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## ***Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019***

Dear Parents and Friends

We have reached the end of another busy term, and it is hard to believe that we are about to enter our final term for 2019. This week we have celebrated Mercy Week, with a focus each day on the work of the Sisters of Mercy - the founders of our school, and our school values of Respect, Service, Compassion, Excellence and Justice. Year 3 and Year 5 also held fundraisers, with Year 3 having their Toy Frenzy Sale on Tuesday with a percentage of proceeds being donated to Mercy Works as part of their financial literacy lessons they have been undertaking, and Year 5 held their annual cupcakes and cordial morning today. This afternoon we also had a disco, with all proceeds raised from our free dress day, crazy hair and tuckshop also going towards our fundraising efforts for Mercy Works – a great way to raise awareness of social justice issues and how we can make a difference. I would like to thank all families for your generous support of these initiatives this week.

During our Mercy Week Liturgy today, we also had the opportunity to unveil the new names for our sporting houses, which have been adopted to also reflect our Mercy tradition. The new house names have been approved by Bishop Michael McCarthy, and are:

**MCAULEY**

The vision of Catherine McAuley is carried on today throughout the work of the Sisters of Mercy, who belong to the Congregation she began in Dublin, Ireland in 1931. Catherine McAuley had a great love of the poor and desire to provide quality education for all women.

**COOLOCK**

Named after Cooled House in Dublin, Ireland, the building that became “Mercy House” from which Catherine McAuley began her important work.

**MERCY**

Catherine McAuley purchased a plot of ground on the corner of Lower Baggot Street and Herbert Street, with the foundation stone blessed by Dr Michael Blake in 1824. The house was to contain classrooms and accommodation for young women at risk and apartments for Catherine and her associates whom she hoped to attract to her work. The house was officially opened on 24 September, 1827, hence the name House of Mercy.

We will have a special commissioning of these names as part of our leadership handover between Year 5 and Year 6 on the last day of Term 4 during our end of year liturgy.

### **BOOK DONATION**

The Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) Book Week is a much-loved part of each school's annual calendar. It is a time when we celebrate literature and the positive impact it can have for every child's learning. This year's theme, Reading is my secret power, is reflected in the texts that were chosen as Honour Books, Notables and of course, the winning books.

To sustain and extend the spirit of the CBCA 2019 Book Week, Diocesan Director Miss Leesa Jeffcoat gifted a collection of books to each school in our diocese. Our books were delivered this week and are a valuable addition to our school library.

We would like to extend our thanks to Miss Jeffcoat for her continued support of our school and for these excellent resources for our students.



## ENROLMENTS 2020

Early next term we will be working on arranging classes for 2020. Parents with requests regarding class placements for 2020 are invited to submit these in writing to the office by Tuesday 22 October. For privacy reasons, we do not hold requests on file from year to year, so if you have previously submitted a request and this is still relevant, a written request will need to be submitted again this year to ensure it is considered.

**Requests for particular teachers will not be considered**, however we do consider the needs of your child and will try to accommodate requests in consultation with teachers to create balanced classes for 2020. We still do not know our staffing for 2020, so current and new teachers may be placed in different classes to those that they have been teaching in this year. Please submit any relevant request via email to [sjnm@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sjnm@rok.catholic.edu.au) or drop in your letter to the office. This communication is kept confidential.

If you know that your children will not be attending St Joseph's in 2020, please inform the Office in writing as soon as possible.

Have a happy and safe holiday. Term 4 begins on Tuesday 8 October, 2019.

Bianca Hodges  
Principal



### IMPORTANT DATES



Sat/Sun 19/20 Oct	Children's Liturgy
Wed 30 Oct 7pm	Penance Family Workshop OR
Sun 3 Nov 10am	Penance Family Workshop
Fri 1 Nov 9:30am	First Friday Mass with MacKillop
Sat/Sun 2/3 Nov	Children's Liturgy
Wed 6 Nov 3:30pm	First Penance
Thu 7 Nov 3:30pm	First Penance



## Following in the Mercy Tradition

Catholic education is for life; providing a spiritual vision for every student, staff and parent. At St Joseph's, we are enriched by the vision of Catherine McAuley that has been passed down to us. We participate in the proud Mercy history which spans more than 175 years. Catherine McAuley was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1778. In 1824 she used her inheritance from an Irish couple she had served for twenty years to build a large House of Mercy where she and other lay women would shelter homeless women, reach out to the sick and dying and educate poor girls. The House on Baggot Street opened in 1827. To give these efforts greater stability, Catherine and her co-workers founded a new religious congregation. On 12 December 1831, she and two others professed their vows as the first Sisters of Mercy. Before her death on 11 November 1841, Catherine founded convents and works of mercy throughout Ireland and England.

In 1936 when St. Joseph's opened its doors for the first time, with Sr Mary Thecla as principal, it was located in what was then an 'outpost' of St. Patrick's Parish Mackay. Many stories could be told of the early struggles in the school's history and the pioneering work done by the Sisters of Mercy. They laid a solid foundation based on the Mercy values that still stands true today, of hard work through all we do and a genuine love of God and respect for one another. Other significant figures in establishing St. Joseph's School were early parish priests, Fr. Barney Cahill and Fr. Bill McAlister who with the help of parishioners initiated significant fundraising events including NORFAIR to assist with the school's finances.

### Gospel Reflection – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

The parables Jesus told were meant to be puzzling, meant to tease the listeners into thinking and even to turn their normal perspective upside down. The steward in the story is about to be fired and so he re-writes the bills for his master cutting them down considerably in the hope that by doing this he could seek employment when he is fired. This action earns his master's praise for its astuteness! Why would Jesus present this character as an example for disciples?

The master recognises the wisdom (astuteness) of the steward in the way he uses money with an eye to the future. It is possible that the steward is not losing money for his master but simply writing off his personal cut from the money owing to his master, and so is not doing anything dishonest, just forgoing his own commission. He is going without a present profit in the hope of a future gain – employment from his master's debtors. The master in the parable recognises the shrewdness of this behaviour.

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**Prep J Hayley Muirhead**

For really working hard on constructing your sentences. You are sounding our words you are unsure of and using your knowledge of letter sounds to write the beginning of these words.

**Prep W Jaxon Clark**

For your excellent facial expressions used during our Fairy Tale oral presentation practice. You are really getting into the character.

**1M Mia Fitzgerald**

For your great improvement in your reading. You are using great strategies to decode tricky words. You always try your hardest in class. Good luck at your new school, we'll miss you Mia.

**1B Antigua Clemments**

For your improved efforts and confidence with letter recognition and sounds. It is wonderful to see how achieving these goals is creating a positive attitude around schoolwork. Keep up our impressive efforts Antigua.

**2WE Sylvie Martin**

For always demonstrating respect, responsibility and excellence in all that you do. Your positive attitude and example is wonderful to see.

**2J Junior Chikuku**

For your wonderful attitude to learning. It has been so wonderful to see both your skills and confidence when writing grow throughout the year! You should be so proud of your writing achievements this year! Well done!

**3C Emily Archer**

For always demonstrating the school's five values of respect, service, compassion, excellence and justice in everything you do. You are a great role model Emily. Keep up the great work!

**3PM Allegra Holt**

For making excellent choices with peer relationships. It is great to see you forming such a wide circle of friends.

**4B Jessica McLennan**

For the consistent approach to your work this term. You have a fabulous work ethic and try your best all the time.

**4HP Cody Doneley**

For your creative contribution to our class assembly. Your sense of humour was a fantastic addition to the script and I couldn't have done it without you. Thank you Cody!

**5D Archer Flanagan**

For the great work you have produced with your journal writing pieces. Your willingness to accept teacher feedback and apply this feedback to your writing is a credit to you. I am very proud of your effort and look forward to reading your final journal piece about August. Well done Archer!

**5N Vanessa Chikuku**

For the consistent results you have been achieving in EMM, Rapid Recall and Spelling. You are a very diligent student who puts a lot of time and effort into your work. You should be proud of your effort!

**Chloe Gray**

For your journal entry as Danny Champion of the World. You really got into character to become Danny, and utilised many aspects of journal writing within your entry. Keep up the fabulous effort!

**6GG Kallarney Holcombe**

For striving for excellence in all academic subjects. We are really impressed that you have learned the Eisteddfod poems quickly. Thank you for your great attitude to school!

**6R Leila Feters**

For the fabulous way that you display our five school values every day! The way you are always willing to offer a helping hand and your positive attitude show why we are so lucky to have you in 6R. Thank you Leila!

**Let's Celebrate  
Building God's Kingdom Together**

You are invited to celebrate with

**Father Stephen Hanly**

**30 years of Priesthood**

**6:00pm Mass**

**Wednesday 20th November 2019**

**St Joseph's Church, Grendon Street, North Mackay**

Followed by Shared Meal in the Parish Centre

Please bring meal to share

Drinks supplied

RSVP by 1st November 2019

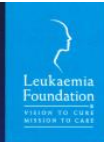
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## POSITION VACANT



**Mercy College, Mackay**  
**Full Time Continuing Middle Leadership Position**  
**HEAD OF DEPARTMENT, INCLUSIVE CURRICULUM**  
**[Learning Support Program Leader (Tier 3)]**  
**Commencing 20 January 2020**

Mercy College, Mackay invite applications from qualified educators in the above-mentioned capacity.

The successful applicant will demonstrate; teaching expertise in the area of learning support/inclusive curriculum; broader commitment to co-curricular & pastoral care of students; commitment to providing quality Catholic education and learning based on a personal faith as well as be a highly trained and qualified professional with significant experience in the provision of high-quality educational programs. You will have well developed leadership qualities; excellent organisational skills; excellent written and verbal communication skills; the ability to lead & coordinate teams, as well as the ability to work independently. Applicants should also possess a willingness to be involved in the College's extra-curricular program.

Applications must address the above criteria, include a brief cover letter of introduction and CV with 3 referees

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For position description and to apply please download an application package from our website

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Applications close 3pm Friday 4 October 2019  
and must be submitted to: [principal@mercymackay.qld.edu.au](mailto:principal@mercymackay.qld.edu.au)

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**Mercy College, Mackay**  
**HPE & Mathematics Teacher at the Junior Level**  
**(Full Time Contract – Term 4 2019)**  
**Commencing 8 Oct 2019 until 6 December 2019**

We invite applications from qualified educators for the above-mentioned position who are committed to the ideals of Catholic schools and possess the following:

- Relevant tertiary qualifications
- Appropriate qualities, knowledge and skills to provide a relevant and holistic education

The successful applicant will demonstrate a commitment to providing quality Catholic education and learning. You will have well developed organisational skills; excellent written and verbal communication skills; the ability to work well in a team, as well as the ability to work independently.

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