



ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

With Christ We Grow

P 07 4957 3355 | F 07 4957 4540

E sjnm@rok.catholic.edu.au

www.sjnmrok.catholic.edu.au

4 Canberra Street | PO Box 3077

North Mackay Q 4740

Friday, 8th November 2019

Dear Parents and Friends

I would first like to start by thanking all in our school community for your generous support of NORFAIR, the annual Parish Fair to be held tonight at St Joseph's. This fair is a combined effort of the St Joseph's and St Brendan's parishes, supported by the northside Catholic schools Emmanuel, St Brendan's, Holy Spirit College, Mackillop and St Joseph's. As the school where this event is hosted, I am always grateful for the tremendous support our school community gives our parish through attendance at this fair. Thank you for this support, which provides valuable funds for our parish to continue to minister in our community. I look forward to seeing many of you tonight.

As our school year draws to a close, we begin the process of preparing our students for the transition ahead of them. Over the past few years we have really refined our transition process, in an effort to lessen the impact of change that for some students can be quite traumatic. Over the coming week all students will have an opportunity to visit the year level that they will be moving to in 2020, as an ice breaker before the new year. While we have drafted class lists based on teacher recommendations and parent requests, this is also an opportunity to trial these classes and as such, changes may be made before the final lists are published to families in the last week of school. Our teachers have spent considerable time analysing the composition of classes for 2020 and I thank them for their efforts.

Next week our School Board will meet for the last time in 2020. This year we have had a great mix of parent representatives on our School Board, with a variety of gifts and talents shared as we have discussed strategic goals and improvements for our school. This week I had the opportunity to meet with Mackay Mayor, Councillor Greg Williamson, with board members Philip Whitmore and Taylor Radke regarding Grendon Street and our ongoing efforts to improve safety in this area. It was great to have the opportunity to have our concerns listened to by council and I look forward to sharing with you the outcome of these discussions.



Our School Board is an important body at St Joseph's, whose purpose is based on the philosophy of 'shared wisdom' - a model that is more about 'consultation' rather than 'decision making'. School and College Boards in the Diocese of Rockhampton are constituted to enable these collaborative practices to be employed:

- the ongoing development of the Catholic ethos of the school and the special spirituality that animates the school community;
- being consulted in relation to the appointment of a principal by the Catholic Education Office;

- supporting staff, especially the principal, who will have the day to day responsibility for maintaining and promoting the Catholic ethos of the school;
- exercising general oversight of the curriculum, but in accordance with any relevant requirements of Government and Catholic education authorities, and without trespassing upon areas of professional educational judgment;
- overseeing the prudent financial management of the school, particularly with a view to ensuring access to quality education for future generations, and including planning for the provision of future facilities;
- seeking to ensure that the school fulfils its potential as an option for the disadvantaged, including the poor;
- providing advice to the principal on any matters referred to it by the principal;
- developing policies on matters referred to it by the principal or by responsible Catholic education authorities; and
- facilitating the induction and preparation of board members, including ensuring that members understand the scope and extent of their role.

This year we have been blessed to be so well supported by our parents and staff who have given so generously their time to serve on our Board. I would like to extend my thanks to members Marcelle Price, Nichola Byrne, Regional Board Liaison Officer Vicki Heggie, Bev Ferris, Taylor Radke, Owen Rippingale, and to Father James for his continued support and spiritual guidance. Special thanks also to Philip Whitmore for his work on the board for the past 5 years, this year in the role as Board Chair. Philip will be retiring in his role as chair at the end of this year, and I thank him for his service. As such, we will be inviting one or two new parents to join the board for 2020. If you have an interest in serving on the Board, please contact the office to register your interest and a member of the Board will be in touch to discuss the role.



Next Saturday 16 November is our final Working Bee for 2020. At this Working Bee we have a large number of projects we would like to achieve:

- topdressing and filling holes in our top and middle playgrounds
- weeding, pruning learnscape garden and spreading new mulch over area
- oiling timber furniture in learnscape garden and outdoor prep area
- cleaning of water troughs, outdoor seating following NORFAIR
- planting of new plants in Prep areas, additions to learnscape
- general gurneying of areas as needed

We plan to work from 2 – 4pm and will have soil and mulch ready to be spread. We will also have materials for painting furniture as required. If you can assist, we would greatly appreciate it and our Joey's Supporters will be providing cold drinks and nibbles after we are finished. Equipment required on the day:

- wheelbarrows and shovels/rakes
- pruning and weeding equipment
- cleaning products
- gurneys
- **PLANTING ADVICE!!** (if you have some ideas on plants that could be good additions to our Prep area and learnscape – please contact the office prior to the Working Bee). We would love to include more natives in these areas.

We hope that we can get a great turn out on this day and make quick work of these tasks! Your support is greatly appreciated!

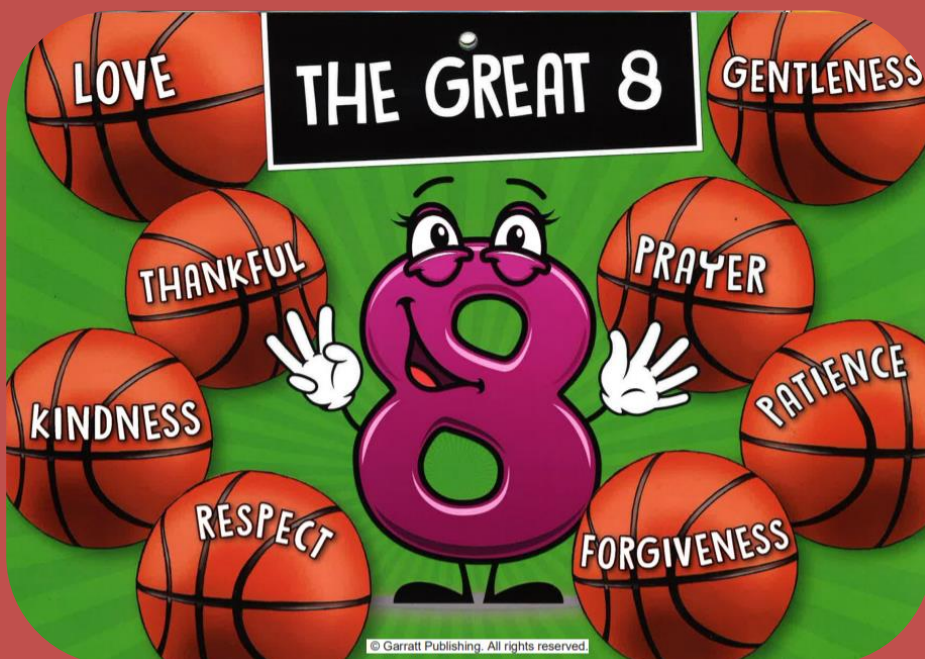
Bianca Hodges
Principal



IMPORTANT DATES

Mon 11 Nov 11:20am
Fri 15 Nov
Fri 22 Nov
Fri 29 Nov 9:00am
Tue 3 Dec 6:00pm
Fri 6 Dec Noon

Remembrance Day Liturgy
Midday Mass Prep and Year 4
Midday Mass Years 2 and 6
Closing School Mass
Graduation Mass and Dinner
Christmas Prayer Service and
Year 6 to Year 5 Hand Over
Ceremony and Announcement of
2020 captains



MJR

These are the eight keys
to Making Jesus Real in
our lives and in the lives
of others:

Love to all
Giving Thanks
Showing Kindness
Demonstrating
Respect
Forgiving Others
Being Gentle
Praying to God
Showing Patience

Gospel Reflection – Sunday 10th November

This week's Gospel asks us to check where we stand. Are we open to the idea that our knowledge of God can develop, grow and change? It's not that God changes, but our human knowledge and insights can and do develop. The theology of the first century developed when it moved into a Greek speaking world. Later, with the development of philosophical schools of reasoning, theology developed further. Today, as our world view expands with ideas of a universe that is billions of years old and which is evolving and expanding, our theology must also reconceptualise our faith if it is to be relevant to our age. Commitment to the truth requires openness bigger than that shown by the Sadducees.

© Mary Coloe- liturgyhelp.com

GIVE THE BEST PRESENT EVER!



You can help a
family put food
on the table
this Christmas.

GET INVOLVED THROUGH YOUR SCHOOL
Talk to your teachers or visit vinnies.org.au/getinvolved

Images and content have been changed to protect the privacy of the people we assist.

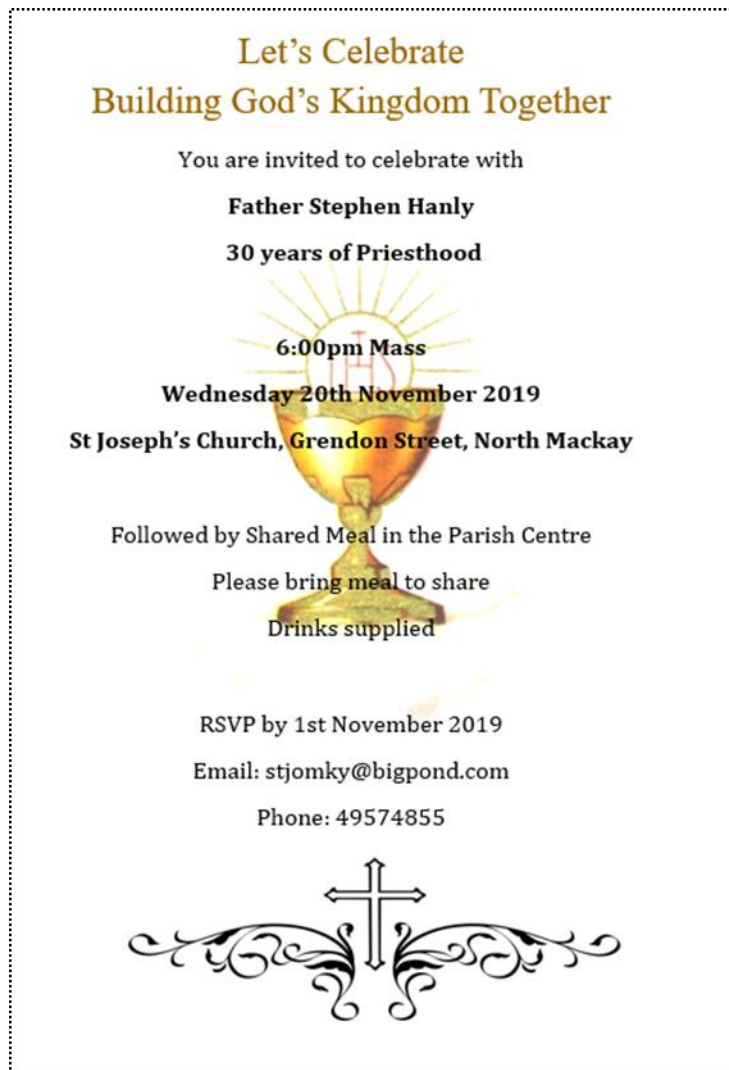


Vinnies Christmas Appeal



St Vincent de Paul Society
and vinnies

FR STEPHEN HANLY – 30 YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD



A TRAINING OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL PARENTS

Queensland Ready Reading

The Ready Reading program invites parents and community members to make a difference in their local community by volunteering in schools to support children's reading.

Reading is a powerful tool to help children grow their vocabulary, language skills and imagination. It helps them to develop life-long skills that will support their future growth and learning.

The Department of Education's Reading Centre and Volunteering Queensland are working together to help improve literacy for children in Queensland by training up to 3000 volunteers to share their knowledge and time to foster a love of reading.

On Thursday the 14th of November, MacKillop will be hosting Ready Reading Training session from 9.00am-1.00pm. As this session is capped at 25 participants, we ask that you register your interest with Ms Sherry or Mrs Donnollan by phoning the school office on 49553600. All participants will also need to register online at <https://volunteeringqld.org.au/volunteers/ready-reading/> Please note morning tea and all training materials will be provided.

We look forward to seeing you there!



SCHOOL FEES

School fees were issued 24th October.

Fees are due TODAY. If you did not receive your statement or need to discuss payment, please call Tracey in the office on 49573355.

BOOKLISTS

2020 booklists were posted on Dojo last Friday. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Parents wanting to collect backpacks in the last week of Term 4, all orders must be placed by 12th November.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

****REMINDER** Tuckshop will be closed TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY next week.** Helpers still needed for chocolate slice or pikelets please. Please see Mel at the office for recipe and instructions if you can help. Due to there only being 4 weeks of tuckshop left some items may be unavailable. I appreciate your understanding with this as it is important to reduce as much waste as possible.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 6 TUE/WED Tuckshop closed

Week 7 Carols night orders due

Week 8 LAST WEEK OF TUCKSHOP

MONDAY 25th Nov-Pizza and subway

Wednesday 27th Nov - Carols night

VOLUNTEERS

Tuesday 12 th November	CLOSED
Wednesday 13 th November	CLOSED
Thursday 14 th November	N/A
Friday 15 th November	Stephanie Ferris & Anna Deguara
HOMEBAKE ROSTER	
Chocolate Slice	NEEDED – PLEASE SEE WEBSITE FOR RECIPE
Pikelets	NEEDED – PLEASE SEE WEBSITE FOR RECIPE

SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR AWARDS

This term the annual Mackay and District SPOTY (Sportsperson of the Year) night will be held on 26th November. Nominees must have displayed excellent sportsmanship, commitment and skill throughout their Capricornia Trial. The School Sport Coach nominates players for their particular sport.

This year Will Neubecker has been nominated for a 2019 SPOTY award. Congratulations and good luck Will. What a wonderful achievement!

STUDENT — OF THE — WEEK



Prep J Ivy Gould

For your compassionate, caring, quiet nature towards peers and teachers. You are an excellent role model for your peers.

Prep W Izabella Patchett

For the wonderful way you have settled into St Joseph's. You have demonstrated bravery and have quickly made friends. Prep W are so happy you have come to join us!

1M Isabella Hopton

For your respectful approach to all areas of school and hardworking attitude towards your learning. You are constantly working toward your goals and are achieving them regularly. You are a wonderful role model for your peers. Thank you Isabella!

1B Isabella Hamilton

The first weeks of school are all about getting back into routines and 'learning mode', and Isabella has done this flawlessly. She was consistently ready when we transitioned and she used her class time very productively. Keep up the excellent effort Isabella!

2WE Marlee Pimm

For the amazing effort that you have been applying to your maths activities. Well done and keep trying to achieve your best!

2J Ella Leonard

For your lovely poem, you are an amazing writer. Well done on your hard efforts, even though you had been away from school sick for a couple of days you returned with such positivity and eagerness to get stuck back into your work!

3C William Peters

For a huge improvement in your classroom behaviour this term. You have been a great help to your teacher and have respectfully followed classroom rules. Keep up the good work!

3PM Imogen Argus

For the very respectful way that you treat your peers. You really are a wonderful friend to all in our class! Keep being a ray of sunshine in 3PM!

4B Marco Radke

For always finishing your work on time and continually showing respect in the classroom.

4HP Lily Byrmand-Trappes

For your contribution to our class prayer assembly. You always offer to help and we are grateful for your assistance.

5D Mitchell Ruhl

For your outstanding effort throughout the whole year. You are an absolute delight to teach, your warm and friendly nature is welcoming to all and your attitude towards school is forever positive and energetic. Thank you for being you!

5N William Kay

For the positive attitude you have been displaying in class with answering questions, sharing your understanding during class and small group discussions as well as your willingness to learn. Well done William and keep it up!

6GG Kallarney Holcombe

For upholding all the school values in your daily work and interaction with staff and students. You are a great example for others to follow.

6R Lucas Scott

For the leadership and guidance shown to the Year 2 soccer players during lunchtimes. It is great to see you sharing your love of sport in a positive way. Keep it up Lucas!



Catholic Education
Diocese of Rockhampton

POSITION VACANT



Indigenous Teacher Assistant
Term Time (15 HPW)

Emmanuel Catholic Primary School, Mt Pleasant

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and enthusiastic persons for the position of Indigenous Teacher Assistant. This is a term-time contract position (15 HPW), with the commencement date to be negotiated.

The successful applicant will have appropriate experience and 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.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

To apply for this position, an application package can be obtained from the school office:

Applications should be addressed to:

Geraldine Rostirolla
Principal
Emmanuel Catholic Primary School
PO Box 8064
Mt Pleasant QLD 4740

Phone: 4994 8255
Email: enm@rok.catholic.edu.au

Applications close Friday 15 November.

Catholic Education is committed to best practice in student protection policies and procedures and is an equal opportunity employer

Existing not to be different, *but to make a difference...*
| www.rok.catholic.edu.au | Twitter @RockyCathEd |



Bring your family & friends to



**ST MARY'S
CHRISTMAS FAIR**

Saturday, 23rd November 2019
5pm to 9pm
42 Juliet Street, South Mackay

Burgers, sausage on bread, hot chips & cold drinks.
Glow products, lucky dips & games.
Snow Cones, popcorn & fairy floss.
Jumping Castles & Miniature Train
Face Painting
Ham Wheel
Grocery Bag Stall, Sweet Stall & Bottle Stall
Mini Cent Sale
Raffles
Santa will be visiting.

Made with PosterMyWall.com