



Newsletter

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Week 10

Term 1

From The Principal's Desk

Farewell Margaret Kershaw

To begin, I wish to thank Mary Schick, previous principal at Sacred Heart who has graciously given me some notes, regarding Marg Kershaw.

I have now been principal of Sacred Heart School for 443 days and 15 hours and, since my arrival, it has been very clear to me who are the key characters who are the bedrock of our school.

And of all those people, it is Marg Kershaw who stands out most clearly as the 'elder of the tribe'. Marg has carefully tended the wisdom of the school for many years – in fact she has kept a comprehensive history of our school, including a hard copy of every paper newsletter. But most importantly she has kept the wisdom of the families in this community, safe, in a confidential and gentle manner, Marg knows the background to the little ones that enter our gates. She is the wise mother who has overseen our Catholic school.

When I said 'bedrock of the school' that phrase can be taken quite literally: Marg, her husband, Dave (An aside is that they first met in our school library at a catholic youth group function.) and children were instrumental in assisting with the physical building of the Barracuda Crescent site of our school through working bees and transportation, in the years leading up to its opening in March 1991. That generosity led Marg to volunteer at Sacred Heart, leading to a position of employment in August 1993. In 1996, Marg became the main School Secretary and has dedicated her life to that role to this present day.

Marg's four children were all educated at Sacred Heart: Luke, Laura, Claire and Joseph. The older three children's education crossing the two campuses of John St and Barracuda Crescent.

Marg is the lady with the ready smile and welcome as people arrive at our front desk. Many times, we have gained enrolments due to the sense of community and acceptance that is encountered on the phone and at that first greeting. Marg's dedication goes well beyond her hours and I for one have appreciated her extraordinary commitment.

Marg also has a quiet spirituality. A fact which has been inspiring to me. Thank you.

Marg isn't really retiring with four children and four grandchildren (with one on the way) to keep her and Dave busy.

According to Mary Schick, Marg is looking forward to assisting with the new grand-baby and having time to travel south to visit the families around Brisbane. Marg is **not** looking forward so much to being able to assist her husband Dave more often in his business, CQ Ute Canopies.

Other goals in her retirement include: learning to play the guitar and line dance, going to yoga, gardening, holidaying (of course), and maybe getting involved with the local Historical Society. Sounds like you are going hippie, Marg.

Seriously Marg, you have been an extraordinary influence on Sacred Heart. You are one of those people who will be inscribed firmly on the history of our school. You are part of the regular beat and health of that HEART.

We will survive without you but your influence and passion will not fade. Thank you for all you have done. We wish you the best in your well-deserved retirement.

Take care and thank you.

We also farewell our school's APC (Assistant to the Principal, Curriculum), Mrs Samantha Suthers who commences her maternity leave tomorrow and will be returning in the New Year. We wish Sam, her husband, Stuart and daughter, Felicity all the very best for the birth of their second child.

Finally, I wish all our families a wonderful Easter and holiday and to all those travelling, do so safely. Looking forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 23rd April for the start of Term 2.

All the best

Max Martin



Important Dates

April

Friday 5th – Final day for Term 1

Sunday 14th – Palm Sunday

Friday 19th – Good Friday

Sunday 21st – Easter Sunday

Monday 22nd – Easter Monday. Public holiday.

Tuesday 23rd – School resumes for Term 2.

Wednesday 24th - Whole school assembly 8.40am for ANZAC Day

Thursday 25th - ANZAC Day. Dawn service at 5am and march commences at 9am.

Tuesday 30th - Rockhampton and District schools cross country

May

Friday 3rd - Prep to Year 3 athletics carnival at school.

Monday 6th - Labour Day public holiday

Thursday 9th - Whole school assembly with Year 1R presenting.

Thursday 9th - KCD 12/11/10s 1500 metre races at Farnborough SS

Friday 10th - KCD 12/11/10s athletics carnival at Farnborough SS

Project Compassion - Week 5

Salma from Bangladesh

Salma featured in Project Compassion 2013. At the time, she was pregnant with her first child, sick and terribly frightened. In distress, she sought the help of a midwife trained by Caritas' Safe Motherhood Program. Six years on, she's now a healthy mother of two strong, happy children. Salma is committed to giving her children the education they need to provide them with the future she hoped for. You can learn more about Salma

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6DtMdSMsD8w>



Athletics Carnival Years 4-6

Congratulations to our children and teachers and support staff on their efforts in making our Year 4 to 6 athletics carnival a successful one.

A huge thank you to Mr Tim Collins, principal of St Benedict's for allowing us to use their wonderful oval and facilities on the day and at such short notice,

To Mr Bennett, our groundsman and Mr Grant, groundsman at St Benedict's, well done on preparing the oval, running track, field event set up on Monday and Tuesday morning. An enormous effort.

To Mrs Shammall for preparing our children well and for her organisation of the carnival. Well done, also.

Following are the overall results.

Overall House Champions: Jordan (Captains: Eliza Green and Murphy Catt)

Age Champions:

10 years: Isaac Thomas and Nya Minto

11 years: Aiden McDonald and Amber Johnson

12 years: Murphy Catt, Riley Robertson and Zsa Zsa Hart

Records set included Amy Campbell in 11 years long jump, Teal Kafker-Bauer in 11 years high jump, Isaac Thomas in 10 years high jump, Well done to these athletes.



Rockhampton District Tennis Trials

On Monday this week, three children: Mikuni Park, Sam Janes and Jack Stanley-Hunt from Sacred Heart competed at the Rockhampton district tennis trials. From all reports, they played well with Mikuna being selected in the district team for the Capricornia trials next term.

Well done, Mikuni.

Easter Raffle Draw

The Project Compassion Easter raffle was drawn this morning, following our final Holy Week liturgy. A big thank you to everyone who contributed to this fundraiser through the purchasing of tickets.

To Mrs Acharya and especially our Mini Vinnies’ members who displayed dedication through the creation of advertising posters and the selling of tickets. Well done.

Our four winners were Sabina Bridgeman, Amy Campbell, Isla Shackleton, Kirby Kenny and Keyleigh Johnson.



Easter Services

Easter is the most significant time in our liturgical calendar. You are invited to the Capricorn Coast Parish services and events over the coming week.

Holy Thursday	Thursday, 18th April	7pm	Sacred Heart Church, Lammermoor
Good Friday Passion of the Lord	Friday 19th April	3pm	Sacred Heart Church, Lammermoor
Stations of the Cross, followed by 'Walk of Reflection'	Friday 19th April	9.30am	Mary Immaculate Church, Emu Park
Easter Vigil	Saturday 20th April	6pm	Sacred Heart Church, Lammermoor
Easter Sunday	Sunday 21st April	7am	Mary Immaculate Church, Emu Park
	Sunday 21st April	9am	Sacred Heart Church, Lammermoor

Stations of the Cross

During Holy Week, each class visited the Stations of the Cross. This has provided a reflective opportunity to journey with Jesus through the events of Holy Week. It was great to see parents joining our classes for this walk. The following link provides an online Stations of the Cross and some further insights.



<http://www.resourcemelb.catholic.edu.au/object.cfm?o=196>



Sacred Heart Shorts Update

The elastic in some of the skorts has been going in them around a month after purchasing from us. The problem has only been occurring in sizes 4, 6 and 8 at this stage.

We are currently waiting on reports from our suppliers on how they are going to handle the issue.

They have informed us that they have acknowledged there is a problem.

Once this has been sorted we will let families know when the skorts will be available.

Thank you for your patience in this regard.

Lee-anne Seaside Embroidery Team

Farewell

To the Ford family: Celeste, Evan, Nevaeh in Year 4 and Sunny in Year 2 who are moving to the Sunshine Coast. We wish them all the best for the future and thank them very much for their support of our school.

To the Johns family: Helen, Ian and Holly in Year 3. We wish them all the best for the future.

They will be greatly missed.

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:

Ashton Jensen from Year 3 for ensuring food scraps are being placed in the containers provided at lunch times.



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:

Ethan Challacombe from Year 4 for showing determination while competing at our athletics carnival and for being so supportive of your fellow competitors.

Felix Shammall from Year 1 for looking after a classmate by taking him to the office after he had fallen over. Thank you for showing great care and concern.

Oliver Dadson from Year 6 for displaying great maturity and patience in assisting with the field events at our athletics carnival.



Student Awards

Year 2	Georgia Carige, Connor Strenzel
Year 3	Finn Stone, Ethan Virzintas, Layla Carswell
Year 6	Aden McDonald, Grayson O'Connor, Ella-Maree Robinson, Hugo Rothery, Cooper Smith

New Office Secretary

We welcome into our office, Mrs Melinda Murphy as our new secretary.

Melinda who is currently working as a teacher assistant at Sacred Heart, will take up her new role at the start of Term 2.

Congratulations.

Spiritual Connections

Each week, we provide a link to Fr Matthew Moloney's sermon and Sr Kym's reflection. We hope these provide some spiritual guidance.

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

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

NAPLAN Information

Our children in Years 3 and 5 will undertake NAPLAN Online in May this year. NAPLAN Online brings many advantages, including a test design that offers assessment items tailored to students' knowledge and current skill level.

We will also participate in a national practice test next week. The Year 5 practice test will be next Monday 1st April and the Year 3 practice test will be next Tuesday 2nd April. This is an excellent opportunity to fine tune any technical and logistical issues, as well as familiarise children and teachers with the online testing process. The practice test is not an assessment of student knowledge and there will be no reporting of student results.

Parents and carers of children in these NAPLAN year levels need to be aware of important information relating to privacy, which can be found on the NAPLAN Online Queensland website's [parent information page](#).

Year 3 Writing Complex Sentences

In Year 3W, the children are learning about complex sentences and writing them. They were given a variety of pictures to write about and here are some of their responses.

After my brother ate his Rocky Road, I scared him. Lily Trevor

Despite his innocent look, the dog had dug up the garden. Elliot Guhr

Instead of sleeping in my cat bed, I will sleep in the sink. Eden Harris

Although the dog had a big stick, he still tried to cross the bridge. Layla Carswell

After eating dinner, the cat was plotting something evil. Quin Warren

Easter to Pentecost



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Changing Minds....Changing Hearts

The period from Easter to Pentecost is an exciting time in the liturgical year. It is filled with promise and hope. The Easter Season which begins on Easter Sunday and continues for 50 days is an opportunity for us to read, reflect and pray about the Holy Spirit who helps us to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

The website includes:

- Scripture, commentaries, homilies and videos
- Small group reflections
- Resources such as Making Jesus Real, Indigenous prayer and hymns
- Online formation sessions by The Ministry of the Wild Goose
- Opportunities to interact with others on a weekly blog

Take the time to engage with the site each week, as an individual, with family or friends or members of your faith community, school or workplace.

Click on the link, scan the QR code or type the web address into your browser.

<https://www.eastertopentecost.com.au/>



Easter Assembly and Prep / Year 1 Easter Activities



