



Newsletter

Enriching Spirits - Educating Minds



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Week 8

Term 3

From The Principal's Desk

One of the interesting things about becoming a principal is where you have come from – the classroom. As a young man leaving high school, I excitedly moved south from Bundaberg to go to McAuley Teachers' College. My dreams were driven by a love of the subjects I was going to teach, the desire for a career full of purpose and meaning and a genuine love of supporting children in their learning. Classroom teaching in Bundaberg, Longreach and Biloela was a time of creativity and energy.

I could read children a novel in the morning, inspire them to write before lunch, unravel a complex mathematical task by noon and umpire a game of netball before 3pm. What a great career!

Then I became a principal.

What a great opportunity to focus my energy in a more influential way; collaborating with a broad cross section of staff, juggling budgets, conflict resolution – another interesting phase in my vocation.

However, at heart, I am a classroom teacher.

A classroom teacher running an important business.

Like it or not, one of my responsibilities is one I like the least, asking people to commit to their school fees.

Generally, most families have an on-going payment plan making very regular payments. However, sometimes families get themselves in a bit of a spot and school fees become difficult. We understand the perfect storms of a lost income or a whole series of fridge-blowing-up-and-the-car-needs-registering scenarios. There is no way we want anyone to be overly stressed, if they have genuine financial issues. My door is open, come and discuss things confidentially and we will see what we can do.

However, if you can afford to pay fees you really should be paying them.

That is the commitment made on the signing of our enrolment contract.

Never will I forget a gritted-teeth moment I endured over 25 years ago. As principal, once a month, I spent all of Saturday running the race club bar with our wonderful Parents and Friends' volunteers. On one particular Saturday, a parent who always graced the paying side of the bar had an extraordinary win on a horse. Flashily, he waved about his \$1000 and grandly placed it on the bar, sparking a 'mob shout'. Dutifully, we splashed the rum and pulled the beers, as the windfall very quickly evaporated satisfying the far western thirst. I suppressed the urge to confiscate the \$600 he owed the little Catholic primary school which I was running on a shoestring.

We do get support from the Federal government and a portion from the State but it is well shy of what it takes to run a school. Your fees are necessary and treated shrewdly. As principal, I ask gently for support in paying your fees.

Our wonderful finance secretary and I are currently reviewing our school fee collection rate and in the process of ensuring these fees are being paid.

Our Catholic Education, Diocese of Rockhampton policy states: "No students should be excluded from a Catholic school because of the inability of their parents to pay the prescribed fee - in whole or in part."

Arrange a time to meet with me. Thank you.

All the best

Max Martin

Principal

Important Dates for Term 3

September

Monday 10th - Life Education van at Sacred Heart for this week.

Thursday 13th - 2MT Prayer Assembly

Friday 14th - Final day of interschool sport for Year 5s and 6s.

Friday 14th - Our Preps are visiting St Ursula's College for a drama display.

Monday 17th - Prep swimming lessons commence at Cooee Bay pool

Wednesday 19th - Catholic Education Interschool touch in Rockhampton.

Thursday 20th - Year 5 Minds @ Work competition in Rockhampton.

Friday 21st - Final day of school for Term 3.

October

Monday 8th - School resumes for Term 4.

P. and F.'s Fathers' Day Breakfast

Thank you very much to all who attend our Fathers' Day last Sunday.

It was a great family morning. Although numbers were not overwhelming, those who were able to attend, ate a beautiful breakfast (the warm scones, jam and cream were amazing), talked and relaxed, some even ventured onto the jumping castles, were treated to a massage and received a handmade card.

Well done to the chief organisers: Mrs Renee Carswell, Mrs Annie Shepherd and Mrs Bridget Daykin and all others who assisted.

We are looking at having another function early next year to welcome all families back to school for 2019.





Speeches From Year 4M

As part of our Term 3 HaSS unit, students have been investigating life at the time of the First Fleet arrival. They have been discussing the perspectives of different cultures and the impact of colonisation. Students have written a recount based on a child at the time of the First Fleet arrival in 1788.

Last Friday morning, 4M students presented their speeches in character. Here are a few excerpts from some of their wonderful work.

Charlotte Richards

Child profile: Surgeon's daughter

Lydia

My name is Lydia Arndell, I'm 14. My father is a surgeon, Surgeon Arndell or Thomas Arndell. My mother is Ann Arndell. A few months ago my father started new work in London, so mother was so busy cooking, cleaning and washing fathers gross and dirty uniform. So father and mother decided to get me a nanny, Elizabeth Hayward. She is good, she reminds me to brush my hair and clean my teeth. Life in London is a pleasure.

One night, I wake up to the sound of bags and packing. I get out of bed and go out to where the hearth is. I see mother packing her pretty coats, skirts and shirts. Father is too. I ask why and they explain father has been ordered to travel to a southern land by the name of New South Wales for 9 months and we must come too. My body froze.

Mikayla Broom

Child profile: Indigenous child

Coa

Hello, my name is Coa. I live in Warrane. I am 9. I had a great life. But it all changed when big canoes came. They were the biggest things I have ever seen. I was scared.

This is how it happened, one day big canoes came into the harbour. I went to tell the warriors but they didn't believe me. A little while after they were coming on shore. They brought weird animals and they started to make strange things to live in.

I could not believe it; these white ghosts were bringing everything into our land. Our warriors were leading us into the inland to get away from these strange beings. No one wanted to leave our home.

Amelia Reid

Child profile: Surgeon's daughter

Grace

On the 26th of January 1788, Mum woke me up early this morning, Mum told me that we are at the southern land the land called New South Wales. I was jumping for joy. "Yay! Yay!" I shouted, "We're here, we're here."

When I first stepped out on the sand it was so hot, boiling. The next thing I knew I was laying in Mum's arms. Dad was in front of me, dabbing a wet cloth on my head. "She's ok," Dad explained.

After a few weeks I was just laying around in my new hut, when Mum yelled, "Grace Glory, you go make yourself useful or go exploring." I went outside. I heard shouting, "And be back before sun down." I went into the bushes and I saw something, someone; a person; a black person. I whispered, "Hello." She moved closer. I couldn't believe it. I, Grace Glory was in the southern land, New South Wales and I made a new friend.

Ryan Hendrie

Child Profile: Convict child

William Johnson

We have arrived at the new lands but not swiftly we've been attacked by brown people and their spears. I overheard that captain told us not to fight back. The place we landed was Port Jackson but we were originally meant to stop at Botany Bay. We moved because the soil wasn't good and can't grow crops but also it was too dry for the captain's demands. That's what I think it was.

After we got off the Prince of Wales we all got an assignment to do. Mine was to set up the tents. There were a lot of tents to set up. After that I made roads. They were very difficult because there was a lot of heavy lifting. One time I screwed up and got 30 lashing. One went across my face and that's how I got this scar and a blind eye. Don't do that at home it hurts like buggery.

Jack Stanley- Hunt

Child Profile: Convict child

Jack Youngson

Hi, my name is Jack Youngson. I come from Portsmouth in England. I work for a rich family as a servant and work in their factory and live in their house. I'm about 9 years old or so, my parents died when I was 4, it's pretty hard because I don't have any friends.

"Jack!" shouted Master Herd.

"Comin," I replied.

"Sam come with me," I said.

Oh that's right... Sam's my little brother. He is a servant too.

We both ran to Master Herd. "Go to Sleep!" he yelled.

Later that night, Sam and I woke up and went downstairs to the Master's office. I know that's where he keeps his money. Sam and I stole 76 shillings. We snuck out but the master caught us.

The next day we got taken to New Gate Prison and then to the Old Bailey to get sentenced. Our sentence was seven years in New South Wales. I thought, "Where's that?" and it looked like Sam thought that, too.

Maggie Shepherd

**Child profile: Convict
Ann Mather**

We arrived at Botany Bay and I barely survived the 9-month long journey. It was horrible. Guess what, they just told us all that the soil here wasn't good enough to grow crops so we have to travel up north to Port Jackson, at least we will get better crops up there.

A few days later, we got off the ship and onto land. My job is to put up tents for us convicts to sleep in. To be honest, I quite like it here, it was fun and sleeping in them was quite comfortable too.

Later, I found Grace and Hannah and it felt good to be with them again. It is good to catch up with them about their day since we all have different jobs.



Next Week's Prayer Assembly

Next Thursday, Year 2MT will present a prayer assembly in our MPA at 8:40am. This prayer assembly's theme is the sacrament of baptism.

Please come and join us in prayer.

Staff Professional Development

From Thursday next week, Mrs Mary O'Donnell, our school's APRE, Mrs Samantha Suthers, our school's APC and Mrs Lisa List, one of our Year 6 teachers, will be attending on four day inservice in Rockhampton on safeguarding children.

This is an extremely important aspect of our teaching profession and we wish them all the best for their time away.

Parish Secretary Vacancy

The Capricorn Coast Parish seeks a part-time Administration Officer. Hours are negotiable. Applications in writing to Fr Matthew Moloney. Closing Date is 14th September 2018.

Spiritual Connections

Each week, we provide a link to Fr Matthew Moloney's sermon from the previous Sunday's parish mass and Sr Kym's reflection of the week. We hope these provide some spiritual guidance.

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

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

Student Awards

Prep	Beckett Catt, Ava Goodger, Sasha Dadson, Aadi Jothiraj, Ivy Ballard, Maycie Clarke, Max French
Year 1	Ruby Neagle, Olivia Kronk, Char-Lee Senior, Isabella Sweeney
Year 2	Ruby Kona, Jasmine Smith, Aiden Goodger, Lennix Bone, Bastian Hayes
Year 3	Kapri Zettl, Archie Gleeson, Bella Scott, Chloe Kleinhans, Aedan Ryan, Ethan Challacombe
Year 4	Rianna Fridolf, Jasper Hamson, Mason Green
Year 5	Ella Ash, Raif Dooley
Year 6	Amy Fallis, Maggie Simmons

Community News

Mary Immaculate Catholic Church Springtime Fair

The Catholic Church at Emu Park is having a fair on Sunday 9th September commencing at 8am, straight after 7am mass.

There will be a variety of stalls including plants, cakes, jams, sweets, bottles, craft, Peruvian goods, a trash and treasure, sausage sizzle, tea and coffee.

There will also be a multi draw raffle with a first prize of \$500.

Come along and support this event next Sunday. Hope to see you there.



For further information contact the Beach Day Out Organising Committee on 07 4913 3607 or email BDO@livingstone.qld.gov.au



Mixed Netball Season

Team nominations are now open at Capricorn Coast Netball Association, Barmaryee Sports Precinct. Season commences in Term 4 for 8 weeks, starting October. Enquiries - capcoast.netball@bigpond.com or 0438 106068



8th

Where: **Emu Park Surf Life Saving Club**

When: **Sunday 16th September 2018**

09:00 to 11:00

Who: **Nippers DoB between 1 October 2004 and 30 September 2013**

Bring: **Identification – birth certificate and driver license**

Togs, towel, goggles, sunscreen for pool evaluation swim

Cost: **Family membership - \$220**

Stinger suits, hi-vis rashies, nipper caps, togs, t-shirts on sale

Season start: **Sunday 7th October 2018 at 09:00**

Come and try: **Sunday 7th Oct, 14th Oct, 21st Oct**

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