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Week 1

Term 2

### From The Principal's Desk

In 2015, I had the privilege of attending the Anzac Day dawn service at Villers-Bretonneux in the Somme in northern France.

The recognition of the Australian sacrifice was well remembered, even today, at Villers-Bretonneux. The Germans took the town on 24th April 1918 but, that night and the next day, it was recaptured by two brigades of the First Australian Imperial Force at a cost of some 1200 Australian lives.

According to the tour guide, it was the worst Anzac Day dawn service he had attended in his 15 years leading the tour. There was a bitter wind and continuous rain pelting down on us, from our arrival at the memorial at 3am until the conclusion of the service around 9am. Observing the 120 miserable Australians before him, the guide firmly told us not to complain because we were safe and headed for hot food and showers later in the day, unlike the experiences of the young men whom we were remembering that day.

After the service, we toured battlefields and war cemeteries for the next two days. The historian, accompanying us, regaled us with amazing stories of courage and desperately sad tales of loss.

As a dad, it was hard not to sob beside the graves of young men, the same age as my sons, who would never grow old. How broken families must have been, never being able to visit lonely graves, 1000s of kilometres from their homeland. Let alone the parents whose sons were never found.

So, we encourage our children to march tomorrow, ANZAC day and/or attend the dawn service, our lost deserve their one day of recognition.

Below are two photos from our visit – sometimes words aren't enough.



The sheer number of graves to unknown soldiers 'Known only to God' was extraordinary.



Tyne Cot, the Commonwealth's largest war cemetery. 11,956 graves of which 8,369 are unnamed.

The ANZAC march commences at 9am, leaving from between Whisk cafe and the Green Shed. We will assemble at 8.20am and children marching are asked to be in their normal school uniforms with their school hats. Many of our teachers and staff will also be marching with our children.

Our attendance at this march last year was overwhelming and I encourage as many of our families to make it along on this very, important occasion commemorating a defining event in our brief history. Water bottles are encouraged. Families are then asked to collect their children after the ceremony from our assembly area.

Our dawn service will be held at 5am on the Yeppoon beachfront. I have really encouraged our Year 5s and 6s to attend this ceremony.

Many thanks this morning to our Year 5G children as they solemnly and maturely presented our ANZAC Day assembly. Also to Mrs

Trish Price from our local RSL for her address and to Caleb Bartlett, Year 11 student from St Brendan's, for his wonderful rendition of the Last Post and Reveille.

Lest we forget.

Max Martin

### Important Dates

#### April

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

Tuesday 30th - Rockhampton and District schools cross country

#### May

Friday 3rd - Prep, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 athletics carnival at school.

Monday 6th - Labour Day public holiday

Tuesday 7th - School board meeting 6.30pm

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

Friday 10th - Rockhampton Eisteddfod commences with the string competition

Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th, Thursday 16th, Friday 17th - Year 3 and 5 involved in NAPLAN testing

Saturday 18th - Federal election

Tuesday 21st - Prep's excursion to Cooberrie Park.

Tuesday 21st - Year 1 fire brigade visit

Thursday 23rd - KCD 12/11/10s 1500 metre races at Farnborough SS

Friday 24th - KCD 12/11/10s athletics carnival at Farnborough SS

Monday 27th, Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th, Thursday 30th - Year 4 camp to the Caves

Tuesday 28th - Capricornia cross country

Friday 31st - Year 5 and 6 interschool sports day for soccer, netball and rugby league.

Friday 31st - School discos in our multi-purpose area.

#### June

Monday 3rd - Interschool chess competition in Rockhampton

Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th - Rockhampton district athletics carnival

Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th - Yeppoon Show

Thursday 13th - Rockhampton Show holiday

Friday 14th - Yeppoon Show holiday

Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th - Capricornia athletics carnival

Saturday 22nd - Confirmation ceremony at 6pm mass

Monday 24th - Children report cards go home today.

Wednesday 26th - Sacred Heart feast day. Whole school mass 9am at Sacred Heart Church. Beach activities.

Friday 28th - RSPCA visit for Prep to Year 3

Friday 28th - Final day of Term 2.

### Welcome New Families

This week, we welcomed two new families to our school: Charlotte in Prep T and her mum, Samantha.

Zachary in Year 4M, Alexis in Year 6E and their parents; Karen and Justin.

We wish them all the very best at Sacred Heart.

### Special Easter Celebrations

Last Saturday evening at our parish Easter vigil mass, many members of our Sacred Heart School family received the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.

In an extremely meaningful ceremony, the Blackwood family: mum: Jenny, Regan, MacKenzie, Olivia and Georgia were baptised, along with Cherie Kershaw, another of our mothers and Hollie Neagle was confirmed.

Congratulations, everyone.

## New Staff

With the wonderful, Mrs Kershaw enjoying her retirement, Mrs Melinda Murphy has taken over the role of our office secretary.

We welcome Mrs Murphy to this new position.

We also welcome back, Mrs Linda Halson who will be teaching Year 6L this term with Mrs List moving into the APC leadership role.

## From Our APRE

Easter is the most important date on the Christian calendar. It is a time when we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, three days after he was crucified.

So why do we receive eggs on Easter Sunday? Just as eggs are a sign of new life, the Resurrection is a sign of new life too.

For me, it is a special time to celebrate the life of Jesus with my family and friends. I hope that you all had a fantastic break with your family this Easter.

Mrs Melissa Collins

## From Our APC

It is with great enthusiasm and also a little nervousness that I introduce myself as the Acting APC (Assistant to the Principal, Curriculum) at Sacred Heart, for the remainder of 2019. Along with the duties of APC, I will also be teaching STEAM to all classes in our school.

Teaching STEAM is sure to be very rewarding, I am fortunate to have the opportunity to lead students in this educational approach to learning, that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics as access points for guiding student inquiry, dialogue, and critical thinking skills.

Other curriculum items of importance this term include NAPLAN in week 4, National Simultaneous Storytime in week 5 and Premier's Reading Challenge, later in the term.

I look forward to an exciting year in my new role.

Mrs Lisa List

## NAPLAN Information

On Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th, Thursday 16th, Friday 17th May, all students in Years 3 and 5 will sit the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests. Students need to be at school at 8:40am on these mornings. NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four domains of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

As you are aware, our students will be undertaking the NAPLAN assessment online this year. NAPLAN online brings many advantages, including a design that offers test items tailored to students' knowledge and ability. Parents and carers of students in these NAPLAN year levels will need to be aware of important information relating to privacy, which can be found on the NAPLAN Online Queensland website: (<https://naplanonline.qld.edu.au/getting-ready/parent-information>).

NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how individual students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children.

The National testing program has been mandated by government bodies and therefore all children in Years 3 and 5 should be in attendance. It is therefore imperative that any extracurricular events are not timetabled for these days.

More information about NAPLAN will be provided in the coming weeks. Thank you.

## Parent - Teacher Interviews This Term

Parent-teacher interviews will be held across the school from Monday 13th May to Thursday 24th May, (Weeks 4 and 5) with each interview being 20 minutes.

Bookings for these interviews will open at 3pm on Tuesday 30th April.

These bookings will close to parents/carers on Tuesday 7th May at 3pm.

Access for bookings is available during those dates via <https://206shy.rok.catholic.edu.au/parentlounge>

Available interview times will be particular to each classroom teacher.

New parents will be sent an access username and password and continuing parents will have the same one as last year. If you have forgotten either of these, please contact Mrs Melinda Murphy at the school office 49 336288.

Available times for individual teachers will appear when you log in to the booking site. Only one time slot is to be selected per child. If you wish to have a longer interview time please see your child's class teacher and arrange this at a time suitable to you both.

Some teachers may have interviews prior to school on any of those days and/or some may have made individual arrangements outside of the times above. These arrangements will be emailed to you from your child's classroom teacher.

If you have any questions regarding the interviews please contact our school office from next Tuesday afternoon.

### **Rockhampton Cross Country Trials**

Next Tuesday 30th May, sixteen children from Sacred Heart will be competing at our District cross country trials in Rockhampton.

We wish Ryan Hendrie, Isaac Thomas, Tyson Rose, Hunter Ballard, Josh Russell, Charlie Kidd, Neassa O'Reilly, Zsa Zsa Hart, Bria Goldman, Mia Shackleton, Hannah Hovey, Riley Robertson, Blayze Murphy, Aryriana Pianta, Cooper Sweeney and Mikuni Park, all the very best for this trials.

Mrs Lisa List and Mrs Rebecca Pianta will be accompanying our athletes on the day.

### **KCD Athletics Carnival Date Change**

There has been a change to our KCD athletics carnival days. They are now:

Thursday 23rd May - KCD 12/11/10s 1500 metre races at Farnborough SS

Friday 24th May - KCD 12/11/10s athletics carnival at Farnborough SS

Our children competing will be notified early next week. Thank you.

### **Mathematics Challenge Day**

Next Wednesday 1st May, two Year 5 teams and two Year 6 teams of Sacred Heart children will be competing at the Queensland Mathematics Association Teams' Challenge in Rockhampton at Glenmore SHS.

This day commences at 9am until 11.30am with children from a myriad of district schools involved in team and individual mathematical challenges. We wish our teams all the very best.

### **Prep to Year 3 Athletics Day**

Next Friday, 3rd May, our Preps, Year 1s, 2s and 3s will be having their athletics carnival at school.

Our Preps and Year 1s will commence their events at 9am.

Our Year 2s and 3s at 10.15am.

All children will be doing a sprint, high jump, long jump and a relay.

A more comprehensive timetable will be emailed early next week.

Looking forward to seeing lots of families next Friday.

### **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 Sr Kym's reflection](#)



## Anzac Prayer Assembly









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