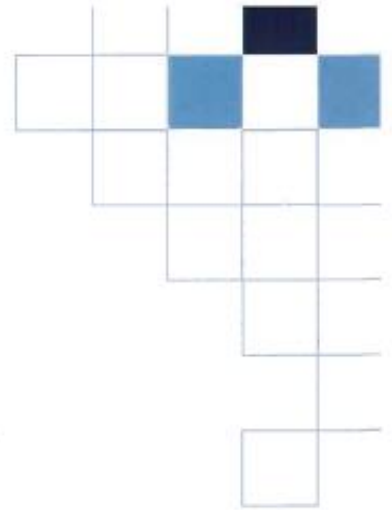


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Mackay property engraving



Join us for our
next event and
receive free
engraving!



Every year, police find property which has either been handed in by members of the community or located with people who don't own them.

Did you know police can engrave your bikes, skateboards and scooters with your own unique code and record it on the police computer system?

Sunday 15th September 2019

12:00pm – 2:00pm

Mackay PCYC

33 Norris Rd, Nth Mackay

Free BBQ

FREE EVENT



Through a little code engraved on your property, police can find the owner in the event this happens and return the property to you.

For further information contact
Mackay Police Station on
07 4968 3444.

