



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Enriching Spirits ~ Educating Minds

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NEWSLETTER

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From The Principal's Desk

Many years ago three soldiers, hungry and weary of battle, came upon a small village. The villagers, suffering from a poor harvest and the many years of war, quickly hid what little they had to eat and met the three at the village square, wringing their hands and bemoaning the lack of anything to eat.

The soldiers spoke quietly amongst themselves and the first soldier then turned to the village elders. "Your tired fields have left you nothing to share, so we will share what little we have: the secret of how to make soup from stones."

Naturally the villagers were intrigued and soon a fire was put to the town's greatest kettle as the soldiers dropped in three smooth stones. "Now this will be a fine soup", said the second soldier; "but a pinch of salt and some parsley would make it wonderful."

Up jumped a villager, crying "What luck. I've just remembered where some has been left." And off she ran, returning with an apron full of parsley and a turnip. As the kettle boiled on, the memory of the village improved, soon barley, carrots, beef and cream had found their way into the great pot and a cask of wine was rolled into the square as all sat down to feast.

They ate and danced and sang well into the night, refreshed by the feast and their new-found friends. In the morning, the three soldiers awoke to find the entire village standing before them. At their feet lay a satchel of the village's best breads and cheese. "You have given us the greatest of gifts, the secret of how to make soup from stones", said an elder, "and we shall never forget." The third soldier turned to the crowd, and said, "There is no secret, but this is certain: it is only by sharing that we may make a feast". And off the soldiers wandered.

Last Friday, our children and staff arrived at school sporting very colourful and some unusual foot attire for Crazy Sock Day. Not only was it great to show off our socks but there was an underlying emphasis to raise money for those less fortunate than ourselves. Together, we raised over \$1000 which was an amazing effort.

At Sacred Heart, Yeppoon, our aim is to nurture each child in their emotional, academic, physical, cultural and spiritual growth and in doing so provide them with a learning environment where they can reach their full potential.

Teaching our children empathy is an extremely important part of their holistic development and very much part of our school's religious education program. Empathy is the ability to put yourself in the shoes of someone else and understand what they are feeling or experiencing.

It is through experiences similar to Crazy Sock Day that a child's sense of empathy is hopefully heightened.

In the coming weeks, we are asking all our families to contribute to the 'Linking Alms Christmas Appeal' (Alms means the giving of material items to the needy) in support of our local St Vincent De Paul which does an outstanding job assisting families and individuals financially and emotionally over the holiday/Christmas period.

These donated items can be brought to school. Last year, the response from our families with festive season foods, toys, decorations etc was overwhelming and hopefully, we can be as generous this year.

The story of the 'Stone Soup' is a reminder that together we are able to assist with the spirit of giving during the Christmas period which for many of our Yeppoon and school families is a difficult time.

After World War II, German students volunteered to help rebuild a cathedral in England, one of many casualties of the Luftwaffe bombings. As the work progressed, debate broke out on how to best restore a large statue of Jesus with His arms outstretched and bearing the familiar inscription, 'Come unto Me.' Careful patching would repair all damage to the

statue except for Christ's hands, which had been destroyed by bomb fragments. Should they attempt the delicate task of reshaping those hands?

Finally the workers reached a decision that still stands today. The statue of Jesus has no hands, and the inscription now reads, 'Christ has no hands on Earth but ours.'

Thank you for your anticipated support and take care.

Max Martin

From Our APRE

I reflected the other day on the fantastic teachers we have at Sacred Heart. Their passion and commitment are remarkable. Many years ago, I came across the following story, 'The Star Thrower' by Loren Eiseley and I feel it epitomises many teachers.

Once upon a time, there was a wise man that used to go to the ocean to do his writing. He had a habit of walking on the beach before he began his work. One day, as he was walking along the shore, he looked down the beach and saw a human figure moving like a dancer. He smiled to himself at the thought of someone dancing, and so, he walked faster to catch up. As he got closer, he noticed that the figure was that of a young man, and that what he was doing was not dancing at all. The young man was reaching down to the shore, picking up small objects, and throwing them into the ocean.

He came closer still and called out "Good morning. May I ask what it is that you are doing?"

The young man paused, looked up, and replied "Throwing starfish into the ocean."

"I must ask, then, why are you throwing starfish into the ocean?" asked the somewhat startled wise man.

To this, the young man replied, "The Sun is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them in, they'll die."

Upon hearing this, the wise man commented, "But, young man, do you not realise that there are miles and miles of beach and there are starfish all along every mile? You can't possibly make a difference!" At this, the young man bent down, picked up yet another starfish, and threw it into the ocean. As it met the water, he said, "It made a difference for that one."

To all teachers, thank you for all the small, seemingly insignificant things that you do for your students. You have made a great difference in their lives.

God bless and I pray that you have a restful weekend.

Melissa Collins

From Our APC

With the footy festivities fresh in our minds, this week our Year 5 and Year 6 students have been learning how to use the catapult function on our dash robots. Their challenge was to create a football field and program the robots to 'kick a goal'.



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Coding improves problem solving. When children code, they take complex problems and break them down into smaller parts. They are learning computational thinking. "Computational thinking teaches you how to tackle large problems by breaking them down into a sequence of smaller, more manageable problems." This logical thinking is a powerful tool in school, work, and life.

Our children have been so excited to play with our robots, that at times, I think they forget that they are learning many new skills.



Learning to code, like any new discipline, is a challenge. Tackling complex problems and making mistakes along the way can be very frustrating. Coding teaches the valuable skill of persistence in the face of challenges. Learning how to problem solve and looking for solutions through research and collaboration builds this highly desirable skill.

Mrs Samantha Suthers

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 - Term 4

November

- Wednesday 11th - Remembrance Day
- Friday 13th - Year 4S assembly at 8.40am. Year 4S parents invited to attend.
- Wednesday 18th - Year 2 trip to Great Keppel Island.
- Friday 20th - Year 3A assembly at 8.40am.
- Monday 23rd - Prep swimming block commences.
- Thursday 26th - Year 4 to 6 swimming carnival at Cooe Bay pool from 9am.
- Friday 27th - Prep assembly 8.40am

December

- Tuesday 1st - Whole school end of year concert.
- Tuesday 1st - Semester Two report cards available to families.
- Wednesday 2nd - Prep/Year 1 and Year 2/3 swimming carnivals at Cooe Bay pool
- Friday 4th - Final day of school for 2020.
- Friday 4th - Whole school assembly at 8.40am.

Student Awards

Prep	George McGeown, Toby Apps, Henry Kehoe, Loreta Edwards, Jack Strenzel, Maci Busch, Harper Hiron, Asha Nielsen, Jacob Flanders, Olivia Broom, Avery Kona
Year 1	Austen Carige, Austin Jackson, Taia Dooley, Charlotte Luckey
Year 2	Oscar Gleeson, Aria Richards, Cooper Griffin, Adeline McDonald
Year 3	Mason Lewis, Jaxon Mitchell, Isabella Todman, Max Willey, Karly Smithers
Year 4	Aiden Goodger, Noah Marshall
Year 5	Aria Dooley, Noah Budic, Grayson Catt

MJR Photo Week 4 Recipients



Congratulations to our MJR recipients from Week Four: Eliza, Layla, India, Karly, Aria, Nicholas, Ethan, Clodhna and Marley.

This week's recipients are:

Jai Lucas from Year 3 for being a loyal and caring friend.

Daly Smith from Year 6 for giving up your playtime to help a prep who was hurt. Thank you.

Jack Stanley-Hunt from Year 6 for always displaying good manners and for being very responsible when given added responsibilities.

Sonny Eyles from Year 5 for showing good getting along skills when playing at lunch times.

Elka Guhr from Year 1 for being a great friend and playing so well with everyone at lunch times.

Frankie Awards Week 5

Noah Frethey from Year 4 and Levi Bone from Year 2 for taking great pride in our school grounds and picking up rubbish without being asked.

Re - Enrolment Form

Re-enrolment forms are due back tomorrow.

Your completion of this, enables us to plan for the 2021 school year.

Thank you for your support in this regard.

Tuckshop

Meal Deal \$6.50

Prep to 2 on Wednesday 11th November

English muffin pizzas or sausage roll, chocolate chip muffin and popper.

Year 3 to 6 on Friday 13th November

Ham and cheese toasties or beef pie, chocolate chip muffin and popper.

Thank you.

Sport Information - 2021 Capricornia 10-12yrs Swimming

Capricornia School Sport nominations are now open and a form is available from our office for swimming.



Whole School Assemblies - Term 4

During Term 4, our whole school assemblies will be on a Friday and these will be advertised in our weekly newsletter.

Our next assembly will be held on Friday 13th November with our Year 4S presenting.

We are asking that only parents / carers from Year 4S attend this assembly, that you arrive at school no earlier than 8.30am, sit in an assigned chair and sign in on arrival.

There is no whole school assembly tomorrow Friday 6th November. Thank you.

Socktober Photos



Sporting Achievements

The 2020 North Queensland Surf Lifesaving Championships were held in Mackay last weekend and the following children from Sacred Heart represented the Yeppoon Surf Lifesaving Club: Khobi Scanlan, Brydi Young, Cooper Sweeney, Cliodhna O'Reilly, Addison Atkins, Logan Young and Sienna Ramm. They were all very successful at this event. Well done.



Recently, Felix Shammall from Year 2 competed at the Capricornia BMX championships and placed first in the 8 years boys. Well done.



Community News

WHERE THE DIFFERENCE IS YOU

Student Wellbeing Coordinator
St Anthony's Catholic
Primary School, North Rockhampton

Applications are now invited for this rewarding term-time position (25HPW) commencing 18 January 2021.

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Applications close 19 November 2020.

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SUNDAY ON THE LAWN



Showcasing SBC's talented contemporary bands, instrumental ensembles, soloists, and the winners of the 2020 CQ AllSchools Battle of the Bands, "The Milky Stingrays". Open mic slots are also available on the day.

BYO food and drink, as well as a picnic rug or chair. No alcohol permitted.

DATE: Sunday 8th November 2020
TIME: 3 - 5pm
VENUE: Chapel & Performing Arts Centre - Forecourt
ADDRESS: St Brendan's College - 139 Adelaide Park Road
PARKING: Enter via Gate 1 - Parking available onsite
COST: Free 🎵



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