



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



Coming up this term...

Term 1
Date Claimers

- February 5 - Opening School Mass
- February 14 - Meet and Greet Disco
- February 21 - Pupil Free Day
- February 26 - P & F Meeting
- March 4 - Swimming starts
- March 4 - Shrove Tuesday
- March 5 - Ash Wednesday
- March 12 - NAPLAN
- March 19 - St Joseph's Feast Day
- March 25-26 Parent, Student & Teacher Interviews
- March 28 - Swimming Carnival
- April 4 - Last day of Term 1

*These date are subject to change & will be updated as needed.

Celebrating
125 YEARS

Catholic Education in Clermont

SAVE THE DATE
June 27th 2025

Save the date

Principal's Letter

Mrs Sheila Challacombe

Dear parents/caregivers,

Congratulations to the students that attended the Peak Downs 'touch and Netball' trials in Middlemount last Friday. I know you all performed to your very best ability. Congratulations to those who made it through, all the best as you move along to the next stage. Thank you to parents for providing travel and supervision to the students.

Friday 14th February, parent information sessions and school disco. We look forward to catching up with you all. Not sure if we can consider this a romantic night out but come and catch up, have a chat and meet new people. Please remember, it is an alcohol free evening.

Monday 17th Soccer trial will be held at the Clermont sports grounds. Mrs Hamill and Mr Hill will be attending the trials from 9am - 12pm.

Friday 21st February will be a pupil free day. Staff will participate in professional training on site.

Monday 24th February the school will welcome Bishop Michael, Director Mr Michael McCusker and Assistant Director for Western Schools Mr Tim Collins as they complete their Western visits to schools.

The 125 year celebration meeting went ahead on Wednesday as planned. The group has put together a plan for the event. We are now in search of memories of the past. We are seeking, photo's, uniforms, school work and videos. The next meeting will be held to coincide with the P & F meeting on February 26 at 3:30pm in the staff room. Hope you can join us.

Next newsletter will be in week 5.

*Have a great week
Sheila Challacombe*

ST JOSEPH'S CLERMONT P & F

'FAITH IN CHRIST OUR TEACHER'

AGM

Annual General Meeting

Everyone Welcome

We look forward to seeing you and working together to make our school community even stronger.

For more information please contact
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February 14th 2025
7.15PM
Year 1 Classroom

Don't forget...
Pupil Free Day
Friday 21st
February

February Birthdays

Emersyn W - 6th
 Charlotte H - 7th
 Toby J - 8th
 Jaylee B - 9th
 Cody F - 9th
 Kelsie P - 9th
 Lane P - 9th
 Ellie B - 11th
 Rhylee S - 12th
 Jett B - 13th
 Haylee S - 14th
 Evie W - 15th
 Cooper J - 18th
 Max W - 20th
 Brylee L - 27th

WELCOME DISCO / PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY
6:00 - 8.00 PM
\$5 PER FAMILY
THEME - VALENTINES DAY!

Classroom teachers will hold a 15 min information session throughout the night for parents to attend while the kids are having fun at the disco.

6:15 - 6:30 - Prep and Year 1
 6:30 - 6:45 - Year 2 and Year 6
 6:45 - 7:00 - Year 3 and Year 4
 7:00 - 7:15 - Year 5

Please note

- Dinner and entry fee will need to be ordered and paid for through Flexischools
- Orders for additional family or friends can also be made
- Please make sure all orders are placed under 1 child's name
- Orders close Wednesday February 12th. No hot food will be available for purchase on the night.
- Drinks, chocolates and ice creams will be for sale on the night
- This is not a drop and go event, parents are required to stay for the duration of the night
- Information sessions will start at 6.15pm and run consecutively
- Teachers will supervise children while parents attend the classrooms
- This is an alcohol free event

Tuckshop

St Joseph's Tuckshop Roster Term 1 2025							
Week	Wednesday	Homebake	Canteen Helper	Friday	Homebake	Homebake	Canteen Helper
1	29th Jan			31st Jan	Chontelle Light	Tori Butler	Jade Davies
2	5th Feb	Ashton Ball	Melissa Olzard	7th Feb	Chloe Johnson	Jade Flack	Jade Davies
3	12th Feb	Erin Kennedy	Jade Flack	14th Feb	Tori Butler	Chontelle Light	Kellie Walsh
4	19th Feb	Kasie Scott	Gege Batjargal	21st Feb	Ashton Ball	Laura Bont	Jade Flack
5	26th Mar	Chloe Johnson	Melissa Olzard	28th Feb	Meghan McIndoe	Amie Dowling	
6	5th Mar	Laura Bont	Melissa Olzard	7th Mar	Ashton Ball	Erin Kennedy	Jade Flack
7	12th Mar	Jade Flack	Jade Flack	14th Mar	Meghan McIndoe	Emily Bitcher	Kathryn Wilton
8	19th Mar	Laura Bont	Gege Batjargal	21st Mar	Nae Fraçais	Erin Kennedy	Brooke Mifsud
9	26th Mar	Jade Flack	Jade Flack	28th Mar	Meghan McIndoe	Amie Dowling	Doone Breckon
10	2nd Apr	Ashton Ball	Melissa Olzard	4th Apr	Laura Austen	Heidi Austen	Kathryn Wilton

Homebakers are required to provide 24 serves of homebake individually wrapped.

Tuckshop volunteers are required from 8.30 – 11.30am & must sign in at the office.

Please contact the Tuckshop Convenor if you are unable to help on your rostered day – Leanne Gouge 0427 911 222

Student Of The Week Awards

Term 1, Week 2, 2025 - Award Recipients

Prep	Evie T	For always listening and displaying our classroom values proudly. Evie, your politeness and kindness make our classroom radiate warmth. I loved seeing how excited you were for Mass! You walked so reverently with your candle and showed such beautiful respect. Well done! Keep being your amazing self, I am super proud of you!
Year 1	Alexandria C	Lexi, I love how you're always ready to learn! You've started this term with such enthusiasm, completing all tasks on time and putting in so much effort. Your kindness and caring personality have made both returning and new students feel very welcome. Keep being your beautiful self!
	Thomas A	Thomas, I admire your bravery each morning this week. I know you've been working hard to stay tough and positive at school. Despite the challenges, I love how you gather your thoughts and feelings and dive straight into learning. It takes a truly courageous person to do that! Keep up the great efforts!
Year 2	William M	For the outstanding work ethic that you displayed during my literacy and numeracy rotations this week. It was wonderful to see you consistently striving to be your best when learning and applying yourself to all activities I put in front of you. It made me so proud to see you independently challenging yourself to complete a range of missing number sequences. You are a learning superstar Will!
	Brylee L	For the outstanding effort and presentation you have been consistently putting into your schoolwork. You are a focused and diligent learner who listens attentively and takes great pride in their work. The time you take to form your numbers and letters so neatly is commendable. You consistently demonstrate to your peers what it means to be a learning superstar! Keep up the great work Brylee.
Year 3	Olivia M	For your remarkable ability to adapt to a new environment with grace and enthusiasm. Despite being new to St Joseph's, you have taken all the change that comes with being in a new school in your stride. Your active participation in class discussions, inquisitive nature, and commitment to building new friendships has made a positive impact on your peers. Keep shining brightly!
	Angus T	For your engaged attitude, ability to adapt to new situations and consideration of your peers. Your thoughtfulness towards your peers and small acts of kindness have not gone unnoticed. You are also commended for the way in which you have embraced our school and your new classmates. We're so proud of your efforts and can't wait to see what you achieve next!
Year 4	Rhynee M	For your reading skills during reading groups have been outstanding! This week, our focus was on reading with expression, and Rhynee took it to a whole new level. She impressed everyone in the group and earned a five-star rating for her expressive reading of Cinderella lines in our play. Your polite and kind nature is loved by all in the class. Keep up the great work, Rhynee!
	Milla M	For your exceptional politeness and kindness in the classroom. You consistently follow class expectations and is always an active participant in our class discussions. Your respectful and considerate nature makes our classroom a welcoming and positive environment for everyone. Keep up the fantastic work, Milla!
Year 5	Halen M	For the positive attitude and air of excitement you bring into our classroom each day. Halen, you are always ready to learn something new and your enthusiasm is contagious. Keep striving to keep your growth mindset flourishing as you tackle new challenges in Year 5! Well done on an excellent start to the year.

Student Of The Week Award Recipients



Back Row L to R:
**Olivia M, Angus T, Milla M,
Rhynee M and Halen M**

Front Row L to R:
**Evie T, Lexie C, Thomas A,
Brylee L and Will M**

MJR Award Recipients

Back Row L to R:
Angus T, Cody F and Toby J

Front Row L to R:
Billy B and Gertie K



WOULD YOU LET YOUR CHILD MISS A YEAR OF SCHOOL?

One day off each fortnight is equal to missing more than a year of schooling by the end of Year 12.

A reminder to our families to develop good habits with your child by ensuring they always attend school, unless there is reasonable excuse. The more time your child has at school, the more likely they will achieve in their learning.

Every day counts

MOST STUDENTS ATTEND SCHOOL EVERY DAY

It's important that children are at school all day, every day 📖📖📖📖

OK reasons to stay home from school

- sick
- natural disasters

It's **NOT OK** to skip school to shop, sleep in, finish an assignment, go on holidays

EVERY DAY AT SCHOOL COUNTS

Missing even 1 day can make a difference

1 day off school each fortnight = Missing more than a year of learning over 12 years

Each day's learning builds on what has been learnt before

Good attendance begins in Year 1. It's where good habits begin

ATTEND ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

Each 1% increase in student attendance may relate to 2-3 NAPLAN scale score points* (Based on historical data)

What parents can do

- Promote the importance of school
- Get to know the teacher
- Go to school events
- Read the school newsletter
- Be organised at home
- Supervise homework
- Ask about your child's day
- Volunteer to help at school

Get involved in your child's school

For more information Go to the Every day counts website: <https://education.qld.gov.au/initiatives-and-strategies/initiatives/every-day-counts>

May 2021

Queensland Government

Jubilee of Families Date Claimer

Our diocese is hosting a Jubilee of Families this Labour day weekend, running from 3pm on Saturday the 3rd of May through to Monday morning. This event will be an opportunity to connect with other families from throughout the diocese and to grow in faith and in living out our vocation as families. The weekend will feature fun and games, talks, discussion, prayer and sacraments and will feature presentations from Brendan Malone and our diocesan NET team. The venue for the Jubilee is Discovery Parks – Coolwaters, Yeppoon, and accommodation can be booked now by saying that you are with the Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton and quoting booking reference 11005357. The event will be focussed on families but absolutely everyone is welcome to attend. Event registration and further details to be provided soon. For more information or any questions please contact Michael.otto@rok.catholic.net.au or 0433 897 973.

COMMENCING SOON

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION



If your child has been baptised and turning the age of 8 or over, they can receive the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Parent & child sessions will begin during the season of Lent (beginning on Ash Wednesday)

For more information, please contact Hannah Charles
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ICPA and You



Before School Years

- Supports rural families through a functional In-Home Care Scheme.
- Advocates for funded early childhood programs, free kindergarten, and allied health services.
- Ensures early childhood centres are adequately staffed.
- Promotes staff training in rural education.



Primary School

- Advocates for equitable access to State Delivered Kindergarten, eKindy, and rural education services.
- Supports increased student-teacher ratios in small schools.
- Provides feedback on curriculum and learning resources.
- Ensures rural and remote students can access extracurricular activities like sports, music, art, and drama.
- Promotes safe, viable rural bus routes.
- Advises on telecommunications issues impacting rural and remote schools.
- Seeks subsidies for distance education home tutors and primary allowances.
- Champions support for individual student learning needs.



Secondary School

- Ensures equitable subject access for all students, regardless of location.
- Collaborates with education sectors to attract and retain quality teachers.
- Advocates for flexible learning pathways.
- Supports the development of an agricultural high school with boarding facilities.
- Lobbies for realistic increases in tuition and boarding allowances.
- Raises awareness of secondary school delivery methods available to families.



Post School Years

- Advocates for equitable, well-supported vocational education training pathways and apprenticeships to address location-based barriers and increase completion rates.
- Promotes rural teaching as a career and ensures continued access to quality professional development and upskilling opportunities.
- Supports the expansion of Country University Centres across rural Queensland to enhance local access to further studies.
- Branch support for students in Practicum Placements attending rural and remote schools in their local area.



- ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION -

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[HTTPS://ICPA.COM.AU/QLD/MEMBERSHIP](https://icpa.com.au/QLD/MEMBERSHIP)

Membership Tutorials are available here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pZDaq68MU6E>
This video outlines the process for people wanting to join ICPA as a new member.