

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School Parent Information 2020





St Joseph's School *Mission Statement*

*Growing together as one in
God's love,
we strive to be our very best,
for ourselves,
for each other and
for our community.*

Precious gifts of God's creation are our children.

Let us Pray:

*God, Our Father, we pray for the
children who have been entrusted to our
spiritual and academic influence.
Inspire us to regard these children as
living messages of hope and compassion*

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*May they carry in their hearts the
positive influences we give them.
Amen*

Whole School Behaviour Expectations

6 NON – NEGOTIABLES

- Wear our correct school uniform with pride
- Care for people, places and things
- Move safely and quietly
- Speak and act kindly
- Do the right task in the right place at the right time
- Be smart, safe and responsible on-line

RESTORATIVE PRACTICES

At St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

“As a school steeped in the values of Mary MacKillop and the Sisters of St Joseph, St. Joseph's strongly believes in and values the Restorative Practices philosophy. Such an approach to education and behaviour management provides our students with opportunities to develop self-discipline and positive behaviours in a caring, supportive environment.

- encourages students to appreciate the consequences of their actions for others
- enables students to make amends where their actions have harmed others
- requires students to be accountable for their action encourages respect for all concerned.



Put simply, Restorative Practices (RP) is a way of viewing relationship-building and behaviour management in schools that works to strengthen community among students and between students, teachers and parents, through educative processes.

Circle Time-
A practical element of classroom practice



Leadership

- Prep Buddies
- Leadership Induction
- Leadership Day
- Way 2 Go Program – focusing on leadership roles and responsibilities
- Service Model – Service Groups: Environmental, Educational, Sports, Pastoral, Arts
- Special Events - Anzac Day, Welcome BBQ, Term 2 Fundraiser Disco etc. – We request Year 6 students endeavour to be at these events.

Start of Day...

SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS

On arrival at school, children are to take their school bag and wait in the undercover area.

Tubs are provided for Chromebooks.

The Learning Hub is open daily from 8.10 – for parents and children and from 8.15 for students.

At 8:15am the teacher-on-duty takes children to play on the oval. Handball is permitted at this time.

PLEASE NOTE:

Students are not permitted into classroom prior to 8:30 am.



The Roll

School begins 8:30 am

It is important for students to be ready and prepared for class at 8:30am.

Electronic Roll is marked twice a day

Please report to office if arriving late or picking your child up early



Parent Lounge

Parents have a username and password to access Parent Lounge. This allows you to:

- Check calendar events
- Update personal details
- Access student semester reports

New parents will be notified with their user names and passwords.

Bell Times

- 8:30am – Start of school – first session
- 10:30am – First Break
- 11:20am - Class resumes – second session
- 1:20pm – Afternoon tea
- 1:35pm - Class resumes – third session
- 2:55pm - End of school

SUN SMART SCHOOL
NO hat – NO play policy!

(Please ensure your child's hat has his/her name on it.)

P-10 Australian Curriculum in Queensland

The Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) is an independent authority providing a rigorous, national approach to education through the national curriculum, national assessment program and national data collection and reporting program.






Religion

This curriculum is designed so that students have opportunities to develop:

- a personal relationship with Jesus Christ
- understanding and appreciation of the religious beliefs, values and practices of Christianity and the ways that Catholics live these out
- respect and appreciation for the religious beliefs, attitudes and values of others
- age-appropriate skills to research, discuss, reflect on and critique religion in an informed, intelligent and sensitive manner.

Homework with parent engagement

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- Parents can keep track of homework through the diary system.
 - **Please sign your child's diary at the end of each week**
 - Children should be completing some homework every night.
 - Homework will consist of concepts they have been working on in class, from all subject areas.
 - Homework will vary each week depending upon content covered during class that particular week.
 - At least 10 minutes of READING is highly recommended to be completed each night.

St. Joseph's Homework Policy



Chromebooks

- Charging – Please ensure that your child is charging their devices ready for each school day
- Responsible – caring for the devices
- eSmart - *an initiative of the Alannah & Madeline Foundation, helps teachers, librarians and the greater community to best manage cyber risks, bullying and cyber bullying issues so students feel safer and supported.*
- ICT Code of conduct



Communication

Procedure for concerns regarding your child:

First Step: to deal with concerns/issues effectively. An appointment needs to be scheduled with the classroom teacher. You can do this by calling the school or emailing the teacher.

Second Step: If issues cannot be resolved, a meeting will need to be scheduled with the Principal or a member of the Leadership Team.

Open, honest communication is valued at St Joseph's. There are many different ways you can contact teacher and get classroom information.

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- Parent teacher meetings
 - Student diary
 - Parent Lounge
 - Phone calls
 - Written reports
 - Class/ school newsletters
 - Facebook
 - Seesaw
 - Teacher/parent conferences
 - Class Google site
 - Website
 - Informal chats
 - SMS Facilities
 - Emails
 - PALS

Although e-mail is a valuable communication tool, it is not an appropriate means of communication when:

- The message/concern/issue is long and complicated or requires additional discussion that would best be accomplished face-to-face.
- The message is emotionally charged or the tone of the message could be easily misconstrued.
- In such circumstances, two-way communication is most appropriate i.e. telephone/ face-to-face.



PAL

- Kelli Boyle (Kiarah's Mum) is the Year 6 PAL representative
- Facebook Group – “Prep Class of 2014”
- The idea of the Facebook group is so you can ask school related questions, or to be notified of upcoming events, or simply just to see when sports carnival, library day etc. maybe. It is also a great way for parents to get to know each other.
- If you would like to be added to this group please contact – Kelli, Emma or another parent who is a member and they can add you.



Camp

- Hervey Bay– Term 4, October 14th-16th
- Approximate cost \$380-\$400 per child without fundraising
(Please see the office if you would like to set up a payment plan)
- Students will staying in dorms at Campialba, Hervey Bay

CAMP ITINERARY:

- DAY 1 – A mixture of educational and fun activities around Hervey Bay
- DAY 2 – Fraser Island Tour
- DAY 3 - Whale Watching

Frequently Asked Questions

Where do I collect my child from if leaving early or taking them to an appointment?

If collecting your child/children before 3pm, school policy is that all children are to be collected from the main office. A phone call will be made from ADMIN to the CLASSROOM TEACHER and the child/children will be sent to the office for collection.

How do I contact the teacher?

The two main ways of doing this are:

1. through the office or
2. write a note for your child to give to the teacher.

The teacher will contact you in the most convenient time.

What do I do when my child is absent from school?

Attendance Roll will be electronically marked twice per day. If your child is absent it would be appreciated if a call could be made to the office in the morning to let admin know that your child will be absent.