Dear Parents,

The information contained here is extremely important for parents of children eligible to receive Sacraments in 2017. Please ensure that you read this entire email.

The new Archdiocesan policy for receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation and Eucharist for Primary School children was instigated in 2016.

The policy states that Catholic baptised children in Year 3 (or turning 9) will be eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Children in Year 4 (or turning 10) will be eligible to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion.

Children in classes above Year 3 who have not been Confirmed or received First Holy Communion will also be able to enrol for these sacraments.

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<th>Children <strong>must be confirmed</strong> before they receive their First Holy Communion!</th>
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<td>Children in Year 4 and above who wish to receive First Holy Communion will also need to receive the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation)</td>
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It is essential that all parents of children who will receive a sacrament next year (2017) attends one of 5 meetings which the parish will be running in **October this year**. For your convenience there will be one day meeting at St Thomas More Church. Parents with children at the school will be able to attend before school pick-up. The other afternoon meeting at Tewantin will also finish in time for school pick-ups. (Please see below for meeting dates and times)

The meeting will also be valuable for parents of children in Primary School who have **not received the Sacrament of Baptism** and for Parents of **High School students** who wish their child to receive the Sacraments of Initiation through the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Youth** (RCIY). If your child is one of these please contact the parish office for dates.
In order for your children to receive any sacrament there are certain things that will be required of you and your family…

° At least one parent **must attend** one meeting in October 2016
° You need to fill in the **attached Information Form (separate form for each child)** and **bring it to the meeting in October**.
° At the meeting you will receive vital information and a “passport” to the sacraments which will need to be completed before you can enrol your child into any sacrament for 2017.
° Check the dates for next year’s sacraments and put them in the family diary.

If you have friends who have not received this email with the Information Sheet please tell them to contact the Parish office on 54471188 ASAP.

Please talk to your friends about the meeting so that no one is disappointed because their child cannot enrol for a sacrament.

_Fr Mark Franklin – Parish Priest_

**Sacramental Meeting Dates for Parents:**

- Monday 17\(^{th}\) Oct 6.30pm Tewantin Catholic Church
- Tuesday 18\(^{th}\) Oct 1.30pm Tewantin Catholic Church
- Wednesday 19\(^{th}\) Oct 1.30pm St Thomas More Church Sunshine Beach
- Thursday 20\(^{th}\) Oct 6.30pm Tewantin Catholic Church.
- Monday 24\(^{th}\) Oct 6.30pm Tewantin Catholic Church

Please mark one of these meeting in your diary.

*It is essential for you to attend one of these meetings for your child to receive the Sacraments in 2017.*