

Joey's Journal

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Wednesday, October 8th 2014

Tables of 10 can be reserved for the races.

2014 MACKAY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' COMMUNITY

Spicing Race Day

Saturday 11 October • 1.00 - 5.00pm
Oralea Racecourse • Peak Downs Highway • Oralea

Tickets \$75

Includes:

- racecourse entry
- marquee entry
- glass of champagne
- food
- fashions on the field
- live entertainment

Available Term 3 from all
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PARENTS AND SUPPORTERS
ARE MOST WELCOME

Dress up for a day at the races

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We look forward to seeing you there!

Aiming Higher, Achieving More

Dear Parents and Caregivers of St Joseph's,

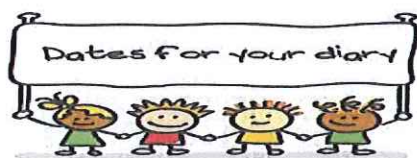
Welcome back to Term 4 and the conclusion to 2014's academic year. Given the busyness of Term 3 and all the events that we celebrated or acknowledged, culminating in the Musical and Melbourne Excursion for our Years 6 & 7 students, a more routine and regular conclusion to the year will be welcomed. The conclusion of Second Semester will be 9 weeks duration and I'm sure that once we're up and running 'full speed', the weeks will begin to fly.

CLASSES FOR 2015

This term staff and our school Leadership will be arranging classes for the 2015 school year. This is a very thorough and time consuming task and our aim is to create balanced classes throughout the school. In making decisions for classes a number of principles are taken into consideration (see insert: *Letter Format* about Class Placements for 2015). Parents are invited to provide any written information, if they wish, that may assist the school in placing their child.

All notes must come through the Office and be addressed to the Principal who then reads the request and its reasoning. It is important to the process, at this stage, to keep *teacher recommendations* and *parent requests* separate. Parental information is considered fairly and discussed within the Leadership of the school only.

I would also like to stress that our staff know their students very well and will do their very best throughout this process. I urge parents to trust us in making informed decisions that we consider will be in the best interest of each child and the school as a whole. Included with today's newsletter is a Letter Format about Class Placements for 2015 (coloured sheet), that you should be used, if wishing to communicate. We would ask that these responses be forwarded to the Office no later than Tuesday 21st October (Week 3), so your insights can inform our decision making process.



OCTOBER

9 P & F Meeting - 6pm Library
11 Catholic Schools Race Day
20 Pupil Free Day

NOVEMBER

4 Melbourne Cup Day

APRE NEWS



Liturgy News:

10/10: Rosary Liturgy 7B 8.35am
15/10: Anointing Mass 6GG 9.30am
25/10: Missions Day Liturgy
7/11: First Friday Mass 6D 9.30am
11/11: Remembrance Day 11am
25/11: Graduation Mass 6pm
2/12: Advent Liturgy 5R
3/12: Closing Mass 9am

PRAYERS PLEASE

We remember all those in our community who are unwell or recovering from illness. We ask for prayers for Mr Barry Waddington, Mrs Julie Rowen, Mrs Belinda Downes and James Warrington Love.

*Dear Lord bless all who are sick,
especially those in our school community.
May they experience, in a special way,
the great love and concern Jesus has for them.*

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKYOU

Congratulations and a very big thank you to our Year 5 teachers and students involved in the Mercy Day fundraising effort held during the last week of term 3. A total of over \$800 was raised for Mercy Works. Mercy Works supports the local and overseas relief and development activities that are part of the mission and vision of the Sisters of Mercy of Australia and New Guinea. As a school founded by the Mercy Sisters in 1936 it is wonderful to see our staff and students working to support the wonderful work done by the Mercy Works organisation. Thank you again to Mrs Bailey, Miss Reitano and all our year 5 students.

SACRAMENTAL DATES

Family Workshop: 2nd November & 5th November,
Ritual: 8th / 9th November
Family Workshop: 16 November and 19 November.

TOUCH FOOTBALL



The touch draw was not available at the time of printing. They will be sent home when they are received.

ENROLMENTS 2015

We are currently taking enrolments for **PREP 2015**. Children born between **July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010** are eligible for Prep 2015. If you have a child or know of someone who would like to enrol their child at St Joseph's for next year, please contact Melissa Fahl in the office on 4957 3355. Remember, 'Word of Mouth' is a powerful promotion of our school community, which in turn drives our growth as a vibrant school. We need as many people advocating for our great school in the wider community.

FAMILIES LEAVING

As our total enrolment drives our school staffing, budget, class sizes and structure, it is important that I have the most accurate numbers of predicted enrolments for the 2015 year. It would greatly assist us in my planning for next year, if parents who know they will be leaving notify the office staff.

SCHOOL FEES – OVERDUE

All school fees ARE NOW **OVERDUE**. The due date for fees was 27th August.
Thank you to those families who have paid their term fees. Could anyone who has not already paid, please settle your

accounts as soon as possible? If you are experiencing difficulties please contact the front office.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

TUCKSHOP ROSTER	
Friday 10 th Oct	Karen Phillips, Joyce Kelly
Monday 13 th Oct	Kylee Kister, Kelly Hawthorn
Wed 15 th Oct	Tamara Pace, Lida Ospana
HOMEBAKE ROSTER	
Friday 10 th Oct	Belinda Edgerton, Joyce Kelly, Karen Phillips
Monday 13 th Oct	Christine Davies, Lyn Harris
Wed 15 th Oct	Kerry Howlett, Susan Hodgson

MUSICAL DVD & PHOTOS

Order forms for the Musical DVD have been sent home with today's newsletter. They due date for the orders is **15th OCTOBER**. DVD's will not be available after this date. Photos are still available from the office for \$1.

UNIFORM REMINDER

I ask all parents to ensure your child is complying with the school uniform expectations. All school shoes need to be 100% black and made of leather or vinyl (not cloth e.g. Volleys). Hair styles have been a problem of late. All girls must have their hair tied up and ribbons etc must be the school colours. The following styles **are not acceptable: tracks** (including shaved 'parts' as pictured below), hair dye, rats tails, mohawks, cuts shorter than gauge 2 or extreme styles. Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions in relation to the school uniform policy, please contact the office 49573355.



P & F NEWS

The next P & F meeting will be held tomorrow night. The meeting will start at 6.30pm in the library. We look forward to seeing some new faces there!



DOLLARMITES

REWARDING REGULAR SAVINGS WITH PRECIOUS PRIZES

The Dollarmites have uncovered the ancient Clam of Fortune. Inside they found these amazing prizes that you could win a share of:

- 40 x GoPro HERO3 White Edition Cameras
- 150 x Slip 'N Slide Double Wave Riders

Every deposit you make with School Banking will automatically create one entry for you into the competition. So the more you save, the more chances you have to win (up to a maximum of 6 entries). Competition runs 20th October – 30th November. For more information visit: commbank.com.au/deepsavers

BOOK FAIR GARDEN

Catch the reading bug!



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR 'BOOK FAIR'

When? Mon 20th Oct to Wed 22nd Oct
 Where? Library
 Time? 8.00am to 3.30pm
 Theme: 'Book Fair Garden'

Our second and final Book Fair for the year is coming soon! Come along and purchase quality books while raising funds for our school. If you purchase a book from the Book Fair you go into the 'Lucky Draw' (drawn assembly Fri 24th Oct). Book fair sales is mostly run by parent volunteers, so if you are able to help out, please complete the slip below and return to either the office or library. Please note that the afternoon sessions will be available subject to getting volunteers.

Book Fair Volunteers Required

I will be able to help with 'sales' during Book Fair

- Monday morning between 8am to 8.30am (20th Oct)
- Monday afternoon between 3pm to 3.30pm (20th Oct)
- Tuesday morning between 8am to 8.30am (21st Oct)
- Tuesday afternoon between 3pm to 3.30pm (21st Oct)
- Wed morning between 8am to 8.30am (22nd Oct)
- Wed afternoon between 3pm to 3.30pm (22nd Oct)

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 Contact number: _____

Have a great week!
 Ms Sheree Morrison
 (Library Co-ordinator)



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**Special Information from Parents
Regarding Student Class Placement**

2015

NAME OF STUDENT:

CURRENT CLASS:

In making allocations to classes we try to consider a wide range of criteria when placing children for the following academic year. These include:

- Academic performance;
- Academic attitudes;
- Pupil's approach to learning and style;
- Personality characteristics;
- Social, emotional and behavioural needs
- (where applicable) special learning needs.

The process for class composition is as follows:

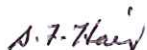
1. Current year level teachers are asked to suggest class composition for the next year using the criterion outline above.
2. Leadership Team members then match those classes against any parent comments that are received (in writing) that are received and determine whether or not any changes should be made to enhance classes. **NOTE: *I regret that not all parent requests can be met, but like the teachers' recommendations, these are strongly considered.***
3. Final class lists are determined.
4. Class teachers are then assigned to each class and a copy is distributed to parents in the last week of school.

After this process, there are **no changes** to classes. All decisions are made in order to do the best we can for all concerned and are only made after much consideration and deliberation.

Obviously, St Joseph's can only accommodate genuine issues (in attempting to make decisions regarding the overall good of students throughout the school). Communication, *in writing to me*, is only necessary, **if some special circumstances apply which it would be beneficial for us to know about in catering for your child's progress.** This letter should outline particular academic, family or emotional needs of your child – ***not specific teachers or groups of friends.*** While we cannot guarantee that your request will be acted upon, we can assure you that each request will receive genuine and open consideration in informing our decisions.

NOTE: Please feel free to use the back of this note to make comment.

Yours in Christ,



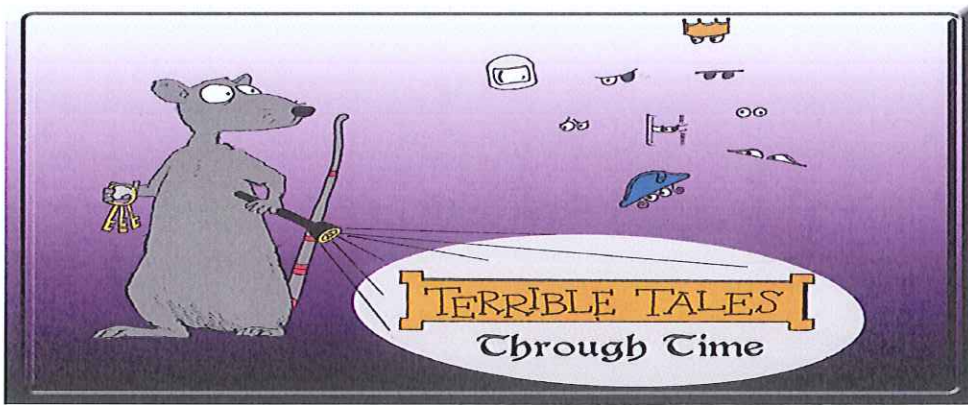
Shane Hair (Principal)

SPECIAL INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY PARENTS

Signed: Date:

If you intend to return this sheet, it is important that it is returned to OFFICE by Tuesday 21st October-Week 3 (at the latest) so arrangements can be finalised.

SCHOOL MUSICAL DVD'S



Have a keepsake of this wonderful musical that your child can show to friends, relatives etc..

Cost - \$35 per DVD

Please return order form and payment to office by 15th October 2014

NAME:

QUANTITY ORDERED: TOTAL AMOUNT: \$

Payment by: Cash Cheque Credit Card
#Cheques to be made out to St. Joseph's Catholic School.

Cardholder's Name:

Signature:

Amount: \$..... Number Ordered:

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