



Friday, 13th September 2019

Dear Parents and Friends

This week we hosted Brett Lee from Internet Safe Education. It was a great way for our school to reinforce the messages around protective behaviours that have been our focus over the past few weeks. Brett presented to students, staff and parents, and his messages are always clear and simple.

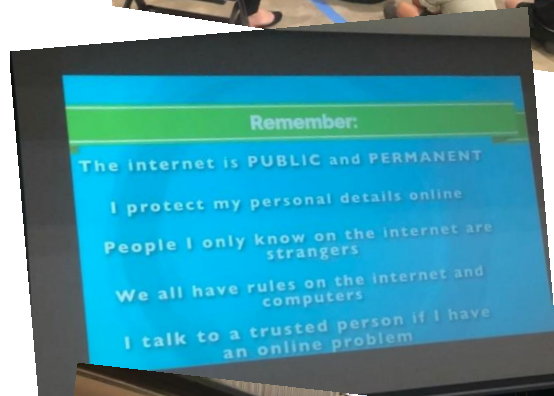
The key messages delivered to the students were simple and need to be reinforced over and over again until it becomes part of the world that they live in. They were:

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

If you were unable to attend and would like these principles unpacked further, there is a short video of this section of Brett's talk available on Class Dojo. I would like to extend my thanks to our Joey's Supporters for providing drinks and nibbles on Tuesday night and to staff and parents for supporting this initiative and attending the session. Our active involvement in monitoring, modelling and reinforcing these important principles is essential for our children to develop good online safety skills.





On Wednesday we also had Zoe from Surf Life Saving Queensland come and present to students from Prep to Year 6 as part of our protective behaviours lessons. These sessions were on personal safety and managing risk, particularly around water including the beach, pools, lakes, creeks and dams.

Some of the key messages included:

- what the different flags represent on the beach to ensure safety.
- how to signal for help
- difference between life savers and life guards - both observe the water and set up the beach
- Life Guards are payed for their work and Life Savers are volunteers
- Life guards wear red and life savers wear yellow
- Students were given examples of the equipment used by Life Savers
- Signs to be aware of such 'crocodile' and 'shark' signs

We appreciate the input of Surf Life Saving Queensland in presenting these free sessions to our students today with invaluable safety information.

Eisteddfod News

This year, all students from Prep to Year 6 will be participating in the 2019 Mackay Eisteddfod. The choral speaking events will take place in Term 4 during Week 3.

While the program for the Speech and Drama section of the Mackay Eisteddfod is yet to be finalised, the purposed program is as follows:

Tuesday 22 nd October 8:30am Session	Year 6
Wednesday 23 rd October 8:30am Session	Prep Year 2 Year 5
Thursday 24 th October 8:30am Session	Year 1 Year 3 Year 4

School Choir (members only):

Monday 21 st October 6:00pm Session	Primary Schools Show Choir
Thursday 22 nd October 6:30pm Session	Primary Schools (Open) Hymn and Folk Choral Singing
Friday 25 October 8:30am Session	Choral Singing for Schools Grade 3 and under

More information will be sent out as the event draws closer.

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 sjm@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.

Bianca Hodges
Principal

STAFF CARPARK

The staff carpark is becoming quite congested with parents parking in the carpark before school. We remind all parents that the staff carpark is for STAFF ONLY. Parents are welcome to park in the carpark if they have school business to attend to, but this is not to happen before 8.45am. Recently, a number of staff have been unable to park in the carpark due to the number of parents who have parked there. This is not fair on staff, who are working all day at the school, to have to park on the street, several blocks away.

NAPLAN

Parents of Year 3 and 5 students have received their individual NAPLAN results, during this week. Can I remind everyone that this is a test, done at a point in time, across Australia? Should you wish to know about your child's progress, at school, the best person to speak to is their classroom teacher, who has worked with your child throughout the year.

TOY FRENZY

As part of the Barefoot Investor program, students in Year 3 are involved in a project to gain greater financial literacy understandings. As such, they are holding a Toy Frenzy stall next Tuesday, 16th September, during the first break. They will be selling a variety of second hand books and toys for other students in the school to purchase. Items will vary in price from 50c to \$2. We encourage parents to assist our Year 3's by giving your child \$2 to bring to school to spend. More details will be sent home via dojo on Monday, as a reminder.

EARLY DEPARTURES

If you are collecting your child early from school you must sign them out in the office and the office staff will contact your child's class. Please do not collect your child from the classroom.

MERCY DAY – FRIDAY 20th SEPTEMBER

Each year we celebrate the charism of our school through support of Mercy Works.

On Friday our Year 5 students will be selling cupcakes and cordial at lunchtime (\$2 cupcake, 50c cordial). Our Year 6 students will lead a special Mercy Liturgy at 1pm followed by a school disco (gold coin donation) to end the term. Students are able to wear free dress and crazy hair on Friday. All funds raised will go to Mercy Works.



IMPORTANT DATES



Wed 11 Sep

Registration and Parent Information Night for Sacraments of Penance, Confirmation and Communion

Fri 13 Sep

Friday Assembly 4HP 8.40am
Midday Mass Year 3

Sat/Sun 14/15 Sep

Children's liturgy 6pm OR 9am

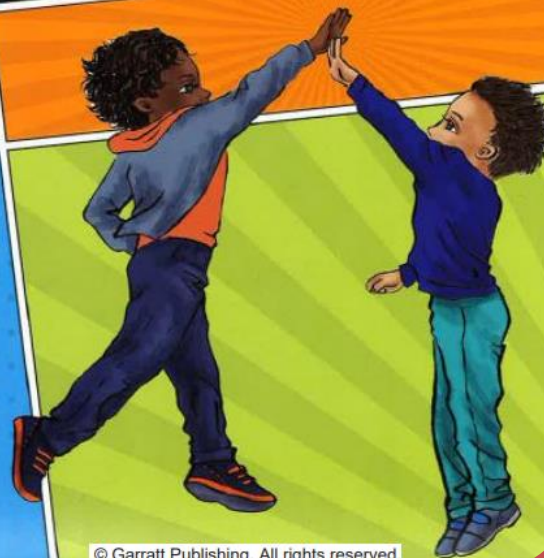
Fri 20 Sep

Mercy Week Liturgy/celebrations

YOUR ATTITUDE IS CONTAGIOUS



I'M A WINNER!



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Gospel Reflection – Sunday 15th September

The third parable (the 'Lost Son') introduces a further character: the older brother, who reacts so angrily to his father's reinstatement of his brother to full status as son.

His attitude shows the difficulty human beings have in coming to terms with such a vision of God. Conversion is not just a matter of turning from overt acts of sin. It can

also – perhaps even more radically – mean confronting one's own anger and resentment at God's unbounded generosity to others. The older brother did not think his younger sibling deserved to be treated so indulgently. But what human beings might or might not 'deserve' does not control the action of God.

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Prep J Saahil Sharma

For his growing confidence and enthusiasm in writing the alphabet. You are practicing the correct formation of letters too. Keep it up!

Prep W Amity Labbett

For your terrific efforts during the week when practicing for the Eisteddfod. Your eyes are on the conductor and you are doing the correct words and actions.

1M Arlow Bonetti

For your improved focus during group work. You are working hard to complete tasks and help your group. Your group really appreciates your help. Keep it up.

1B Jakobi Patch

1B have been admiring your input in class discussions and your responsible behaviour during instruction time. Keep up the fantastic effort Jakobi!

2WE Maison Egan

For your perseverance and excellence in your maths and English work. We are so proud of the improvement you have shown. Well done and keep up the great work.

2J Tyler Reddrop

For using lovely manners in the classroom and being a compassionate friend. You have been applying yourself well to classroom tasks and have shown a great level of effort within your information writing. Well done.

3C Adrienne Albarracin

For always trying so hard in all areas of your work. Your persistence and attitude towards all tasks is commendable. Keep up the great work!

3PM Lily Anderson

For always showing the value of service. Thank you for your patience and kindness when helping fellow classmates. Lily you are amazing!

4B Lincoln Collins

For the excellent result and understanding you display on the topic of money. You can work confidently and competently with this concept. Well done.

4HP Marie Leichsenring

For demonstrating persistence with every task you have a go at. You are such a positive student and this makes you a great role model for your peers.

5D Jorjyah Kister

For showing the value of excellence and respect during group work activities when participating in Daniel Morcombe Child Safety lessons. Keep up the great work Jorjyah!

5N Nykeisha Dorante

For the consistent results you have been achieving in spelling, EMM and Rapid Recall. Your focus and attention to your work is shining through. Keep up the fabulous effort!

6GG Simon Sirad

For settling in so quickly and participating in everything with great enthusiasm. You've made friends very easily.

6R Chloe Davies

For the quiet and positive way you go about your learning. You are always ready to have a go and you don't give up if a task is challenging. I am so proud of this display of excellence in your mind-set Chloe, keep it up!

SCHOOL BANKING

Remember, Thursday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.

For every deposit made at school, students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their regular savings habits.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year.

If your child has lost their book, they can bring their money to school in a sealed envelope with a note on the next School Banking day. We will issue them with a replacement.

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Save regularly and reach your goals **Deposit**

Teller Date **01 04 15**

Name **John Argyros** Student ID **1 2 3 4 5**

Number of cheques Notes \$ **5.00**

BSB **1 2 3 4 5 6** Coin \$

Account number **1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8** Cheques \$

Previous balance \$ **101.50**

Add this deposit \$ **5.00**

Subtract withdrawal \$

Current balance \$ **106.50**

Total \$ **5.00**

+896+

Please ensure your child's deposit slip is correctly filled out before banking with School Banking. The above example indicates the fields that are required to be completed. Please remember to complete the receipt in the bank book too as our office staff are not able to complete your deposits.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2019 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

TUCKSHOP

Thank you so much for a great term 3. I would like to thank all the parents who volunteered this term in tuckshop. Your help is very important and helps our Tuckshop run well. I am very grateful for you all. If there are any parents available to help on a Friday next term (twice a term) please let me know. Also, please keep an eye out in the newsletter for special dates where help is needed and contact me if you are able to help.

Thank you to those who ordered our family meals, they have been successful and positive feedback received.

A big thank you to all those who have supported the Kirkwood family throughout the term, your love and support has been truly amazing.

A reminder to all parents that our cut off times for ordering is 8.35am on the day. After this all orders are closed and no orders can be taken after this time. Please note that it is possible to order two weeks in advance on the days you need. If there is any other way I can help with the online ordering process, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Monday 16 th September	Anna Deguara & Stephanie Ferris
Tuesday 17 th September	N/A
Wednesday 18 th September	N/A
Thursday 19 th September	N/A
Friday 20 th September	Stephanie Ferris & Anna Deguara
HOMEBAKE ROSTER	
Chocolate Slice	NEEDED – PLEASE SEE WEBSITE FOR RECIPE
Pikelets	NEEDED – PLEASE SEE WEBSITE FOR RECIPE

DATES TO REMEMBER

Our opening days are TUES, WED, THURS and FRI.
Pizza and Subway day will be week 4 and 8 in Term 4.

I hope you have a safe and happy holiday and I look forward to seeing you all in term 4.

With thanks

Jessica Jackson-Gee

CRYSTAL GROWING COMPETITION

In Term 2, 2WE and 2J participated in the annual RACI Crystal Growing Competition for Queensland.

This involves growing, observing and reporting on crystal development and was run as our Chemical Science element of the curriculum.

After a 4 to 6 week period the teams had to chose a single crystal and write a report to send away to a panel for judging.

I am very pleased to announce that two teams from St Joseph's received 1st and 2nd place in the State.

Special congratulations go to the 1st place team of Holly Willmore, Van McDermott, William Carroll and Isobel Rippingale, and 2nd place team of Sylvie Martin, Audrey Gould, Wallis Cole and Max Neilson.

Well done to all students for demonstrating their excellence in learning and utilising scientific terminology and great sportsmanship whilst working in their teams and supporting each other.

Our winning crystals are now automatically forwarded to the National Crystal Growing Competition to be judged in Canberra in Term 4.

Good luck and well done Year 2!



Melinda Wright

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

Email: stjomky@bigpond.com

Phone: 49574855



**LEARN TO BE SWIMFIT
WITH OUR QUALIFIED INSTRUCTORS KYLIE AND FRAN
COME SEE HOW —THURSDAY 26th SEPTEMBER
@ 4pm - VICTORIA PARK SCHOOL POOL**

Get ready for your up coming school swimming carnivals
Improve your stroke and fitness
REGULAR SWIMFIT CLASSES WILL BE HELD
Tuesday @ North Mackay high school
Thursday @ Victoria park primary school
1/2 hour classes
7 - 10 years 4-00pm - 4.30pm
11 years and over 4.30 pm - 5.00pm
ALL ABILITIES WELCOME 🌊 🌊 🌊 .v



Need an evening without the kids?

Parents' Night Out

Haven't had date night in a while? Need a night without kids? Drop them off to Mackay Gymnastics and let them have fun with our qualified staff while you enjoy a night out....

6 - 9pm
Every Second Saturday
 commencing 27th July

\$25 per child
 incl. pizza

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!!!

 **5 Snow Wright Court**
Phone: (07) 4942 0032

 **SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN DAYS**

 **INSIDE FUN, OUT OF THE SUN**

2 - 4 YEAR OLDS
 for younger boys & girls
 9.00am - 9.45am

COST \$12.00

5 - 12 YEAR OLDS
 primary school aged boys and girls
 9.00am - 10.30am

COST \$20.00

WHERE: At our facilities
 5 Snow Wright Crt,
 (Off Beaconsfield Rd)

WHEN : Mon 23rd Sept 2019
 Wed 25th Sept 2019
 Fri 27th Sept 2019
 Mon 30th Sept 2019
 Wed 2nd Oct 2019
 Fri 4th Oct 2019

COME AND HAVE FUN IN THE GYM

Bookings Required
Phone: 4942 0032
Or Email
admin@mackaygymnastics.org.au

