



21st November 2019

From The Principal's Desk

Last Saturday, I was walking past one of our local furniture stores which happens to have a wonderful nativity scene in its front window.

While admiring the display, I observed a young mum with a beautiful little boy in tow. He was literally hopping with excitement. He rushed to the window,

'Who's the baby?' he exclaimed.

'That's Mary and her baby Jesus,' the mum answered. He pulled forward and pushed his nose on to the glass. The young mum rapidly tugged his arm impatiently and pulled him towards the next shop, the chemist which had other Christmas gifts etc on display..

'Come on, let's see the bears. I don't want you to become all religious-ee.'

Other than the fact that, I very much doubt the word 'religious-ee' is a current or future word, the sentiment of the young mum struck a discordant note with me.

Happily they peered at the Christmas bears, the mini Ferris wheels and discussed the presents Santa would bring but the whole 'spirit' and the reason for the season were absent.

The boy was, in some way, being taught that Christmas was a time of indulgence and commercialism. What will 'I' get for Christmas. I understand, a parent has a right to inform, or not, the spiritual foundations of their child, however, the whole conversation between mother and child involved presents.

Interestingly, a past Courier Mail article had some heartening statistics, nine out of ten Australians do not want the 'volume turned down' on public shows of religious Christmas traditions.

Nativity scenes and angels are welcome Christmas symbols enjoyed by 97% of Australians.

I think we all know the greatest joy of Christmas is in the giving, not the receiving.

We are often struck at Sacred Heart on the generosity and spirit of our children. They really have 'social justice hearts', shown by either their community service and/or generosity with fundraising. Our very active Mini Vinnies group is a testament to this.

Thank you, only children from good families recognise and action a focus on others.

As St Paul wrote in his second letter to the 2 Corinthians 9:7, 'Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.'

Dr Seuss has it right; Christmas is a time of joy and generosity, not about selfishness.

I may have written my Christmas newsletter too early however it is always important to start to remember the Christ in Christmas and the opportunity to celebrate his arrival on this Earth.

One way, we are doing this is with our End of Year concert to be held on Tuesday 3rd December in our multi-purpose area, commencing at 5.30pm. Each year level will be performing with many doing a Christmas carol.

Our children are asked to be seated by 5.20pm as they do for our school assembly and some chairs will be available for families. It may be a good idea to bring your own chair.

Really looking forward to this evening.

All the best

Max Martin

From The Assistant Principal Religion

Last week, the Year 12 students graduated after 13 years of education. For some, they were running out of the gate, for others they were happy that they made it to the end and then there were some who were tearful. Tearful for a variety of reasons; fear of the unknown; sad as they knew that there were some friends they may never meet again; and sad because they realised that their childhood is coming to an end. It's a day filled with a variety of emotions.

I had the privilege of having my number 5 graduate from St Ursula's College. I cannot thank St Ursula's College and all the staff enough for helping shape my daughter into the gentlest, kind, confident lady that she is today. Whilst a lot of work is done at home, it is the partnership with the school and their continual support along the way that makes our job as parents easier. One can only hope that we've taught them well and gave them the knowledge to know that God will always be with them along the way.

The poem below by Mary Stevenson was given to the graduating girls on a bookmark. I share it with you today as this was the same poem that I was given on my graduation day.

Footprints in the Sand

One night I dreamed a dream. I was walking along the beach with my Lord. Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life. For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand, one belonging to me and one to my Lord.

When the last scene of my life shot before me I looked back at the footprints in the sand. There was only one set of footprints. I realised that this was at the lowest and saddest times of my life. This always bothered me and I questioned the Lord about my dilemma.

"Lord, You told me when I decided to follow You, You would walk and talk with me all the way. But I'm aware that during the most troublesome times of my life, there is only one set of footprints. I just don't understand why, when I need You most, You leave me."

He whispered, "I love you and will never leave you, during your trials and testings. When you saw only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

The reality is that we all go through ups and downs in our lives. Sometimes God walks beside us and other times He must carry us.

Dear Lord

Bless all the newly graduated students. May they always remember that you are with them in good times and in bad. Look over them as they walk into their future. Amen.

Have a great weekend and all the best, graduating students.

Melissa Collins

From The Assistant Principal Curriculum

As we near the end of another school year, I found myself reflecting on the multitude of activities our students are involved in throughout the year. While we often find ourselves focusing on their achievements in learning, it is also wonderful to take note on how much they enjoy their learning journey.

Research tells us that by offering children the opportunity to experience learning in a variety of ways and settings, they can demonstrate peer mentoring, apply mathematical thinking, time management skills are learnt, create feelings of accomplishment, build confidence, have fun learning and are exposed to new opportunities (A Focused Examination of Stem Based Learning Environments, Utah State University).

I can honestly say that I have also learnt a lot teaching STEAM this year and one of my fondest memories is seeing the look of wonder in so many children, when given the opportunity to learn in this environment.

Below are comments from children in Year 1 and 6, sharing their favourite learning moment in STEAM.

Lucy: I liked building with the little blocks that connect together. I built a puppy.

Max: I like playing with the B-Bots. I made it go around the cup and back again.

Emmi: I like when we had to build the skyscraper with the Lego. We could have a friend to help us.

Archer: I liked building with Lego when we made a skyscraper. It looked really cool.

Alex: I liked learning Scratch Jr. We got to make our own world.

Maycie: I like when we did rotations with the blocks. We had to make a toy, an animal or something that you can move.

Taylor: Creating the paths and mazes on Dash.

Jacob: Using the coding games on Scratch.

Andrew: Coding the Spheros to move in any direction.

Shay: Making the geometric shapes.

Gage: Making the bridges out of paddle pop sticks and seeing whose could take the most weight.

Cass: Lego competition to build something on a random topic in a given time.

Sophie: Constructing a balloon powered car and challenging each other.

Wishing you a wonderful week

Mrs Lisa List

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](#)

Important Dates Term 4

November

Friday 22nd - Year 6 beach day at Yeppoon main beach. Year 6s from across all primary schools will be involved.

Monday 25th - Prep swimming lessons commence this week.

Monday 25th - Mini Vinnies visiting Home for the Elderly for Christmas choirs from 9am.

Thursday 28th - Year 4 to 6 swimming carnival at Cooee Bay pool

Thursday 28th - Year 3W assembly 8.40am.

Friday 29th - Prep / Year 1 and Year 2 / 3 swimming carnivals at Cooee Bay pool

December

Monday 2nd - End of Year liturgy at Sacred Heart Church 9.15am.

Monday 2nd - Year 6 graduation dinner at the Yeppoon Town Hall from 6pm.

Monday 2nd - Children's report cards available today.

Tuesday 3rd - End of Year concert from 5.30pm at school.

Thursday 5th - Whole school assembly 8.40am. Sacred Heart staff presenting.

Thursday 5th - Year 6s at Cool Waters for the day.

Friday 6th - Final day of Term 4

Children's Classes for 2020 Important Message

Families will be made aware of their child/ren's class and teacher for 2020 on Wednesday 11th December via email.

This email will also have attached the booklist for next year. Thank you.

If you have any concerns with accessing this, do not hesitate to contact Mr Martin at school.

Tuckshop

There will be no tuckshop on the last day of school, Friday, 6th December.

Sacred Heart Christmas Appeal

Each year, Sacred Heart supports the needy through this appeal, with each class adopting a family from our local community.

Our Yeppoon Vinnies' Conference coordinates the anonymous families and ensures that the donated gifts are delivered in time for Christmas. It is requested that gifts are new and unwrapped. They can be delivered to your child's class.

Non-perishable items can also be donated to assist with Christmas hampers to be distributed to the needy.

Student Awards

Prep	Halle Smith, Nylah Mellor, Ashton Virzintas, Dakota Size, Taj Rich
Year 1	Emmi Taylor, Bertie Harvey, Molly Doust, Charlie Campbell, Flynn Palaret, Kash Komsic, Will White, Evie Moore, Saige Nielsen
Year 2	Hazel Hovey, Jai Lucas, Havana Elliot, Josie Oram, Sam Miller, Payton Size
Year 3	Ruby Kona, Thea Gregson, Cash Warner, Ethan Virzintas
Year 4	Heidi Smith, Hunter Herron, Sabina Bridgeman, Brydie Somerville, Mackenzie Blackwood, Emma Dawson
Year 5	Ryan Hendrie, Giulio Somerville, Charlotte Richards, Charlie Bone, Ben Miller, Morgan Bridgeman, Rayne Watson
Year 6	Charley Neubecker, Cooper Smith, Liam Cook, Tieah Ramke, Oliver Cugola, Samuel Housman

MJR Award

Elka Guhr from Prep for always showing beautiful manners and being a wonderful friend at lunch times.

Taia Dooley from Prep for displaying great sportsmanship and excellent skills during the Cowboys' visit this week.

Molly Doust from Year 1 for looking after someone who was very sad on Wednesday. Thank you, Molly.

Amelia McLean from Year 2 for being a good friend and including lots of people in your games.

Olivia Kronk from Year 2 for showing wonderful getting along skills when playing.

Riley Timperon from Year 4 for always showing a cheerful attitude and for your enthusiastic 'Good Mornings'.

Jessica Gleeson from Year 6 for displaying a positive attitude and good leadership qualities at school.

Chloe Hawkes from Year 5 for being caring of others. Your gentle nature is appreciated at Sacred Heart.



Frankie (Environmental Award)

Mason Dendle Year 6 and Ben Sharp from Prep for taking an interest in our vegetable gardens and looking after it at certain times this week. Thank you.



Year 6 School Shirts For 2020. Message For Our Year 5 Families

As you would be aware, our Year 6s each year wear a different shirt to the rest of the school.

To ensure that your child has their Year 6 shirt prior to the start of the school year in 2020, Seaside Embroidery, Yeppoon requests that all orders be finalised by 15th January 2020.

The shirts are \$38.50 each.

Orders will only be accepted after your child has tried on the shirt as they are a smaller size than our everyday school shirt. Payment is appreciated on ordering.

If you have any questions, contact Melinda Murphy in our office or Lee-anne at Seaside Embroidery. Thank you

Years 4 to 6 Swimming Carnival

Our Years 4-6 swimming carnival will take place on Thursday 28th November at the Cooe Bay Aquatic Centre.

All children will come to school as normal on the carnival day. Classes will be bussed to the pool with their class teacher. The events will commence at 9:15am.

Children may wear a sun safe shirt in the colour of their sporting house. Closed in school shoes must be worn to and from school. Children may bring thongs or sandals to wear at the pool.

Please ensure your child has their hat, water bottle and lunch packed to bring to the carnival. Our children will not be accessing the canteen at the pool.

You are invited to come along and show your support on this day. At the conclusion of our carnival, all our Years 4, 5 and 6 children will be returning to school by bus.

If you have any queries regarding the swimming carnival contact our school office.

Following is a timetable with approximate times for events:

8.50am	Year 4 to 6 children leave school by bus.
9.15am	100m freestyle 9-12 years
9.40am	25m freestyle 9-12 years
10.05am	25m backstroke 9-12 years
10.30am	25m breaststroke 9-12 years
10.55am	50m freestyle 9-12 years
11.25am	50m backstroke 9-12 years
11.50am	50m breaststroke 9-12 years
12.15pm	50m butterfly 9-12 years

12.40pm Relays if time permits
1pm Presentation of age champions and winning house
1.10pm All children bussed back to school.

Timetable for Prep / Year 1 and Year 2 / 3 Swimming Carnivals

Next Friday 29th November, we will be having two swimming carnivals at the Cooe Bay pool.

The Year 2 and 3 carnival will commence at 9.20am with all our children being bussed to and from the pool by buses.

Following is a timetable for this carnival.

9am	Year 2 and 3 students depart Sacred Heart by bus
9.20am	Year 2 Freestyle (25m)
9:35am	Year 3 Freestyle (25m)
9.50am	Year 2 Backstroke (25m)
10.05am	Year 3 Backstroke (25m)
10.20am	Year 2 Breaststroke (25m)
10:35am	Year 3 Breaststroke (25m)
10:50am	Year 2 and 3 students depart Cooe Bay pool by bus

Our Prep and Year 1 carnival will commence at 11.20am. They will also be bussed to and from the pool.

Following is a timetable for this carnival.

11am	Prep and Year 1 students depart Sacred Heart by bus
11:20am	Year 1 Freestyle (15m)
11:35am	Prep kickboard (15m)
11.50am	Year 1 backstroke (15m)
12:05am	Prep noodle race (15m)
12:20am	Prep and Year 1 students depart Cooe Bay pool by bus

Hope to see lots of parents / carers in attendance.

End of Year Mass Celebration

This special celebration will be held this Monday 2nd December commencing at 9.15am at Sacred Heart Church. Father Matthew Moloney will be presiding.

All our children from Prep to Year 6 will be attending, walking to and from the church. Each child will need a water bottle.

At mass, we will be celebrating and offering thanks as a whole school family for the 2019 school year and our Year 6s.

At the conclusion of mass, we will be acknowledging our Year 6s and presenting them with a reminder of their schooling at Sacred Heart.

When we leave the church, our Prep to Year 5 children will be lining the street as our 6s walk back to school. (This will depend on the weather.) All our families are invited to attend. Back at school, all children will receive an ice block.

Year 6J Assembly

Thank you very much to our Year 6J class who presented assembly this morning. Their theme was Advent which is the Church season leading up to Christmas. This was our 6s final assembly at Sacred Heart and they read, acted and sang very well. Well done, Mrs Jenkinson, also.



Scrunchie and Headband Fundraiser

Three Sacred Heart children, Zsa Zsa, Niamh and Bria will be selling scrunchies and wire headbands that they have made, to raise money for those affected by our recent fires.

The scrunchies are \$3 each and the headbands, \$4 each and will be sold next Tuesday and Friday each morning and afternoon in our multi purpose area. The girls hope to raise \$100 and are looking forward to your support.



Cowboys' Development Visit

On Tuesday, each of our Prep classes had a session with two development officers from the North Queensland Cowboys. The children learnt how to pass, be evasive when someone is chasing you and how to score a try. A wonderful time was had and we thank the Cowboys for visiting our school.



Community News




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Capricornia Catchments Inc.
Seeing Past the Smoke Workshop

Disaster Recovery and Resilience


Taking Care of Our Place
Byfield
Supporting the Individual, Supporting Community

Program
 9:00am- Arrival and sign in
 9:15am- Welcome and overview Shelly McArdle
 9:30am- The story of last year
 10:00am-Lyndie Scott- Prepare Act Survive
 10:45am-Morning tea
 11:15am- Laurie Rainbird—LSC Community Dashboard
 11:45am- Vegetation Laws- State & Local Government
 12:15pm- Lunch
 1pm- Climate preparedness TBC
 1:45pm- Mental Health- fire focussed CQHSS
 2:30pm Wrap up and thankyou

Where: The Raspberry Creek Homestead, Byfield
When: Friday 22nd November, 2019
Times: 9:00am-2:30pm
RSVP: E: smcardle@capcatchments.org.au
 P: 0428123244 with dietary requirements

This event is jointly funded under the Commonwealth/State Disaster recovery Funding Arrangements



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Capricornia Catchments Inc.
Seeing Past the Smoke Workshop

Yoga Therapy and Art Wellbeing Workshop

Taking Care of Our People
Byfield
Supporting the Individual, Supporting Community

Program
 9:00am- Arrival and sign in and welcome
 9:15am-Overview of the Seeing Past the Smoke Project
 9:30am- What is Yoga Therapy
 9:45am Yoga Therapy Session
 11:15pm- Lunch
 Printmaking with Jet James
 3pm- Wrap up and thankyou

Morning Tea and Lunch Provided

Where: The Byfield Hall
When: Saturday 23rd November, 2019
Times: 9:00am-3pm
RSVP: E: smcardle@capcatchments.org.au
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