



ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

With Christ We Grow

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Friday, 15th November 2019

Dear Parents and Friends

This week we had the pleasure of officially welcoming our Prep cohort for 2020 to our school for Prep Orientation. This year we have had the opportunity to offer a transition program to these Prep students and their families, with a focus on preparing these students for the great leap into their formal schooling. It has been wonderful to watch their confidence grow over the past two terms, and we look forward to welcoming them to our school as students in 2020.

I would like to extend my thanks to Mrs Mallet, Miss Risson, Mrs Wardrop and Mrs Jansen for their work with our new families over the past few months. Anything we can do to make the transition into school a little easier for students and their families has a great impact on a successful start to school, and I am grateful for the expert team we have working in our Prep area and for their generosity during this program.

This week was also another shining example of the powerful roles parents play in the education of your children and the impact that your engagement can have on involving other families in our school. At our orientation and transition morning on Wednesday we had a large number of our Joey's Supporters working behind the scenes selling items, offering 'insider' words of wisdom to our new families and just being a general welcoming presence, and I would like to thank our Joey's Supporter team for their tireless efforts this year.

Students across our school also had the opportunity to transition to their new year level for 2020 and have a taste of things to come. It was wonderful to see the excitement of the students as they moved across our school, and I thank our classroom teachers for their efforts in carefully crafting our draft classes for 2020 to ensure students have a balanced and cohesive learning environment next year.



Tomorrow we have our final Working Bee for 2020. The major goals tomorrow are to plant some new native plants around our school, refresh our wooden play equipment in the Prep areas, empty some of the garden beds around Prep ready for new plants in 2020, to fill some holes around our playground with topsoil and to prune and mulch the learnscape garden. If you are able to assist, please bring along a wheelbarrow, shovel, pruning equipment and any protective equipment required. Our Working Bee kicks off at 2pm tomorrow and hopefully we will be done by 4pm and can enjoy a cold drink together before heading home. Your assistance and support is greatly appreciated.

This week we have had a large number of students being dropped to school early or being collected late each day. It is timely to remind all families that drop off should be no earlier than 8.15am each morning, as there is no supervision provided for students before this time. Students should be booked in to Before School Care if supervision is required prior to 8.15am. Similarly, pick-up is expected to occur no later than 3.20pm. After this time, students must be booked in to After School Care. We would appreciate your consideration of the impact that late pick-up has on staff, whose supervision duties end at 3.20pm.

We have a large number of whole school celebrations coming up over the next three weeks. Parents and friends are welcome and encouraged to attend these. We also have our Volunteers Morning Tea scheduled for Friday 29 November at 10am following our final school mass for 2020. Your support of our school through volunteering in a variety of ways (classroom, tuckshop, library, Joey's Supporter events, Father's Day Stall, Mother's Day Stall, Athletics Carnival, Swimming Carnival just to name a few) really does make what we do here possible, and all volunteers are welcome and encouraged to attend this as our way of saying thanks for all you do.

Bianca Hodges
Principal





IMPORTANT DATES

Fri 29 Nov 9:00am
Tue 3 Dec 6:00pm
Fri 6 Dec Noon

Closing School Mass
Graduation Mass and Dinner
Christmas Prayer Service and
Year 6 to Year 5 Hand Over
Ceremony and Announcement of
2020 captains



Remembrance Day 2019

Thank you to Year 1 and Cameron Single for a truly reverent and special Remembrance Day ceremony.



Gospel Reflection – Sunday 17th November

Jesus lived at a time when the Jerusalem temple existed and had recently been greatly renovated and made even grander by King Herod the Great. But by the time the Gospel is written, the magnificent Temple was utterly destroyed by the Romans in 70 CE. Many Jews saw this event as the 'end of the world' and took this destruction as a sign that God was coming soon. Luke cautions against such false ideas. The end has not yet come and Luke's community must learn to live in an extended time of waiting. Through Jesus' words, Luke teaches his community that in this time of waiting there will be hardship and struggle; these are not incompatible with Christian faith and are not to be taken as signs that God is absent. Endurance is required.

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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

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Vinnies Christmas Appeal



St Vincent de Paul Society
and more

FR STEPHEN HANLY – 30 YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD

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



SCHOOL FEES

OVERDUE

School fees were issued 24th October.

Fees are now OVERDUE. Thank you to our families that have settled their account. If you did not receive your statement or need to discuss payment, please call Tracey in the office on 49573355.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

The Last PIZZA AND SUBWAY day is Week 8, Monday 25th November. All orders must be placed online by Friday 22nd November 12pm. No orders will be accepted after this so please have your orders in to avoid disappointment.

Menu

Meatlovers pizza 1/4 slice	\$3.50
Pepperoni pizza 1/4 slice	\$3.50
Cheeselovers pizza 1/4 slice	\$3.50
GF pepperoni 1/4 slice	\$3.50

All subs are \$5.50

Subs with salad include Lettuce, tomato, carrot and cheese. Sorry NO variations to salads.

Chicken and salad 6inch sub
Chicken and cheese 6inch sub
Pizza and salad 6inch sub
Pizza and cheese 6inch sub
Ham and salad 6inch sub
Ham and cheese 6inch sub

Brownie \$1
 Water. \$1
 Poppers \$1.50
 Apple, orange or pash
 Gluten Free GF Brownie \$1
 Honey soy Deli chips \$1.80
 Quench- red or Blue \$2.20

Dates to remember

Week 7 - ORDERS FOR CAROLS NIGHT AND PIZZA AND SUBWAY DUE FRIDAY 22ND.

Week 8 Last week of tuckshop.

OPEN TUESDAY-THURSDAY.

LAST DAY OF TUCKSHOP IS THURSDAY 29TH NOVEMBER.

Friday 30th November is our Volunteer's Morning Tea. The Morning Tea will be held at 10am after Mass, in the hall, stage area.

Please use the door on the right side to access. All members of our school community who have volunteered their time throughout the year are invited to attend.

VOLUNTEERS

Tuesday 19 th November	N/A
Wednesday 20 th November	N/A
Thursday 21 st November	N/A
Friday 22 nd November	Stephanie Ferris & Anna Deguara
HOMEBAKE ROSTER	
Chocolate Slice	Not required
Pikelets	Not required

With thanks

Jess

2020 FAMILY DISCOUNT FORMS

The **2020 Family Discount/Confirmation of Enrolment 2020 form** will be sent home with the eldest in the family on Monday 18th November.

This document is required in order for families to receive their Family Discount in 2020. ***Please ensure you complete the form based on student's year level and school in 2020.*** The form needs to be returned to the classroom teacher by **THURSDAY, 21st November**. It is a requirement that even **single student families** complete and return the form. Please contact the office if you require further information.

EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Hosting an exchange student can be a truly rewarding experience for the whole family

Welcome a new family member into your home

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED IN 2020

- ✓ Experience a foreign culture firsthand
- ✓ Be exposed to a new language at home
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- ✓ Develop friendships that last a lifetime

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STUDENT — OF THE — WEEK



Prep J Jaxon Toivanen

For your excellence in activities carried out during Literacy Group time. You are successfully applying reading and writing skills learnt. Great job!

Prep W Sophie Wockner

For your demonstration of bravery as you shared the adventures you had while on your big holiday. You are a super star!

1M Eloise Neubecker

For demonstrating persistence during math groups. It is great to see you working hard to understand difficult concepts. Your attitude toward mastering these tasks is wonderful. Well done and keep it up Eloise!

1B Naithel Powell

For showing improvements in his spelling and writing. It's wonderful to see you having a go at unfamiliar words. Keep up the fabulous work Naithel!

2WE Asher Barba

For applying yourself with excellence to all curriculum areas this week. You have been setting a wonderful example – Well done!

2J Ryan McLennan

For being a respectful and compassionate member of 2J. Your bright and outgoing personality has always contributed to a positive atmosphere within our classroom this year. Thank you for working hard and for always being happy to assist the teacher or class members when needed.

3C Brooklyn Borg

For a great effort while conducting experiments and documenting results during our 'Melting moments' science investigations. Well done Brooklyn!

3PM Alice McKendry

For your continual display of our school values. You consistently make great choices and are willing to listen to constructive feedback to improve your work. Well done Alice!

4B Lilly Kelley

For the growth and improvement you have made this year in your recall of all operations. Well done Lilly.

4HP James Neubecker

For Making Jesus Real by showing compassion to others who are feeling down. You always look out for them.

5D Jariyah Thompson

For the effort you put into learning your poetry recital and presenting it with such confidence. I'm very proud of you Jariyah!

5N Vanessa Chikuku

For being such a polite and well-mannered member of our class. You are an absolute pleasure to have in our class and I appreciate your willingness and cooperation that you show each day. Thank you!

6GG Oliver Pinnington

For delivering a "Masterclass" in Public Speaking. Your Oral Presentation about a survivor from the Titanic was entertaining, informative and given with great expression. Thank you!

6R Chloe Davies

For consistently displaying the school values of excellence, justice, compassion, service and respect. Your behaviour is admirable and you are a great role model. Keep up the great work Chloe!

ST BRIGID'S PARISH

FARLEIGH CHRISTMAS FAIR

TRADITIONAL STALLS | SANTA
HAM WHEEL | FOOD + DRINK
MAJOR RAFFLE | BEER TENT
KID'S ACTIVITIES | CENT SALE

❄️ **14 DECEMBER • 6PM** ❄️

BRUCE HIGHWAY - FARLEIGH

**5-8PM
8 DECEMBER
2019**



**FOOD, FUN
& CHRISTMAS CAROLS
FOR OUR COMMUNITY**

Northside Uniting Church

Cnr Bedford Rd & Fleurs Way, Andergrove



**5pm free family activities
7pm Christmas Carols**

**Includes free BBQ dinner
(drinks for sale)**

**Organised by the Uniting Churches of Mackay
Iona West, Northside and St Paul's Uniting Churches**