



ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

With Christ We Grow

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Friday, 22nd November 2019

Dear Parents and Friends

Yesterday marked a significant milestone for Father Stephen Hanly, as he celebrated 30 years since his ordination as a priest within the Catholic Church. On Wednesday night our parish celebrated Father Stephen at a mass attended by Bishop Michael McCarthy, priests and religious from across our diocese, Father Stephen's family and friends and the Mackay Catholic community. It was a beautiful celebration of Father Stephen's generous service and we are particularly thankful for his continued support of schools and his ministry within them.



Congratulations, Father Stephen.

You are **AWESOME!**

This week our Year 5 students have been on their Leadership Camp at Action Challenge. These camps are always such a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their capacity to work together, take calculated risks and to challenge themselves to go beyond their comfort zone and try something they thought they would never do. It is always great to see students step up and really shine in this sort of environment, where they are responsible for making their own beds, managing their belongings, maintaining their personal hygiene, washing up their own dishes and cleaning each day after meals. The students grew in confidence

and their level of independence, even over just three days, and it demonstrated the capability of all of these students to demonstrate their leadership next year.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all staff who attended camp. We are very lucky to have such generous staff, who give freely of their time allowing our students this fantastic experience. Huge thanks to Mrs Davies, Mrs Napier, Miss Risson, Miss Aitken and Mr Faulkner for managing the long hours, minimal sleep, cold showers, drop toilets and hot days. It is greatly appreciated.



Enrolment Information 2020

We currently have limited places across most year levels in our school for 2020. If you do know of any families wanting to enrol for 2020, please direct them to contact our School Office before we close for holidays on Thursday 12 December. Our School Office will reopen from Thursday 16 January 2020.

If your child will not be attending St Joseph's in 2020, please inform the office in writing as soon as possible. Class lists will be distributed at the same time as Report Cards on Thursday 5 December.

Bianca Hodges
Principal



IMPORTANT DATES

Wed 27 Nov 5pm
Fri 29 Nov 9:00am
Tue 3 Dec 6:00pm
Fri 6 Dec Noon

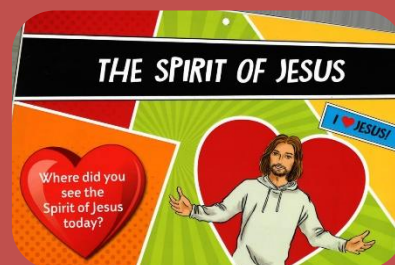
Art Show and Carols Night
Closing School Mass
Graduation Mass and Dinner
Christmas Prayer Service and
Year 6 to Year 5 Hand Over
Ceremony and Announcement of
2020 captains



MJR

As we approach Christmas, it is a time to reflect on how lucky we are and all that we have. This year we will, again put together Christmas hampers for the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. This is certainly a way to 'Make Jesus Real' in the lives of those in need, as well as in our own lives. Each class is asked to bring in specific items.

Prep: longlife custard, longlife milk, cordial, softdrink
Year 1: Christmas pudding
Year 2: Fruit Mince Pies, tinned fruit
Year 3: Boxed Christmas cake, shortbread
Year 4: Bon bons and Christmas decorations
Year 5: Packets of jellies, lollies, nuts, chips
Year 6: Tinned ham, tinned vegetables



Gospel Reflection – Sunday 24th November

Sunday's liturgy brings to an end the yearly liturgical cycle and concludes with the great festival honouring Christ as King. This is quite a recent Feast day, inaugurated in 1925 by Pope Pius XI. This was a time in our world's history when the first Great War was over, but there were signs in Europe that peace was illusory. The feast was to be a reminder that though world powers may fail, there is a power for peace within the world that will not fail. The reign of Christ has been established, and the values of peace and justice are possible for those who seek this reign of God.

While the world seeks power through pomp and display, Jesus displays the power of God's reign on a Cross. The values of this world, which lead to the horrors of Gallipoli, Hiroshima, Cambodia, Croatia, need to be turned upside down for true peace to break out. Wars begin with greed and selfishness, whether on a world scale or the wars within the family home. Peace begins where there is generosity, forgiveness and concern about others. This is the 'kingdom' that Jesus came to offer and the power that we celebrate in today's feast.

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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

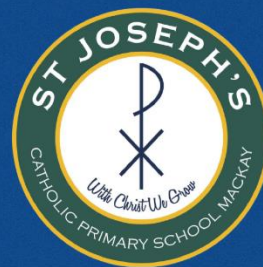
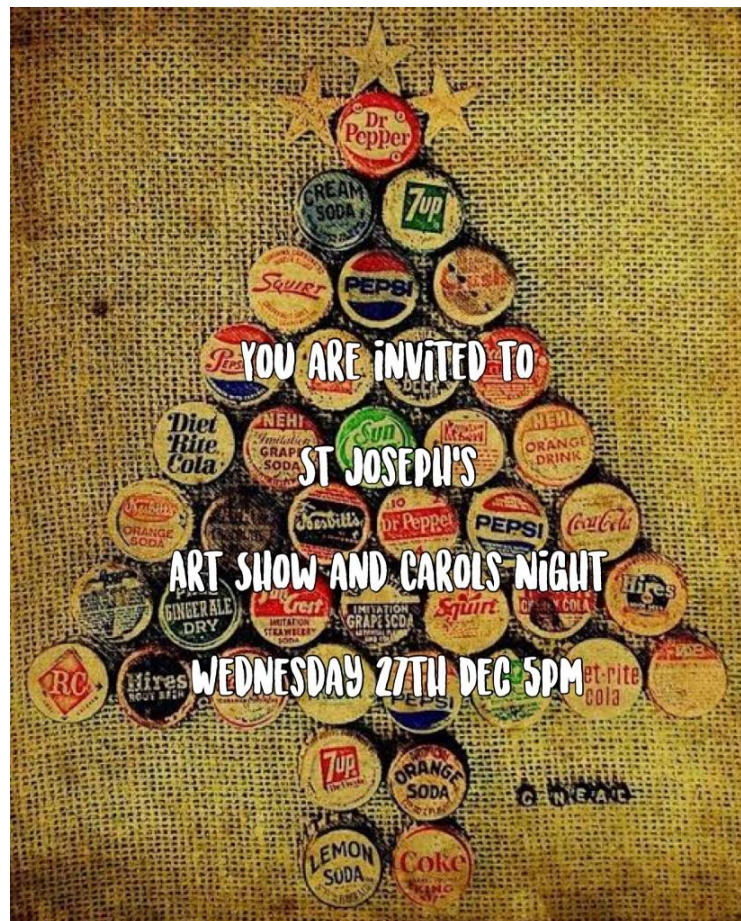
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Vinnies Christmas Appeal



St Vincent de Paul Society
and more



Mass of Thanksgiving

A reflection and celebration of 2019

*Followed by
Volunteers' Morning Tea*

*Friday 29th November
9:00am*

PLEASE RSVP FOR THE VOLUNTEERS' MORNING TEA BY MONDAY 25th NOVEMBER - 49573355

Dates for 2020

2020 Term Dates

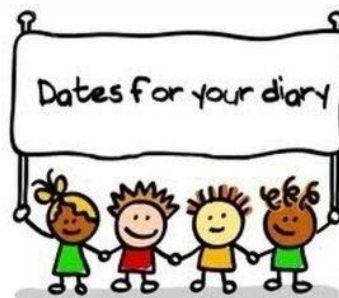
- Term 1 - Tuesday 28th January - Friday 3rd April (10 weeks)
- Term 2 - Monday 20th April - Friday 26th June (10 weeks)
- Term 3 - Monday 13th July - Friday 18th September (10 weeks)
- Term 4 - Tuesday 6th October - Friday 4th December (9 weeks)

Pupil Free Days 2020

- Friday 14th February – Bishop's Inservice Day
- Friday 4th September – Pupil Free Day (Term Three)

Public Holidays 2020

- Australia Day – Monday 27th January
- Good Friday – Friday 10th April
- Easter Sunday – Sunday 12th April
- Easter Monday – Monday 13th April
- Anzac Day – Saturday 25th April
- Labour Day – Monday 4th May
- Show Holiday – Thursday 18th June
- Queen's Birthday – Monday 5th October
- Christmas Day – Friday 25th December
- Boxing Day Public Holiday - Monday 28th December



SCHOOL FEES

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

Tuckshop is Open Tues, Wed, Thursday next week.

Closed Friday 29th November. This is the last week of tuckshop.

Family dinners have now come to an end. Thank you to all who supported tuckshop by purchasing dinners. It was my pleasure to cook for you.

Volunteers Morning tea is 10am Friday 29th November. Please RSVP by Monday 25th for catering purposes.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED for last day of tuckshop, Thursday 28th. If you can help between 10-11 to help prepare and pack the boxes it would be greatly appreciated. Please let me know.

Thanks
Jess

2020 FAMILY DISCOUNT FORMS

The 2020 Family Discount/Confirmation of Enrolment 2020 form was sent home last week.

This document is required in order for families to receive their Family Discount in 2020. **These forms are now overdue. Please send to the office ASAP!** It is a requirement that even **single student families** complete and return the form. Please contact the office if you require further information.

REPORT CARDS FOR SEMESTER 2, 2019

Report Cards will be available through Parent Lounge after 3pm Thursday, 5th December. **Please check you are able to log into the Parent Lounge.**

1. To access Parent Lounge, start your internet browser and type in the URL for St Joseph's School website:

www.sjnmrok.catholic.edu.au

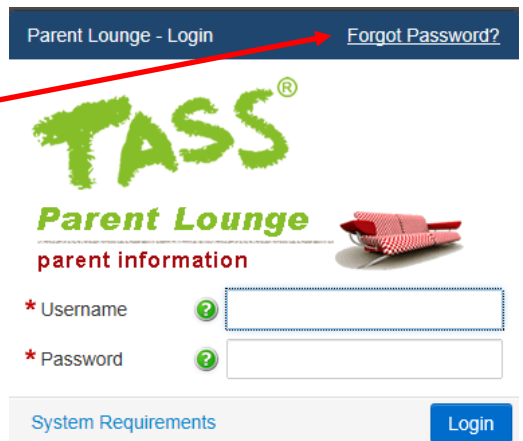
2. Click on **Parent Lounge** under Our Parent Life.

3. Login with your username (**6 Digit ID number**) and the password remains the same as previously used.

If you have forgotten or misplaced your password, click 'Forgot Password?'

Type in your Username (**6 digit ID code**, which can also be found on your school fees – Account Number) and you will be emailed a link to reset your password.

Please note, you must use the same email address as is used for your school fee account.



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

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Parent Lounge

parent information

* Username ?

* Password ?

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

STUDENT — OF THE — WEEK



1M Arlow Bonetti

For the fantastic improvements in your reading. You have been working hard to use different decoding strategies for tricky words and this is reflected in all areas of your learning. Keep it up Arlow!

2WE Audrey Gould

For always working with diligence and treating others with compassion. You are a shining example of how Jesus lives in us.

2J Lachlan Sampson

For showing a great attitude in the classroom this week. You have worked hard to keep your eyes on the prize and have had a positive attitude while doing so. This has been noticed by your teachers. Well done Lochlan.

3C Ella Pimm

For a huge effort with your times tables practice! Your results prove how hard you've been trying! Keep up the great work Ella!

3PM Alexia Single

For the fantastic effort you have been putting in to class tasks over the past few weeks. Thank you for concentrating and getting your work completed. Well done Alexia!

4B Mia Peake

For your consistent work ethic this year. You always approach your work with a positive attitude and have been a pleasure to have in the classroom.

4HP Lauren Feters

For the fictional story you wrote. You really did 'show' and not 'tell' with the great use of imagery and imagination.

5D Sarah Smith

For the positive attitude you have displayed with your learning. You have shown the value of Excellence with your everyday work and assessment pieces. Keep up the great work Sarah.

5N Brooklyn Swara

For consistently showing the values of St Joseph's. You always show respect and excellence in all areas. Your compassion and service helps make our class a wonderful place. You are a great role model to your peers. Thank you Brooklyn.

6GG Chloe Anderson

For striving for excellence in your end of term assessments. Your results are very commendable. Thank you for your diligent approach to your work.

6R Angus Scott

For the perseverance and effort you have put into many areas of your learning in the last few weeks. It is great to see the growth mindset you are showing when faced with challenging topics and tasks in English, Maths and Religion. Keep it up Angus!



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



ST BRIGID'S PARISH

FARLEIGH CHRISTMAS FAIR



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**

MACKAY GYMNASTICS

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN DAYS

INSIDE FUN, OUT OF THE SUN

2 - 4 YEAR OLDS
for younger boys & girls
9.00am - 9.45am
COST \$15.00

5 - 12 YEAR OLDS
primary school aged
boys and girls
9.00am - 10.30am
COST \$25.00

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

WHEN : Mon 6th Jan 2020
Wed 8th Jan 2020
Fri 10th Jan 2020
Mon 13th Jan 2020
Wed 15th Jan 2020
Fri 17th Jan 2020
Mon 20th Jan 2020
Wed 22nd Jan 2020
Fri 24th Jan 2020

COME AND HAVE FUN IN THE GYM

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




MACKAY GYMNASTICS INC

GYMNASTICS HOLIDAY CAMP

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT
2 Days FOR \$70 per MGI Member
2 Days FOR \$90 per Non Member
Early Bird ends 21st December 2019

PREP - 13 YEARS
MGI Members \$45/Day
NON Members \$65/Day
Payment required at time of booking
9AM - 3PM
Week 1 - 6, 8, 10 January 2020
Week 2 - 13, 15, 17 January 2020
Week 3 - 20, 22, 24 January 2020

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