



## SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Enriching Spirits ~ Educating Minds

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# NEWSLETTER

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### From The Principal's Desk

During my time as a principal, I have taught with many wonderful prep teachers and teacher assistants. Sacred Heart School is no different, having very professional and committed staff leading and nurturing our Preps through their first and probably the most important year of their education.

The stories that emerge from Prep are often amazing and very humorous. The old adage that from the mouths of babes come profound truths is very common. Following are two such examples.

A Prep teacher during a Religion lesson, was observing her children while they were drawing. As she walked past Emma who was working diligently, she asked what she was drawing. Emma replied, 'I'm drawing God.'

The teacher paused and said, 'That's great, Emma. But did you know that no one really knows what God looks like.'

Emma replied, 'They will soon.'

Another tale commences with the Prep teacher asking her class to name some words that start with the 's' sound. The children's faces lit up and the teacher was bombarded with words like: snake, snail, sun, Sam, Sarah. The list went on.

Very impressed, the teacher then said, "I am thinking of another 's' word and it is something that sizzles on a barbecue and you eat it." There was silence. Then little Joe's hand shot up and he was so excited to have the answer.

"Yes, Joe," said the teacher, "what can you eat, that sizzles on a barbecue and starts with the sound 'ssss'."

Joe blurted out, "Kebab."

I know that Sacred Heart School, Yeppoon is committed to providing a special place for our children in Prep. We offer

- An exciting, fun, inquiry and play-based curriculum.
- Modern facilities and equipment.
- Dedicated teachers and committed support staff.
- Faith and values development integrated into the curriculum.
- Close partnerships with parents, families and community.
- Commitment to the growth and development of the whole child: spiritually, intellectually, physically, culturally, socially and emotionally.
- A safe environment and caring community fostering the individuality of each child.
- Integration within the wider school community enabling a smooth transition to Year 1.

It is amazing how far our current Preps have come in the 7 months they have been at school. Their independence, enthusiasm, skill development and confidence are very visible each day and I thank; Mrs Campbell, Mrs McGuire, Mrs Todd, Mrs Page, Mrs Tucker, Mrs Nielsen and Mrs McDonald for all that they do for our Preps.

Every day, they participate in activities where they actively make choices about what and how they learn, investigate and learn how to inquire about their interests, plan collaboratively with their teacher, participate in music and language experiences, investigate and play independently, in pairs, small groups and as a class, participate in dramatic play to build an understanding of themselves and the world around them, draw and paint to encourage oral language, reading and writing skills and construct, using blocks and creating collages to develop early mathematical concepts and skills.

No wonder they are exhausted each day.

With this in mind, all prospective Prep families for 2021 are invited to attend one of two open sessions, we are having at our school. The first will be next Wednesday 19th August from 5pm when we will be offering tours around our school to see what we have to offer.

The second on Wednesday 26th August from 5pm. Please feel welcome to come and join us at these times. Spread the word.

At Prep, we are becoming very excited about the work that will be commencing during the September holidays with refurbishing our play area. Our Catholic Education Office has provided Sacred Heart with \$300 000 for this upgrade. Plans for your perusal will be available from Monday next week.

All the best

Max Martin

### From The APRE

To make an assumption is to accept something as true or as certain to happen, without proof.

This Saturday 15th August, marks the Assumption of Mary. It is a day that Christians all over the world celebrate when Our Blessed Mother was taken up into Heaven, body and soul. This day we assume that Mary went straight to Heaven and that she is always with us and that she loves us very much.

As a child, I prayed that I would be as perfect as Mary and that this would happen to me if I tried hard enough to be a good person and live just as Mary lived her life. I have obviously come to the realisation that this is not going to be the case, although I do believe that both Jesus and Mary love us all unconditionally, my thoughts have certainly changed. While I aim to live like Mary, my most important job in life is to be the best mother possible.

Being a perfect mother is impossible, especially when you have had sleepless nights and stress filled days worrying about children. It helps to know that I can get through this by remembering that Mary is always with me and that she loves me more than anything in the world (strong coffee and a glass of wine occasionally help as well). Knowing that I am always there for my children and for students helps me to realise that Mary is guiding me along the way.

This week, as we remember Mary, I offer this prayer to all mothers - new, past and present.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.

Amen.

Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy your children,

Melissa Collins

### From The APC

This morning, I was in a Year 5 classroom and was asked to read a fantastic picture book about the Australian Goldrush to the children. The reading strategy that the students had been focussing on was 'making connections'. I asked them what this meant, and Chloe told me *'when we read, we need to think about connections to the real world, connections to our own experiences and connection to the text.'*

The first paragraph in the book referred to typhoid fever and we connected this disease from the past to the current worldwide situation with Covid-19. We continued to read about the gold fossicking in Ballarat and I was told about Levi bringing in some real gold to show the class.

Connections are everywhere and when children make these real connections to their learning, they are more likely to understand the concepts and continue to apply them in unfamiliar circumstances.

The same idea of connections applies to spelling and word study. Here is another ['cheat sheet'](#) for parents to use at home with question prompts to help children make those important connections with words.



### National Science Week

Next week is National Science Week. It is a great time to have your children to reconnect with the world around them. Here are some 'backyard' science ideas you can do for 'home'work.

- [Recycled Weather Station](#)
- [Animal Detective](#)
- [Flower Dissection](#)
- [Insects at Night](#)

If you complete any of them, make sure you share this with me, [Samantha\\_Suthers@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Samantha_Suthers@rok.catholic.edu.au)

Yours in learning

Mrs Samantha Suthers

## Congratulations Mrs Suthers - Principal St Joseph's Blackall 2021

Congratulations to our Assistant to the Principal coordinating Curriculum, Mrs Samantha Suthers on her appointment as principal of St Joseph's Catholic School, Blackall, commencing in 2021.

Mrs Suthers has been on our school leadership team at Sacred Heart for the past five years, a member of staff for twelve years and we wish her all the very best in her new role.

Well done.

## Reflection

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

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

## Capricorn Coast Catholic Parish

Here is the Sacred Heart Church Bulletin from this week. Stay connected and enjoy.

Link to [Bulletin](#)

## Important Dates

### August

Friday 14th - Yeppoon Show holiday

Sunday 16th - Feast of the Assumption

Monday 17th - Science Week starts. Theme is Deep Blue: Innovations for the future of our oceans.

Wednesday 19th - 2021 Prep Open session 5pm

Thursday 20th - Whole school assembly 8.40am Year 2H presenting.

Thursday 20th August - St Brendan's Discovery Day for our Year 6 boys

Wednesday 26th - 2021 Prep Open session 5pm

### September

Thursday 3rd - Whole school assembly 8.40am Year 2G

Friday 4th - Pupil free day

Sunday 6th - Fathers' day

Thursday 10th - Whole school assembly 8.40am Year 4M presenting.

Friday 18th - Final day of Term 3

## Welcome

To Trudi and Kyle Hartley, Connor in Year 3 and Noah in Prep.

Welcome to Sacred Heart and into our school family. All the very best.

## Student Awards

<b>Prep</b>	Maci Busch, Evelyn Donald, Henry Goldman, Skylar Rapmund
<b>Year 1</b>	Ashton Virzintas, Ivy Carswell, Charlotte Luckey, Willem Shakleton, Jayden Scott, Blake McQuillen
<b>Year 2</b>	Paige Kinsey, Maycie Clarke, Charlotte Solis, Cooper Griffin
<b>Year 3</b>	Isaac Davey, Ashton Finch, Isabella Todman, Kai Neilson, Elizabeth Nye, Adam Van Zanden-Gillen, Connor Hartley
<b>Year 5</b>	Kuris Ramke, Isla Shackleton
<b>Year 6</b>	Andre Viljoen, Jack McLean, Tyson Rose, Charlie Bone, Hunter Ballard

## MJR Awards Week 5

Indie Oram from Year 3 for being an MJR team player and showing great teamwork.

Ruby Hay from Year 6 for showing the spirit of Jesus by offering the best part of your lunch to your teacher, who had forgotten theirs.

Evie Eyles from Year 3 for showing thoughtfulness and compassion towards your classmates.

Hazel Hovey from Year 3 for showing great resilience.



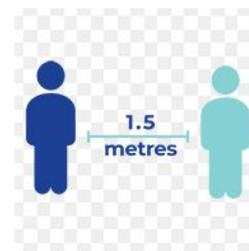
## Social Distancing At Sacred Heart - Thank You

Thank you to all our parents and carers for paying particular attention to the requirement for adults to maintain physical distancing of 1.5m at all times if you are on school grounds.

**Especially when picking children up from our multi-purpose area each afternoon.**

Each day, children from all Year levels are to be dropped off and picked up from our multi-purpose area.

Adults are asked not to come to classrooms. Thank you.



## School Fees For Term 3

School fees were sent home at the start of last week. These are due for payment by 31st August.

Please contact Stacey Todman at our office if you have not received them. Thank you

## Tuckshop Week 6

Wednesday tuckshop will be for our Prep, Year 1s and 2s.

The meal deal will be chicken nuggets (gluten free homemade nugget option available) or a vegetarian option of sweet potato and zucchini fries, fruit kebab and a popper.

Friday tuckshop will be for our Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

The meal deal will either be a chicken tender wrap (gluten free homemade tender available) or a vegetarian option of sweet potato and zucchini fries, fruit kebab and a popper.

All meal deals will be \$6.50.

## Interschool Chess Tournament

Congratulations to the following students who represented Sacred Heart in the Interschool Chess tournament today in Rockhampton: Nicholas Eaton, Ben Miller, Thomas Brown, Brianna Brandish, Bruin Carter, Andre Viljoen, Alex Collins, Ethan Pederson, Morgan Bridgeman and Aedan Ryan.

From all reports, they played well and were fine ambassadors for our school.

## Year 6 Discovery Day At St Brendan's

Next Thursday 20th August, our Year 6 boys have been invited to attend a Discovery Day at St Brendan's College. This day will provide our boys with an experience of the activities which they may undertake in Year 7.

If you wish for your son to attend this day and have not registered, please contact the College.

### Companion Cup Netball and Rugby League

An annual event on the school calendars of Sacred Heart and St Benedict's is the Companion Cup. This event involves inter school netball and rugby league games.

This year, these will be played on Friday 11th September 2020 at St Benedict's during school time.

Boys and girls interested in playing rugby league from Year 6 and 5 are invited to attend training this Sunday 16th, 9.30am to 10.30am at Sacred Heart School. A strict COVID plan is required for this training to occur and this has been approved by our diocesan office. Parents and carers are unable to attend this session. Thank you for your support in this regard.

### Year 6 Writing - Epitaphs

Here lies the body of Mrs Collins  
In the ground she has fallen.  
Eaten by a shark off Lammermoor  
Sad to say she is alive no more.

Here lies the body of James Thick  
His fingers loved to click, click.  
Sadly, James got very ill  
After getting bitten by his dog, Bill.

Here lies the body of our friend, Zade.  
Six foot under and lying in the shade.  
The last thing he ate was a diamond scale mullet  
Little did he know, it got stuck in his gullet.

Here lies the poor body of Blayze  
Her life was exciting and a real daze  
Twelve years old to this day  
Her death was a huge dismay.

Here lies the body my friend, Jackson  
Full of energy and only two foot tall  
When he went to the shopping mall  
Getting extensions for his legs  
But sadly he fell in a river bend  
And to his life that was the end.

Here lies the body of Michaela Broom  
She liked to make her car go Vroom  
Her car collided with a roo  
That was the end of Michaela, boo hoo.

Here lies the body of our mate, Giulio  
He plays footy, the position, wing.  
While on the field he loves to sing.  
He was tackled by an enormous front rower  
And now poor Giulio is way down lower.



5PM WEDNESDAY 19TH AND 26TH AUGUST

## SACRED HEART SCHOOL PREP 2021 OPEN DAY



Contact 49 948215 or shy@rok.catholic.edu.au  
All welcome. Thank you.

Community News



# Enrol Now

## C&K Taranganba Community Kindergarten

### Enrol now for 2021

Contact us: [taranganba@candk.asn.au](mailto:taranganba@candk.asn.au) Phone: 49302084  
Or: [www.candk.asn.au](http://www.candk.asn.au) (Use the "Find a C&K near you")



### EMU PARK SLSC

## 2020-2021 SEASON SIGN-ON & POOL PROFICIENCY SWIM

### FOR NIPPERS & SENIORS

9:00 to 11:00am @ Emu Park (Don Ireland) Pool

2 dates to choose from:

Sunday September 6 or Sunday September 13

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP - \$242  
INDIVIDUAL ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP - \$88  
INDIVIDUAL ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP - \$110

All new members will need identification  
(birth certificate &/or driver's licence)

NIPPER AGE GROUPS THIS SEASON:  
ANYONE BORN BETWEEN 1 OCTOBER 2006  
AND 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

First Day of Nippers: Sunday September 20



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