

5th December 2019

From the Principal's Desk

Shopping for Dolls

Last Saturday, I was shopping at Big W in Yeppoon.

I glanced to my left and caught sight of a queue at the doll section of the store. They were waiting for the shelves to be restocked with Mattel dolls.

As I looked, I realised that in the queue was Mr Timothy Collins, principal of our sister school, St Benedict's.

Knowing Tim, I was sure that all his daughters had either left home or were in Year 12 next year, so I wondered why he should want to buy a doll for Christmas, no doubt.

'Hi, Tim,' I cried, 'I hadn't realised you collected dolls.'

'I don't,' he replied laughing.

'Really,' I queried, 'then you must be buying a Christmas present then?'

'No, not at all, my friend,' responded Mr Collins, his eyes twinkling merrily.

'If you don't mind my asking then,' I said, 'Why exactly are you standing in this particular queue?'

'Oh that,' he laughed. 'It's like this, Max,' he mused, 'I've never been able to resist a *Barbie queue*.'

Yes, it's that time of year again, when we dust off the Christmas tree, order the prawns and join those endless queues.

You can smell Christmas in the air.

Hopefully, through it all, you will find time to put your feet up and enjoy the gifts of good friends and family.

Hopefully, too, you will take the opportunity to remember the reason for the season – the birth of Jesus Christ.

One thing Yeppoon has is a very strong, active Christian presence; all our local churches will be offering meaningful services to celebrate Jesus' birth.

Easter and Christmas are, at the least, two days when we should commit some time for giving thanks and some consideration to our inherent human spirituality.

We too say farewell to some of our families who are leaving us. Thank you for your support and involvement in our school.

Tomorrow, we officially say goodbye to our Year 6s who complete their primary schooling. Our school family wishes them well for the future. Hopefully, they will return to us at some time to say hi.

Have a wonderful break, everyone. To those travelling, stay safe. We look forward to seeing everyone again on Tuesday 28th January for the start of the 2020 school year.

Merry Christmas.

Max Martin



From the Assistant Principal Religion

The anticipation of the birth of a baby is a mix of emotions for any parent. There are many thoughts and questions that go around in your head like a Ferris Wheel..... When will the baby come? We're not ready yet? Is the room ready? We had better put our 14 month old in a bed as we will need the cot. Where will we fit this one in the house (depending on the size of your family and house – always a concern at our place)? The birth of a baby at our house was always disorganised – 5 out of 6 were all early.

Number 3's birth is still vividly etched in my mind. After feeling extremely uncomfortable, with some niggles through the night, knowing that I still had 4 weeks to go, I drove myself to the hospital to get checked, leaving my 'capable' husband at home with Number 1 and 2. I was soon calling my husband to inform him that our baby was going to be born by caesarean in one hour. He needed to call my mother and pack our then 2 year old and 1 year old a bag and drop them over to her house. His response surprised me..... 'He couldn't do that as he needed to go to the toilet.' Obviously shock had kicked in as he was in denial that he was about to be the father of 3 children under 3. After organising my mother, myself and reassuring him that they had toilets at the hospital, all went to plan. We had another beautiful little boy. How lucky was I that the hospital didn't turn us away because it was full and that it was beautiful and clean, and it had air-conditioning.

Mary and Joseph got lucky third time around. How unfortunate that they were turned away twice? After experiencing my husband's reaction, I would love to know what thoughts were going through Joseph's head that night. Any wonder it is such a special event. How lucky were we that Mary said yes and that Joseph kept knocking on doors?

This Christmas may you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the Kings, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, may you bless us all with a safe, happy and Holy Christmas. Amen.

Merry Christmas everybody

Melissa Collins



From the Assistant Principal Curriculum

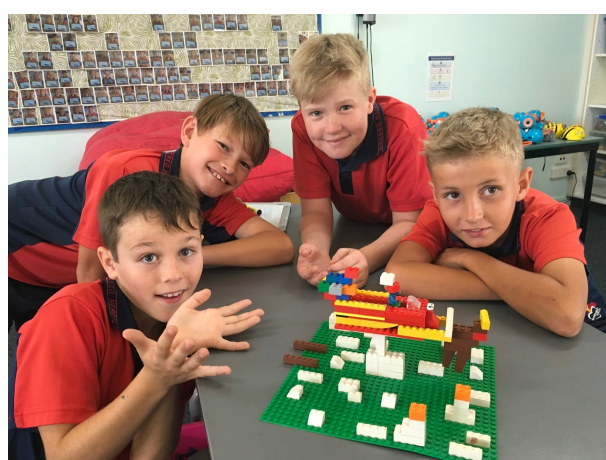
As yet another School year has come to an end, looking back I marvel at all the amazing accomplishments that our students have achieved this year.

On Wednesday, speaking with some of our Year 6 students about all that they had achieved in Primary school, I asked them what was the greatest achievement they would take with them when they leave our Sacred Heart family. The following is what they shared:

- Jacob: Learning how to code and use Scratch.
Bria: Finding out anyone can achieve anything they want, you just have to put in the effort.
Jaxon: Learning how to use the green screen.
Mason: I learnt how to choose good friends that I will keep for life.
Mia: Learning that I need to put effort into things to get good results.
Oliver C: Learning how to speak in front of crowds.
Neassa: Learning how to read and write.
Archie: Learning how to program a robot.

Hannah: Learning about technology and the things we can do with computers.

Students have thoroughly enjoyed STEAM this year, so to finish off the last week of lessons we held a 'Lego Challenge'. Students worked in teams to create something that represented Christmas. Below are images of some of the wonderful creations.



Wishing you and your family a very happy and relaxing Christmas,
Mrs Lisa List.

Reflection

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

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

Sacramental Dates 2020

Sacred Heart Sacramental dates for 2020. Confirmation Friday - 14th August. First Eucharist Saturday - 15th August. More information will be given at the beginning of 2020 school year.

Important Dates Term 4 and the Start of 2020

December

Friday 6th - Final day of Term 4

Thursday 12th - Our school office closes at 12pm for the holiday break.

January 2020

Monday 20th - School office opens at 8.40am

Tuesday 21st to Friday 24th - Sacred Heart staff involved in professional development sessions

Sunday 26th - Australia Day

Monday 27th - Australia Day public holiday

Tuesday 28th - School recommences for 2020 at 8.40am.

Christmas Mass Times



Sacred Heart Church - 7 Tabor Drive Yeppoon
Penitential Service - Wednesday 11th December Mass 6pm
Christmas Eve - Carols 5:30pm, Vigil Mass 6pm
Christmas Day - Mass 9am

Mary Immaculate church - 38 Archer Street Emu Park
Christmas Day - Mass 7am

Student Awards

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| Year 2 | Adam Van Zanden Gillen, Jaxon Mitchell, Isaac Davey, Milla Mcpherson |
| Year 4 | Zachary Sloper, Ruby Svenson, Josephine Edwards |

MJR Award

Isla Kirby from Year 1 for being a wonderful friend and looking after a classmate in the undercover area.

Paige Kinsey from Year 1 for being a wonderful friend and looking after a classmate in the undercover area.

Sienna Hawkes from Year 3 for showing great getting along skills at lunch times.

Ethan Challacombe from Year 4 for showing great determination at our swimming carnival.

Dean Cook from Year 5 for displaying a mature attitude when given added responsibilities in class.

Sima Farlow from Year 5 for your amazing enthusiasm and commitment shown towards our concert practice.

Koby Neubecker from Year 1 for the great way in which you play so fairly with others at lunch times.

Lola Czislawski from Year 2 for always including others in your games. Thank you.



Frankie (Environmental) Award

Savannah Waters from Year 4 for being so helpful with looking after our vegetable garden.



Prep to Year 2 Classroom Volunteers

At our Prep to Year 2 assembly this week, we thanked everyone who was able to volunteer in our classrooms during the year. The support from parents, grandparents, carers in our Prep, Year 1 and 2 classes has been amazing and greatly appreciated. Thank you, again.



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, do not hesitate to contact Mr Martin at school.

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

Prep CP

This week, Prep CP was so fortunate to have Mrs Christie Gill come along to share her experiences of celebrating Christmas growing up as a child in Canada.

The children studied maps and photos and taste tested maple syrup and turkey with cranberry sauce. Christie's kindness was so appreciated by the class. Thank you.



Staff Assembly



Community News

QLD TOUCH FOOTBALL Q ACADEMY

**SUMMER TOUR
JAN 2020**

The Q Academy is a Queensland Touch Football program that assists in the development of players and coaches. Our Summer Tour will travel around the state during the school holidays, delivering three key sessions collaboratively with the local Affiliate. These sessions are outlined below.

**\$20
PER PERSON**

HOLIDAY ACADEMY

The Holiday Academy is a fun touch football academy for any skill level.

- 6-16 years of age boys and girls
- \$20 per person

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DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY

The Development Academy is ideal for competitive athletes looking to develop their game through specific skills training and drills.

- 11-18 years of age boys and girls
- \$20 per person

FREE

COACH FORUM

This Forum is ideal for coaching staff or players who would like to develop their coaching skills.

- Minimum age 14
- FREE

Capricorn Coast
Touch Association
are subsidising these
programs for their
members!

YEPPON

Location: Capricorn Coast Touch Association
Barmarree Multisports Complex, Yeppon
Date: Tuesday 14 January - Wednesday 15 January

Sessions:

Tuesday 14 January
Holiday Academy: 3:00pm - 5:00pm
Coach Forum: 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Wednesday 15 January
Development Academy: 8:30am - 10:00am

VISIT QLDTOUCH.COM.AU TO REGISTER.



For further information contact Tristan Mana, Performance & Pathways Manager on 0416 323 181 or E: tristan@qldtouch.com.au

