



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Thursday, 30th January 2025

[From the Principal](#)

A warm welcome to all our new and returning families and staff members. I hope you had a restful Christmas break, filled with peace and memorable times with your family.

We are truly grateful that you've entrusted us with the privilege of caring for and educating your child/ren. Our school community thrives when we work together and we are excited for the journey ahead as we continue to nurture, guide and support students in both their faith and learning.

It has been wonderful to see the students back at school again and we are especially excited to see our Year 6 students proudly wearing their senior shirts as they take on their final year. It has also been a delight to welcome our youngest members of Sacred Heart, our Prep students, who

are already making us smile with their extra large hats and bags - it shows that they are ready to take on their big new adventure.

As most of you know, Mr Martin is away this term, on long service leave, taking a well deserved break and spending time with his grandchildren. In his absence, I will be Acting Principal for Term 1 and I thank you for the support that has already been shown in our community.

Here's to a wonderful year ahead.

Melissa Collins

From the APRE

Welcome to the New School Year! As we embark on the 2025 school year, we are filled with hope and anticipation for the wonderful opportunities and experiences that lie ahead. We are blessed to have such a supportive community, and we look forward to working together to make this year a success.

2025 is a Jubilee Year in our Catholic Church, and we are invited to embark on a spiritual journey as "Pilgrims of Hope." The theme, chosen by Pope Francis, encourages us to rekindle the flame of hope within our hearts and to look toward the future with trust and optimism.

The Jubilee Year is a time of great spiritual significance, offering us the opportunity to renew our faith and deepen our relationship with God. It is a call to reflect on our lives, seek reconciliation, and embrace the grace of God's mercy.

Pope Francis reminds us that hope is essential for our spiritual journey. He encourages us to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit and a trusting heart.

As pilgrims, we are called to support one another, to be beacons of hope in our communities, and to work towards a world filled with peace and compassion.

During this Jubilee Year, let us take the time to participate in the various events and opportunities for prayer, reflection, and reconciliation. Let us embrace this time as a chance to grow in faith and to spread the message of hope to all those we encounter.

May the Jubilee Year 2025 be a time of renewal and transformation for each of us, as we journey together as Pilgrims of Hope.

Dear God,

As we begin this new school year, we come before You with grateful hearts. We thank You for the gift of education and the opportunity to grow in knowledge, wisdom, and faith. We ask for Your blessings upon our students, teachers, staff, and families.

Lord, help us to embrace the challenges and opportunities that this year will bring. Open our hearts and minds to new friendships and experiences. Grant us the courage to face difficulties with resilience and the grace to celebrate our successes with humility.

May Your presence be felt in our classrooms and playgrounds. Let us strive to follow the example of Jesus in all that we do, showing kindness and compassion to everyone we meet.

We ask for Your protection and guidance throughout this school year. May Your light shine upon us and lead us on the path of righteousness.

In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen.

I would like to extend a warm invitation to our whole school community to help us celebrate our opening school Mass next Thursday, 6th February at Sacred Heart Church from 9am, where we will officially begin our school year with God's blessing.

For families new to Mass, the attached document will give some information about the Parts of the Mass and its meaning.

[Parts of the Mass - Families](#)

I wish you all a blessed and fruitful school year!

Warm regards,

Jennifer Kenny

From the APC

Welcome to the 2025 school year! It's wonderful to see so many new students and their families joining our community.

As the Assistant to the Principal Curriculum (APC), part of my role is to support our Inclusive Curriculum team. I work closely with our curriculum support teachers, Mrs Michelle Baldwin, Mrs Jackie Mulholland, Mrs Siobhan Sparks, Mrs Deb McGuire, and Mrs Lindy Mullanande, and classroom teachers to assist our students.

Below are the year levels that our support teachers will be supporting this year:

- Mrs Baldwin: Years 1 and 2
- Mrs McGuire: Prep and Year 2
- Mrs. Sparks: Year 3

- Mrs Mulholland: Years 4 and 5
- Mrs Mullane: Years 5 and 6

There are many exciting events planned for this term to challenge and stimulate our students' minds, including the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Years 3 and 5. These assessments will take place in weeks 7 and 8 of this term. More information on NAPLAN will be provided soon.

Our Year 3 and 5 teachers will also participate in professional learning sessions to prepare their students for NAPLAN, using a variety of resources.

I look forward to sharing many exciting learning events and celebrating our children's wonderful accomplishments throughout the year.

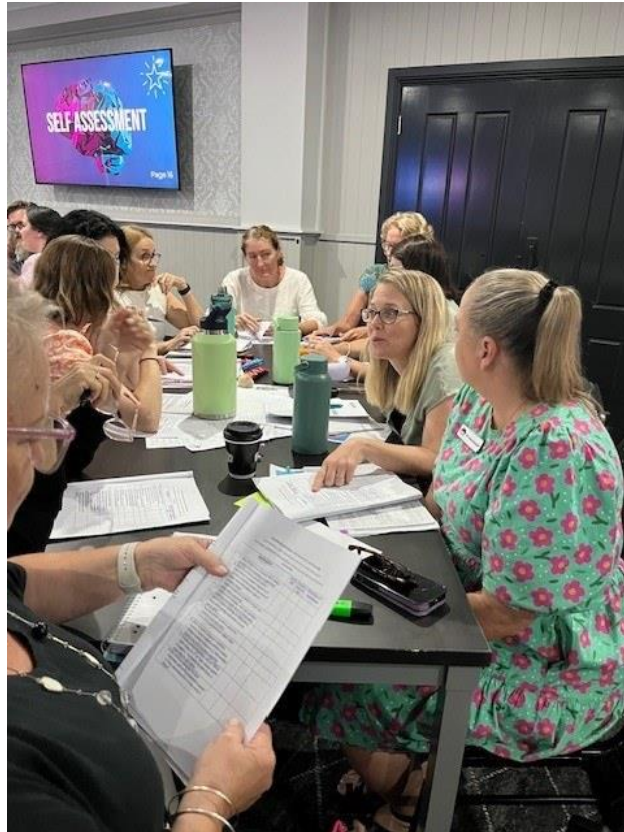
Professional Development:

Last week, our teaching staff participated in a full day of professional development on 'Thinking Classrooms' presented by Lisa Newlands, the director of Sentis Education.

Lisa has been involved in several global digital projects and has created training programs for 21st-century learning frameworks, including the IMPACT framework, which has supported the learning of over 50,000 students and 2,500 teachers across Queensland.

It was an engaging day that equipped our teachers with a wealth of resources for classroom use.

Have a wonderful week,
Mrs Lisa List.





Important Dates

February

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| Monday 5th | Year level assemblies commence this week. |
| Tuesday 4th | School captain speeches at St Brendan's College from 9.15am. Depart 8.50am. Year 5 and 6 involved. |

Wednesday 5th	House captain speeches from 9.15am in multi-purpose area. Year 5 and 6 involved.
Thursday 6th	Opening School Mass
Friday 7th	Whole School Assembly - School and house captain Induction.
Monday 10th	Parent Connect Meeting at 3:30pm.
Tuesday 18th	Bishop Michael McCarthy, Diocesan Director Catholic Education - Mr Michael McCusker Assistant Director: Schools - Rockhampton Region, Mr Mike Kelso visiting Sacred Heart.
Friday 21st	Pupil Free Day (Bishop's Inservice Day)
Tuesday 25th	Mini Vinnies executive speeches 10:40am.
Thursday 27th	Chess Competition at Heights College., Rockhampton
Friday 28th	Whole School Assembly - Mini Vinnies' Executive Induction in MPA at 8:40am.

March

Tuesday 4th	Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Tuesday Breakfast in the MPA).
Wednesday 5th	Ash Wednesday.
Thursday 6th	St Ursula's College, Discovery Day (Year 6 Students only).
Wednesday 12th	NAPLAN Commences
Monday 17th	Yr 4, 5 and 6 Cross Country Trials
Thursday 20th	St Brendan's College Discovery Day (Year 6 students only)
Friday 21st	Whole School Harmony Day Assembly at 8:40am.
Friday 28th	Whole School Palm Sunday Assembly

April

Wednesday 2nd	Easter Liturgy
Thursday 3rd	Easter Liturgy
Friday 4th	Easter Liturgy
	Last day of Term 1

Welcome To Staff



1 - Ms Cerae Pollitt, Year 3PH Teacher



2 - Miss Georgia Holzberger, Year 1H Teacher



3 - Mrs Sarah Hill, Part Time Administration Secretary

Capricorn Coast Catholic Parish

Here is the Sacred Heart Church bulletin for this week. Stay connected and enjoy.

[Link to Bulletin](#)

2025 Sacramental Program

All families in Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 will receive an email regarding the 2025 Sacramental Program and important gathering dates, should you wish for your child/ren to make their Sacraments.

The links to the Sacramental Program for 2025 and the 2025 Registration form are below.

If you have any queries, contact Mrs Jennifer Kenny at school.

[Link to 2025 Sacramental Program here](#)

[Sacramental Program Registration Form](#)

Times for our School Day

School session times for 2025 are as follows:

8.35am	School day commences.
8.40am	First session.
10.00am	Brain break.
10.40am	First break (Play).
11.00am	First break (Eating).
11:17am	Pack-up.
11:20am	Second session.
1.20pm	Second break.
1.40pm	Third session (starts with class meditation).
2.52pm	Bus Bell.
3:00pm	School concludes.

Supervision commences at 8am in the multi purpose area (MPA) and the Prep area at 8:15am.

Families are asked to pack a healthy snack for their child which is had during 'Brain Break' at 10am each day.

School concludes at 3pm.

Children are supervised until 3.30 pm in our MPA. If parents are not waiting outside the classroom, students are to move to the MPA for supervision.

The Barracuda carpark (closest to the oval) is designated for parents who leave their car to walk into the school to collect their child/ren. This is not a designated waiting area for students.

We request that parents/carers notify the school if they will be late in collecting their children.

Year Level Assemblies

From next week, we will commence our year level assemblies.

Prep, Year 1 and 2	Monday 8.40am.
Years 3 and 4	Wednesday 8.40am.

Years 5 and 6

Thursday 8:40am.

These are held in our multi-purpose area. Student of the Week, birthdays, special events and achievements are acknowledged. Parents and carers are most welcome to attend. Looking forward to seeing families there.

2025 Instrumental Music Program

Instrumental teachers will contact families prior to your child's lessons with dates, times and a list of what they will need.

Lessons offered are as follows:-

- Strings – Mrs Kate Ellis (Years 2-6) (Prep / Year 1 - Parents need to attend these lessons)
- Vocal - Mrs Ursula Boyd/Mrs Kate Ellis (Years 2 - 6 only)
- Acoustic Guitar - Mrs Jane Bacon (Years 4 - 6 only)
- Piano - Caitlin Seymour (Years 2-6 only)
- Drums Ensemble - Judy Carling (Years 2-6 only)
- Drum Kit lessons - Judy Carling (3-6 only)

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.

A levy of \$15 for a child or \$30 per family will be charged on the Term 2 school fees account upon acceptance. This fee offsets all operational costs incurred by the instrumental music program. Instrumental Teachers will issue the individual invoices and payment will need to be made directly to Instrumental Teacher.

Group lessons cost \$20 (half hour). Students need to purchase their own musical instruments. Acceptance into the program depends upon the availability of rooms and teachers. Students re-enrolling will be given first preference. In some cases, students may need to be placed on a waiting list.

If you wish for your child to be involved in our instrumental program and have not completed the Google form, please complete this online [2025 Instrumental Music Form](#) no later than 9am Thursday 6th February 2025, to be considered for this program.

Please note that some Instrumental lessons offered are at capacity and your instrumental selection may not be available.

If you have any questions regarding this program, contact our school office shy@rok.catholic.edu.au or 4994 8215.

2025 Rockhampton District Sports Representative Trial Calendar

The Rockhampton District sports trial calendar is now available. See the link below for trial dates and important information about these.

[2025 Rockhampton District Sports Trial Calendar](#)

The representative school sport permission details booklet (consent form) has the required documentation that schools/district/regions need for students to participate in trials. The form, once completed, is to be handed to our school to be signed by Mrs Kenny or Mrs Collins. The forms which need to be submitted at the trial will be returned to the student.

[2025 Capricornia District Sport Permission Details Booklet](#)

We encourage you where possible to fill the form out electronically to assist with the eligibility and accuracy of the documents, however, handwritten copies are acceptable.

All permission booklets need to be submitted to the school no later than 4 days prior to the trial to allow time for signing and associated paperwork. Students will not be permitted to trial on the day without the completed consent forms.

Volunteer Induction

Visitor Induction will be held in our staffroom Monday 10th February from 8:45am and Wednesday 12th February from 3:10pm for any parents, grandparents or carers who wish to volunteer at Sacred Heart this year.

The induction needs to be completed annually.

This training is a mandatory requirement before any volunteers are permitted to assist. This includes helpers in the tuckshop, which will begin next week. Thank you for your anticipated support.

Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum

The Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum will be taught in all classes in Term 1. The link to the website is <https://danielmorcombe.com.au/>

The Curriculum is based on three key messages: Recognise, React and Report.

The Recognise message encourages students to be aware of their surroundings and to recognise warning clues.

The React message helps students to consider choices that may keep them safe or help make them safe again as quickly as possible.

The Report message encourages students to report unsafe incidents to an adult.

Teachers use various materials, including interactive whiteboard activities, worksheets and safety books, to deliver the Recognise, React and Report messages.

Developmentally appropriate scenarios are also used to explore and discuss safety situations that children may encounter at home, school or their environment.

Students are encouraged to share the resources they complete in class with their families to help keep parents/carers informed about the content being discussed and to promote discussion about safety at home.

The Use of Our School Oval After Hours

Sacred Heart families are most welcome to use our oval to train teams after school.

The guidelines for this are:

- A team representative to contact the office to make an oval booking.
- Children including siblings are supervised by an adult at these times.
- No pets on school grounds.
- Year 1/2 toilets closest to the oval are not used, as these are for the Outside School Hours Care facility, only.

Absentees

Absentees are to be lodged via the Parent Orbit App or through Parent Lounge. If you require assistance with your login details, contact Fleur or Stacey in the office 4994 8215. Alternatively, our absentee phone number is 4994 8216.

Administration of Medication

Parents/carers requesting that children receive medication at school need to complete a form available from our office.

All medication needs to have a doctor's or chemist's label attached. Medication is administered by our office staff, who all hold current First Aid certificates.

Teachers can not administer medication unless on a camp or excursion.

First Week of School















Dogs At School

Due to safety and health regulations, dogs are not allowed to be on our grounds.

Community News

