



Newsletter

Enriching Spirits - Educating Minds



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From The Principal's Desk

Only last weekend, my wife and I were speaking with some close friends, all in our mid 50s, about how fortunate we were to have both sets of our parents still alive and very much kicking.

Then come Monday, we were devastated to hear the news that one of these wonderful mothers had passed away,

Her name was Joan McCusker, aged 89.

Mrs McCusker as I always called her, had been a part of my life since Year 5 when her son, Michael and I became friends at Christian Brothers College, Bundaberg.

A woman, tiny in stature but with an enormous heart, who was an absolute dynamo in the kitchen and always extremely welcoming. On many occasions, we as teenagers and then twentyish year olds, would appear uninvited at their family home in North Bundy at either morning or afternoon tea time, to be presented with a smorgasbord of culinary treats including jam drops with the jam in the middle, placed in a perfectly symmetrical hole, chocolate slice fingers and my favourite, the coconut/strawberry jam slice.

She was a model of a 'good person' and will be remembered for her caring presence, strength, gentleness, humbleness, commonsense and that twinkle of humour and sometimes sternness particularly if we were behaving immaturely.

Joan and her wonderful husband, Kev are also very spiritual people. Stalwarts of the Holy Rosary parish in Bundaberg, they were always the first to arrive and often the last to leave after weekend mass, having counted the collections and closed up. Even now, attending mass and being part of our Yeppoon parish community were important in their lives.

I reflect on what I learnt from Mrs McCusker. Her spiritual foundation was rock solid, one that she has instilled in all her children and grandchildren and her devotion to weekly and often daily prayer is a model to which I think we should all aspire.

At heart, she always strived to be the best she could be, every day and in everything she did: as a mother, a grandmother, a wife, a friend. You can do no more than this.

She will be greatly missed.

Joan and Kev were often regulars at our Friday morning masses at Sacred Heart, Church which rostered Sacred Heart classes attend and it is a common practice that our children sit with the parishioners there. Watching our children interact with the elder members of our parish as they talk about what has been happening at school and sometimes about their faith, is an amazing experience.

At Sacred Heart, Yeppoon, the faith development of our children is of the utmost importance.

We nurture their spirituality through a plethora of experiences including our Making Jesus Real program, school assemblies, masses, daily religious education lessons, afternoon meditation and hopefully most importantly through the words and actions of our dedicated staff and their families.

Our school motto, 'Enriching Spirits. Educating Minds', is certainly a challenge to all involved in the development of our children to ensure their faith, academic, cultural, social, physical growth is fully nurtured.

And what a challenge.

All the best

Max Martin

From The APRE

Information sessions are an important part of Sacred Heart as this gives teachers and parents a chance to discuss the year and to get to know each other. More importantly, we also get to know the 'Heart Parents' for each class.

The 'Heart Parents' play an important role in the development of the relationships at Sacred Heart. This entails:

- Welcoming new parents to the school
- A person who can be called upon for information eg The colour shirt that your child needs for sports day,
- Class/Year level social event - morning tea for parents
- Organise support when families may need it - eg new baby in the family
- If available - help out on special occasions

A welcoming school encourages positivity and community.

The 2020 Heart Parents are:

Prep CP - Natasha Griffin
Prep T - Bec Eyles and Leanne Fooks
Prep M - Bernie Melrose and Katie Kona
Year 1B - Bridget Daykin and Kelli Symonds
Year 1R - Renee Carswell and Meg Size
Year 1G - Annie Shepard
Year 2G - Robyn Kleinhans
Year 2S - Helen Prince
Year 2H - Bernie Melrose and Lisa McDonald
Year 3A - Bec Eyles
Year 3W - Hollie Neagle and Tamara Dooley
Year 4M - Dani Davey and Kylie Pilcher
Year 4S - Annie Shepard and Katie Kona
Year 5MS - Heidi Gleeson and Jacki Zettle
Year 5J - Nicole Dendle, Toni Herron and Katie Kona
Year 5L - Nikki Edwards and Mara O'Reilly
Year 6E - Shannon Ballard and Belinda Roper
Year 6KS - Bernie Melrose and Robyn Kleinhans



Thank you to these wonderful volunteers for your service to our school. It is greatly appreciated.

Lord be with and bless our Heart Parents. In their service, give them strength and by your Spirit, give them grace. May the love they give be returned to them in greater numbers and may your joy fill their hearts. Amen.

Have a great weekend.

Melissa Collins

From The APC

Over the next 2 weeks, children in Years 2 through 6 will be involved in PAT Mathematics (PAT M) and PAT Reading (PAT R) assessments.

This Progressive Achievement approach is used in thousands of schools in Australia and around the world. The approach focuses on assessing and monitoring student growth over time.

The PAT assessments come from the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER), creating and promoting research-based knowledge, products and services to improve learning.

ACER's approach is informed by a growth mindset – tailoring teaching to the needs of the individual learner to advance the progress of every student, regardless of their starting point.

PAT M tests students' skill and understanding in the six strands of Mathematics, it also addresses the mathematical process of understanding, fluency, problem solving and reasoning.

The Progressive Achievement Tests in Reading assess students' reading comprehension skills, vocabulary knowledge and spelling.

The tests are mapped against the Australian Curriculum. Data from these tests allows teaching staff to plan and implement quality lessons and activities to meet the needs of all learners in their classroom.

For more information visit: <https://www.acer.org/au/pat>

Have a wonderful week.

Lisa List

Important Dates

February

Monday 17th – AGM of our P. and F. association at 5.30pm.

Friday 21st – Bishop's inservice day in Rockhampton. Pupil free day.

Monday 24th – School board meeting 7pm.

Tuesday 25th - Shrove / Pancake Tuesday. Breakfast at school from 7.45am.

Wednesday 26th - Ash Wednesday (First day of Lent)

March

Tuesday 17th - Year 4 to 6 swimming carnival

April

Friday 3rd – Final day for Term 1

Friday 10th – Good Friday

Sunday 12th – Easter Sunday

Monday 13th – Easter Monday. Public holiday.

Tuesday 20th – School resumes for Term 2.



Reflection

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

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

Sacramental Dates 2020

Last week all children in Years 4, 5 and 6 who have not yet received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Communion and/or Confirmation were sent an email regarding this process. If you did not receive this email and wish for your child to enrol in these Sacraments, please contact school.

The **Reconciliation** program is as follows:

A parent/child preparation session and 3 masses are to be attended with children.

These sessions will begin at the times listed below.

Information session Saturday February 29th 3:45pm.

Registration Saturday March 7th Enrolment mass 5:40pm registration.

Two additional masses (dates of own choice by May 9th).

You are able to celebrate your first Reconciliation on any Saturday afternoon at 5pm, at Sacred Heart Church, after March 7th and prior to May 9th.

Confirmation Friday - 14th August. First Eucharist Saturday - 15th August.

If you and/or your child/ren are interested or wish for some information on being baptised and becoming a Catholic, please contact the Parish Office on 49336171.

Shrove / Pancake Tuesday

The day before Lent commences is known as Pancake (or Shrove) Tuesday. This year, it is Tuesday 25th February.

A day when traditionally pancakes were made to use up all the eggs, milk and lard before the Lenten fast began when people not only cut back on food but also ate very simply.

Proceeds from Pancake Tuesday will go to the Project Compassion Appeal. Please support this worthy cause.

Breakfast commences at 7.45am in our multi-purpose area. Pancakes are \$1 each and poppers are \$1. All invited.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes, in a cross, on the forehead. The ashes symbolise the dust from which God made us and is a reminder that we will return to God one day.

On Wednesday 26th February, students and staff will be involved in Ash Wednesday liturgies or the parish mass.

Children in Years 4-6 will attend the 9am mass at Sacred Heart Church. Children in Prep – Year 3 will participate in year level liturgies throughout the day as follows:

Prep: 12:30pm at school

Year 1: 11:45am at school

Year 2: 10:15am at school

Year 3: 9am at school

All are welcome to attend any of these services to mark the beginning of Lent.



Pupil Free Day

Next Friday, 21st February is a pupil free day at Sacred Heart School with all our teachers involved in the Bishop's Inservice Day in Rockhampton.

Our children are not required to come to school on this day.

Our school office will still be operating with Mrs Murphy and Mrs Todman. Thank you.

P. and F. AGM and General Meeting

Our P. and F. will be having their AGM followed by their General Meeting this Monday 17th February at 5:30pm in the school's staffroom. At this meeting, our 2020 executive will be elected.

If you have any items you wish to add to our meeting agenda please email these to maxwell_martin@rok.catholic.edu.au Only agenda items forwarded before a meeting will be discussed at that meeting. Thank you.

Student Awards

Prep	Lincoln Fooks, Greta Hovey, Molly Shepherd, Felix Suttle, Emily Boon, Jacob Czitan, Kayden Griffin Amelia Crick, Millie Eames, Brock Solis, Willow Mills
Year 1	Jordan Keily, Indigo Crosby, Elka Guhr, Haylen Barlow, Adarna Theobold, Emmett Symonds, Addison Toby, Ben Sharp
Year 2	Maycie Clarke, Beckett Catt, Avah Schwennesen, Isla Kleinhans, Kirby Kenny, Ivy Ballard Eevienna Wolfenden, Alex Todd, Harley Neagle
Year 3	Indie Oram, Spencer Toby, Liana Wheoki, Kai Nielson, Cooper O'Rourke, Evie Eyles, Payron Size
Year 4	Layla Carswell, Cash Warner
Year 5	Jina Jothiraj, Georgie Hay, Piper Nielsen, Nathan Brans
Year 6	Morgan Bridgeman, Chloe Hawkes, Benjamin Miller, Sima Farlow, Ayla Brown, Preston McFarlane

MJR Award

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

Well done to the following recipients for this week:

Jayden Jackson from Year 6 for showing resilience and commitment during our Opening Mass.

Charlie Busch from Year 2 for the way you quietly notice others around you that need help and for helping them in a quiet manner. Well done.

Tiarna Vann from Year 1 for always displaying beautiful manners. Thank you.

Mikayla De Beer from Year 3 for being a great friend and always looking out for others.

Cash Warner from Year 4 for showing great determination and perseverance at swimming lessons.

Charlie Palaret from Year 5 for always being cheerful and friendly towards others.



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:

Nicholas Goltz from Year 3 for looking after the wildlife around our school. Thank you.

Sage Neilsen, Amira Mitchell and Ava Goodger from Year 2 for watering our garden and looking after the plants. Thank you.



School and House Captains

Congratulations to the following children who have been elected to captaincy positions for 2020.

Our school captains semester one: Charlotte Richards and Ben Miller

Our school vice captains semester one: Maggie Cook and Isaac Thomas



Our house captains:

Cana Jaxon Pambid and Ayla Brown

Tabor Bronson Toby and Abby Robertson

Galilee Jack McLean and Amber Johnson

Jordan Ryan Hendrie and Nya Minto

Well done also to all our Year 6 children who made speeches last week. Their commitment shown and efforts in preparing and presenting their speeches were very impressive.



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Sophie Howard's (Prep) grandmother who passed away this week.

Congratulations

To Tenielle and Clancy Middleton (Beau Year 2 and Heidi Year 5) on the birth of Maggie May on Monday.

To Mrs Deb McGuire (One of our Prep teachers) on being a grandmother again. Well done. Sloan Darcy and mother are doing well.

My Holiday Recount

On the holidays, I went to the beach because Mum went to work. We played outside on my bike. After that, I went on the motorbike to the dam. Then we went inside for lunch.

I went to Brisbane for Christmas. We stayed in a motel for two nights. Then I went to see my cousin.

We also went to Toowoomba and played at a waterpark. By Connor Year 3

Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum

The Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum will be taught in all classes in Term 1. The link to the website is (<http://www.danielmorcombe.com.au/dm-child-safety-curriculum.html>)

The Curriculum is based around three key messages: **Recognise**, **React** and **Report**.

The **Recognise** message encourages students to be aware of their surroundings and to recognise warning clues.

The **React** message helps students to consider choices that may keep them safe or help make them safe again as quickly as possible.

The **Report** message encourages students to report unsafe incidents to an adult.

Teachers use a variety of materials, including interactive whiteboard activities, worksheets and safety books, to deliver the **Recognise**, **React** and **Report** messages. Developmentally appropriate scenarios are also used to explore and discuss safety situations that children may encounter in the home, at school or in their environment.

Students are encouraged to share the resources they complete in class with their families to help keep parents informed about the content being discussed and to promote discussion about safety in the home.

Community News

Pumped Sports at Sacred Heart School

Pumped Sports' new Ninja Dash event is coming to Sacred Heart School on Thursday 5th March starting at 3.15pm and runs for 75 minutes.

Cash or credit card payments can be made on the day. Primary school children are \$15. For more information and to register head to <https://pumpedsport.com.au/special-events/ninja-dash/>



Cap Coast Brothers Rugby League Registration

Cap Coast Brothers is seeking registrations in the following age groups:


U6 – Born in 2014

U12 – Born in 2008

For more information and details on how to register please contact Club Registrar Bree Ryan 0413 992 790 or email capcoastbrothersjrl@hotmail.com

Is your daughter eligible for Secondary School in 2021? St Ursula's College Discovery Day provides an introduction to secondary school through exciting and informative activities for current Year 6 students. Further information and registration forms can be found on the College website www.stursulas.qld.edu.au

JOIN US FOR DISCOVERY DAY 2020



Our Discovery Day will introduce you to the exciting possibilities on offer as a St Ursula's College student. We specialise in educating girls and have a culture of empowering each student to pursue their interests, build their confidence and develop leadership skills.

- Experience real 'Secondary School' activities throughout the day
- Discover the opportunities St Ursula's College provides
- Connect with other students
- Experience a guided Campus tour from our current Year 7 students

Venue: St Ursula's College, Yeppoon

Arrive: Thursday 12 March by 8.30am at the BCC (Queen St)



Depart: Thursday 12 March at 2.30pm at the BCC (Queen St)

RSVP: Thursday 5 March (please complete Registration Form and return to natalies@stursulas.qld.edu.au)

Wear: Students must wear their current school uniform and hat
Please Bring: Drink bottle, note book and pencil case.
No school bag required.

We will provide: Lunch, snacks and a special take-home presentation bag.

To confirm your attendance please complete a Registration Form found at www.stursulas.qld.edu.au and return to Natalie Sallsbury at natalies@stursulas.qld.edu.au



POSITION VACANT

Indigenous Teacher Assistant Term Time (10 HPW)

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Yeppoon

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and enthusiastic persons for the position of Indigenous Teacher Assistant. This is a term-time contract position (10 HPW) for 2020, with the commencement date to be negotiated.

The successful applicant should be able to demonstrate:

- A knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and spiritualities.
- An ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, their families and school staff to improve educational outcomes through targeted and direct academic support.

When applying please ensure you include a 1-2 page cover letter statement outlining your demonstrated capabilities as outlined in the above criteria.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

An understanding of and a commitment to the ethos of Catholic Education, a Working with Children Check (WWCC) and eligibility for a Suitability Notice will also be required.

Applications should be addressed to:

Maxwell Martin
Principal - Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School
Email - Maxwell.Martin@rok.catholic.edu.au

no later than 3pm on Wednesday 19 February 2020

Catholic Education is committed to best practice in student protection policies and procedures and is an equal opportunity employer.

Yeppoon Sharks Swimming Club



Trivia & Pizza

please pre-purchase tickets from
www.yeppoonsharkstrivia.eventbrite.com.au



Cash Only Event
Entry includes Pizza,
1xDrink, 1xRaffle Ticket

Also available: snacks, soft drinks, beer & wine, lucky door prize, raffle & more...

**Salt Yeppoon
Function Room
32 Anzac Parade
Sat 29 Feb 2020
5:00pm Arrival
5:30 Trivia Starts**

**Adults
\$25
Under 16
\$10**



Sea Q Boardriders

SIGN ON DAY 2020

Sun 16th Feb

8am till Midday

**Yeppoon Rotary Park (closest
carpark to the Caravan Park).
Come along and grab a sausage
and meet the committee.**

**All info for the year will be
available. (including comp dates)**