



# Newsletter

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Term 4

### From The Principal's Desk

#### For The Person Who Has Everything

A little concerned about the Christmas list this year? Have a friend or relative who has everything? Well my suggestions below, may be of help.

How about:

- A \$10,000 toilet seat which is warmed to a suitable temperature, weighs you, does a medical check and closes automatically.
- A \$16,000 mini panzer tank that shoots paintballs whilst making appropriate noises.
- A handcrafted pool cue with a medieval double axe head attached – only \$160,000.
- A diamond fishing lure for catching a discerning fish – 4,753 diamonds and rubies encased by 1.3kg of gold and platinum, a steal at \$2 000 000.
- The ultimate Christmas gift, only \$20-35 million US, a seat on a tourist shuttle into space.

As the years march on, it becomes more difficult to purchase that 'perfect' gift, particularly for older children in their twenties (My wife and I have three.).

Once all the cricket bats and rugby gear, the makeup and jewellery are purchased, over a series of Christmases, there's not much left to stuff into a stocking. Money is generally not appropriate because they are all employed.

Older children may forget your birthday or to purchase that Christmas present but, as attested by many of their entries on Messenger, they never forget any money their parents owe them.

The greatest gift to give at Christmas is good memories.

We never quite know who will be sitting at the table with us next year.

*Money and brain power cannot protect you* – Stephen Hawkings (famed physicist)

*Great talent cannot protect you* – Avicii (electronic dance / music artist)

*Fame and importance cannot protect you* – George W Bush (former president of the USA)

All of these people were not expecting to miss Christmas dinner this year.

Just the cycles of families can affect who is at that table. Older children or those with their own littlies, may choose a Christmas day far from family.

Treasure the Christmases you have.

So take that photo, be pleasant, celebrate with joy.

And remember, it is all about the birth of a little baby two thousand years ago - An extraordinary beginning to a life journey, of only 33 years, which transformed our world.

We hope your day is one of peace, generosity and a recognition of the importance of family.

Travel safely, have a well deserved break and return well rested.

All the best

Max Martin

Principal

A special farewell to our Year 6s as they continue on their life journey. On behalf of our school family, we thank them for their leadership and enthusiasm for Sacred Heart this year. Their exuberance, willingness to be involved wholeheartedly, caring attitude and pride in all they have done, have been greatly appreciated.

To the many families also who have their final child completing their primary school education at Sacred Heart, thank you for your continued support and commitment. All the very best for the future.

## Special Farewell To Mrs Mary O'Donnell

This week, we farewell long-time employee and our Assistant Principal Religious Education, Mary O'Donnell.

Mary began her career at Sacred Heart School in 2000; in the first year of Mark Effene's principalship, 7 years before the iPhone was released and 7 Prime Ministers ago.

During that time, Mary has left a significant mark on our school. Most importantly, Mary has a clear commitment to her faith.

As APRE, she has committed many hours in making sure, not only that our school is clearly a Catholic one, but that the special charism of Sacred Heart is kept aflame.

The beautiful metal symbols of the Sacred Heart story that adorn our buildings are a testament to Mary. A permanent celebration of the 100 years of Catholic education and an important sign of Mary's determination to make sure the HEART of Sacred Heart is explicitly shown.

Mary is well known for her energy, sunny smile and love of children. She is a creative professional evidenced by her beautiful liturgies. I will always fondly remember the opening school mass this year when Mary welcomed Fr Matthew and myself with a local pineapple decorated with a tiny, wooden heart. A thoughtful and creative gift.

Thank you Mary for your 18 years at Sacred Heart. I know you will not be a stranger to us and you are always welcome to drop in (and be a relief teacher).

We wish you all the very best as you transition to a new, exciting life stage.

Thank you for your time in putting the 'heart' in to Sacred Heart School, Yeppoon.



## With Gratitude from Mrs O'Donnell

Since that first day in 1997 when we were proudly toured around Sacred Heart School, with our 5 little men in tow, I have marvelled at the joyful, caring spirit of this wonderful community. We excitedly enrolled our boys in Sacred Heart and knew immediately we had made the right decision. Steve and I were so taken with this school, that after a brief return to NSW due to work related reasons, we both left our jobs to return to Yeppoon and Sacred Heart. Neither of us had a job to go to, and little finances behind us. But what we did have, was a deep sense of certainty that this community was where we needed to be, and a trust that 'all would be well'. All was well, and I began my journey as APRE at Sacred Heart School in 2001. What a wonderful gift this school has been to my family and I. Throughout my years here I have learnt countless life lessons, some I'd like to share with you before I leave;

- A leap of faith is never taken alone, and if you put the most important things first, the landing may be bumpy, but you'll be o.k.
- God is found in the joy, wonder, sadness and messiness of life. God is there in the midst of it all.
- Children live in the moment. They are masters of the wonder of 'now'. We have so much to learn from them.
- There are always people who care deeply for you, and are there for you, if you let them in.
- Children are an amazing gift. They are creation unfolding in our midst. Each day we have the opportunity to be part of this unfolding. Think about that. It is truly incredible!
- Parents are remarkable. In the midst of your own stories, challenges, and day to day living, you love your children deeply, and make daily sacrifices of love for them.
- Teachers are also remarkable. Never underestimate how deeply they care for your child. They also, think about, worry about, rejoice in, plan for, marvel at, and love your child. At the end of each year they say goodbye but they never forget the spirit of your child. You are in this together.
- The support staff at Sacred Heart are extraordinary people. They care deeply and do their jobs with grace and dedication.
- The joy of creation and the presence of Jesus is palpable on the paths and in the classrooms of Sacred Heart. We must guard this and cherish it.
- Your workmates (*colleagues* doesn't quite cut it), carry you, challenge you and walk alongside you, sometimes doing all three simultaneously. They are your family and I will always be grateful for their love and friendship.
- We all fail. We need to make failure our friend as it is in our failings that we have the opportunity to learn something new, develop the courage to dust ourselves off and fail forward into a better person.
- My husband Steve is an amazing man. He has supported me, encouraged me and has forgiven my absences, when I have been preoccupied with yet another 'to do list'.
- After 5 inspiring, energetic sons, it's completely possible to have 1 inspiring and energetic daughter. Love has an amazing way of being multiplied with every child born.
- It is possible to lose your glasses, your keys, your phone, your hat and your mind, multiple times in one day, and it is also possible, with the help of friends, to find them all again!

- As children and families come and go from Sacred Heart, they leave part of their spirit here. We are changed by their presence. They form part of who we are and will always be part of our story.

So as you can see I leave a richer person than when I arrived, and I am so very grateful for the journey.

I would sincerely like to thank Mr Max Martin for organising the community farewell at the Sailing Club, and express my deep gratitude to all the parents and staff who were able to attend. Thank you for the generous gifts from the school, the P&F and many others. Your generosity was most unexpected and I treasure your kindness. I would also like to thank Miss Leesa Jeffcoat, Miss Di-Anne Rowan and all the personnel from the Catholic Education Office for their friendship and support over my years as APRE.

Now as I take another leap of faith into the unknown my heart is full of gratitude for all I have learned and for the journey of love of the past 18 years as APRE. God bless and thank you for all you have given me.

## Important Dates

### December

Thursday 6th - Final school assembly for Term 4

Thursday 6th - Our Year 6 are away from school at Cool Waters from 9.30am until 2.45pm.

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

Friday 14th - School office closes at 1pm today.

### January 2019

Monday 21st - School office reopens at 8am.

Tuesday 22nd - Sacred Heart teachers commence their professional development days.

Tuesday 29th - School commences for 2019 at 8.40am.

## Children's Classes for 2019 Important Message

Families will be made aware of their child/ren's class and teacher for 2019 on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December via email.

This email will also have attached the booklist for next year. Thank you.

If you have any concerns with accessing this, do not hesitate to contact Mr Martin at school.

## 2019 Instrumental Music Expression of Interest

Each year, Sacred Heart offers our children the opportunity to be involved in a school instrumental music program. The instrumental music program will continue in 2019 and we are asking for expressions of interest for your child/ren to be involved and for those children already participating in the program, we need to know if they are to be re-enrolled.

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. Once these forms have been returned to our office, our instrumental music teachers will then contact you regarding further details.

Upon acceptance/ re-enrolment into the program, a levy of \$15 for a child or \$30 per family will be charged on the Term 2 school fees account. This offsets all operational costs incurred by the instrumental music program.

Group lessons cost \$15 (half hour). Students need to purchase their own musical instruments.

It is important to note that acceptance into the program depends upon the availability of rooms and teacher's time. Students re-enrolling will be given first preference. In some cases, students may need to be placed upon a waiting list.

All these lessons are conducted under the supervision of the instrumental music teacher.

These are: Strings Mrs Kate Ellis, Clarinet/Sax/Flute TBA, Vocal Mrs Ursula Boyd, Guitar Mrs Jane Bacon, Percussion / Trumpet / Trombone Mr Rex English.

If you wish for your child to be involved in our instrumental program, complete the form which is available from our front office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Please email [shy@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:shy@rok.catholic.edu.au) with completed forms over the holidays.

### Christmas Eve Family Mass

The Sacred Heart Parish Christmas Eve family mass will be held on Monday 24th December at 6pm. This is a very special occasion that involves children of all ages in the acting out of the Gospel and other aspects of the mass.

The practice for the Christmas Eve Family Mass will be held on Saturday 22nd December commencing 9am, at Sacred Heart Church. We anticipate this will take approximately one hour. Everyone is welcome.

All children are encouraged to come dressed as a character from the Christmas Story. The time for the musician and singing practice, is yet to be advised. If you have any questions relating to singers and musician involvement, please contact Tink Boyd on 0429 392346.

### Farewell to Teachers Leaving

It is always very sad at this time of the year when we farewell teachers who are leaving Sacred Heart School.

On behalf of our school family, we thank and wish the following teachers all the best for the future.

Mrs Linda Halson from Year 6.

Mrs Lei Nelson from Year 3.

Mrs Catherine Simmonds from Prep

Mrs Mary O'Donnell, our school's APRE and art teacher.

### Student Awards

<b>Prep</b>	Brendan Gilbride, Maya Read, Koby Neubecker
<b>Year 2</b>	Ethan Virzintas, Lily Trevor, Davis McDonald, Harry Wilczek, Peita Pilcher
<b>Year 3</b>	Archie Cugola, Sabina Bridgeman
<b>Year 5</b>	Jye Svenson, Charlie Kidd, Jessica Gleeson

### 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:

**Taylor Warrender** from Year 4 for her efforts in keeping our Year 4 eating area tidy. Thank you.

**Adelaide Gill** from Year 3 for making sure all our sporting equipment is put away after play in the MPA.



### 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:

**Isabella Bills, Kaleb Asmussen and Adelaide Gill** for your determination and positive attitude displayed at our swimming carnival last week.



**Isabella Yore** from Year 6 for resilience shown during our end of year mass on Monday.

**Adeline McDonald** from Prep for displaying great getting along skills with your peers.

**Harleigh Williams** from Year 4 for your beautiful manners and great hellos. Thank you.



### Sacred Heart Mini Vinnies' Visit the Retirement Village

On Tuesday this week, our Year 5 and 6 Mini Vinnies' children visited the Anglican Retirement Village to sing Christmas carols.

About thirty residents there were treated to some wonderful singing and then conversations about how they would be spending Christmas.

Thank you to Mrs Acharya and Mrs Williams for organising this visit.



### Year 6's Fond Memories from 6J

My successes at cross country this year.      Isla.  
Falling off a chair at the MPA in Prep and breaking my arm.      Elise.  
Went to Challenge Cup.      Tyde and Lachlan  
Winning Challenge Cup and playing front row.      Clay  
The giant swing on camp.      Julia  
Cross country carnivals.      Declan  
Capricorn Caves camp in Year 4.      Ryley  
Playing in the Queensland All Schools' touch carnival.      Jackson and Simon  
Playing on the playground with my mates.      Jed  
Being away from home while on camp.      Colton  
Camp was amazing. The canoeing was my favourite activity.      Matilda  
I really enjoyed spending time with my friends while on camp.      Heidi  
All the wonderful activities we are involved in.      Chantelle

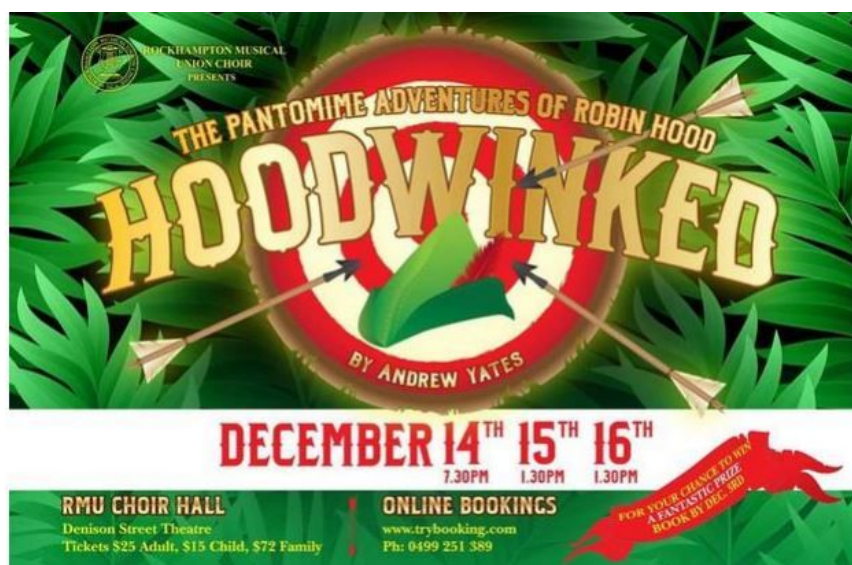
Having the opportunity to be school captain. Adah  
 Going to the Caves in Year Four. Some of the team building activities were great. Bessie  
 Going on camp to Mapleton. The activities were outstanding. Asha  
 Being with my friends for this year especially on camp was superb. Marshall  
 When I came second at the inter school chess competition in Term 3. Alex

## Spiritual Connections

Each week, we provide a link to Fr Matthew Moloney's sermon. We hope these provide some spiritual guidance.  
 Link to [Fr Matthew's sermon](#)

## Community News

The Rockhampton Musical Union will present a pre-Christmas pantomime, 'Hoodwinked - the pantomime adventures of Robin Hood'. Audience participation is strongly encouraged. Join Robin, Little John, Friar Tuck, Maid Marion and the Sheriff for adventures and laughs in Sherwood Forest. Friday 14th December 7:30 p.m. Matinees 15th and 16th December 1:30 p.m. Book now: [trybooking.com/YTNU](http://trybooking.com/YTNU)



## Community Sport

### Capricorn Coast Football Club

Registers for 2019 season are expected to be open 9th January 2019—Keep eye out for the link!

We have scheduled the below information/registration days!

MiniRoos Kickoff 2015 - 2014	U 6 / 7 MiniRoos 2013 - 2012	U 8 / 9 MiniRoos 2011 - 2010
U 10 / 11 MiniRoos 2009 - 2008 U11 Rep Team	Junior Competitive: U12, U13, U14, U16	Seniors: 1st, 2nd & 3rd Division & Womens

#### COME AND TRY & Registration DAYS:

Junior Competitive only: 12th January 8.30—10am <a href="mailto:ccfcjuniorcompetitive@gmail.com">ccfcjuniorcompetitive@gmail.com</a>	Mini Roos—SATURDAY 2nd & 9th February 8.30 AM to 10 am <a href="mailto:capcoastfcjunior@gmail.com">capcoastfcjunior@gmail.com</a>
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2019 Coaches and Referee to also attend registration day 12th January.

SAVE THE DATE "2nd February - New facilities open day"

We also accept GET Started Vouchers - [capcoastfcjunior@gmail.com](mailto:capcoastfcjunior@gmail.com)





***May the spirit of Christmas fill your homes with  
love, peace and joy***