



Newsletter

Enriching Spirits - Educating Minds



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Week 5

Term 2

From The Principal's Desk

Over the weekend, while surveying my wife's Facebook feeds, I came across this mathematical problem which had been set for a primary school child's homework. Now, I realise mathematics is not everyone's cup of tea but an amazing number of parents were posting about how baffling they found this question.

Here's the question:

"On the coast there are 3 lighthouses. The first light shines for 3 seconds, then is off for 3 seconds. The second light shines for 4 seconds, then is off for 4 seconds. The third light shines for 5 seconds, then is off for 5 seconds.

All three lights have just come on together.

- 1) When is the first time all three lights will be off together?
- 2) When is the next time all three lights will come on at the same moment?"

While this has obviously consumed people's time, currently, the event on the lips of the media, teachers, parents/carers with children in Years 3 and 5 and the children themselves is NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy). I even had one of our Year 1 children on Wednesday ask did I think the kids would go well at their NAPLAN tests.

This week and for some of next, our Year Three and Five children have and will sit the NAPLAN tests, some online and some the paper version.

These exams will in a limited nature test their knowledge of language conventions which are spelling, grammar and punctuation, their reading comprehension, their ability to write given a set topic and their understanding of mathematical concepts.

I have been quite impressed and proud of the manner in which all our children and our teachers have been preparing for and approaching these tests as they can be a 'little stressful'.

The results of these tests will be forthcoming most probably mid Third Term. These results will be used by our teachers this year and next to assist children in areas of need and a copy of these will be placed in your child's folio at school for future reference.

This is only one type of testing in a broad cross section of assessment that is conducted at school.

The national test results represent a snapshot of a 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 school 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.naplan.edu.au

Our school mission statement states: With Jesus as our companion, we honour the past, enrich the present and shape the future as we celebrate our Journey together. **E**xcellence in learning and life. **S**pirit of love, forgiveness and fun. **U**nity in developing personal gifts and potential. **S**upport of one another in a safe and caring community, through respect for God, self, others and the environment.

Obviously the NAPLAN testing is only one part of the make-up of any school. As seen in our mission statement, schools are multifaceted communities and Sacred Heart, Yeppoon prides itself in not only striving for high academic standards but also being a place where children can develop meaningful relationships, nurture their faith, be given opportunities to be involved in musical, cultural and sporting pursuits and overall have fun and feel safe. I thank you for your support in this regard.

All the very best **Mr Max Martin** **Principal** (By the way, the answers are: 1) 5 seconds. 2) 120 seconds)

Rockhampton Eisteddfod

Next week, Sacred Heart has several classes and groups performing at the Rockhampton Eisteddfod at the Pilbeam Theatre.

- Our strings children on Tuesday 22nd commencing at 9am. Our APRE, Mrs Mary O'Donnell will be accompanying our children with their parents.
- Our Year 2 and 3 choir on Wednesday 23rd commencing at 9am. All these children will be transported to and from the venue by bus which will be leaving school at 8am that day and returning to school by 12.40pm.
- Our Year 1 choir also on Wednesday 23rd commencing at 1.30pm. These children will be transported to and from the venue by bus which is leaving school at 12.30pm and returning after 3.30pm. (Families will be notified of a time on their departure from Rockhampton.)
- Our Year 4 to 6 folk group and choir who are performing from 9am on Thursday 24th May. Their bus is leaving school at 8am and will return at the conclusion of their performances.

All Year 1, 2, 3 teachers, several Year 4 to 6 teachers, teacher assistants, our APA, Mrs Deb McGuire, Mrs Catherine Simmonds and Mrs Tink Boyd, our choir organiser will be supervising our children.

Our children are to wear their normal school uniform on the day including white socks and black shoes. We ask that hair is neat and tidy with long hair being tied back. School hats and a water bottle are essential. A small snack to bring is also encouraged.

There is no cost associated for our child to attend the Eisteddfod.

If parents/carers wish to view the performance, a ticket can be booked at the Pilbeam Theatre on 49274111.

Children involved would have received a permission form to travel by bus to and from the venue and to perform as part of our school groups at the Eisteddfod this week. We ask that this form be returned to your child's teacher by this Friday 18th May.

If you have any queries regarding this event, contact your child's teacher or myself at school.

All our children have been practising extremely well for their performance and are looking forward to next week. We wish them all the very best.

Thanking you

Mrs Deb McGuire APA

Date	Time	Section	Transport Arrangement
Tuesday 22nd May	9am	Strings Groups 1,2,3 and 4	Private transport arranged through Mrs Ellis.
Tuesday 22nd	Following morning tea	String Orchestra	Private transport arranged through Mrs Ellis.
Wednesday 23rd	9am	Vocal Choir Years 2 and 3 (All students)	Bus departs Sacred Heart at 8am. Students to be at school by 7:40am.
Wednesday 23rd	1:30pm	Novelty Choir Year 1 (All students)	Bus departs Sacred Heart at 12:30pm. Please note: Students will not return by 3pm. Estimated arrival time should be 3:45pm.
Thursday 24th	9am	Choir Years 4-6 (Students who nominated.)	Bus departs Sacred Heart at 8am. Students to be at school by 7:40am.

Teachers Away

Our APRE, Mrs Mary O'Donnell is on leave from Thursday 24th May and returns on Monday 23rd July. In her absence, Mrs Catherine Simmonds will be fulfilling the acting APRE role and continuing to teach Prep S on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs Brenda Finning will be teaching our Prep S children for the rest of each week.

Miss Katharine Wright, one of our Year 2 teachers is on leave for the next fortnight.

Mrs Lindy Mullane, one of our Year 2 teacher is also on leave for all of next week. Mrs Ainslee Todd will be teaching 2MT.

Mrs Samantha Suthers, our school's APC and Mr Martin are attending two days of professional development in Rockhampton on 23rd / 24th May.

Story From Year 5K

Demi, Miah, Mum and I were going shopping until I saw a model that looked exactly like me.

Then Demi and Miah saw it too. We were so scared. We saw the model was in a shop called, 'Mirror, Mirror'.

We ran to tell Mum but we couldn't find her. We ran all around panicking. We ran back to the model shop, puffing when we realised that the model could move.

Demi screamed, then Miah saw Mum in a shop. We waited outside, watching the model's every move.

Mum finally came out and we told her everything but she just stood there and laughed. Then she stepped back and said, 'Do you know why that shop is called 'Mirror, Mirror'. We shook our heads. 'Because it is mirror shop,' she laughed again. While giggling, she said, 'You've been looking at yourselves.'

Demi, Miah and I said to each other, 'We will never speak of this again.'

But we never said write.

By Riley Robertson

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge is a way to encourage students to develop a love of reading for life. Through the challenge students are given an opportunity to develop their appreciation of the English language and are encouraged to explore and enjoy a wide range of literary texts. Students who complete the challenge have their efforts recognised through a Certificate of Achievement.

The reading period for Prep to Year 9 students starts on Monday, 14th May 2018 and finishes Friday, 24th August 2018.

For a student to successfully complete the Premier's Reading Challenge they must read or experience the number of books indicated in the table below. Experiencing a book can include classroom or at home activities such as shared reading, listening and reading along with a book, or being read to.

Prep to Year 2	Read or experience 20 books.	Years 3 and 4	20 books.	Years 5 to 9	15 books
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The requirement for Year 5 through to Year 9 students to read 15 books rather than 20 books acknowledges that older students are likely to select longer, more complex books that may take them longer to read.

Students are encouraged to select a range of fiction and non-fiction books suited to their reading ability. While there is no compulsory reading list for the challenge, [booklists](#) are available to help students, teachers, parents and guardians select appropriate reading material. If your child wishes to participate please [download the form](#) and return it to school at the end of the challenge. Alternatively your child can access a hard copy from the school office.

Important Dates For This Term

May

Tuesday 22nd/Wednesday 23rd/Thursday 24th - Eisteddfod items in Rockhampton involving Sacred Heart children

Monday 28th - Under 8s activities at Sacred Heart during middle session

29th / 30th - Little Athletics coaches at Sacred Heart for class PE lessons.

31st - Whole school assembly at 8.40am. Year 3H presenting.

June

Tuesday 5th - Sacred Heart Feast Day. Whole school mass at 9am at Sacred Heart Church.

Friday 8th - Grand finals of interschool sport

Saturday 9th/Sunday 10th - Yeppoon Show

Saturday 9th/Sunday 10th - P. and F. conference in Townsville.

Monday 11th - Year 4 to 6 800m races at St Benedict's School.

Monday 11th - 2019 Prep open afternoon 3.30pm - 5pm at school. All new enrolling families welcome.

Thursday 14th - Sacred Heart athletics carnival for our Preps to Year 6s

Friday 15th - Show holiday

Thursday 21st - Whole school assembly at 8.40am. Year 4G presenting.

Friday 22nd - 10 years Development Cup rugby league shield day

Friday 22nd - Confirmation at 6pm with Bishop Michael McCarthy
Saturday 23rd/Sunday 24th - First Eucharist
Wednesday 27th - Children's report cards go home.
Thursday 28th - Whole school assembly at 8.40am. Year 1R presenting.
Friday 29th - Final day of Term 2.

Mothers Day Prayer Assembly

Last Thursday, 1B hosted a reflective Mother's Day prayer assembly where we asked God's blessing on all mothers and thanked them for the important part they have in our lives. It was wonderful to see so many mothers able to attend. Thank you 1B for leading our school in prayer. Well done.



Sacrament of Eucharist Preparations

Congratulations to the children who began preparation for the Sacrament of Eucharist last Saturday evening. Preparation will continue on the following Saturdays: May 26th, June 2nd and June 9th. Candidates and their parent/ caregiver need to attend these sessions commencing at 5:15pm, followed by Mass at 6pm. Thank you.

Australian Early Development Census

Between May and August this year, our school will be taking part in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC), which is a nationwide census of early childhood development and helps our school and community understand how children are developing before they start school, what is being done well, and what can be improved. The AEDC is an Australian Government initiative run by the Department of Education and Training. The AEDC is voluntary and is not a school test.

This data can be very useful for a wide variety of policy, analysis, and statistical and research purposes, so it is provided to a number of bodies, including government and non-government education departments and organisations, independent school systems and researchers.

Some of these organisations may also link AEDC data with information from other organisations (such as health departments) to improve programs and policies for young children. When the data is linked with other data, extreme care is taken to ensure individual children cannot be identified.

This year's AEDC is a great opportunity for everyone including parents, local communities, schools and other agencies to work together to bring long-lasting benefits to children and their families. If you would like more information about the AEDC, please refer to frequently asked questions section on the AEDC website at www.aedc.gov.au, or phone 1800 092 548.

Welcome

This week, we welcomed a new family to our school: Chantelle Murray in Year Six and her parents, Coral and Jeremy. We wish them all the best at Sacred Heart.

2019 Prep Enrolments

Enrolments at Sacred Heart are being taken for the 2019 Prep year (children born 1/7/2013 – 30/6/2014). Please register at our school office if you have a child who will be attending Sacred Heart Prep next year or if you know of any families who are intending to send their children to Sacred Heart. Thank you.

2019 Prep Open Afternoon

All prospective prep families for 2019 are invited to an open afternoon from 3.30pm - 5pm on Monday 11th June at school.

Several of our prep teachers and leadership will be on hand to show you what Sacred Heart School has to offer in Prep.

Afternoon tea is being provided. So please feel free to 'pop' in for a visit on that Monday.

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Term Two School Fee Reminder

Thank you to all families who have paid or are paying off their fees and levies. Term 2 school fees were due for payment last Friday 11th May 2018. If you are experiencing difficulties paying your fees please contact Helen Jeffries or Mr Martin in our school office to arrange a payment plan.

Thank You

Congratulations to the 67 prize winners of the Mother's Day raffle. Our Year 6s wish to thank everyone who supported this. \$593 was raised towards the cost of their camp in Term 4. Many thanks also to Mrs Terry Fallis, one of our Year 6 mums for organising this fundraiser.

Student Awards

Prep	Kirby Kenny, Evie Moore, Flynn Palairt
Year 1	Lucy Finning, Connor Strenzel, Jaxon Mitchell, Ebony Rutledge, Olivia Blackwood, Nicholas Goltz
Year 2	Ethan Todd, India Hawkes, Hunter Hixon, Georgia Deasy, Kaden Davey, Ruby Kona, Hannah Hooper, Luke Shepherd, Finn Stone, Addison Kona, Alex Hargreaves
Year 4	Mason Green, Chloe Hawkes
Year 5	Sam Janes, Riley Robertson, Tileah Ramke, Amy Campbell, Oliver Dadson, Haylen Luckel-Dent
Year 6	Mitchell Norris, Matthew Kershaw, Matthew Campbell, Michael Amedee

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](#)

Reading Grannies

This week, we welcomed our Reading Grannies to Sacred Heart. Six amazing ladies: Coleen Bignell, Denise Barnes, Pat Hillman, Nita Flaherty, Mirle Linney and Pauline Effenev came on Tuesday afternoon to read with our Year 3 children.

On behalf of our school family, thank you, ladies for giving of your time to assist with the education of our children. This intrepid group will be venturing to Sacred Heart every Tuesday when they are not travelling overseas, to continue their work.

Thank you to Mrs Leonie McKenna, our inclusive practices coordinator and Mrs Annette Williams, one of our teacher assistants for organising this.



School Netball and Rugby League Training

Our Challenge Cup netball teams under the guidance of Mrs Jen Kenny train at school each Monday from 3.30pm. This week, I was able to watch them train and it is wonderful to see so many determined and skilful girls involved.

Our Challenge / Development Cup rugby league boys now also train at school on a Monday from 3.30pm until 4.30pm.

Challenge Cup is being held once again at St Brendan's College on 18th/19th/20th July.



STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES

Semester 1, 2018



Bus Fare Assistance

- Does your child attend a **school outside the Brisbane City Council** boundary?
- Does your family spend more than **\$20/week*** on fares to and from school (* \$15/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a **publicly available bus** not owned or associated with the school?

Students With Disability

- Does your child have a **verified disability** that requires **transport assistance** to and from school?
- Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's **travel capability rating** as 'semi-independent' or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and

apply at www.schooltransport.com.au by 31 May 2018.