



Newsletter

Enriching Spirits - Educating Minds



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From The Principal's Desk

A bacterium in a drinking glass divides in two at 11 am.

One minute later the two new bacteria have fully grown and divide in two. There are now four bacteria. The bacteria continue growing and doubling in number every minute.

At 12pm, the glass is completely full to the brim with bacteria. At precisely what time was the glass exactly half full with bacteria?

In May this year, our Year 3 and 5 children sat the NAPLAN test. Our 5s did all this testing online while our 3s also did all but the writing task, online. The above question was not on the NAPLAN numeracy test but I am sure it had your brain 'ticking over' as were our children's back in May.

This week, our Years 3 and 5 children will bring home their results from these NAPLAN tests. These tests were held in every Australian Primary School and your child's results are compared to the national average in the areas of Numeracy (Mathematics) and Literacy (English).

There is a brief summary on the front of the result sheet explaining how to read your child's results. If you however have any concerns about this, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, Mrs Lisa List or myself.

The following link also provides an excellent insight into reading your child's results:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/docs/default-source/default-document-library/naplan-2019-student-report-information-for-parents-brochure.pdf>

These results will be used by our teachers this year and next to assist our children in areas of need and also to celebrate their successes. The national test results represent a snapshot of each child's achievement at a particular point in time.

They are but one form of assessment used to measure students' development and should be considered in relation to other aspects of our school's assessment.

Sacred Heart will continue to monitor the results of these tests and use this information to plan for improvement in our children's learning.

Further information about the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is available on the following website: www.nap.edu.au

Mrs Lisa List in her role as curriculum coordinator at Sacred Heart and each classroom teacher have viewed the test results. Once again if you have any questions, please contact our school.

There is always much publicity about the NAPLAN data release, as there is very year, but little recognition of the hard work of those who educate our children.

I would like to thank the teachers at Sacred Heart and affirm their continuing hard work and commitment as educators.

While NAPLAN is one measure of students' achievements and the basic skills it tests are very important, I know that the education received by children in our school is rich and holistic, providing them with the opportunities to hopefully reach their full potential and put them in good stead for their future development.

All the best

Max Martin

Solution: The glass was half full at exactly 11.59am.

APRE

Every so often in life we have a light bulb moment. This for me was when I was a 3rd year teaching in Emerald. We had a professional development day and the guest speaker was a well known psychologist. Every teacher in town from both State and Catholic was at the seminar. The feeling and thoughts amongst the participants was not great. One being 'How are we supposed to get any extra knowledge from someone who does not have any children and has never taught a day in his life?'

I will never forget the first words that this man said. He asked us to think of a child in our class with whom we had some problems. My teacher assistant and I looked at each other, rolled our eyes and knew straight away who it was. A 5 year old boy who constantly told us that he hated us and that he wanted to run my assistant over with a steam roller. He then asked us if we liked him and that's when my lightbulb turned on. I never thought that I would ever say this but I did not like him. Until that moment, I did not realise and this made me feel sick.

The psychologist then told us that if we learnt nothing else that day, to go back and cover that child with kindness. We figured that we had nothing to lose. You see we knew that this little boy would be expelled by the time he was in Year 5. He was mean, angry and no one wanted to play with him. We went back to school the next day and tailed this little boy, constantly praising him for everything that he did before he could do anything wrong.

After two weeks, we saw a real change in him. It came to our attention that this little boy had shifted not only house but also towns and his parents were back on their old property packing it up. He thought that we were taking him off his parents and that he wasn't going to see his mother again. He went on to being the most gorgeous, well mannered boy in our school. He had many friends and later went on to become school captain.

My greatest concern was how my attitude could have had such a negative impact on this little boy. This psychologist, who knew nothing, taught me one of the greatest lessons in my teaching career. Everyone is special and everyone has someone who loves them.

Dear God,

Let us take time to remember that everyone needs to be loved and that we all need someone to love us. May we continue to make an effort with those who need it the most. Amen.

Enjoy your weekend.

Melissa Collins

APC

Monday marked the first of our ICAS Assessments, with students completing these via the online portal for the first time. While there were a couple of teething issues on Monday for Digital Technologies, Wednesday's Science Assessments ran very smoothly. The students participating in these assessments were very comfortable participating in this mode of online assessment.

Dates for remaining ICAS Testing:

ICAS Writing (Monday 9th September)

ICAS Spelling (Friday 13th September)

ICAS English (Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th September)

ICAS Mathematics (Wednesday 18th September)

Robotics

Tomorrow will see seven children participating in the CQ Robotics Competition. We have two teams competing in rescue and one team in dance.

The Red Star rescue team: Jacob Hemmings, Morgan Bridgeman, Nicholas Eaton

The Reconstructor rescue team: Hannah Hovey, Charley Neubecker

The Dancing Royals: Ben Miller, Amelia Reid

We wish them all the best.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Today, we had our Premier's Reading Challenge class draw. The following students are the winners from their class: Willem Shackleton, Isla Goltz, Felicity Suthers, Ava Goodge, Amelia Deasy, Milla McPherson, Hunter Hixon, Benji Morris, Ruby Svenson, Charley Neubecker, Eleanor Ash and Jessica Gleeson. Well done to all the students who participated in this challenge and remember to keep reading.

Very big thank you to our Sacred Heart P. and F. for kindly donating a \$20 voucher to each of the class winners. This can be used at the Book Fair being held in week 3 of Term 4.

Have a wonderful week

Lisa List



Reflection

Each week, we provide a link to Fr Matthew Moloney's sermon and Sr Kym's reflection. We hope these provide some spiritual guidance.

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

Welcome to Fr Andrew Chase

We welcome Fr Andrew Chase to Sacred Heart Parish for the month of September whilst Fr Matthew Maloney is looking after the Western Parishes.

In Our Prayers

Peter Bartlett from St Brendan's College and his family; Cara, Emily and Caleb.

Also the Deasy family as Amelia in Year 1 undergoes surgery tomorrow.

Our prayers and thoughts are with you all.

Important Dates

September

Friday 6th - Final day of interschool sport for Year 5 and 6.

Friday 6th - CQ Robotics competition in Rockhampton.

Thursday 12th - Year Two excursion to Railway museum in Rockhampton.

Thursday 12th - Whole school assembly 8.40am. Year 5A presenting.

Friday 13th - Woolworths 8s cricket day for Year 5s and 6s.

Friday 13th - Catholic Schools' robotics competition in Rockhampton.

Monday 16th - School board meeting 6.30pm.

Wednesday 18th - Catholic Interschool Year 6 touch football carnival in Rockhampton.

Friday 20th - Final day of Term 3.

October

Monday 7th - Queen's birthday holiday.

Tuesday 8th - First day of Term 4.

Thursday 10th - Whole school assembly 8.40am with Year 6J presenting.

Welcome Into Our School Family

Haylen Barlow in Prep and his mum, Gemma.

We hope that you enjoy being part of our Sacred Heart family.

Student Awards

Prep	Ben Sharp, Henry Willey, Victoria Evans, Alexis Powell, Harrison O'Rourke, Liya Hamilton
Year 1	Aria Richards, Molly Doust, Levi Bone, Jett Hawkes, Koby Neubecker, Oliver Mathias-Watt, Lula Hart
Year 2	Ruby Fooks, Herbert Martin, Izzy Todman, Hazel Hovey, Jai Lucas, Max Willey
Year 3	Aiden Goodger, Elliot Guhr, India Hawkes, Emmie Sharp
Year 4	Kapri Zettl, Clíodhna O'Reilly, Isla Shakleton
Year 5	Grace Vaughan
Year 6	Molly Oram, Jesse Emery

MJR Awards

Charlie Bone, Mikayla Broom, Chelsea Finch, Blayze Murphy, Charlotte Richards and Ben Richardson from Year 5A for spontaneously, willingly and generously giving their time to help our Mini Vinnies group to meet a project deadline.

Ruby Kona from Year 3W for showing the spirit of Jesus by always being helpful and friendly towards others.

Cass Smallwood and Jacob Hemmings from Year 6E for showing perseverance and patience with the technology when undertaking their ICAS Assessments.

Lucy Thomas from Year 1 for being so helpful in assisting a classmate tie their shoelaces.

Guilo Somerville from Year 5 for showing great skill, sportsmanship, stamina and determination at interschool sport. Well done.



Frankie (Environmental) Award



Beau Plant from Year 6 for taking some responsibility for looking after our new kitchen garden. Thank you.

Hugo Rothery from Year 6 for being thoughtful about keeping our environment clean by picking up litter at Friday Sport.

Ruby Hay from Year 3 for showing initiative in picking up rubbish that was blowing around.

Congratulations

To Callum Wallis, Sophie Lewis and Jack Stanley-Hunt who represented Sacred Heart at a regional inter school Mathematics competition last Wednesday. They performed extremely well under pressure.



To our Under 10s rugby league team who defeated Rockhampton Grammar School, 36-10 in the final of the Capra's Cup last Saturday at Brown Park. Well done to Jayden Jackson who was awarded our player of the final. All the boys played very well. Thank you to Mr Selwyn Toby for being our manager / trainer on the day and for the great support from our families.



Interschool Gymkhana

This Sunday, Sabina and Morgan Bridgeman are representing Sacred Heart at the Interschool's gymkhana to be held in Rockhampton.

We wish them both all the best and look forward to hearing of their performances.

Interschool Sport

This Friday, sees the finals being played for Year 5 and 6 interschool sport in AFL, basketball/volleyball, tee ball and touch football.

We wish all our teams the very best.

Next Friday, 13th September, there is an interschool Woolworths' Super 8s cricket competition being held at the Barmaryee sport fields. So far we have 6 boy's teams and 3 girl's teams nominated from Years 5 and 6.

Details regarding this will be sent home early next week.

Stories

On the weekend, I went to my Aunty's and Uncle's house for lunch and had a little play on the top of Mount Jim Crow. We had dinner up there and then we all came down from Mount Jim Crow. Then we looked at a farm nearby. Finally, we went to our house and our Pops opened their presents. Then they had a cake and then our cousins went home. We went to bed. **By Aria Richards Year 1**

Jazz and Shiraz

Saturday 7 September
St Ursula's Central Courtyard
6.30 pm until late

\$28 (includes a glass of complimentary SHIRAZ and TABAS)
Theme: Black, Red and White

Presented by:
STU P&F Association

Featuring:

STU String Ensemble
STU Jazz Band
End of the Line
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date with what is going on in
your parish

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Show and Shine

SeaQ Boardriders are holding a Show and Shine night on Saturday 21st September
at the Yeppoon Town Hall. 5pm till 10pm

Entry – gold coin donation

Food and Alcohol available for purchase on the night

**Major Prize Draw – A Strapper Shortboard which is a collectors item, with only
40 of these boards being made to commemorate Strappers 40th anniversary.**

Chris and Vanessa Bourke of Yeppoon have kindly donated this board to SeaQ
Boardriders to honour and commemorate the loss of their son Ben Bourke.

Lucky door prize

Multi draw raffles – donated by local businesses

We will also be presenting surfing films for those interested in the auditorium,
along with films especially targeted towards the children's entertainment.

Live music



Surfboard Display – a selection of surfboards from different eras (please contact
Jeff Blackburn 0409494116 if you have a unique board or anything surf related
you wish to display on the night) The board with the most votes will win a prize.