



Newsletter

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Week 5

Term 4

From The Principal's Desk

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you, from failing hands, we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

The tradition of wearing a red poppy has its origins in this song/poem written in 1915 by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, a doctor in the Canadian Medical Corps. McCrae noticed that, despite the devastation caused by the war to towns and farms, thousands of red poppies began growing everywhere in Spring on the battlefields of the Western Front in Europe. Even today, as you travel through this area, the countryside is ablaze with poppies.

It is always important that as a school family, we remember those fallen in defending our country and those who currently are involved in peacekeeping activities all over the World. In our schools, we do not attempt to glorify war but to emphasise the ultimate sacrifice made by men and women in the search of freedom and peace. As we are often told, ANZAC and Remembrance Day are for commemoration, not celebration. Let us hope our children learn to see beyond the movies and Playstation images of war and that their own, fragile lives are never darkened by such events.

This year's Remembrance Day which is this Sunday, remembers 100 years since the signing of the armistice that ended World War One.

Almost four years ago now, my wife and I went on a tour of the Western Front. One of my lasting memories was of this statue of the Brooding Soldier, a Canadian with bowed head, carved from a single granite block.



It signifies the bravery of the Canadians, in the face of one of the first German gas attacks in 1915. As the fields were being covered by a greenish-yellow blanket of deadly chlorine gas, 18 000 Canadians held their ground and officers ordered their men to urinate on a rag and hold it against their mouth to neutralize the chlorine. They continued to fight despite others fleeing. 2000 men lie in the area surrounding this statue. The ultimate sacrifice.

With giving of oneself in mind, at next Thursday's assembly, Year 5A and members of our Mini Vinnies will launch the annual Sacred Heart Mini Vinnies' Christmas appeal.

Each year Sacred Heart assists the needy through this appeal, with each class adopting a family from our local community.

Our Yeppoon Vinnies' Conference coordinates the anonymous families and ensures that the donated gifts are delivered in time for Christmas. It is requested that gifts are new and unwrapped. They can be delivered to your child's class.

Non-perishable items can also be donated for Christmas hampers to be distributed to the needy.

Together we are able to assist with the spirit of giving during the Christmas period which for many of our Yeppoon and school families is a difficult time.

Thank you for your generosity in this regard.

After World War II, students volunteered to help rebuild a cathedral in England, one of many casualties of the bombings.

As the work progressed, debate broke out on how to best restore a large statue of Jesus with His arms outstretched and bearing the inscription, 'Come unto Me.' Careful patching would repair all damage to the statue except for Christ's hands, which had been destroyed by bomb fragments.

Finally, the workers reached a decision that still stands today. The statue of Jesus has no hands and the inscription now reads, 'Christ has no hands but ours.'

All the best

Max Martin

Important Dates

November

Friday 9th - Year 5 excursion to Mount Morgan for their HaSS gold rush unit.

Friday 9th - Year 6J attending the parish mass at 9am.

Friday 9th - St Benedict's twilight markets from 5.30pm.

Saturday 10th - Sacred Heart plays St Benedict's at rugby league as a curtain raiser to Old Boys' game, 3.15pm at St Brendan's.

Sunday 11th - Remembrance Day

Thursday 15th - Launch of Christmas Appeal whole school assembly Year 5A and Mini Vinnies presenting.

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.

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

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

Thursday 6th - Final school assembly for Term 4

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

Ms Michelle Landry's Visit

Today on assembly, we welcomed our Federal Member, Ms Michelle Landry to our school.

Ms Landry presented our school captains with two books about the ANZACs for our library.

On behalf of our school family, we thank Ms Landry for her visit and for the books which will no doubt be well used in our library.



Farewell to Mrs O'Donnell

As previously mentioned, Mrs Mary O'Donnell, our school's assistant to the principal, coordinating Religious Education, is resigning from her leadership position and teaching at Sacred Heart, at the end of this year.

Mrs O'Donnell has been at Sacred Heart for the past 18 years as a teacher, assistant to the principal coordinating Religious Education and principal.

A farewell function will be held to celebrate Mary's wonderful contributions to our school on Friday 16th November at the Yeppoon Sailing Club commencing at 5.30pm until 8pm.

Nibbles will be provided and drinks will be available to purchase. Please place this date in your diary and we hope to see lots of people in attendance. If you are attending,

RSVP shy@rok.catholic.edu.au.

This will be an adult only event with our children acknowledging Mrs O'Donnell's contributions to Sacred Heart at school.

Queensland All Schools Touch Carnival

Last weekend, Sacred Heart competed at the Queensland All Schools Touch Championships in Brisbane. They performed very well over the two days, winning the Cup grand final which is an amazing achievement. Well done to the boys and to all who supported us over the carnival especially Mr Scott Minto. Following is an overview of how the weekend unfolded.

Sacred Heart primary touch football team ventured south last weekend to contest the Queensland Primary All Schools Touch Championships for the first time.

Sacred Heart faced the daunting task of taking on the more fancied southeast-based schools.

Able led by captain, Simon Green, the boys met the highly fancied St Augustine's Gold Coast in their first game. After heaping early pressure through relentless rucking and tight defence, Sacred Heart cracked St Augustine's open through the middle and the points started to flow. Good work by the team's middles set up a number of first half tries and later in the game the team's wingers and links were the beneficiaries, scoring to close out the match 6-0. Our first try of the carnival was scored by Preston Kimlin.

Game two in the pool stage saw the boys up against Gumdale SS. The game was tight the whole way and with both teams evenly matched, the outcome went down to the wire. Liam Welsh looked to have locked scores up at 2 all with two minutes to go, however was denied by the referees and the team went down 2-1.

Closing out the day's play, the boys faced Cedar Creek SS. They prevailed 9-0, setting them up for a run at the finals on day two. An anxious wait followed to see if Sacred Heart qualified for the Championship finals series top 16 schools and as the touch gods would have it, the team missed the final place by one spot on point's difference.

This meant Sacred Heart would contest the Cup finals' series on the final day of competition.

Day two started with a bang as Sacred Heart faced a much improved St Augustine's again. In a tighter affair, Sacred Heart were successful, setting up a quarter finals showdown with Stretton (A) team.

This game was hard fought. Tyler Melrose was strong through the middle and Matthew Kershaw finished off some good movements to score a double. Sacred Heart won 7-3.

The semi-final stage was set and the task of knocking off Nudgee College (A) team was ahead. It proved to be our game of the tournament as Sacred Heart found top gear, streaking to a solid half time lead. Sacred Heart continued their dominance in the second half and went on to defeat Nudgee 9-4 and reach the grand final.

Unfortunately, two boys fell ill prior to kick off and could not play, with St Patrick's, Gympie, our opponents.

To the boys' credit, they dug deep and found enough petrol in the tank when it mattered, winning a thrilling final 6-5.

The success of the tournament is testament to the hard work put in by all involved. Well done, Riley, Simon, Tyler, Preston, Jackson, Matthew, Hayden, Cooper, Bryce, Brad, Sam, Samson, Liam and Clay.
By Mr Minto



New Phone System

A new phone system was installed at school last week. A feature of this system is that you will notice a delay when you call but 49 336288 is still our contact number.

Calls from school may show up as 07 49 948215 on your phone. Please do not use the previous second line 49 336207 as it is not operational any longer.

Absentee phone number is 49 948216 and you can leave a voicemail message. Thank you.

Christmas Appeal Launch

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Term 4 Fees and Levies Reminder

Thank you to all parents who have paid or are paying off their school fees.

The due date for payment was last Friday 2nd November. If you have no children attending Sacred Heart in 2019 all fees owing need to be paid by the conclusion of Term 4, 7th December, 2018.

Please contact either the principal (Max Martin) or the finance officer (Helen Jeffries) if you wish to set up a payment plan to pay off any outstanding fees.

Library News

Issue 8 of Book Club is the last for this year. Pamphlets have been sent home this week.

Any orders are to be returned to the office by Friday 16th November. Thank you for your support throughout the year. Many resources have been purchased with the reward points that the school receives from Book Club.

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.

Count Us In

On Monday this week, our whole school participated in the nation wide 'Count Us In' singing event.

The 2018 program song was called, 'One Song' and celebrated the joy of uniting together and making music with others.

The Sacred Heart children enthusiastically sang and signed this uplifting composition.

Our instrumental students capably joined in with the accompaniment. Special thank you to our instrumental teachers and Mrs Boyd for coordinating this event.

Surf Club Titles

Four of our students: Hannah Hovey, Charlie Kidd, Neassa O'Reilly and Jorja Ohl represented Yeppoon and Emu Park Surf Club at North Aussie Titles in Mackay, recently.

They all competed in multiple events across the pool, boards, surf rescue, swim, flags, sprints and relays. Many placed top 8 in their age group which is a great achievement. Special mention to Charlie who came third in 1 km beach run, cameron relay and surf teams. Second in the beach relay. Neassa came third in the board rescue.



Student Awards

Prep	Sasha Dadson, Kirby Kenny, Archie McPherson, Amelia Deasy
Year 1	Milla McPherson, Isabella Todman, Sunny Ford
Year 2	Elliot Guhr, Sienna Hawkes
Year 3	Clíodhna O'Reilly, Archie Gleeson, Kapri Zettl, Isabella Bills, Mackenzie Blackwood
Year 4	Harleigh Williams, Ayla Brown, Giulio Somerville
Year 5	Maggie Warrick, Kelley Bones, Teal Kafka-Bauer

Frankie Award

This award is presented to a class or child/ren who have been environmentally friendly in some way around our school.

Congratulations to:

Riley Jensen 6J for being always so mindful of looking after and keeping clean our school environment.

Abby Robertson 4M for ensuring your eating area is always tidy after lunch breaks. Thank you.



MJR Award

This award is presented to those in our school who show the virtues and qualities inspired by our MJR program.

Well done to the following recipients for this week:

Chloe Kleinhans 3N for your cheerful 'Good Mornings' and for offering to help out in our classroom.

Chloe Hawkes 4M for being a model of respectful behaviour both in the classroom and playground. For always showing the virtues perseverance and resilience.

Matthew Campbell 6H for being courageous in tackling challenges and putting the needs of others above your own.

Ava Hudspith 6LS for displaying great determination and courage which on Year 6 camp especially on the climbing wall.

Isla Kirby Prep S for participating so well and showing great skills during PE lessons.



Spiritual Connections

Each week, we provide a link to Sr Kym's reflection of the week. We hope this provides some spiritual guidance.

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

Year 6 Camp Highlights

The giant swing where we were pulled up about 15 metres and then released into the air. Amazing. **Dan**

The talent show where I performed several magic card tricks. **Cooper**

Canoeing on the small lake was excellent. We played k-basketball with the canoes. **Jane**

Abseiling the 6 and 15 metre heights was great. **Abby**

The rock climbing was great. I climbed four different ones and they were quite difficult. **Ava**

The rock climbing was excellent. I completed three walls. Getting to the top was such an achievement. **Samson**

Abseiling was fun and challenging because I had to keep pushing myself. **Preston**

Lots of activities where we had to challenge ourselves. Loved the whole camp **Roman**

Australia Zoo was my highlight. Enjoyed roaming around looking at the animals. **Joe**

Abseiling from the six metre height was a little scary and challenging. **Max**

Dr Jodi Richardson Presentation

Thank you to the P. and F.s of both Sacred Heart and St Benedict's for organising Dr Jodi Richardson who spoke last night with families about a plethora of topics from anxiety, happiness and wellbeing.

Jodi asked all in attendance to take away one thing from her presentation to work on / initiate in our families.

It was a great evening. Thank you to all who were able to make it along. Many thanks also to Mrs Natalie Salisbury for organising Jodi.

Classes For 2019

Teachers at Sacred Heart are in the process of organising classes for 2019.

This is a lengthy process and one which takes much time and deliberation.

If you have a request to be considered for your child's class placement for 2019, please email this to Mr Martin at maxwell_martin@rok.catholic.edu.au

Thank you.

Guest Speaker at Parish

You are invited to a presentation of The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS), by visiting guest speaker Mary Hare, President of CGS Australia.

The session is entitled, 'A Seed Planting Session'. It will be held at Sacred Heart Church, Saturday, 17th November 10am to 12noon. All very welcome. For more information please see Mrs Angela Acharya.

Grandparents' Morning Tea and Class Visits

