



**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Enriching Spirits ~ Educating Minds**

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**NEWSLETTER**

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### **From The Principal's Desk**

As many of you may know, I spent over 30 years teaching in western schools (Biloela, Monto, Longreach, Emerald), many as the Catholic school principal.

During that time, I loved the people, the deep sense of place and the strange sense of collective comradeship created by shared isolation. A flood or a drought, no toilet paper at the supermarket, we all chipped in and tussled together as community. Events truly were whole town, as we mixed as teachers and cooks, shearers and police. They know how to have fun in rural areas particularly in the far west.

My children could roam the streets and (dry) creeks and, if they 'truly escaped', were brought home by townsfolk who recognised them.

Famously, one day at 5am, the local Commonwealth Bank manager found our 18 month old, wearing only a nappy, heading for the highway. What a shock to awake to Peter at the door with a squirming toddler. Our son's early potential as an engineer, evidenced by his crafty manipulation of cots, locks and chairs.

It can be a difficult space. It is expensive. People seem to think they 'know' everything. Wherever you go, you must present a gracious face; nodding politely and greeting those, you know are privately fanning rumours and possibly misplaced grudges. However, this is also the experience of my friends, leading schools, even 'flash ones', in our capital city.

And so I bid our Assistant to the Principal Curriculum, Mrs Samantha Suthers farewell, as she heads to her promotion as principal of St Joseph's Blackall.

Samantha heads west fully knowing the country town experience, having taught in Blackall before. I think this shows the quality of her dedication to Catholic Education. Samantha revelled in small town life and has, before, dived in boots and all to everything community has to offer. With her confidence and friendly manner, we are sure Sam will wow them again.

St Joseph's gain is our loss. Who will put in 100% to coordinating anything? Who will be able to understand and solve our IT issues? It is a very fortunate school that receives a principal so wise at curriculum and passionate about promoting contemporary teaching and learning. Samantha's energy level is extraordinary.

Samantha leaves with the unfailing support of her husband, Stuart and takes with her two, gorgeous daughters; Felicity and Jacinta.

Like me, I'm sure she will discover a bush upbringing is great for the soul. My children are now confident professionals, friends with ditch diggers and doctors, with a love for all things community. And having fun.

We wish you the best in your role, Sam and, always remember, you take a little piece of Sacred Heart, Yeppoon with you.

May God bless you and keep you gently in the palm of His hand.

All the best

Max Martin

## From Our APRE

As a mother (I am sure that most of you will relate), half of your day feels like you are hanging around waiting for your children; sitting in your car waiting for them to finish school, sport, work, play date, doctors, all the while, etching a list of 'To do' jobs in your head including what you will all eat for dinner. This 'waiting' period is also known as the advent of something, meaning something is finally here - such as our children.

At this time of the year, we as Catholics celebrate the season of Advent. The four weeks prior to Christmas which we use as a time to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ and the Christmas season

For most children, patience during Advent is non-existent as they wait for Christmas day which is usually filled with bright lights and decorations, delicious food and bountiful gifts.

So how can you celebrate Advent?

One way is to buy or make an Advent wreath for your table. This wreath contains greenery with four candles, three purple and one pink. Each candle on the Advent Wreath has a certain meaning:

- Candle one (purple) represents hope. It is often called the prophets' candle.
- Candle two (purple) represents peace. It is often called the angels' candle.
- Candle three (pink) represents joy. It is often called the shepherds' candle.
- Candle four (purple) represents love. It is often called the Bethlehem candle.



God of patience, help us to remember that Christmas is a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus. May his birthday bring joy and happiness as we spread peace and joy to all. Amen.

Enjoy your waiting this weekend

Melissa Collins

## From Our APC

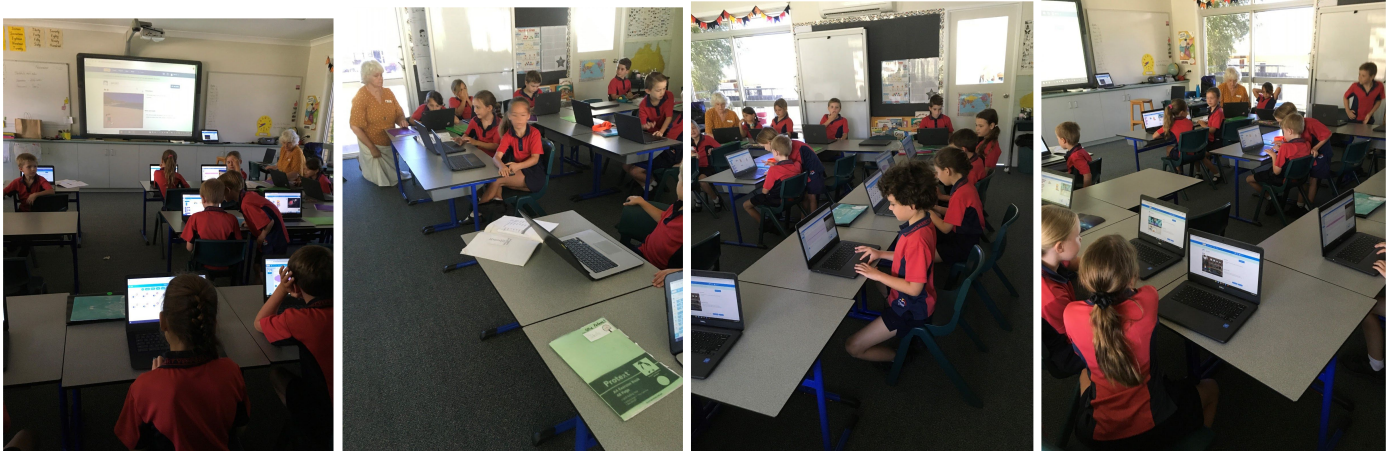
Our year 2s have been very fortunate to have Mrs Robyn Finch, CEO Information and Communications Technology consultant, visit their classrooms over the past three weeks. We always enjoy Robyn's visit at Sacred Heart as she always brings enthusiasm and new learnings to our classrooms. 2H has written some beautiful comments.

*For the last three weeks Mrs Finch has been teaching all the Year twos Scratch. Scratch is a coding programme. Mrs Finch taught us how to get sounds, how to get characters, how to get the character to move and how to get a background. Thank you Mrs Finch, it's great, I love it. - Will White.*

*Over the last three weeks, Mrs Finch has helped us with Scratch, the coding programme on the Chrome books. Mrs Finch told us new things every Monday. My favourite part was that I had fun with the songs. - Ava Goodger*

*Mrs Finch visited us three times. She taught Year 2 Scratch which is a coding programme. I love Scratch because you can play cool sounds and choose cool backgrounds and characters. Mrs Finch is a teacher that teaches kids around Australia. I miss Mrs Finch, she taught us a lot of things. I liked Mrs Finch, she taught us amazing and fantastic coding. Mrs Finch was really wonderful and kind. On the holidays, I am going to go on Scratch every single day. - Ivy Ballard.*

*Mrs Finch taught us Scratch and coding in our class. I think it was great fun, cool too. She is great at teaching coding. -Nate Elliott.*



Two weeks ago, I shared a story about an inspirational young man, Mathew He, who was a past student of Sacred Heart, trying to make a difference in our local community. This week, we congratulate another past student, Reverend Ashwin Acharya who last week was ordained a deacon for the Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton. Ashwin has always had a

passion for music and can now share this special gift in his calling as a future priest within our Diocese. Well done, Ashwin. You are an inspiration to us all.



I hope you have a fantastic last week.

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

- Friday 27th - Prep assembly 8.40am. Prep parents / carers are invited to attend, only.
- Monday 30th - Whole school mass in our multi-purpose area from 9.15am with Father Matthew. Year 6 parents / carers are invited to attend, only.
- Monday 30th - Year 6 End of Primary School function 6pm - 8pm in our multi-purpose area.

#### December

- Tuesday 1st - Whole school end of year concert from 9.30am.
- 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.

#### January 2021

- Wednesday 27th - First day of school

### Student Awards

<b>Year 1</b>	Alexander Rendell, Linkoln Pastega, Alexis Powell
<b>Year 2</b>	Archie McPherson, Annabel Sykes, Noah Todd, Maycie Clarke, Harley Neagle, Charlie Busch, Lucy Thomas, Eevienna Wolfenden, Emma Scanlan, Max French, Maya Read
<b>Year 3</b>	Milla McPherson, Indie Oram, Marley Williams
<b>Year 5</b>	Archie Gleeson, Sienna Ramm

### Frankie Award Week 8

Riley Timperon from Year 5 for always offering to take care of the compost bins.

## MJR Week 8

Hannah Wallis from Year 5 for always being a wonderful example for others in our classroom. Thank you.

Alli O'Rourke from Year 5 for always offering to help others and being a great friend to all of your classmates. Thank you.

Sebastien Hatte from Year 4 for displaying great determination and a positive attitude at our swimming carnival.

Bronson Toby from Year 6 for once again displaying wonderful leadership skills while at school.

Dean Cook from Year 6 for being a great role model at our swimming carnival by displaying great team spirit and abundant energy.

Charlie Bone from Year 6 for showing wonderful determination and skill at our swimming carnival. (Great breaststroke.)

Max Dadson from Year 4, Sasha Dadson from Year 2 and Bridie Somerville from Year 5 for being so extremely helpful when organising things for our Year 6 excursion.

Eden Harris from Year 4 for being a good friend and showing great getting along skills when playing with others.

## End of Year Mass Celebration This Monday

This special celebration will be held this Monday 30th November commencing at 9.15am at Sacred Heart School in our multi-purpose area. Father Matthew Moloney will be presiding.

All our children from Prep to Year 6 will be attending.

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

Due to social distancing requirements in place for school, only our Year 6 parents will be able to attend this mass.

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

Next Wednesday 2nd December, we will be having two swimming carnivals at the Cooee 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.

Parents/carers are able to attend and spectate from the opposite side of the pool to our children.

Social distancing is necessary while at the pool. Thank you.

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 Cooee 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)
12:05pm	Prep noodle race (15m)
12:20pm	Prep and Year 1 students depart Cooee Bay pool by bus

### Children's Classes for 2021 Important Message

Families will be made aware of their child/ren's class and teacher for 2021 on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Term Four School Fee Accounts

Thank you to all families who have paid their school fees, these were due for payment on 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2020.

For those with outstanding balances, please contact Stacey Todman at the office to finalise your fees prior to year-end or discuss payment plan options.

Thank you.

### Sacred Heart Mini Vinnies End of Year Break Up

Our Mini Vinnies break-up will be held on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 11am with a pizza lunch.

Mr Rick Williams from our local St Vincent De Paul will be attending to present certificates of appreciation.

### Mini Vinnies Christmas Appeal

Last week, we launched our Sacred Heart Mini Vinnies' Christmas Appeal where we are asking families to donate Christmas items (festive food, clothes, unwrapped toys and gifts) for the needy in our Yeppoon community. These can be dropped off at school.

Each of our classes has an adopted family:

Prep M	Mum, Dad, Boy 13, Girl 9
Prep T	Grandma, Mum, Girl 10, Girl 6, Girl 3
Prep CP	Dad, Mum, Boy 12, Boy 8
1B	Mum, Dad, Boy 14, Girl 11, Boy 8
1G	Mum, Girl 16, Girl 13
1R	Mum, Dad, Boy 12, Boy 6, Girl 3, Girl 1
2H	Pop, Nanna, Boy 15, Girl 12, Girl 7
2G	Mum, Boy 11, Girl 7, Boy 3
2S	Mum, Dad, Girl 10, Boy 6, Girl 3
3A	Mum, Girl 13, Boy 11, Boy 7, Boy 3
3W	Mum, Girl 10, Girl 7, Boy 3
4S	Mum, Dad, Boy 12, Boy 8, Boy 5
4M	Mum, Girl 6, Girl 3, Boy 2
5J	Mum, Dad, Boy 8, Boy 5
5MS	Mum, Boy 11, Girl 6, Girl 4
5L	Dad, Mum, Boy 9, Boy 5, Boy 3
6E	Mum, Dad, Boy 4, Girl 2
6KS	Mum, Nanna, Boy 12, Boy 8, Girl 3

Thank you everyone for your anticipated support for these families.

## Year 6 School Shirts For 2021. 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 2021, Seaside Embroidery, Yeppoon requests that all orders be finalised by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

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 Playground Update



The sand is in around our new play equipment.

Curbing has also been completed.

Still waiting for the shade sail.

The wait is becoming excruciating.

## Stories From Year 1G

Once upon a time there lived a kind zebra called Sagha, that loved her beautiful palace. She lived near the African grasslands.

One day, while Sagha was eating some grass, the scary hyenas were making a poisonous stew. The poisonous stew was to tip all over Sagha and kill her. They wanted to kill her so they could take over her palace because they were sick of the long and itchy grass.

Luckily, Sagha was a clever zebra so she had an idea. When the hyenas were looking for her she camouflaged herself with her stripes. The hyenas couldn't find her. They looked and looked but they couldn't find her.

So, the hyenas gave up and never bothered her again. Sagha lived happily ever after. By Charlotte Grob

Once upon a time there lived three little tapirs that lived in the Amazon rainforest near the Amazon River.

One day, the three little tapirs were drinking at the bank of the Amazon River, but they didn't know that there was a caiman called Crunky who was waiting. Suddenly, Crunky came from the deep and snapped at them. The three little tapirs were terrified. Crunky was a mean, hungry caiman. He chased them but luckily they could run further into the rainforest because they were more maneuverable.

Soon, Crunky got tired and he headed back to the water. So the three little tapirs moved deeper into the rainforest far away from Crunky. The three little tapirs lived happily ever after. By Hayden Pont

Once upon a time there lived a tiger snake named Harold. He lived in the bush in Australia.

One day, Harold was looking for some food in the bush. Suddenly, Feisty, the hungry magpie, swooped down and tried to eat Harold.

Luckily, Harold had strong venom and bit Feisty, and he never ever came back. Harold finally found some food and lived happily ever after. By Dallas Beresford

Once upon a time there lived a crocodile named Crocy. He was a good King of the River. Crocy lived in a river in Africa.

One day, Crocy was playing with his friends. Suddenly, Hippos, the meanest hippo, jumped up to scare Crocy. Hippos wanted to be King of the River. He tried to fight Crocy. Crocy opened his strong jaws and bit Hippos with his sharp teeth.

Hippos swam away and was never to be seen again. Crocy stayed King of the River and he lived happily ever after.

By Noah Leahy

Once upon a time there was a pretty, little grey dolphin named Rose. She lived in the Amazon River and loved doing tricks.

One day, Rose was leaping out of the water and doing tricks. Suddenly, Lily the pink dolphin jumped out of the water and hit her in the back with her tail. Lily was jealous because Rose was doing the best tricks, and they had a fight.

Finally, Rose said, "I will teach you how to do some tricks." So, they spent all day doing tricks and having fun and they became friends. They kept on doing tricks all day long and lived happily ever after.

By Indigo Crosby

### Year 4-6 Swimming Carnival

Well done to Jordan on winning the overall points trophy for our Year 4 to 6 swimming carnival, held today.

Final points were: Jordan 352, Galilee 346, Tabor 327, Cana 317.

Congratulations to our age champions as well.

10 years: Noah Marshall and Clodhna O'Reilly

11 years: Jaxon Pambid and Gabrielle Gillies

12 years: Katelyn Kleinhans and Nicholas Eaton.

Well done to these children and to everyone involved as it was a great day.

