



Newsletter

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Week 7

Term 4

From The Principal's Desk

The Martin family loves nativity scenes and my wife last weekend was beetling around in boxes finding them and then setting them up around our home.

Several weeks ago, I had a meeting in Brisbane and during some free time, went looking for another nativity scene in the Mall.

Confidently, I entered a large department store and their seemingly acre wide collection of tinsel and fairy lights. Brushing past scarved silver owls, key chains of angels and a herd of gilt reindeer, I became lost in the maze of hanging glitter and swinging baubles.

Eventually, after seeking assistance, I was directed to a small shelf, to the left of the two metre long Santa-driven train set, to an option of three nativity scenes. In all cases, Jesus and family were cartoon-like in their depiction, chubby and naive in style.

Disappointed, I progressed to another large store, on a lower rung of the retail ladder. Again, I had to ask for assistance to find the nativity scene section. Amongst the half hectare of Christmas muck, there were none to be found. Blithely the assistant commented, 'This year we have cut back on stock. We don't have any nativity scenes but we also don't have any door wreaths.'

I stared unhappily at the 5 light up depictions of Santa, once known as St Nick, and the middle aisle full of mark-down golden pumpkins, Halloween collection buckets and mock Grim Reaper scythes. All I could mutter was an exasperated, 'Aaah', accompanied by a knowing nod.

Consequently, I dragged myself to a series of homeware shops which all had a plethora of candle options and lots of waxy angels and kitsch Santas. No nativity scenes.

Lastly, I entered a well-known chain, the young manager was effusive. 'Here they are,' she broadly gestured towards two nativity scenes. 'Come in next week,' she chortled, 'I have 15 Nativity scenes on order.' I explained my journey to this point and how her shop was a shining light to the heathen hordes.

'Haven't they heard of the Christ in Christmas phrase? What do they think it is all about?' she explained wide eyed. I refrained from embracing her but did note, with a little less height, a red dress and a broad sash, she had the jolly face and generous figure of Santa's happy helpers.

This adventure made me pause to reflect on the changing nature of our society.

I have no problem with Halloween, as long as it is recognised as a harmless entertainment and no more. Its main aim seems to be gathering lollies. However, the available number of plastic pumpkins far outweighed the number of nativity scenes.

In one shop alone, I could have bought six varieties of Buddha including one which dribbled water from his crown. Buddha, a man who espoused a life not burdened with the detritus of being caught up in owning too many things, would have been appalled.

The countdown to Christmas signs all encouraged me to buy-buy-buy but none encouraged me to donate. I could have bought dozens of models of Santa but so few of Jesus.

Every year, you will hear the mantra put the Christ in Christmas. And do you know what, it is true. I'm buying everyone nativity scenes as a non-aggressive protest.

On another note, thank you for the ongoing generosity of our wonderful school community for the wave of donations for our St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal. It's heartening to note not everyone is about making a buck and commercialising our Christmas season.

Many families are 'doing it tough' in Yeppoon at the moment and will need your support over the coming festive season.

All the best

Max Martin

Principal



Important Dates

November

Tuesday 27th - Sacred Heart School carols with all our children involved from 6pm in our MPA.

Thursday 29th - Advent whole school assembly. Year 3S presenting.

Thursday 29th - Years 4, 5 and 6 dance showcase in our undercover area from 2pm. All welcome.

Friday 30th - Year 2 / 3 and Prep / Year 1 swimming carnivals at Cooee Bay pool

December

Monday 3rd - End of Year School Thanksgiving mass at Sacred Heart Church at 10am.

Monday 3rd - Children's Semester Two report cards available today

Thursday 6th - Final school assembly for Term 4

Thursday 6th - Our Year 6 are away from school at Coolwaters from 9.30am until 2.15pm.

Friday 7th - Last day for school for 2018. School concludes at 3pm

Friday 14th - School office closes at 1pm today.

January 2019

Monday 21st - School office reopens at 8am.

Sacred Heart School Carols' Evening

Our whole school carols' evening will take place on Tuesday 27th November commencing at 6pm in our multi purpose area.

It is expected to take approximately 45 minutes. All children will be involved and families are invited to join in the Christmas spirit at this school community event. Please bring a chair.

Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to Adelaide Gill (3N), and Adeline (PC), Aden (5A) and Davis (2W) McDonald who will be baptised on Friday 23rd November at Sacred Heart Church.

This is an important step in their faith journey and we ask God's blessings on them and their families at this special time. Each of the children's classes will attend this celebration. You are also welcome to attend.

Successful Livingstone Community Grant Application

Well done to Ms Bridget Daykin on her successful application on behalf of our P. and F. Association to the Livingstone Shire.

The application means our school will be purchasing a new pie warmer for the tuckshop and a printing press machine for our Art room.

Thank you to the Shire Council, Inverness Yeppoon and the Keppel Bay Sailing Club Inc who make this grant available to local community groups.



Year 6 Poetry

Haiku

Storm
Splish, splash on the house.
Clouds are violent in the sky.
The Sun comes today.

Puppy
New born dog today.
His name is Chewie.
Gets given away

Cinquain

Water
Ocean blue.
Water flows through.
Alive vibe all the time.
Aqua

Peace
Good vibe.
No more war
Happy to be alive.
Serenity By Jacob

The 6s had to choose from a mythical creature as the topic for a piece of poetry. Following are two examples:

The Phoenix

High up in the mountain
The Phoenix yells its call,
It takes off and glides away
The greatest bird of all.

The Phoenix flies over mountains
Gliding on and on,
Until it reaches its cave, where
It starts to sing its song.

A song of deepest joy,
A tune of happiness,
Until the phoenix goes inside,
Where it stops to rest.

The Phoenix sleeps for many hours
Until the very next day,
Where the fiery bird will spread its wings
Take off and fly away.

By Matthew

Banshee

She's ugly, warty and full of screams
When she screams in your face, you have a bad dream
She sits in her house, waiting for you.
And when you come close she will scream 'Boo.'

When you are feeling ill like you are going to pass.
She will come by your house and it happen real fast.
At midnight, she will knock on your door
Look into her eyes, you will be screaming on the floor.

See a panadol, take a dose.
Banshee now is really close.
She'll haunt your dreams and make you cry.
Just be careful or you will die.

Now you are getting really old
And when you die, she will steal your soul.
While in Heaven listen out
For at midnight, she will howl.

By Amy

Reading Grannies

For the past three terms, a group of ladies affectionately know as our Reading Grannies; Coleen Bignell, Pauline Effeney, Mirle Linney, Nita Flaherty, Denise Barnes, have every Monday afternoon from 2pm until 3pm, read with our Year 3s. They religiously turn up every week and do a wonderful job improving the reading skills of our children.

Thank you very much ladies for your dedication and time. It is greatly appreciated. Thank you also to Mrs Annette Williams and Mrs Leonie McKenna for preparing a lovely morning tea for our ladies, yesterday.



Student Awards

Prep	Noah Todd, Annabel Sykes, Isla Kirby, Aadi Jothiraj, Avah Schwennesen, Adeline McDonald, Beckett Catt
Year 1	Riley Hildebrandt, Amelia McLean, Ruby Neagle, Marley Williams, Isabella Sweeney, Ethan Dixon, Ebony Rutledge, Olivia Blackwood
Year 2	Clover Shammall, Mitchel Simmonds
Year 3	Narlah Calvert, Mikuni Park, Sonny Eyles
Year 4	Isaac Thomas, Nya Minto, Sienna Schick, Reid Weinert, Alexis Kennedy
Year 5	Ben Buttigieg, Sheldon Frazer, Archie McIntyre, Taylor Timperon, Ishana Hampton
Year 6	Izabella Elliott, Jacob Bennett, Joseph Manns

Spiritual Connections

Each week, we provide a link to Fr Matthew Moloney's sermon from the previous Sunday's parish mass. We hope this provides some spiritual guidance.

Link to [Fr Matthew's sermon](#)

Timetable for Prep / Year 1 and Year 2 / 3 Swimming Carnivals

Next Friday 30th November, we will be having two swimming carnivals at the Cooee Bay pool.

The Year 2 and 3 carnival will commence at 9am with all our children being bussed to and from the pool by buses.

Following is a timetable for this carnival.

8:45am	Year 2 and 3 students depart Sacred Heart by bus
9am	Year 2 Freestyle (25m)
9:15am	Year 3 Freestyle (25m)
9:30am	Year 2 Backstroke (25m)
9:45am	Year 3 Backstroke (25m)
10am	Year 2 Breaststroke (25m)
10:15am	Year 3 Breaststroke (25m)
10:30am	Year 2 and 3 students depart Cooee Bay pool by bus

Our Prep and Year 1 carnival will commence at 10:30am. They will also be bussed to and from the pool.

Following is a timetable for this carnival.

10:15am	Prep and Year 1 students depart Sacred Heart by bus
10:30am	Year 1 Freestyle (15m)
10:45am	Prep kickboard (15m)
11am	Year 1 backstroke (15m)
11:15am	Prep noodle race (15m)
11:30am	Prep and Year 1 students depart Cooee Bay pool by bus

Our Year 1, 2 and 3 children have been swimming for the past six weeks under the guidance of Mrs Samantha Suthers and the instructors from the pool so it will be great to see them at our carnivals.

Hope to see lots of parents / carers in attendance.

Year 4, 5 and 6 Dance Showcase

This semester, our Year 4, 5 and 6 every Thursday have been learning a variety of dance routines.

Next Thursday 29th November, these classes will be showcasing their dances in our multi-purpose area from 2pm, starting with our Year 4s.

Everyone is most welcome to come along and watch this presentation.

Thank you

To all who were able to attend Mrs Mary O'Donnell's farewell function last Friday evening at the Sailing Club. It was a wonderful event and gave us an opportunity to thank Mary for all her great work at Sacred Heart over the past nineteen years.

Robotics Club

This term, our original Robotics Club members have been promoted to 'Digital Leaders'. The Digital Leaders have been sharing their deep understanding of coding to assist Mrs Suthers in teaching the new members of the club. Well done to all members of the Robotics Club, your enthusiasm is appreciated.



Persuasive Writing from Year 2

Year 2MT was given the task of making suggestions about how we might be able to perhaps improve our already great tuckshop. Here were some of their suggestions:

Dear Mr Martin

We love our tuckshop.

Our tuckshop menu needs an update with foods like pancakes with blueberries, strawberries and bananas.

These pancakes will be yummy and delicious. Also fruit pancakes would be very healthy.

For these reasons, I believe fruit pancakes should be on our school tuckshop menu.

Yours sincerely

Keyleigh

Dear Mr Martin

We have a wonderful tuckshop.

Our school tuckshop menu needs an update. We need a menu that has tasty and healthy options.

Firstly, I suggest the school add sushi to the menu. Also, I believe that if sushi could have more vegetables in it, they would be healthier.

For these reasons, I believe sushi is a good choice for a new tuckshop food.

Yours sincerely

Bronaugh

Dear Mr Martin

Our school tuckshop needs an update. We need a toastie with carrot bread, made from carrots.

A toastie is a popular food and children would be eating healthy.

For this reason, I believe it is necessary to add carrot toasties to the menu.

Yours sincerely

Lennix

Dear Mr Martin

Our school tuckshop menu needs an update. I think we should have mud cake on our menu.

All students love mud cake so put vegetables in it so it is even more healthy.

I'm sure people will not even notice.

Also children need vegetables to grow and be fit. So if you serve them in the mud cake, they might eat enough vegetables.

Yours sincerely

Luke

2019 Instrumental Music Expression of Interest

Each year, Sacred Heart offers our children the opportunity to be involved in a school instrumental music program. The instrumental music program will continue in 2019 and we are asking for expressions of interest for your child/ren to be involved and for those children already participating in the program, we need to know if they are to be re-enrolled.

Children may enrol in one instrumental music lesson during class time; a second instrumental lesson will depend on the availability of lessons before/after school and during lunch times. Once these forms have been returned to our office, our instrumental music teachers will then contact you regarding further details.

Upon acceptance/ re-enrolment into the program, a levy of \$15 for a child or \$30 per family will be charged on the Term 2 school fees account. This offsets all operational costs incurred by the instrumental music program.

Group lessons cost \$15 (half hour). Students need to purchase their own musical instruments.

It is important to note that acceptance into the program depends upon the availability of rooms and teacher's time. Students re-enrolling will be given first preference. In some cases, students may need to be placed upon a waiting list.

All these lessons are conducted under the supervision of the instrumental music teacher.

These are: Strings Mrs Kate Ellis, Clarinet/Sax/Flute TBA, Vocal Mrs Ursula Boyd, Guitar Mrs Jane Bacon, Percussion / Trumpet / Trombone Mr Rex English.

If you wish for your child to be involved in our instrumental program, complete the form which is available from our front office and return it to school by Wednesday 28th November, 2018. Thank you.



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Positions for 2019 are still AVAILABLE

Please drop in or phone **4939 1549**

Discounts which equate to **LOW or NO COST** for term fees apply for the following:

- Health Care Card Holders;
- Identifies as Aboriginal, Australian South Sea Islanders and Torres Strait Islander
- Multiple births (3 or more kindy-aged children)