



Newsletter

Enriching Spirits - Educating Minds



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Week 1

Term 2

Reflection

Welcome back everyone. Hoping everyone had a good break from school and are ready for an exciting eleven weeks ahead, filled with a Year 4 camp, parent/teacher interviews, NAPLAN testing, a plethora of sporting carnivals and trials, many meetings, the Eisteddfod, children's report cards, the preparation and celebration of Confirmation and the odd public holiday

The holidays are always a great opportunity to catch up on some reading and I found two interesting articles, one from the Sydney Morning Herald from Dr Jonathan King, a military historian and author of Gallipoli: Our Last Man Standing and Gallipoli Diaries, (He produced a film on the last 10 Anzacs) and another from Mrs Bronnie Ware, an Australian palliative care nurse.

The first speaks of ANZAC Day and he writes our nation should remember the words of our last Anzac, Alec Campbell, who pleaded on his deathbed: "For god's sake, don't glorify Gallipoli and war - it was a terrible fiasco, a total failure and best forgotten."

In our schools, we do not attempt to glorify war but to emphasise the ultimate sacrifice made by young men and women in the search of freedom and peace. As we are often told, ANZAC Day is for commemoration, not celebration. Let us hope our children learn to see beyond the movies and Playstation images of war and that their own, fragile lives are never darkened by such events.

ANZAC Day is next Wednesday 25th April. We will commemorate this day on Tuesday 24th at our whole school assembly with our year 6J class leading us. It will be a very reverent occasion I am sure, with ex-serviceman, Mr Paul Lancaster, speaking with our children about the importance of this day and his experiences in our Armed Forces.

On Wednesday, we are all asked to take part in the ANZAC march which commences at 9am, leaving from the old railway station across from the Railway Hotel and making its way to the Cenotaph. We will assemble at 8.20am and children marching are asked to be in their normal school uniforms with their school hats. Seeing photos from last year, our attendance at this march was overwhelming and I encourage as many of our families to make it along on this very, important occasion commemorating a defining event in our brief history. Water bottles are encouraged. Families are then asked to collect their children after the ceremony from our tent area.

Our dawn service will be held at 5am on the Yeppoon beachfront. I have really encouraged our Year 5s and 6s to attend this ceremony.

The second article was from nurse, Bronnie Ware who cared for patients in the final weeks of their lives. She recorded their dying epiphanies and has put her observations into a book called 'The Top Five Regrets of the Dying':

1. I wish I'd had the courage to live a life true to myself, not the life others expected of me. This was the most common regret. When people realise that their life is almost over and look back clearly on it, it is easy to see how many dreams have gone unfulfilled.

2. I wish I hadn't worked so hard. This came from every male patient. They missed their children's youth and their partner's companionship. Women also spoke of this regret.

3. I wish I'd had the courage to express my feelings. Many people suppress their feelings in order to keep peace with others. As a result, they settled for a mediocre existence and never became who they were truly capable of becoming.

4. I wish I had stayed in touch with my friends. They would not truly realise the full benefits of old friends until their dying weeks and it was not always possible to track them down. Many had become so caught up in their own lives that they had let friendships slip by over the years.

5. I wish that I had let myself be happier. Many did not realise until the end that happiness is a choice. They had stayed stuck in old patterns and habits. Fear of change had them pretending, that they were content, when deep within, they longed to laugh properly and have silliness in their life again.

Many of our young ANZACs never had the opportunity to reach an age where these regrets were evident. It is important to always reflect on our life to ensure there are meaning and fulfilment and time to thank those who have given the ultimate sacrifice in honour of our country.

All the best

Mr Max Martin

Principal

Parent-Teacher Interviews Week 2 and 3

Our first parent teacher interviews will be held during weeks two and three of Term Two. (Monday 23rd April – Friday 7th May). Having interviews in early Term Two, offers parents and teachers an opportunity to discuss their children's progress at school before report cards are sent home in the final week of Term Two. It is important that all our families arrange a time for a formal interview with their child/children's teacher/s if you have not yet done so. Please email your classroom teacher if you have not arranged an interview time. Thank you.

NAPLAN

On Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th, Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd May, all students in Years 3 and 5 will sit the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests. Students need to be at school at 8:40am on these mornings. NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four domains of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

As you are aware, our students will be undertaking the NAPLAN assessment online this year. NAPLAN online brings many advantages, including a design that offers test items tailored to students' knowledge and ability. 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>).

NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how individual students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children.

The National testing program has been mandated by government bodies and therefore all students in Years 3 and 5 should be in attendance. It is therefore imperative that any extracurricular events are not timetabled for these days.

Parent Requested Withdrawal from Testing: Withdrawals are intended to address parental concerns such as religious beliefs and philosophical objections to testing. Parents/Carers wishing to withdraw students from the testing program must sign a '**Notice of Parent Withdrawal**' form by Tuesday, 8th May. A request form is available from our school office.

Confirmation Preparation Session

Confirmation preparation will continue this Saturday evening April 21st. This is the final preparation session for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Candidates and their parent/ carer are asked to attend these sessions commencing at 5:15pm, followed by Mass at 6pm. Please continue to complete your Confirmation book. Candidates also need to have chosen a saint's name to be used in Confirmation.. Some useful saint sites are to follow. You are also welcome to come to the school library and look through our many saints' picture books and resources. <http://www.holyspiritinteractive.net/kids/saints/> https://www.catholic.org/saints/fun_facts_arch.php
We look forward to seeing you on Saturday evening.

School Captains

Our Term 2 school captains begin their leadership role in the school this week. We wish Adah Warren, Tilli Sing, Preston Kimlin and Matthew Campbell the very best in these roles.

We would also like to acknowledge the outgoing School Captains for their leadership during Term 1. Well done, Daniel Rees, Jackson Broom, Ashbi Berry and Jane Power.



Welcome New Families

This week, we welcomed two new families to our school: Olivia Kronk in Year One and her parents, Hayley and Dean and Mackenzie Rapmund in Year One and her parents, Angela and Luke. We wish them all the very best at Sacred Heart.

KCD Cross Country Trials

We wish our cross country athletes all the best for the KCD Cross Country trials being held tomorrow, Friday at the Barmaryee Multisport Precinct. All our children will be travelling by bus to the trials with our departure time being 8.25am. Mrs Lisa List, Mrs Kerry Sullivan and Mr Martin, will be supervising our students at the carnival.

10 Years: Bria Goldman, Demi Sandilands, Leah Wex, Kaitlyn Kershaw, Amy Campbell, Aden McDonald, Hunter Ballard, Ryan Hendrie, Mason Dendle, Reid Weinert

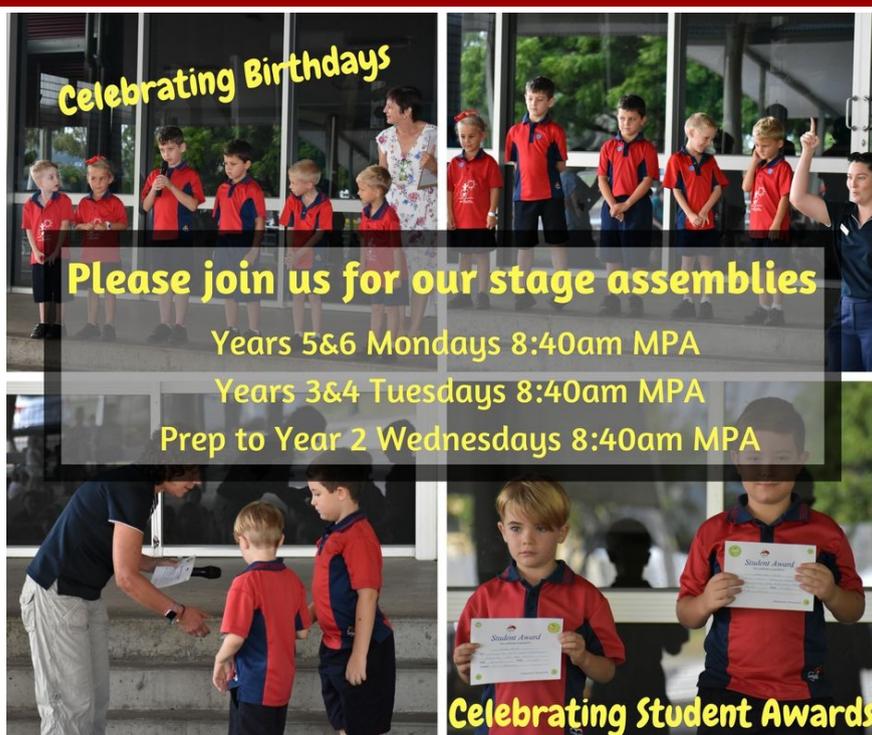
11 Years: Lucy Clarke, Riley Robertson, Julia Blom, Miah Shackleton, Tilli Sing, Sam Hooper, Jake Murphy, Tyler Melrose, Henry Armstrong, Preston Kimlin

12 Years: Isla Rothery, Maggie Simmons, Ruby Cooper, Eva Bird, Halle Salisbury, Simon Green, Liam Welsh, Clay Dendle, Declan Norris, Hayden Anderson

Robotics

We welcome back Mr Denis Murphy for another term of Robotics Club. Our Year 6s have begun their journey in preparing for the 'Rescue' category of the CQU Robotics Competition. The Year 5s from Term 1 will continue to practise their dance moves in preparation for the 'Dance' category. Very exciting.

Year Level Assemblies



Please join us for our stage assemblies

Years 5&6 Mondays 8:40am MPA
Years 3&4 Tuesdays 8:40am MPA
Prep to Year 2 Wednesdays 8:40am MPA

Sacred Heart School NSIT Review

During the week commencing 30th April to 2nd May, 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. Thank you to all who assisted by completing our school survey. All information gleaned from your responses has been correlated into a report and will be used as part of our review.

Also as part of this process, parents/carers will be asked to be involved in an interview about our school. If you are interested in being interviewed, contact Mr Martin at school. Thank you.

Year Four Camp

Next week, our Year 4s will be venturing to The Caves near Rockhampton for their annual camp. Our 4M class from Monday/Tuesday and our 4G class, Thursday/Friday. Both are overnight camps. The children will be involved in a myriad of activities including caving, abseiling, team challenges, camp fires. Mrs McPherson, Mrs Gilliland, Mr Martin and two of our dads, Mr Richards and Mr Weinert will be attending. Enjoy the experience.

Capital Works At Sacred Heart

As you have seen, several capital works projects are being undertaken at our school. One of these is the student toilet refurbishment project. This will see all our student toilets refurbished, will take approximately six months and as a school community, we are looking forward to the upgraded facilities that this project will deliver. Our Prep C classroom is also being fully refurbished and this project will take 12 weeks.

The projects has presented certain planning challenges due to the number of toilet blocks spread across our school, as well as maintaining appropriate student facilities during the construction program.

Following is some important information about this project:

- A staged construction program will see selected toilet blocks closed to student use, while others remain operational. The closed toilet blocks will be clearly fenced off and secured as building compounds. There will be no student use of these fenced off facilities during the refurbishment. Upon completion of each stage, the new toilet blocks will be handed back to the school and reopened for student use. Contractors will then move to the next stage and repeat this process.
- The building contract has been awarded to GT Jeffreys Pty Ltd following the tender process. GT Jeffreys has a vast experience with school related building projects across the Rockhampton region. Our building project is being coordinated by Rockhampton Catholic Education Office and the project consultants, Tony Madden Architects. As part of the project planning, GT Jeffreys has gone through a detailed site induction process specific to the Sacred Heart project, highlighting all of the key requirements and project expectations. Scheduled fortnightly site meetings will ensure regularly monitoring of progress, site control.

I trust this provides you with the answers to some of the queries you may have regarding these planned works. Thank you for your support and patience associated with these important projects. Please do not hesitate to contact me to keep you updated and fully informed about these projects.

Our Parents and Friends Update

Our Parents and Friends' met this Tuesday for the second time this year. A decision was made to have our meeting now on the first Monday of each month at 5.30pm (excluding public holidays). Our next meeting will be on Monday 14th May in the school staffroom.

Other decisions made include:

- Purchasing aluminium seating for our Year 5s and 6s to use especially during lunch times.
- Organising a free Sunday breakfast morning during term 3 at school.
- Organising a Mother's Day raffle.
- Investigating an evening guest speaker for parents/carers on a topical issue ie dealing with children's anxiety.
- Organising Walking to School days

All of these initiatives are made possible by families paying our P. and F. fundraising levy of \$25 per family per term. I thank you for your continued support of this levy.

Year 2W Holiday Stories

On the weekend, I went to the Wowan Junior Golf Open. I am a three hole boy. I won the gross winner. The next day, I won two golf balls and a toy car from golf. **Cash**

On the holidays, I went to the water park and the movies to watch Erlen Man. Next, I played my Playstation and went to the zoo. After that, I went to the marina to go to Keppel Island. Finally, I went home. I felt happy. **Ethan**

On the holidays, I played in Yeppoon with my family. Firstly, I ate chocolate eggs, Maltese eggs and caramel eggs. Next, I went to the cinemas and watched Peter Rabbit. It was funny. After that, I had a surprise birthday. Finally, it was my birthday and we drove to Carnarvon Gorge. We set up the trailer while my Mum was shopping. **Thomas**.

On the holidays, I stayed in Yeppoon. Firstly, my family and I went to the movies for a party. We watched Peter Rabbit. Next, we built a new pool. My dad made it. Then, we had a swim. After that, we had a BBQ. We had hot dogs. They were good. Finally, I went to the zoo. There was a new baby monkey and she was so cute. **Ruby**

On the holidays, I went to the beach. I went out far to catch a big wave. Then, I went to Agnes. It was fun. After that, I went to see the baby monkey at the zoo and it was cute. Then, we saw a big crocodile. It was ginormous but it was asleep. Next, we went back home and Mum asked if we wanted to go out for lunch. We saw Georgia, Emery and Tilry. **India.**

On the holidays, I ate lots of eggs and bunnies. They were all chocolate. Next, I saw a movie called Peter Rabbit. The next day, I went to the zoo. I got to see the baby monkey. After that, I watched a rescue. At first, i thought it was real but it was just a practice. The next day, I went to the beach and made a rock pool with my sister. Aria did the dirty work and I did the decorations. I felt ready to go back to school. **Evie.**

SHEP - State Honours Ensemble Program

Congratulations to Kelsie Bennett and Jesse Emery on their selection last term to be part of this State wide program. Both participated in a weekend workshop culminating in a performance at TCC in Rockhampton. Kelsie and Jesse were involved in the singing and choir section. Well done.

Meal Deal - Friday 27th April

Sacred Heart Hot Dog Meal Deal

Friday 27th April
Hot dog Meal Deal
with a Popper and a Quelch
Iceblock
(iceblock redeemed at snack bar)

\$6.50



Spiritual Connections

Each week, we provide a link to Sr Kym's reflection of the week. We hope it provides some spiritual guidance.

Link to ['Sr Kym's column'](#)

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.
Saturday, April 21 6pm - No Children's Liturgy. Sunday, April 22 9am - Erin Hutchinson, Marie Balzer

