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From The Principal's Desk

It's not just about the result.

Undoubtedly you have heard of the wonderful performance of our netball and rugby league teams at the Challenge Cup last week. Our girls played like champions and the boys won the Challenge Cup with an extraordinary run of good gamesmanship.

However, I am not just proud of the results, I'm proud of the behaviour of our children at the carnival. At one stage, there was a coaches' meeting and most of the adults in charge were called in to a circle. Out of the corner of my eye, I could see the Sacred Heart students, sitting quietly, hats on, chatting amicably in the distance, just as they had been asked to

Over and over again, I saw evidence of Sacred Heart children playing with courage and courtesy, using their manners and enjoying the spirit of the carnival. I wish to recognise the families who have supported our school in encouraging this good behaviour. Thank you.

We put Astronauts on the Moon.

We have this habit, as humans, of labelling things into neat little boxes, separate and categorised. A classic is the debate of religion versus science. In history, there are clear examples of churches suppressing or belittling developing scientific theory. Today there are many examples of science suppressing or belittling religion (Brian Cox, Richard Dawkins).

However, the concept that science cannot accommodate faith and vice versa is far from the truth.

This week saw the anniversary of the first time humanity stepped upon the moon, one of the greatest scientific feats of history. Interestingly, it is a perfect time to hear the voices of some of those men who were involved in space travel; men who were highly educated scientists and trail blazers, men whose faith was strengthened by one of the greatest scientific experiments.

Neil Armstrong during his speech to the U.S. Congress thanked them for giving him the opportunity to see some of the grandest views of the Creator.

Presbyterian elder, Buzz Aldrin was the second man to walk and only person to hold a religious ceremony on the Moon. He radioed Earth, "I'd like to take this opportunity to ask every person listening in, whoever and wherever they may be, to pause for a moment and contemplate the events of the past few hours, and to give thanks in his or her own way."

Using a kit given to him by his pastor, he took communion. "In the one-sixth gravity of the Moon, the wine slowly curled and gracefully came up the side of the cup," he said later, describing the moment.

In his autobiography, Aldrin reflected that "perhaps, if I had to do it over again, I would not choose to celebrate communion. Although it was a deeply meaningful experience for me, it was a Christian sacrament, and we had come to the Moon in the name of all mankind – be they Christians, Jews, Muslims, animists, agnostics, or atheists. But at the time, I could think of no better way to acknowledge the enormity of the Apollo 11 experience than by giving thanks to God."

James Irwin, the eighth person to walk on the Moon once said, "I felt the power of God as I'd never felt it before. Being on the moon had a profound spiritual impact upon my life. Before I entered space with the Apollo 15, I was a lukewarm Christian. The Earth reminded us of a Christmas tree ornament hanging in the blackness of space. As we got farther and farther away it diminished in size. Finally, it shrank to the size of a marble, the most beautiful marble you can imagine. That beautiful, warm, living object looked so fragile, so delicate, that if you touched it with a finger it would crumble and fall apart. Seeing this has to change a man, has to make a man appreciate the creation and love of God.

As 'little ants' wandering busily around on this tiny globe in the Orion Arm of the Milky Way, it is good to connect with a

broader image of creation. We cannot look down on the Earth from space, but we can marvel at other gifts of nature. Maybe the sunrise over Lammermoor could be a gentle reminder that, as John Glenn, the first American to orbit the Earth said, "To look out at this kind of creation and not believe in God, is to me impossible."

All the best Max Martin

From Our APRE

As a parent our biggest job in life is to nurture our children to be the best version of themselves possible. For me, it is important that my children are kind, honest and giving. This week, my story started like this.....

During the last week of the holidays, my No. 4 had a tonsillectomy in Brisbane. His doctor insisted that he could not leave Brisbane until after the 14th day post op. Apparently the risk of bleeding is high. I returned to work on Day 6 and left No. 4 in the care of my parents. Thankfully, by the time I left, he was over the worst.

Over the weekend, I received some wonderful photos of No. 4 with his brothers and 4 of my nephews, who are all at a similar age. The photos were taken on day 12 and 13 post op. Whilst I should have been delighted that these young men were taking time out to spend with each other, I had one major problem. Besides the fact that No. 4 has no money and I am paying for him to go to Uni, they were at Splendour, a music festival in Byron Bay and he was not to leave Brisbane.

No. 2 was ecstatic when I rang as he, his brother and cousins all pitched to pay for No. 4's ticket because they knew that he had no money. They also felt bad as he was the only one of the boy cousins in that age group (there are 32 of them), that wasn't there. After No. 2 copped an earful about No. 4's health and how he needed to be close to a hospital, he assured me that he would not leave his side and would make sure that he got him to hospital if need be.

I wondered if I would ever achieve in my biggest job in life of nurturing my children to be the best version of themselves. The realisation came after a while. My children are giving, after all they paid for No. 4's ticket. They were honest and told me where they were and lastly they are kind as I know that No. 2 stayed with No. 4 all night to keep an eye on him (I can't say the same for No. 3 although I would like to think that I haven't had the chance to catch up with him yet.)

Lord, may our children grow up to be the best version of themselves. Help them to share random acts of kindness, honour their word and to give 'til it hurts. Most importantly, let them live their lives well. Amen.

Enjoy your weekend and keep an eye on your kids. God bless Mrs Melissa Collins

Sacrament of Eucharist

The sacramental program for First Eucharist will begin on Saturday 27th July. All those who wish their child to receive this sacrament are asked to attend the following information sessions and mass.

Saturday 27th July 4:45pm Registration and information session with the attendance of mass.

Saturday 3rd August 5:30pm Sign in and youth mass.

Saturday 10th August 4:45pm Sign in and Information session with the attendance of mass.

You need to bring your completed blue form along with \$25 to our first information evening. Thank you.

The Celebration of the sacraments will take place at Sacred Heart Church:

Sacrament of Confirmation - Friday 16th August at 6pm.

Sacrament of First Eucharist - Saturday 17th August at 6pm mass.

If your child is in Year 4 or above and has received the Sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation and has completed their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation and wishes to attend these preparation sessions, please contact Mrs Collins at school.

Diocesan Catholic Education Week Mass

This Wednesday 31st July, all the Catholic schools and colleges in our diocese will be celebrating Catholic Education Week with mass at St Joseph's Cathedral in Rockhampton.

Our Year 6 school and house captains along with Mrs Collins and Mr Martin will be attending this mass which commences at 10am. It will be a wonderful occasion to meet with others and celebrate all that is Catholic Education.

Catholic Education Week

'Many Voices, One Spirit' is the theme for this year's Catholic Education Week. At Sacred Heart, we are celebrating this with a prayer assembly led by 6L on Thursday 1st August, commencing at 8:40am.

Sacred Heart Year 4 students will join with St Benedict's, St Brendan's and St Ursula's students to celebrate the parish Anointing mass with Bishop Michael and Father Matthew, commencing at 10am.

Please feel welcome to join us at these events.

Spiritual Connections

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

From Our APC

ICAS Assessments

This term, Sacred Heart has registered for the online ICAS Assessments. If you wish for your child to participate in any of the following assessments, registration will take place online. All registrations will need to be completed by 14th August. A school code and link will be provided in next week's newsletter. There is a cost for all assessments, \$14.50 excl. GST, per subject per student.

The ICAS Assessments are designed to assess a student's ability to apply classroom learning in new contexts, using higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills. ICAS Assessments are designed to recognise and reward academic excellence. The assessments are based on the curriculum for the relevant year.

Dates for ICAS Testing:

ICAS Digital Technologies (Monday 2nd September)

ICAS Science (Wednesday 4th)

ICAS Writing (Monday 9th September)

ICAS Spelling (Friday 13th September)

ICAS English (Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th September)

ICAS Mathematics (Wednesday 18th September)

Premier's Reading Challenge

A reminder that Premier's Reading Challenge is still running, until Monday of week 6. All forms need to be returned to the office by Monday 19th, with class book awards being presented at assembly on Thursday 22nd August. Our Sacred Heart P. and F. is donating these.

Have a wonderful week.

Mrs Lisa List.

Important Dates

July

Friday 26th - Development Shield 10 years rugby league interschool competition Monday 29th - Catholic Education Week starts Wednesday 31st - Catholic Education Week mass in Rockhampton Thursday 1st - School photos

Thursday1st - Year 6L presenting assembly 8.40am

Friday 2nd - School photos

Friday 2nd - Prep excursion to the Pilbeam Theatre

Friday 2nd Year 5 and 6 interschool sport commences

Monday 5th - School board meeting 7pm. Our Diocesan director, Miss Leesa Jeffcoat attending.

Tuesday 6th - Prep / Year 1 and Year 2 / 3 athletics carnivals at school

Thursday 8th - Assembly at 8.40am with Year 4S presenting.

Monday 12th - Science Week

Wednesday 28th - Prep vision screening

Welcome

To Mrs Anne Standen who will be teaching Year 6L every Thursday and Friday for the remainder of this year. She will be teaching this class with Mrs Jen Kenny.

Welcome, Mrs Standen.

Welcome To New Families

To Vienna in Year 2, Austin in Prep and their parents: Jodie and David.

Welcome into our Sacred Heart family.

Farewell To Mrs Cornish

This week, we farewell Mrs Bronwyn Cornish, one of our Prep teacher assistants.

Bronwyn has been working at Sacred Heart for the past seven years.

We wish her all the best for the future and thank her for all her wonderful work at our school.

Library News

Issue 5 Book Club pamphlets were sent home Tuesday23 July. Any non-LOOP orders are due back to the School Office by Monday 29th July please.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs O'Brien and Mrs Sullivan

School Photos

A reminder that our school photos will be taken next Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd August at school.

Information regarding these was sent home on Monday this week with the order form and money to be returned to school next week.

If you have any queries regarding photos, do not hesitate to contact Mrs Murphy at our office. Thank you.

Student Awards

Prep	Harper Gill, Emma Hall, Austen Carig, Vin Renshaw, Elka Guhr, Halle Smith
Year 1	Felix Shammall, Chelsea Allen, Ollie Palairet
Year 2	Sam Miller, Mackenzie Rapmund, Jorgia Hiron
Year 3	Ethan Todd, Alicia Hamilton
Year 4	Adelaide Gill, Savannah Waters, Poppy Oram, Hannah Wallis
Year 6	Neassa O'Reilly, Jacob Hemmings

Frankie (Environmental) Award

Riley Timperon from Year 4 for being a huge help in keeping the Year 3 and 4 lunch area tidy.



MJR Award

Lennix Bone from Year 3 for displaying great getting along skills at lunch times when playing handball.

Dayna Cook from Year 2 for being a good friend and looking after others at lunch times.

Mikayla De Beer from Year 2 for including others in your lunch time games. Thank you.

Eliza Green from Year 6 for being compassionate towards others and including others in activities.

Jayden Jackson from Year 5 for showing determination, skill and great sportsmanship at Challenge Cup.

Felix Shammall from Year 1 for being extremely helpful in collecting sports equipment left out at lunch times.



Prayer Assembly 4G

Year 4G lead us in a meaningful NAIDOC mass this morning. Thank you Mrs Gilliland and 4G



NAIDOC Week - St Brendan's Indigenous Dancers

Thank you to St Brendan's College and students for your performance today. The boys demonstrated a strong sense of culture through dance and engaged our entire school community. Well done.





St Ursula's College Japanese Immersion Day

Today, fifteen of our Year 6 girls attended a Japanese Immersion Day at St Ursula's College. They were involved in a myriad of activities about Japanese culture and met some of the students from St Ursula's sister school in Japan.

They thoroughly enjoyed themselves and cannot wait until next year to commence their language studies. Thank you to Mrs Emily Wallis, Mrs Catherine Dunbar and the St Ursula's community for your hospitality and providing this opportunity.

Prep Sight Testing

Sight testing for our Preps will be held at Sacred Heart on Wednesday 28th August. These are free, conducted by registered nurses and is a service through Queensland Health. Permission forms for this went home this week and are to be returned to school as soon as possible.

If you require more information about this service, please contact Mr Martin at school.

2020 Prep Enrolments

Enrolments at Sacred Heart are being taken for the 2020 Prep year (children born 1/7/2014 – 30/6/2015). Please register at our school office if you have a child who will be attending Sacred Heart Prep next year or if you know of any families who are intending to send their children to Sacred Heart. Thank you.

Challenge Cup

Congratulations to all from Sacred Heart who were involved in the organisation and management of our teams in this year's Challenge Cup. Thank you, Miss Sally Page, Mrs Jen Kenny, Mrs Lisa List, Mrs Melinda Murphy, Mr Jeff Guhr, Mr Cane Murphy, Mr Gavin Bennett and Mr Kevin Dean.

This competition for both netball and rugby league involving 28 schools from across our diocese is a wonderful event.

Well done to all our children involved and on their results.

Netball

Sacred Heart Blue won the Challenge Cup Shield (5th).

Sacred Heart Red won the Challenge Cup Plaque.

Rugby League

Sacred Heart won the Challenge Cup (1st) defeating St Anthony's, Rockhampton in the final 28-10.

Well done also to St Benedict's Yeppoon who won the overall Challenge Cup which combines results from both the netball and league. A great effort.

Development Shield

Tomorrow, Friday 26th July, our 10 years rugby league team will be playing in our local schools' Development Shield rugby league carnival at the Barmaryee sporting fields.

This event commences at 11.30am and concludes with finals at 1.45pm. We wish our team all the best.

Interschool Sport Term 3

Interschool sport commences next Friday 2nd August for all our Year 5 and 6 children.

Sports being played are touch football, AFL, basketball/volleyball and tee ball.

This competition runs for the next five Fridays at various venues and schools.

All our children will be bussed to and from the venues, leaving school at 11.45am and returning by 2.40pm.

All Year 5 and 6 teachers, Mrs Lis and Mr Martin will be supervising our children. More information about interschool sport will be sent home next Tuesday.

Prep to Year 3 Athletics Day

Tuesday 6th August, our Preps, Year 1s, 2s and 3s will be having their athletics carnival at school.

Remember we had to reschedule it due to inclement weather last term.

Our Preps and Year 1s will be 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 on that Tuesday.

Challenge Cup















Community News





Livingstone Shire Council is inviting residents to get their hands dirty for a good cause by taking part in Planet Ark's National Tree Day, sponsored by Ian Weigh Toyota at Kemp Beach, Scenic Highway on Sunday 28 July activities starting at 9am – 12pm. Cap Coast Landcare Group will have a table there too.

The event is happening beside the new bicycle path so why not cycle down past Lammermoor Beach and peaceful Statue Bay for the tree planting morning and have a dip or beach picnic afterwards?

Participants are advised to bring gloves, wear covered footwear and be sun safe by remembering sunscreen, hats and suitable clothes. A sausage sizzle and drinks will also be provided for participants.



