



Newsletter Week 8 Term 1 2024



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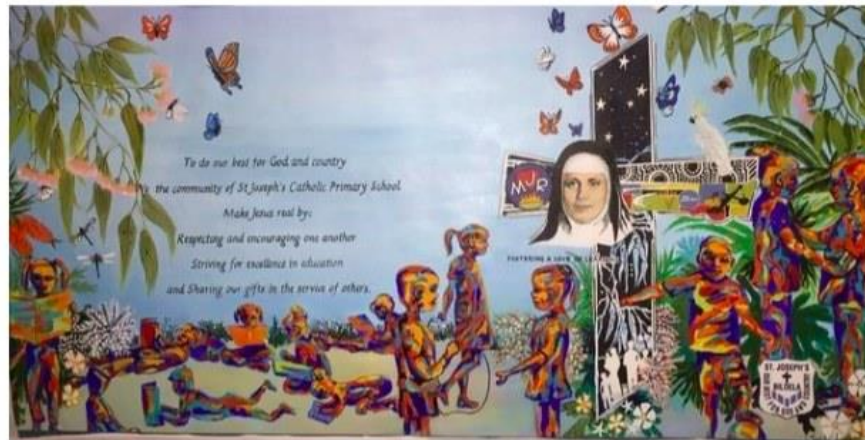
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Our Mission



St Joseph's School Improvement Plan 2024



Dimension 1 - Catholic Identity

By the end of the 2024, all staff will understand and will have had formation opportunities to engage in Personal development with the key concepts underpinning Catholic Identity such as recontextualisation and dialogue.

Dimension 2 - Effective Learning and Teaching

By the end of 2024, all staff will clarify, articulate, communicate, embed and evaluate whole school approaches to:

- Writing - grammar, punctuation and sentence structure

- Problem solving and Maths fluency / computational thinking skills / STEM
- Reading comprehension

Dimension 3 - Pastoral Support and Wellbeing

By the end of 2024, practices will be embedded throughout the school to recognise and support the importance of Berry Street Education Model (BSEM).

Dimension 4 - Leadership (Governance) Partnerships and Resourcing

By the end of 2024, all teaching staff will be familiar with using differentiation to enhance student learning and using formative assessment to inform next steps for student learning.

2024 Term Dates



Term 1: Monday 22nd January - Thursday 28th March.

Term 2: Monday 15th April - Friday 21st June.

Term 3: Monday 8th July - Friday 13th September.

Term 4: Monday 30th September - Friday 6th December.

Important Dates



Week 8 Wednesday 13th Mar - Yrs 3 and 5 NAPLAN commences

Week 9 Monday 18th Mar - final day of NAPLAN

Tuesday 19th Mar - St Joseph's Day Mass and Pastoral Care Groups

Thursday 21st Mar - Swimming Carnival

Week 10 Thursday 28th Mar - Last day of Term

Week 1 Term 2 Monday 15th April

From the Principal



Welcome to Week 8 of Term 1

“If anyone cannot find a master to teach him how to pray, let him take this glorious saint [Joseph] as his master, and he will not go astray.”

Pope Francis

St Joseph’s Feast Day Liturgy and Pastoral Care Groups - Next Tuesday, Year 3 will lead the St Joseph’s Day Liturgy at 9:00am in the Church. Joseph was a carpenter. He was a strong and courageous man. God chose Mary and Joseph to be the parents of Jesus, and like Mary, Joseph used all the courage and faith he had to say YES to this task. Joseph was faithful and loving to Mary and Jesus. His faith in God shone in his actions. St Joseph helps us to understand what it means to carry the light of Jesus into the world.

After our prayer liturgy we will break into Pastoral Care groups. Pastoral Care groups will consist of 1-3 students from each class coming together to form a mixed group. The students will participate in a range of activities during the day, within these groups.

Please join us next Tuesday in celebrating the Feast of Saint Joseph. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

NAPLAN - Year 3 and 5 students across Australia will sit the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests beginning this week. Our students will do online NAPLAN on Wednesday,

Thursday and Friday of this week and Monday week 9. The NAPLAN tests are designed to provide a summative, nationally comparable understanding of student performance in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy.

- Reading tests assess the ability of students to independently make meaning from written standard Australian English texts, including those with some visual elements.
- Writing tests assess a student's ability to convey thoughts, ideas and information through the independent construction of a written text in standard Australian English.
- Language Conventions tests assess a student's ability to independently recognise and use correct Australian English grammar, punctuation and spelling in written contexts.
- Numeracy tests assess students' knowledge of mathematics, their ability to independently apply that knowledge in context, and their ability to independently reason mathematically.

Whilst the NAPLAN results are a 'report card' for our school, giving us feedback on how teachers are performing in the areas of literacy and numeracy, for individual students the national test results represent a snapshot of a student's achievement at a particular point in time. NAPLAN tests are one aspect of the school's assessment and reporting process, and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance. They are but one form of assessment used to measure students' development and should be considered in relation to other aspects of school assessment.

We wish all our Year 3 and 5 students the best of luck during their testing this week and next week. We also thank the P&F once again for their generosity in supplying the food for the free breakfasts on the NAPLAN days. If there are any parents who are available to help serve breakfast on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday morning this week at 8:00am, your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Changes to NAPLAN Reporting - NEW PROFICIENCY STANDARDS FOR NAPLAN

Last year, parents and carers were provided with earlier, simpler and clearer information about their child's NAPLAN achievement based on new, more rigorous national standards. The now 12 month old standard will continue this year.

As part of the National School Reform Agreement, education ministers agreed that a proficiency standard be introduced for literacy and numeracy assessed by NAPLAN. The new proficiency standard has four levels of achievement for each year level and replaces the previous 10-band structure and the national minimum standard used across the four domains.

The four levels of achievement are:

- **Exceeding**
- **Strong**
- **Developing**
- **Needs additional support.**

As of last year, the individual student report (ISR) changed. The ISR is based on the four levels of achievement. It also shows the national average, the range of achievement for the middle 60% of students in each year level, and a dot placement for the student comparing their achievement against these measures.

This new standard and its benchmarks provides information to parents/carers and teachers about ***what a student can do against a challenging but reasonable standard of literacy and numeracy expected for students at the time of the tests.***

A new time series and a resetting of the measurement scale commenced in 2023, allowing the full benefit of the new online adaptive testing to be reflected in student results. *Results from 2008–2022 cannot be directly compared with the 2024 results.*

Prep Enrolment Applications - Prep enrolments for 2025 are now open. If you have a child born between 1st July 2019 and 30th June, 2020, please call into the school office to collect an enrolment pack and book an enrolment interview. If you know of families/friends who have Prep age children and who might be interested in attending an enrolment interview, please advise them to contact the school.

Bus Zone - Please be mindful not to park and leave your vehicle unattended in the Bus Zone at the front of the school. The buses arrive between 8.20 to 8.30am each morning and 2.40 to 3.00pm each afternoon. Your cooperation with this matter is greatly appreciated.

Wishing you a wonderful fortnight ahead. 😊

Yours in Education,

Tina Knight

Restorative Practices

“The wellbeing and learning outcomes of young people are enhanced when they feel connected to others and experience safe, trusting relationships.” (Education Council, 2018)

When issues arise in the classroom or playground, we ask these three questions.



From the APRE



Greetings and welcome to week 8! It has been wonderful to see so many children donate their pocket money to Project Compassion, reaching out to those in need. Next week marks a very special celebration for our school, St

Joseph's Day.

Year 3 will be hosting a special Liturgy in the Church at 9am. We would love to see you there!

Who was Saint Joseph?



St Joseph's Day takes place each year on March 19th, always during Lent and usually two days after St. Patrick's Day. But who was Saint Joseph and what are some facts about his life? Why do we celebrate St. Joseph's Day?

Saint Joseph was chosen by God to be the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus on Earth. He was selected by God for this role because he could be trusted to watch over and protect them.

What are some facts about Saint Joseph?

- * Joseph was a carpenter.
- * He worked hard to provide for his family.
- * Although Joseph is referred to in the Bible, he doesn't actually speak any words.
- * He's also known as Saint Joseph of Nazareth.
- * Saint Joseph is the patron saint of many countries including Mexico, Canada, Belgium, China, Korea and Austria.
- * Saint Joseph was chosen to be a saint by Saint Teresa of Avila to watch over her order of the Carmelite Sisters.

* Joseph is associated with the symbol of the carpenter's square to represent his trade.

* Joseph is also linked with the lily, which represents purity and his marriage to Mary.



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St Joseph's Day Program

- 9am – Liturgy lead by Year 3
- St Joseph's Day Award recipients announced
- 9:40 – Pastoral Care Group activities commence
- 10:35 – St Joseph's Day cookies for all children and staff!

11:15 Pastoral Care Group Activities continue. Some activities include St Joseph

Kahoot!, Meditation and Growth Mindset activities, Mercy Cross art activity, Caritas Water Walk and more!



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The Yr 6 Outreach Group will be hosting a school disco on Wednesday 27th

March (week 10) to raise money for Project Compassion. Entry is free! We will be having a meal deal on the night consisting of a sausage on bread and slushie for \$5. Popcorn and lolly bags will be available for \$2 a bag.

The disco will commence at 5:30pm and finish at approximately 7:30pm.

You are invited to come dressed in Disney theme.

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK - COMPASSION



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The virtue for this fortnight is compassion. Compassion motivates people to go out of their way to relieve the physical, mental, or emotional pains of others and themselves. Compassion is often regarded as being sensitive to the emotional needs of the suffering of others.

Sacramental Program



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There will be a Parent Information Session for the Sacramental Program Tuesday 26th March commencing at 6pm. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Chrism Mass 2024

The people of the Diocese are invited to join Bishop Michael McCarthy and the clergy of the Diocese in the celebration of the Chrism Mass 2024, 10.00am, Thursday 21st March 2024, St Joseph's Cathedral. Light refreshments will be provided after the celebration. The Mass can also be watched online on the St Joseph's Cathedral, Rockhampton YouTube channel - <https://www.youtube.com/user/StJosephsCathRton>

Have a fantastic fortnight.

Many Blessings

Mrs Z

From the School Curriculum Officer



At St Joseph's we believe in a holistic education. We aim to provide learning opportunities that benefit the whole child. We celebrate academic success but also embrace our sporting cultures. Along with those, we also value our musical and dramatic talents as well. Our Catholic identity is also of high importance, it is the driving force behind our beliefs and values.

This week, our students in Year 3 and 5 will be undertaking assessment in Literacy and Numeracy. These are tests which allow schools to analyse data to ensure the learning needs of students are met. We carefully use our results to plan learning experiences around areas of need for individual students. NAPLAN data provides a wealth of information, but no means does it assess what makes each child exceptional and unique. It doesn't demonstrate a child's love of singing or the ability to use a computer program.

Scoring indicates a child's ability to write using correct spelling, grammar, punctuation, sentence and text structure. It also scores their ability to read a text and respond according. Basic numeracy skills are assessed. Teaching cannot be directed towards testing, we can only prepare them as best as we can. Tests are created around general aspects of a child's learning to a particular point. For example, children in Year 3 have only been with their teacher for about 8 weeks, so results will reflect only what they have learnt in that time in addition to their learning in Prep – Year 2.

NAPLAN testing is quite beneficial in regard to identifying the needs of individual learners but by no means does it drive our teaching. The needs of the 'whole' child underpin what is most important to us and if we focus learning on enjoyment, then we are already in front.

Small request on behalf of Miss Annette

In readiness for visual art in term 2, if you have any of the following (household items) that you are able to donate we would be forever grateful.

25 small glass jars e.g jam jar size (cleaned without label and attached lid)

15 eye droppers

20 large icecream containers with lids

20 butter/margarine containers with lids

Foam 1 cm thickness to be able to cut into squares to use in art printing trays.

Medium Cereal boxes- flattened for storage Need 100

100 small toothpaste boxes. -flattened for storage. Need 100

10 onion bags filled with old fabric as wadding to use for printing/painting.

Plastic bottle tops and buttons for collage

Please drop into Miss Annette at the music room on Thursdays for her to sort between now and the holidays.



NAPLAN AT our school

NAPLAN begins this week. Wishing our students in years three and five, the very best as they prepare to participate national testing requirements this week.

In response to a few questions.....

What if my child is absent from school on NAPLAN test days?

Where possible, schools may arrange for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the school's test schedule.

How are NAPLAN results used?

- Students and parents/carers use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to help identify students who need greater challenges or extra support.
- Schools use results to identify strengths and areas of need to improve teaching programs, and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review the effectiveness of programs and support offered to schools.
- The community can see information about the performance of schools over time at [My School](#).

Our school's timetable for NAPLAN testing:



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2024 NAPLAN SCHEDULE

| TEST SESSION | WEDNESDAY 13/03 Week 8 | THURSDAY 14/03 Week 8 | FRIDAY 15/03 Week 8 | MONDAY 18/03 Week 9 |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| 1 9 - 10AM | YR 3 WRITING (PAPER) 40mins | YR 3 READING (ONLINE) 45mins | YR 3 CONVENTIONS OF LANGUAGE (ONLINE) 45mins | YR 3 NUMERACY (ONLINE) 45mins |
| 2 11.05 - 12.05PM | YR 5 WRITING (ONLINE) 42mins | YR 5 READING (ONLINE) 50mins | YR 5 CONVENTIONS OF LANGUAGE (ONLINE) 45mins | YR 5 NUMERACY (ONLINE) 50mins |
| 3 1.35 - 2:35PM | CATCH UP | CATCH UP | CATCH UP | CATCH UP |

Catch up also Wednesday 20TH March (ST JOSEPH'S DAY Tuesday 19th March)

As you can see, this week is extremely busy! Please let your child's teacher know if they will be away so that we can make arrangements to catch them up.

Have a wonderful week.

Collette Stone

School Curriculum Officer

Bell times



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We ask that students do not arrive to school until 8:15am. A teacher will then be present on duty for supervision.

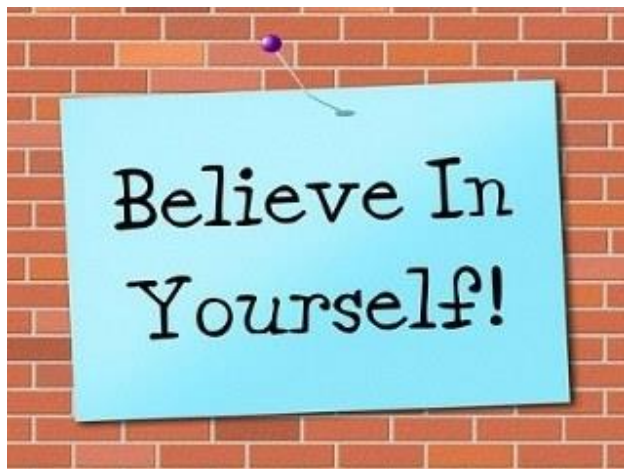
Morning Bell : 8:35am

First Lunch : 10:35am - 11:05am

Second Lunch : 1:05am - 1:35pm

End of Day : 2:55pm

Wellbeing and Pastoral Care



A healthy self-esteem is your children's armour against the challenges of their world.

- A child with healthy self-esteem will have the confidence to try out new things, make new friends and succeed in life.
- A child with low self-esteem has a much tougher time and is likely to be plagued by negative thoughts, such as, "It's no good trying because I won't succeed anyway".

Children with healthy self-esteem are less likely to be targets of abuse or bullies. Self-esteem and confidence develop side by side. Confident children are more efficient at finding solutions to problems they encounter in life.



It is difficult for some children to acquire a healthy level of self-esteem. We judge ourselves by the way people react to us. When treated as helpless and hopeless, children are likely to view themselves this way. Teach children about their rights. Along with their rights, kids need to know that they have responsibilities. They have the right to be safe with people but are responsible for their own behaviour and must not hurt or endanger others, their property or animals. Don't let children blame others for their own behaviour. Don't accept, "He made me do it." With the child's help, reframe the sentence to, "I did it because I was scared he was going to hurt me". Then deal with the problem.

Confidence building begins at birth. From day one, children need to know their basic needs will be met. These needs include:

- Love and attention.
- Encouragement and approval for effort as well as achievement.
- Nutritious food when hungry.
- Consistent care and predictable routines with limits, to develop a sense of security.
- Safety and protection from potential dangers.
- Safe opportunities for play.

Your children know that you care and will help them when they are uncomfortable, afraid and upset. But they also need to know they have your unconditional love even when they misbehave or make mistakes (I love you, but I do not like your behaviour). Children need to know that there is a regular, reliable person

looking after them, there are appropriate and immediate consequences for poor behaviour and that you will listen and will believe them and help to protect them from danger.

From the Parish Office

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If anyone is interested in volunteering to be part of the following ministries, would you please contact the parish office:

- Sacramental Preparation Team
- Catechists/Religious Instruction in state schools
- Baptism Preparation Team
- Funeral Preparation Team

SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY - 2024

We are commencing registration for the sacramental program for this year. Preparation will begin later this term.

If you wish to register your child (at least 9 years old) please contact the Parish Office or Mrs Z in the school office during office hours.

Parish Bulletin

Parish Priest: Fr Simeon Uchendu

Secretary: Colleen Nevell

Parish Office Hours: 9.00am - 12 noon Monday to Friday

Telephone: 4992 1252 Email: valleysregion@rok.catholic.net.au



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Parish Secretaries: Colleen Nevell, Melissa Sturt

Fourth Sunday of Lent - 10th March, 2024

"LORD JESUS
COME IN GLORY"

Parish communities:

St Joseph's, Biloela

Mass Times

Wednesday 8.00am
Thursday 5.30pm
Friday 8.00am
Sunday 8.00am

St Therese's, Monto

Mass Times

Monday 9.00am
Sunday 6.00pm

Parish Contacts:

Mary Ann List
- 0417 628 140
St Anne SMSM
Phone: 4166 3986
PO Box 129
Monto Q 4630

Sacred Heart Church, Theodore

Saturday 6.00pm

Mass: 1st and 3rd
Saturdays

Lay Led: 2nd and 4th
Saturdays

St Michael's, Moura

Mass Times

Saturday (2nd and 4th)
6.00pm

St Patrick's, Baralaba

Mass Times

Second Friday of the month
6.00pm

SCHOOL PRINCIPALS:

Biloela

St Joseph's Catholic
School
Phone: 4994 8310
Principal: Tina Knight

Monto

St Therese's Catholic
School
Phone: 4166 1654
Principal: Scott Murray

"Love is the primary reason for the existence of the Church. I speak of the love of tenderness and mercy that God the Father has for us, His children, and that Jesus the Son has revealed to us with His life, His death, and His resurrection."

Pope Francis



CATHOLICS' QUESTIONS

In this series, we will from time to time, be publishing questions asked by Catholics from across the world on the Facebook page 'Ask a Catholic Priest' (where priests including our own provide answers), and on the Facebook page 'We are Catholic' (where fellow Catholics, including priests, respond offering support). Someone might learn from them.

Nat O posted: **I really need someone to help me regain my faith back!!! Am losing my values as a Catholic and as a Christian too.**

Comment

Fr S: Hi **Nat O**, Take the following steps, I believe they'll help you.

1. Don't let this fire burning now in you die. Possibly, write out this your question and post it on the wall of your room if it's private enough, if not, somewhere private where you'll see it often. It'll help you remember.
2. Walk now to the church (chapel) and pray there, not with the intention of meeting "the someone" who will help you but of talking to God, "the ultimate someone," that will surely help you. While talking to him, be focused and sincere.
3. Prepare and go to confession this week. If it's not possible this week, as soon as possible. It'll give you some grounding and you'll gain a lot of graces and strength. Make going to confession a habit. It at times feels strange, I know, but do it regularly and you'll ultimately notice the difference. Don't worry, you are safe and your secret is safe there too, with God.
4. Get involved immediately in the church. Assuming you are a reader at Mass, you'll have reasons to prepare and be there on time. There are many other services and groups you can be part of in the church. Be part of it, that's one of the fastest ways to grow and remain strong.
5. Make right friends in and around the church. Beware however that human beings have weaknesses including yourself, the friend you'll make, and even your priest. So, the ultimate reason you are there is God himself, keep that in mind in case any human weakness or even foolishness plays up. Hold onto the main reason of being there.
6. Eventually, create a routine of activities around you and your spiritual life. Yours may be different from that of many people around you or similar. Whatever be the case, there has to be a routine that helps you keep afloat and going.
7. Have a routine of prayer life. I intentionally said routine as against 'serious prayer life,' because I want to make a point there. Ultimately have a relationship with God - pray every day.
8. From today, no more missing Mass.
9. To have a proper relationship, you have to listen. So, get a copy of the bible and Catholic spiritual books and read. May God give you his graces, and may the Blessed Mother ever intercede for you. Amen

Fr Simeon

Reconciliation: St Joseph's, Biloela - Sunday 7.00am to 7.30am

St. Therese's, Monto - Before Mass each Sunday

Baptisms: Bookings are made through the Parish Office in Biloela. Advance notice and preparation are required.

Weddings: By appointment and after preparation.

VALLEYS REGION PARISH NOTICES

PLANNED GIVING

Thank you for the generosity of parishioners who contribute to our parish finances through planned giving or collections. Please make cheques payable to the **Catholic Parish of the Valleys Region**. If you would like to be part of our planned giving program please contact the Parish Office.

Last week's total contributions amounted to:
 Biloela: \$51,428.85 Monto: \$319.00
 Dawson Valley: \$95.00

Payment options for **Planned Giving**: Credit Card, Direct Debit or Envelopes. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

VALLEYS' MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

11th Monday: Monto Mass - 9.00am
 13th Wednesday: Biloela Mass - 8.00am
 14th Thursday: Biloela Mass - 5.30pm
 14th Friday: Biloela Mass - 8.00am
 15th Friday: Monto Stations of the Cross - 3.30pm
 15th Friday: Biloela Stations of the Cross - 5.30pm
 16th Saturday: Biloela Eucharistic Adoration - 8.30am to 8.50am

The next fortnightly meetings for the **St Vincent de Paul Conference** will be:
 Biloela: 8.30am on Thursday 21st March, 2024
 Monto: 11.00am on Thursday 21st March, 2024

Prayers for the sick and struggling:
 Henry Hay, Coleman family, Shane Corfield, Shirley Matheson, Michael Stoddart, Gail Harrison, Robert Harrison, Graham Phelan, Lorraine Stockley, Ryan Flinady, Des Maher, Myrna Demassey, Lindsay Sharpe, Robin Harth, Norman Becker, Peter Mazzer, Jim 'Mo' Logan, Carmel Holcombe

MONTO - ST PATRICK'S DAY MORNING TEA

Saturday 16th March 2024 at 10.00am
 St Therese's Parish Hall, Monto
 Delicious morning tea, Entertainment, Multi-draw raffle
 Adults \$8.00, Children 5 years and over \$4.00
 Donations for morning tea and multi-draw raffle appreciated.

BILOELA - ST. PATRICK'S DAY CENT SALE

at The Catholic Centre
 (St. Joseph's Church Hall - Rainbow Street)
 Sunday 17th March 2024 - doors open 1.00pm
 Cent sale commences 2.00pm - Admission \$3.00
 Lots of great prizes to be won. Donations can be left at the Parish Office during office hours.

SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY

All parents/guardians who wish to enrol their child/children (9 years of age or older) to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist should contact the Parish Office on 4992 1252. A parent information session will be held on Tuesday 26th March.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our church community

CHARLES JEFFREY DUNN
 Son of Jarrod and Jessica
 LUCAS CHRISTOPHER McDONALD
 Son of Nicholas and Heidi
 CHARLOTTE BRIAR ROSENBLATT
 Daughter of Christopher and Rebecca



EASTER ROSTER

A clipboard for the EASTER ROSTER is near the front of the Church. If you are going to be here over Easter and are able to help please don't hesitate to put your name down.

EASTER 2024

Easter Confessions:

Theodore: Saturday, 16th March - 5.30pm
Monto: Palm Sunday, 24th March - 5.30pm
 After Good Friday Liturgy, 29th March
Biloela: Tuesday, 26th March - 5.30pm to 6.15pm
 After Good Friday Liturgy, 29th March
Moura: Saturday, 23rd March - 5.30pm
Baralaba: Friday, 9th March - 5.30pm

Liturgies:

Holy Thursday, 28th March: Mass of the Lord's Supper
 St Joseph's Church, Biloela - 7.00pm

Good Friday:

St Therese's, Monto: Stations of the Cross - 9.00am
 Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord - 10.00am
St Joseph's, Biloela: Stations of the Cross - 3.00pm
 Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord - 3.45pm

Easter Vigil, Saturday, 30th March:

St Joseph's, Biloela - 7.00pm

Easter Mass, Sunday 31st March:

Sacred Heart, Theodore: 8.00am (confessions - 7.20am)
 10.30am
St Michael's, Moura: 6.00pm
St Therese's, Monto: 6.00pm
St Patrick's, Baralaba: Friday, 5th April, 6.00pm
 (confessions - 5.30pm)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Let my tongue be silenced,
 if I ever forget you!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory and praise to you,
 Lord Jesus Christ!
 God loved the world so much,
 he gave us his only Son,
 that all who believe in him might have
 eternal life.
 Glory and praise to you,
 Lord Jesus Christ!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Jerusalem is built as a city
 bonded as one together.
 It is there that the tribes go up,
 the tribes of the Lord,
 to praise the name of the Lord.

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Fifth Sunday of Lent
 Jeremiah 31:31-34
 Hebrews 5:7-9
 John 12:20-30

For daily Mass readings
 please scan:



Sports Round Up



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St Joseph's Annual Swimming Carnival

- Our swimming carnival will be held next Thursday 21st March.

- *Parents are welcome to attend but will be asked to take a seat on the grandstand away from the students.*
 - ***We are seeking volunteers for time keeping.*** *If you are able to assist, please let the office know or alternatively, send an email to Tania Bode at tania_bode@rok.catholic.edu.au*
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Touch Football Gala

Owing to the proximity of our swimming carnival (the day before) St Joseph's will not be participating in the Touch Gala day this year.

From the Office

We have seen an increase in Students requesting to have an Asthma puffer held at school.

An Asthmatic Register is maintained in the office and Parents are required to provide the school with an action plan for their child if they suffer from Asthma.

Prescribed medication also requires to be kept at the office and a Letter of Authorisation must be completed by a parent.

If you have any questions regarding Medication Care please contact the office for more information.



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Parent Lounge

Do you have access to Parent Lounge?

Parent Lounge uses your unique family ID as a username and once set up the username/password combination can be set and then forget.

Once logged in you will be able to access features that allow you to update your details, your child's details, record an absence, update medical conditions, access reports and access Parent Teacher Interview bookings.

Moving forward, Parent Lounge will be the only method of accessing your child's Report Cards. If you do not have access, please contact Mrs Boothby in the office so this can be arranged.

New Families

Please contact the school office to receive your Username (Parent Code) & single use password.



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STUDENT ABSENTEE HANDY TIP#:

DO YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN ENTER YOUR STUDENT ABSENTEE ON PARENT LOUNGE?

YOU CAN BOOKMARK THE PAGE ON YOUR PHONE FOR CONVENIENCE, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO LOG ON TO A COMPUTER/LAPTOP TO MAKE THE ENTRY!

GOING FORWARD THIS IS THE PREFERRED METHOD OF COMMUNICATING STUDENT ABSENTEES AS IT NOT ONLY MARKS THE ROLL, IT PROVIDES A PARENT REASON FOR THE ABSENTEEISM AND ADVISES BOTH THE ADMINISTRATION STAFF AND THE TEACHER.



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Finance News

Concession Card Tuition Fee Discount Scheme

If you think you are eligible for the concession please bring your card into the office to be verified. Please note that if your 2023 card has expired, you will be required to bring in the new 2024 card before any concession can be applied.

School Fees

School fees will be issued this week by email. Please advise if your email address has changed. This is also a good time to update your contact details. You may do this on Parent Lounge.

If you would like to set up a direct debit, changed your details or now have a concession card, please make contact with Kim in the Office next week to organise a payment plan that suits your needs.

From the P&F

| St Joseph's P&F Meeting Roster 2024 |
|-------------------------------------|
| AGM and General Meeting 19 Feb |
| 18 March |
| 29 April |
| 27 May |
| 22 July |
| 19 August |
| 14 October |
| Meeting and Dinner 25 November |

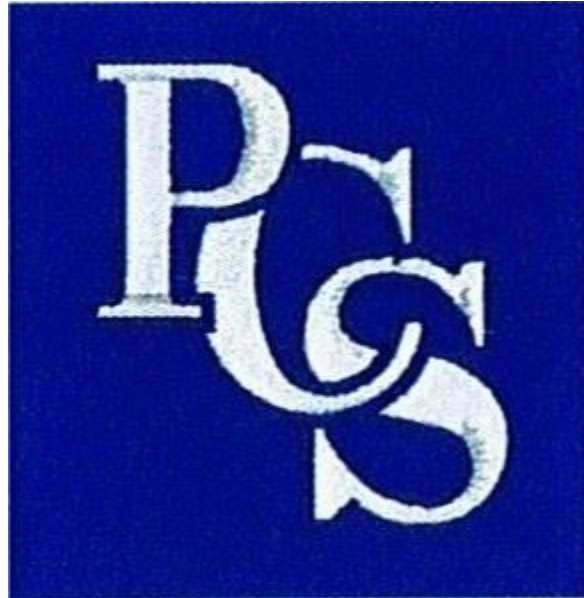
P&F Parent Supporter Shirts

The parent supporter shirts are now open for expression of interest. The cost will be dependent on numbers but approximately between \$50-\$65 each. For all sizing and order details please follow the link.

<https://forms.gle/emdhDnCob9VMfUAv7>



Port Curtis Sport



Here are the current dates for Port Curtis School Sports:

8th March Rugby League 10yrs PJ Marsh Cup

If your child is interested in trialling please make contact with Tania Bode via email at tania_bode@rok.catholic.edu.au to register your child's interest.

Please read the following information regarding Port Curtis Sport.

PC Sport 10-12yrs Student/Parent process – 2024

- Student receives trial information from Sports Co/Sport contact.
- Students who wish to nominate MUST complete online permission booklet, link: <https://capsport.eq.edu.au/> select sports and resources and then forms and documents.
- Print completed booklet and sign sections where marked.
- If you are unable to access or print, school sport contacts will be able to assist. We encourage you where possible to fill the form in electronically to assist with legibility and accuracy of documents.
- Once student and parent has signed all necessary sections, the completed booklet is to be handed into sports co/sport contact.
- Sports co/sport contact will sign and obtain Principal signature.

- Form will then be given back to students.
- Students must hand in the completed and signed booklet to the team manager at the PC trials. **No booklet = no trial.**
- This same booklet will be passed on by team managers from one level to the next level as students progress through the representative sport program.
- If any details change after this booklet has been submitted, a change of details form will need to be completed and handed in to the team manager, link:
<https://capsport.eq.edu.au/SupportAndResources/FormsAndDocuments/Documents/cap-change-details-form.pdf>

Tuckshop News

Tuckshop has commenced. Orders can be made through our online Flexischools App.

Ms Tash has also started doing Meal Deals on a Friday for first break only.

Please refer to the following information for instructions on how to set up your account.



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We have partnered with Flexischools, to make school lunches even easier.



1. Download the Flexischools App

Note: for iPhone and iPad please select 'Allow' notifications.

2. Login/Register

- **Already a Flexischools user** – Enter your details and login. To save your login details select 'remember me'.
 - **New Flexischools user** – Click '**Register**', enter your email address and follow the instructions in the email to set up your account. Once your account is set up, add new student; search for their school, enter student details and select their class.
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3. Top Up Your Account

To make ordering fast and simple, you can set up automatic top ups in your '**User Profile**'.

Place your Order



On the app home screen, scroll down to view your school services such as canteen and uniforms. Then **swipe left and right** to view all available services.

Make your Selection

Find the service and press '**Order**', then select the items you wish to order.

Make Payment

Select your payment option and complete payment to place your order.

Student Birthdays



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14th March Cater 6

14th March Pippa 11

16th March Victoria 11

19th March Kaidence 11

23rd March Anna-Belle 7

25th March Cruz 5

Student and Virtue Awards





Community Flyers

Are you 17 years old or under and a little bit creative?
Get crafty this school holidays.



Callide Valley Show Junior All Rounder (In Memory of Shelley Muller) Highest Number of Points (\$50) Highest Number of Exhibits (\$50)

Open to Juveniles 17 years and under.
Exhibitors must have **entries in at least four** of the following sections:

- Horticulture
- Cake Decorating
- Cooking
- Needlework and Sewing
- Art
- Photography
- Scrapbooking
- Handicraft
- Lego



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