



Newsletter

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Week 8

Term 1

From The Principal's Desk

There has been an interesting article regarding parents sleeping on the footpath outside a Brisbane school in order to gain an enrolment spot for their children for 2019. Dedicated mums and dads camped on the footpath in tents and chairs outside the school on a Sunday night, in an effort to secure their child a coveted place.

While students who reside within the school's catchment area are guaranteed enrolment, others must vie for the remaining spots.

Applications for students not living within the catchment zone were accepted annually from 9am on the first Monday in March. Parents started arriving from 4pm on Sunday for Monday's sign-up day.

This school received top marks in audit data for the highest performing school which was published in the media.

A St Mary's School was in past years named the best school in Scotland.

Inspectors identified the following key strengths.

- The broad and well-balanced curriculum and excellent provision for pupils' spiritual, personal and social development.
- Motivated, enthusiastic and confident pupils who were achieving very well in a broad range of areas.
- The outstanding quality of teaching and pupils' learning experiences.
- Commitment of all staff to the care, welfare and inclusion of all pupils in the life of the school.
- High quality teamwork which ensured consistently high standards and outstanding ethos of the school.
- Active involvement of parents in supporting their children's learning and very positive links with the parish team and wider community.
- Leadership of the head teacher, senior management team and all staff and approaches to evaluating and improving the school, including the meaningful involvement of pupils in these processes.

So how effective is our catholic school?

When I was younger, to assess our teaching and the effectiveness of the school I first taught at, the principal would ask, "Would you enrol your child at this school?"

This challenge made me evaluate; how I was teaching, my relations with all members of our school community and how I was nurturing the values of Jesus Christ, within each child.

Families, children and staff are constantly evaluating the effectiveness of their schools which is greatly appreciated.

It is with this in mind that Sacred Heart School community will be involved in a school review during the third week of Term Two, this year. This review celebrates and affirms the good things going on in our school and brings about change thought to be worthwhile and necessary by the school and its community to move ahead.

The process does not just happen by chance. Much careful planning, interviews, completing surveys and discernment will take place before a final report is tabled.

This week, all our families would have received an email survey from a group, MYP Corp, to which many have already responded. The information gained from your confidential responses will be correlated into a report about our school.

The next step is for an external team to validate this report, commend aspects of the school's operation and to recommend action for growth and improvement to be undertaken. From this, our school development plan is formulated.

It will be an exciting time and will ultimately lead to hopefully a 'better' education for our children.

You may say that the third week of Term Two is some time away but our internal report is a lengthy process, so look forward to more information about our review early next term.

Hopefully there are many things that the two before mentioned schools are doing well, that Sacred Heart, Yeppoon is also doing.

All the best

Mr Max Martin

Principal

Year 4 to 6 Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday this week, our Year 4 to 6 swimming carnival was held at the Cooee Bay Pool. It was a great event and well done to all our children who participated so wholeheartedly on the day. The enthusiasm shown by our four houses during war cries was extremely pleasing and really 'spurred on' all competitors.

Congratulations to our winning house: Galilee and to our age champions:

10 years: Oliver Cugola and Neassa O'Reilly

11 years: Sam Hooper, Alex Eaton and Miah Shackleton

12 years: Hayden Anderson and Maggie Simmons

Many thanks to Mrs Lisa List for her coordination of the day, to all our teachers and to the many families who came along to support.



Rugby League Representation

Well done to Lachlan Anderson and Tyler Melrose on their selection in the Rockhampton District under 10 and under 11, respectively, rugby league teams, following trials held last weekend. Both boys will be trialling for the Capricornia side later this year.

Queensland School Swimming

Best wishes to Maggie Simmons (6H) who will be competing at the Queensland School Swimming in Brisbane next week.

Sacred Heart Cross Country

Sacred Heart School Cross country carnival will be on Tuesday, 27th March (Week 10). This annual event is a great carnival where all the students are invited to participate.

Our school carnival also doubles as selection trials for our Sacred Heart Cross Country team (10, 11, 12 year olds).

Parents are most welcome to join us throughout the morning. Prep to Year 3 will run in their year levels (girls' and boys' races), while students in Years 4 to 6 will run in age groups. The following is a timetable for the day with approximate times our students will be running:

8.50am	Prep and boys and girls born 2006 (12 years)
9.20am	Year 1 and boys and girls born 2007 (11 years)
9.50am	Year 2 and boys and girls born 2008 (10 years)
10.10am	Year 3 and boys and girls who are 9 years old in Year 4.

Please remember: Bring hats and water bottle, apply sunscreen, wear coloured house shirt (optional), wear/bring comfortable runners.

We will have our last training session next Tuesday 20th March. The training session will start at 7.15am and go to 7.45am. Preps, Yrs 1, 2 and 3s are welcome to attend under parental supervision. Students from Years 4 through to 6 do not require a parent to attend.

As part of the morning training sessions, the school offers breakfast to everyone attending training from 7.45 – 8.15am. Breakfast will include cereal, fruit and juice and cost \$2 per person. We appreciate parents assisting with breakfast and serving if you are available.

Sacred Heart Cross Country Cake Stall

At our cross country, our Year 6 families will be operating a cake stall with all items being either \$1 or \$2.

The cake stall is a fundraising activity for the Year 6 camp. All Year 6 families are being asked to provide items to be sold at this stall. (No nuts in items.). We are also looking for helpers to serve on the day. Thank you. More details next week.

Rockhampton Diocesan Leadership Conference

Next week, from Tuesday to Thursday, Mrs O'Donnell, Mrs Suthers and Mr Martin will be away from school attending a leadership conference. In their absence, Mrs Deb McGuire will be Acting Principal. If you have any concerns, do not hesitate to contact her through our office. Thank you.

Sacred Heart School NSIT Review

During the week commencing 30th April (Term 2), our school will be undergoing a review using the National School Improvement Tool. For three days, we will have an external team conduct interviews and visit classes. Also as part of this process, we are asking families to complete a survey. This week, you would have received an email explaining this and on Wednesday, the survey. We ask that you complete this survey by 26th March, 2018.

All information gleaned from your responses will be correlated into a report and will be used as part of our review. Again, I urge all parents and carers to take the time to complete the survey.

Your responses, all of which are strictly confidential, will be greatly appreciated and will assist us as a school to set our strategic direction.

Parent-Teacher Interviews Term 2

Parent-teacher interviews will be held across the school from Monday 23th April to Thursday 3rd May, next term, with each interview being 20 minutes. **Bookings for these interviews will open at 3pm on Monday 19 March. These bookings will close to parents on Monday 16 April at 3pm.** Access for bookings is available during those dates via <https://206shy.rok.catholic.edu.au/parentlounge>. Not all teachers will offer interviews on the same days nor for exactly the same time period.

New parents were sent an access username and password earlier this term and continuing parents will have the same one as last year. If you have forgotten either of these please contact Marg Kershaw at the school office 49 336288.

Available times for individual teachers will appear when you log in to the booking site. Only one time slot is to be selected per child. If you would like to have a longer interview time please see your child's class teacher and arrange this at a time suitable to you both.

Some teachers may have interviews prior to school on any of those days and/or some teachers may have made individual arrangements outside of the times above. These arrangements will be emailed to you from your child's classroom teacher. If you have any questions regarding the interviews, times or booking an interview please contact our school office.

NAPLAN Online

Our children in Years 3 and 5 will be undertaking NAPLAN testing online in May for the first time. NAPLAN online brings many advantages, including a design that offers test items tailored to students' knowledge and ability.

We will also be participating in a national coordinated practice test on Monday 26th March. This is an excellent opportunity to fine tune any technical and logistical needs, as well as familiarise students and teachers with the online testing process.

Parents and carers of students in these NAPLAN year levels will need to be aware of important information relating to privacy, which can be found on the NAPLAN Online Queensland website: (<https://naplanonline.qld.edu.au/getting-ready/parent-information>).

Parent requesting withdrawal from testing: Withdrawals are intended to address parental concerns such as religious beliefs and philosophical objections to testing. Parents/carers wishing to withdraw their child from the practice test must sign a 'Notice of Parent Withdrawal' form by Monday, 19th March. A request form is available from our school office.

UNSW Competition

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are again being offered. ICAS provides an opportunity for all Years 2–12 students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation.

The entry fee per student is as follows: Digital Technologies 8th May \$9.90. Science 29th May \$9.90. Spelling 13th June \$13.20. Writing 14th June \$19.80. English 31st July \$9.90. Mathematics 14th August \$9.90.

Further information is available at <https://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/> [Click here to access the registration form](#). Please return the form and entry fee to school by Monday 19th March.

Thursday Prayer Assembly

Today's prayer assembly was lead by 2MT and reminded us of the virtues of St Patrick whose feast day occurs on Saturday. Well done on a wonderful presentation, Mrs Mullane and Mrs Todd.

Next Thursday, 3S will begin the first of our Holy Week liturgies focusing on the events of Palm Sunday as Jesus enters Jerusalem to great acclaim. Come and join us in prayer at 8:40am in the MPA.

Holy Week Liturgies

Monday 8:40am Last Supper and Washing Feet (5KS)

Thursday 8:40am Jesus' Trial and Crucifixion (5A)

Thursday 2pm Resurrection (5G) and Easter raffle draw

Stations of the Cross will also be set up around the school for classes to visit during the week. Parents are invited to join their child's class for this time of reflection. An email will be sent home to families by your child's teacher indicating the time this will occur.

Youth Mass

This Saturday mass, March 17th at 6pm, will be a youth mass. Students from the four Catholic schools/colleges on the Capricorn Coast will be involved, providing music and assisting with various parts. Come along and join in the enthusiasm of our youth. If you wish for your child to be involved, contact Mrs Mary O'Donnell. Thank you.

Mini Vinnies Easter Egg Raffle

Our major Project Compassion fundraiser is the annual Easter egg raffle. Thank you to all who have donated Easter eggs. Donations can be brought into your child's class or our school office. Easter eggs will be organised into prizes and tickets sold by the Mini Vinnies group over the coming week. The draw for the raffle will take place at the final school assembly this term. All proceeds will go to Project Compassion.

Project Compassion Week 5

This week, we bring to you a story from Ditosa, a young girl from Mozambique who hopes to go to university and become a police officer. Featured in Project Compassion 2013, Ditosa faced a challenging future with food scarcity, little education and few job prospects. Cared for by her grandmother and aunt, after her parents died of AIDS-related illnesses, they also lost their home and livelihoods in severe flooding. Thanks to the support of Project Compassion, Caritas Australia helped Ditosa's family to build a new house and assisted with transport, school materials and fees, to help her stay at school. In 2018, Ditosa has graduated from school and is ambitious for the future. You can learn more about Ditosa - click on the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sxtJ9JQnl3s>



Sacrament Preparations

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation continued last Saturday with candidates presented with their Confirmation preparation books at Mass on Saturday night. We encourage families to set aside a time to progress through the activities in this book. The next two sessions for Confirmation will take place on Saturday March 24th and April 21st at 5:15, followed by Mass at 6pm. Thank you.

Just Leadership Day

Yesterday, fifteen Year 6 representatives travelled to St Benedict's for a 'Just Leadership' day, lead by Caritas Australia. This was an engaging and informative experience for our children. They actively engaged in activities that helped them recognise they have the resources and the responsibility to work for change. Thank you to Mrs Jenkinson for accompanying our children and St Ursula's College for providing the bus for transportation.



Spiritual Connections

Each week, we provide a link to Fr Matthew Moloney's sermon from the previous Sunday's parish mass and Sr Kym's reflection of the week. We hope these provide some spiritual guidance. Link to [Fr Matthew's sermon](#) Link to [Sr Kym's column](#)

Important Child Protection Message

Sacred Heart School has no higher priority than the safety of the children in our care. We continue to reinforce to our children the key messages of recognise when they feel unsafe, react by becoming safe as quickly as possible and report to a trusted adult through our Daniel Morcombe curriculum lessons.

As parents and carers, we ask that you too regularly reinforce with your children these messages in relation to their own safety and for them to report to their parents or the school anything that causes them concern in terms of safety. Thank you.

Our child protection officers are Mrs Kelly McKenna, Mrs Mary O'Donnell, Ms Deb McGuire, Mrs Samantha Suthers, Mrs Jackie Pattison (our after school care coordinator) and Mr Martin.

National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence

Tomorrow, Friday 16th March, Australian schools will come together for the eighth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA).

The National Day of Action is Australia's key anti-bullying event for schools and in 2018, schools are called to imagine a world free from bullying and share their ideas regarding this.

The National Day is a positive day of action, bringing school communities together to help find workable solutions that address bullying in our community.

The national definition of bullying for Australian schools says: bullying is an ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power over one or more persons. Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious or hidden.

Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.

Behaviours that do not constitute bullying include: mutual arguments and disagreements (where there is no power imbalance), not liking someone or a single act of social rejection, one-off acts of meanness or spite, isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence.

Tips for students – what can you do?

If it happens in person:

- ignore them
- pretend you don't care
- tell them to stop and then walk away
- go somewhere safe
- get support from your friends.

If it happens online:

- avoid responding to the bullying
- block and report anyone who is bullying online
- protect yourself online – use privacy settings and keep records.

If you see someone being bullied:

- leave negative online conversations – don't join in
- support others being bullied.

If it doesn't stop:

- talk to an adult (parent, teacher) who can help stop the bullying
- keep asking for support until the bullying stops.

For more information please visit www.bullyingnoway.gov.au

Student Awards

Prep	Sasha Dadson, Beckett Catt, Aria Richards, Will White
Year 1	Herbert Martin, Isaac Davey, Ebony Rutledge, Holly Higgins, Cooper Moylan, Hazel Hovey, Ellicia Asmussen, Zali Dooley
Year 2	Evie Richards, Georgia Deasy, Pieta Pilcher, Bastian Hayes, Finn Stone, Sebastian Hatte, Clover Shammall
Year 3	Caleb Todman, Kapri Zettl, Krystal Zettl, Aryriana Pianta
Year 4	Isaac Thomas, Amelia Reid, Chelsea Finch, Bronson Toby
Year 5	Mason Dendle, Holly Stack, Liam Cook, Emerson Grant, Samuel Janes, Avalinn Mason
Year 6	Ethan Grant, Rebekah Jensen, Joseph Manns, Lucy Clarke

In Our Prayers

Please keep Mrs Narelle Ghensi and her family with the passing of her father this week and the Burnard family in our prayers.

Altar Serving Roster

Please ensure, if you are rostered on, to arrive 15 minutes prior to the commencement of Mass and inform Father Matthew that you are there to assist. Thank you.

Sacred Heart Church: Saturday, 17th March 6pm: Esther Stevenson, Tyler Lawrence, Samuel Hooper. Sunday, 18th March 9am: Taleah Turner, Kieran Weaver **Mary Immaculate Church, Emu Park:** Sunday, 18th March 7am: Charlie Kidd

Children's Liturgy Roster

The children's liturgy roster has been sent to those who assist with this ministry in our church. Please organise a swap if you are unable to assist on your given day. It is important to let Father Matthew know that you will be doing children's liturgy before mass. Thank you for your generosity in making the scriptures more meaningful for the children in our parish.

Saturday, 17th March 6pm - Sam Suthers, Megan Slade. Sunday, 18th March 9am - Roberta Gilliland, Shae McPherson

Capricornia Trials

School sporting trials are continuing. Below is a link to our sports calendar. If you have any queries, you can contact Mrs List through lisa_list@rok.catholic.edu.au. [Link to '2018 10-12 Years Trial calendar - Primary](#)

Community Sport

Keppel Bay Karate-do: 6 years old to adults - Tuesdays and Thursdays at St Ursula's College Hall, Queen St Yeppoon. Traditional karate and Sports karate. (Free fighting techniques and sparring). Text Robi for information 0427016767.

Queen's Relay Baton-Yeppoon

[Link to 'QBR Activity'](#)

**Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games
Queen's Baton Relay**
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Friday | 23 March 2018
Yeppoon Foreshore Amphitheatre
5.00pm - 8.30pm

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Free Sausage Sizzle
Fireworks Display
Stage Program
with MC - Games Boy

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