



Newsletter Week 4 Term 2 2024



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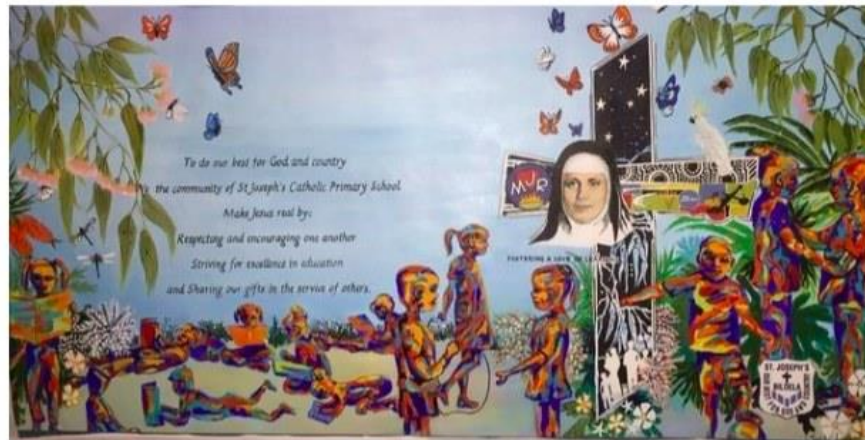
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Our Mission



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 4 Monday 6th May Labour Day Public Holiday

Wednesday 8th May School Photo Day

Week 5 Friday 17th May Biloela Show Holiday

Week 6 National ESmart Week

Friday 24th May Catholic Identity Conversations Audit

Week 7 Tuesday 28th May Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 29th May Athletics Carnival

Week 10 Monday 17th June Zone Athletics at Redeemer

Week 10 Friday 21st June Report Cards uploaded to Parent Lounge

Friday 21st June Last Day of Term 2

From the Principal



Welcome to Week 4 of Term 2

'If you ever feel distressed during your day – call upon our Lady – just say this simple prayer:

'Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now.'

I must admit this prayer has never failed me.' *Mother Teresa*

Mother's Day

Mother's Day always brings about a time of reflection for me. Being a mother of four children, (three are adults and working now), I think about my time as a new young mum and what has unfolded over the years until now. I am very proud of my four children but have to say I have put a lot of work into being a mother over the past 23 years.

I recently read an article entitled What Being a Mom Really Means. For me, it was an insightful yet reaffirming read. I wonder which of these points speaks louder to you?

Being a mom means more than having given birth to a child.

It's loving and knowing a soul before you even see it.

It's carrying and caring for a life completely dependant on you for survival.

It's giving air to the lungs that grew within you, and sight to the eyes that will never see you as anything but mommy.

It's sleepless nights, its nursing scratches and scrapes, it's being stern and protective.

It's teaching them to talk, to walk and to eventually run.

It's learning to hand your child to a stranger to let them teach what you cannot at times.

It's bracing them for a fall, and dusting them off after they do.

It's seeing them cry and not knowing how to fix it, so you sit on the floor and hold them and cry right along beside them.

It's teaching them that they are smart, capable, funny and giving them the security to do great things.

It's building their self-esteem, supporting their dreams and loving them unconditionally.

It's letting them go, letting them fail and teaching them how to get back up.

It's going without so that they don't have to, and being OK with it.

It's laughing at jokes that aren't even funny, but the way they say it makes it's hilarious.

It's listening to stories that go on and on without a point.

It's always being available for the "Mommy watch me!" yells and "Mommy I need you" pleas.

It's drowning out the word MOM repeated over and over in attempts to get your attention.

Its songs sang out of tune and settling squabbles with siblings.

It's being mean, and teaching hard lessons, that hurt you inside so deep you want to cry, but you must stand strong with resolve.

It's being strong for them when you are weak.

It's smiling when you want to cry, and crying when you're smiling with pride.

It's having the worst day and having them hug you and tell you "mommy I love you", and needing nothing more.

It's a blessing, a gift, a relationship that never ends and a love that never dies.

It's the best thing I have ever become, the greatest love I have ever felt and the best part about being me.
(Jessica James, Huff Post, 2020)

I will be forever grateful to my mother for the gift of life and being the role model that enabled me to mother my children. I am extremely grateful to my own children for journeying with me through motherhood. And I am very grateful to all the Mums I have met over the past 25 years whilst working at St Joseph's. You are all inspirational mothers and (some grandmothers now)! I hope you are all acknowledged and spoilt on Sunday.



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Mother's Day Stall

Thank you to our P&F ladies for hosting the Mother's Day stall once again this year. The stall provides a wonderful opportunity for children to choose and purchase a small gift for their Mums. The stall is open from 8.15am each morning before school and is set up in our Library until Friday.

Wear Blue for Apraxia Awareness Month

There are a number of children in our school who have a speech condition known as Apraxia. Next Tuesday, 14th May, all of our students are invited to wear **Blue** clothing in support of Apraxia Awareness Month.

The children **DO NOT** need to bring a gold coin as we are wearing blue to show our support.

What is Apraxia?

Childhood apraxia of speech (CAS) is a **rare movement-based speech condition**.

It is caused by problems with the way the brain plans movements for speech. Children with CAS have difficulty planning the muscle movements they need to use for speech. However, they do know what they want to say and they can move their face and mouth well for facial expressions and eating.

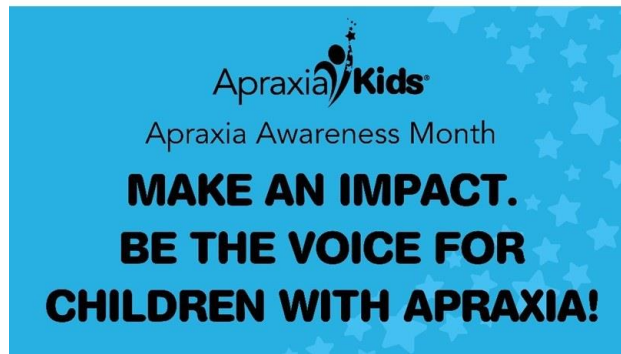
It is very different to the common speech problems children can experience. Speech is complex and involves movement of the lips, tongue, jaw, voice and back of the mouth.

CAS makes their speech very hard to understand. Their speech can be inconsistent and jumbled. It can sound too loud, or broken and robotic.

Children with CAS have trouble remembering how to make the movements for new words. This means they need to work out the movements for the same words again and again.

Extract from *speechpathologyaustralia.org.au*

It would be wonderful to see everyone supporting this initiative next Tuesday!



Callide Valley Show

Please remember next Friday 17th May is the Callide Valley Show Public Holiday.

Our wonderful Choir lead by Mrs Wilton will be performing on Saturday morning at 9:30am. If you are heading to the Show, be sure to head to the main stage and support our students as they sing.

While you are there, check out the marvellous St Joseph's show display. As we are in our 85th year of Catholic Education in Biloela we have chosen to showcase Joey's from past to present.

National Walk Safely to School Day

National Walk Safely to School Day is being held this Friday 10th May. Now in its 25th year, National Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment.

This national initiative aims to encourage children to lead a healthier, more active lifestyle by simply including a walk at the beginning, at lunchtime and at the end of each day. The event also promotes reduced car-dependency, greater use of public transport, cleaner air, improved diets and road safety to primary school children throughout Australia.

Time to get those walking shoes out (where practical)!

Achieving Wellbeing Together

Wellbeing refers to a person's mental, physical, social, emotional, and spiritual health.

A positive sense of wellbeing helps us feel connected to others and gives our lives purpose and meaning. We tend to have higher levels of happiness, self-confidence, and resilience when we prioritise our individual wellbeing.

A keen sense of belonging forms the core of the wellbeing program at St Joseph's Primary. The Catholic Faith and our key Virtues focus on the development of the student as a whole person and highlight an individual's intrinsic value: both loved by God and deserving of love and respect from others.

St Joseph's staff are dedicated to satisfying our duty of care, including:

- Providing for and supporting the student's education.
- Supporting the student's social and emotional wellbeing and health.
- Reducing the risk of reasonable and foreseeable harm to the student, other students, staff or visitors.



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Cooler Weather

With morning temperatures dropping, we can now say the cooler weather is upon us. Please ensure your child is prepared for the cold with a warm school jumper (no hoodies please) and navy trackpants. The children may wear plain navy gloves and/or a navy beanie. I have noticed some girls wearing navy stockings or plain navy leggings under their skorts. These are a great alternative to trackpants for girls.

Please ensure all jumpers/jackets and winter items are clearly named.

Thought for the fortnight.....

I am grateful for...

1. Early wakeups = Children to love
2. House to clean = Safe place to live
3. Laundry = Clothes to wear
4. Dirty dishes = Food to eat
5. Crumbs under the table = Family meals
6. Shopping to do = Money to use
7. Toilets to clean = Indoor plumbing
8. Lots of noise = Kids having fun
9. Endless questions = Kids learning
10. Getting into bed sore and tired
=I'm still alive

Chelsea Lee Smith
MomentsADay.com

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Here's wishing all mothers, grandmothers and those like mothers an amazing day on Sunday.

Wishing you all a wonderful fortnight as well.

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 4 of term 2! I would like to wish all of the wonderful mums and grandmothers of our St Joseph's school community a very lovely Mother's Day on Sunday.



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May, the Month of Mary

In Catholic tradition, the month of May is dedicated to Mary. Chosen by God above all other women, Mary's faith and obedience paved the way for the Incarnation. Her example teaches us faith, obedience, humility and most of all, how to love. According to St. Thomas of Villanova, "If in this world any creature ever loved God with whole heart, with whole soul, and with whole mind, she was the creature."

The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines Mary's unique role as being honoured above all other saints, including the Apostles. At the foot of the cross, her heart broke for Jesus, yet she accepted God's will not only for her Son, but for herself in her new role as mother to us all. (John 19:25-27) So, not only is she the mother of Jesus, and thus, the Mother of God, she is also the Mother of the Church.

What makes Mary different from all other women? Why is she a woman who has the qualities that every person should aspire to? Pope Francis once wrote about Mary and clearly stated why she is a 'model for evangelisation', that is, she has the qualities we need to share the message of God. Mary knows the ups and downs of life. She knows the struggles and joys of raising a child, she experienced that with Jesus. She also knows what it is like to lose a son. But with everything she did and she went through, she always had faith and trust in God and approached everything with love and tenderness. Mary is not only a model for mothers, but for us all.



Mother's Day Mass

Year 4 will be leading the special Mother's Day Mass in the church this Friday 10th May at 9:00am. All mothers and grandmothers are invited to attend our Mass and then stay for morning tea in the covered area outside the Year 4 classroom afterwards. Looking forward to seeing you there!



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Virtue of the Week - HONESTY

What is honesty? Many children think honesty means you "don't tell a lie" and speaking the truth is a big part of being honest. But honesty means more than "not lying." Honesty means your actions are truthful too. If you have to hide what you are doing because you are trying to trick someone, you probably aren't being honest. In simple words, honesty is about both speaking and acting truthfully.

Being Truthful means saying how something really is or how it really happened.

- telling the truth based on what actually happened, based on facts and real things (not lying)
- telling the whole truth, and not leaving out parts in order to hide something you know is wrong (lies of omission)
- acting in a way that is truthful and doesn't hide the truth or trick others (not deceiving)

Have a fantastic fortnight!

Many Blessings

Mrs Z

From the School Curriculum Officer



Welcome to Week 4, Term 2

How times have changed! It seems to happen in a blink of an eye. Things change, times change. As adults we seem to spend our lives wondering where the time has gone. While I can barely remember being 21, I still feel like I am 21 but my life has changed greatly since that time. In that time, education has also changed.

Philosophies in education will also continue to change. For instance, in 1915:

1. You will not marry during the term of your contract.
2. You are not to keep company with men.
3. You must be home between the hours of 8pm and 6am unless attending school functions.
4. You may not loiter down town in any of the ice cream bars.
5. You may not travel beyond the city limits unless you have the permission of the Chairman of the Board.

6. You may not ride in a carriage or automobile with any man unless he is your father or brother.

7. You may not smoke cigarettes.

8. You may not dress in bright colours.

9. You must wear at least two petticoats.

10. Your dress must not be any shorter than two inches above the ankle.

11. To keep the school neat and clean you must:

* Sweep the floor at least once daily.

* Scrub the floor at least once a week with hot soapy water.

* Clean the boards (chalk board) at least once daily.

* Start the fire at 7am so the school room will be warm by 8am.

In the hundred years since these rules, much has happened. Australia has survived many changes but what remains the same is the importance of education and its value in our community. Parents and teachers alike understand that the time children spend at school is invaluable in preparing them for the future. Can you imagine a world without seeing the joy in a child's eye when they understand something for the first time?

Our school prides itself in seeing the joy in children. Teaching is a profession where the rewards are not so tangible. Rewards for us as professionals are intangible. The bonus for us is seeing a child experience success in our classes and move forward in their learning journey. We want our children to be successful participants in our community and this begins with school

Yours in curriculum,

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

Flu Season Reminder



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As you are aware every year Queensland experiences an influenza or flu season. As we enter this season it is timely to remind parents and care-givers not to be complacent about flu. Queensland Health advises that where possible, people need to be vaccinated for the flu every year. Owing to the large number of people who have already experienced the flu this year, the Queensland Government announced that the flu vaccination would be free to all Queenslanders over 6 months old.

Flu is a virus more serious than the common cold and can be spread through talking, coughing and sneezing. Symptoms include sudden fever, dry cough, muscle aches and pains, fatigue, headache, sore throat and a stuffy or runny nose.

If your child has flu-like symptoms, the following is advised:

- Keep your child home from school;
- Ensure your child washes their hands regularly with soap and water or sanitiser gel;
- Encourage your children when coughing or sneezing, to cover their mouth and nose with disposable tissues which should be disposed of immediately;
- Ensure they drink plenty of fluids and get lots of rest;
- Consult your doctor if you are concerned about their symptoms.

Queensland Health Guidelines advise that individuals displaying flu like symptoms should stay at home until such symptoms have passed (normally 5-7 days).

Families should also reinforce the recommended protective actions listed above.

Increased awareness and ongoing attention to prevention and control measures, such as vaccination and good hygiene, are steps that we can all promote to reduce the impact of influenza.

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

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Sixth Sunday of Easter - 5th May, 2024	
Parish communities: St Joseph's, Biloela <u>Mass Times</u> Wednesday 8.00am Thursday 5.30pm Friday 8.00am Sunday 8.00am St Therese's, Monto <u>Mass Times</u> Sunday 6.00pm <u>Parish Contacts:</u> Mary Ann List - 0417 628 140 Sr Anne & Sr Marie, SMSM Phone: 4166 3986 PO Box 129 Monto Q 4630 Sacred Heart Church, Theodore Saturday 6.00pm <u>Mass:</u> 1st and 3rd Saturdays <u>Lay Led:</u> 2nd and 4th Saturdays St Michael's, Moura <u>Mass Times</u> Saturday (2nd and 4th) 6.00pm St Patrick's, Baralaba <u>Mass Times</u> 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	<div style="text-align: right;">"LORD TEACH US"</div>  <p>"No one can replace us in the Heart of God. It is the Lord himself who says that I am precious in his eyes, that I am unique." Pope Francis</p> <p>NEW TESTAMENT COMMENTARY by Mary Coloe PBVM Love as I have loved. Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; John 15: 9-17 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.'</p> <p>Last week gave us the image of a vine to express the intimacy between Jesus and his disciples, this week Jesus draws on the image of a family to speak of his relationship with God as a father. Because this is such familiar language, we can forget that it is in fact an image. God is not a father, or a vine-keeper or a shepherd. These are images drawn from life experience to try to speak about God in ways familiar to our human experience.</p> <p>The close love between a parent and child is the love Jesus says exists between himself and his disciples. Later he speaks of them as friends. There is in this passage a progression of relationships: God loves Jesus who loves disciples who are to love one another. The measuring stick for our relationship with God is our relationship with each other. Christians cannot withdraw into a pious cosy 'me and God' duet. Being at home with God requires that we open ourselves to be at home with others. Not an easy task!</p> <p>There is a saying, 'absence makes the heart grow fonder,' and this can be true for God. It's easier to love the 'absent' God in a distant heaven than to love God present in our families or workplaces or living in our streets. 'Love one another, as I have loved you.' Jesus loved to the point of giving his life. What are we asked to give to another – a listening ear, an hour of our time, a card or letter, a visit? 'What I command you is to love one another.'</p> <p>The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles marks a watershed in the self-identity and mission of the early church. The first believers were all Jews. Jesus' own ministry had not extended further than the homeland of the Jewish people. It naturally followed that the first disciples considered their task in terms of the restoration of Judaism. But their experience challenged them to think differently. In their preaching to the crowds and even in the Synagogues some non-Jews were present and were drawn to their message. This raised great questions – could non-Jews be part of the Jesus movement, or was the Gospel to be restricted to the children of Israel?</p> <p>Just prior to this episode in the house of Cornelius, Peter had experienced a dream where he was shown all kinds of food being offered to him to eat. But, according to the laws of Judaism, he could not eat this food since it was unclean. In this dream he heard a voice saying, 'What God has cleansed, you must not call common.' (10:15) We are not told how Peter interpreted this dream but he then travelled to the house of a non-Jew, Cornelius. We are told that Cornelius was a 'God-fearing' man. This describes a person who was attracted to Judaism, even attending the synagogue but who had not been fully converted.</p> <p>Peter comes to realise the laws of Judaism, about who can belong and who cannot, no longer apply. 'God does not have favourites'. Then, as if to take the matter out of Peter's hands, the Spirit comes upon Cornelius and his household. This was not expected. These people were pagans, outside the ancient covenant made between God and Israel, and yet they see the same Spirit of God now coming onto these people.</p> <p>The incident appears to happen quite quickly. I suspect that behind this episode lies a length of time trying to discern what God wants. Is the Jesus story to be opened up to non-Jews or not? How can God now be inviting non-Jews into the ancient covenant with Israel? These were not easy questions at that time.</p> <p>The great blessing of this episode is the gift of discernment to recognise that God is able to do something new, something that stretched the boundaries of the disciples' experience and thinking. I see this as an on-going struggle in our church. As humans, part of an organisation, we clarify who is a member of the group and set up rules or markers to distinguish who is 'in' and who is 'out'. The episode with Cornelius challenges us again and again to look at the rules we make and see if perhaps we might be trying to restrict the action of God's Spirit.</p> <p><small>© Mary Coloe</small></p>

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 **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: \$555.85 Monto: \$68.40
 Dawson Valley: \$60.00

Prayers for the sick:
 Henny Hay, Coleman family, Shane Corfield, Shirley Matheson, Michael Stoddart, Gail Harrison, Robert Harrison, Graham Phelan, Lorraine Stockley, Ryan Flenday, Des Maher, Myrna Demasay, Lindsay Sharpe, Robin Harth, Peter Mazzer, Jim 'Mo' Hogan, Carmel Holcombe

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION
 There will be a second collection this weekend for Peter's Pence. The Peter's Pence Collection is your opportunity to join Catholics from around the world in assisting the Holy Father's emergency relief efforts to aid victims of war and natural disasters.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING
 Parish Safeguarding Training sessions for all volunteers will be held in Biloela on Sunday 23rd June at 9.30am and on Monday 24th June at 9.30am.

BAPTISM
 We welcome into our church community
VISESIO HENRY SAMUELA
 Son of Sinioletalalele Samuela & Joanna Larkins

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' MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY
 7th Tuesday: Sacramental Program Preparation
 8th Wednesday: Biloela Mass - 8.00am
 8th Wednesday: Mass at Wahroonga - 9.30am
 8th Wednesday: Biloela Rosary - 5.30pm
 9th Thursday: Biloela Mass - 5.30pm
 10th Friday: Biloela Mass - 8.00am
 10th Friday: Baralaba Mass - 6.00pm
 11th Saturday: Biloela Eucharistic Adoration - 8.30am
 12th Sunday: Mother's Day
 19th Sunday: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The next fortnightly meetings for the St Vincent de Paul Conferences will be:
 Biloela: 8.30am on Thursday 16th May, 2024
 Monto: 11.00am on Thursday 16th May, 2024

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH: We have been asked to run a BBQ at the Biloela rodeo on Saturday 15th June. If you are able to help please advise the parish office.

DIOCESAN NOTICES:
 The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton abides by the principles of the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards (2022), and is committed to safeguarding, with a specific focus on protecting children and vulnerable adults. For further information or support please contact the Diocesan Professional Standards and Safeguarding Office:
 Response Line: 1800 830 113 (free call) or email: pssoadin@rok.catholic.net.au
 Diocesan Website for more information: <https://rok.catholic.net.au/our-diocese/safeguarding/>
 Our parish Safeguarding representatives are:
 Maureen Shultz (Biloela) and Naomi Arkinstall (Monto)

Online Youth Group for Year 8-12
 This term the diocese is offering an online youth group for any students in years 8-12. We will be going through 'The Search Begins' video series which is tailored for teens wanting to explore the big questions like what is the meaning of life? And is God real? We will meet over Zoom on Tuesday afternoons from 4.15pm to 5.30pm starting May 7th and finishing on June 18th. For more information and to register scan the QR code.

Mass of Thanksgiving Tenth Anniversary of Most Rev Michael McCarthy
 The people of the Diocese are invited to celebrate the Tenth Anniversary of Most Reverend Michael McCarthy as Bishop of Rockhampton. The Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, 29th May 2024, followed by a formal reception. RSVP is required for catering for the reception. You can RSVP online at <https://forms.office.com/8u41nHR0AA> or phone 4887 3070. The Mass can also be watched online on the St Joseph's Cathedral YouTube channel - <https://www.youtube.com/user/StJosephsCathRtn>

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
 The Lord has revealed it the nations his saving power.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
 Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
 If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
 The Ascension of the Lord
 Acts 1:1-11
 Ephesians 1:17-23
 Mark 16:15-20

For daily Mass readings please scan:

Sports Round Up



Well done to all the children who competed in the PC Cross Country trials at Benaraby yesterday. Although we didn't have any winners, they all put in a solid effort to finish in significant places. Thank you Mrs Harth for being our School representative.

Mrs Bode and Miss Brown have only one week left of Athletics with the students. Today they have been focusing on Shot Put.

As of week 6, the children will commence Tennis with Mrs Ambrey and Mrs Chapman for HPE on a Wednesday.

Mrs Ambrey will commence training the nominated children for Qld Tennis Cup teams tomorrow (Friday). Training will take place for the competitive and participation Red Ball teams between midday and 1.05pm. The Orange and Green Ball teams will train from 1.35 to 2.45pm.

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 early next 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.

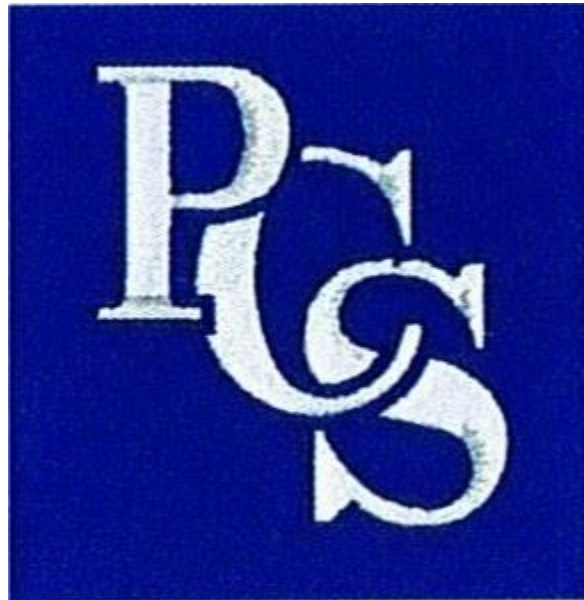
From the P&F

The Race Day committee has commenced preparations for our St Joseph's Family Race Day. If you can contribute in anyway to the running of our event, we would love to see you at a meeting. If you can not attend meeting but are happy to help on the day please see the Office and we can pass your interest onto the committee.

This is our major fundraiser for the year and would love to see it as successful as the previous years have been.



Port Curtis Sport



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 Monday 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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10th May Lucia 6

13th May Niome 8

14th May Harlon 5

16th May Jai 5

17th May Jake 6

18th May Isabella 9

18th May Braith 8

19th May Kade 11

21st May Rakai 8

Community Flyers



2024 NetSetGo
Tuesdays
4:30pm- 5:30pm
16th April - 6th August 2024

ALL AGES WELCOME

Boost Confidence ~ Community & Pride
Social Skills ~ Physical Development

FIND US
Magavalis Sports Complex
Valentines Plains Rd

Contact Us
netsetgo@biloelanetball.com

The flyer features a purple background with a pattern of white dots. It includes logos for Biloela Netball Club and the 2022 Beta award. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold and regular fonts.

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BILOELA COMMUNITY CONNECT RODEO

15th June
2024

Bulls, Barrels and Broncs

Gates open at 2pm
Bar from 4:30 till Midnight

Adults :\$20
Highschoolers and Pensioners \$15
Children \$10
Family (2 adults and 2 kids) \$50



For more
information go to
www.banana.qld.gov.au
and
look under the
events tab