



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Enriching Spirits ~ Educating Minds

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NEWSLETTER

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From The Principal's Desk

For Our Year 6s - Thank you and Farewell

The Year 6s of 2020 have a unique place in the history of Sacred Heart School; they have been the leaders during one of our most unusual years.

Famously during World War 2, Prime Minister Winston Churchill gave a speech to Harrow School, his alma mater (his old school). The German U-boat offensive in the Atlantic was becoming increasingly successful, German tanks had reached the Crimea and the Blitz, catastrophic bombings of the United Kingdom, had only recently finished. Britain at the time was becoming increasingly desperate.

Churchill made the speech on 29th October 1941 to the boys at Harrow School, "This is the lesson: never give in, never give in, never, never, never, never—in nothing, great or small, large or petty—never give in except to convictions of honour and good sense. Never yield to force; never yield to the apparently overwhelming might of the enemy."

Although this year has not been quite as dramatic or as dangerous (at least in Australia) as 1941, I can see that our Year 6 leaders have shown tremendous tenacity.

Despite the cancellation of many of the events and celebrations that most Year 6s of the past have enjoyed, the 6s have had a real 'chin up' attitude. They have maturely accepted that they could not attend camp and all of the great sporting and cultural events of the past. When they have attended opportunities, they have been positive and fair participants at netball, cricket, rugby league, chess, to name a few. I have appreciated that they have not been 'whingers' and have continued to put 100% into their studies.

In particular, their confidence, patience and enthusiasm shown in our inaugural year of Peer Support, where they lead their Heart groups through a myriad of activities and discussions are to be congratulated.

They and their parents should be justifiably proud of their dedication and resilience.

Australia is well placed to be a central player in a post-Covid world. Compared to other nations, our children have managed to continue being educated with few ill health effects. It will take years for our economy, like all economies, to recover, however I can see in our young people a force to be reckoned with as they hold the positive key to our future.

I wish the Year 6s the best in their secondary school studies and look excitedly forward into the future when I hear of their successes, clearly they are young people motivated to 'never give in'.

Many thanks to our Year 6 teachers: Mrs Kenny, Mrs Evans and Mrs Seymour for the support and guidance they have given our 6s this year.

Finally, I wish everyone a wonderful holiday, a joyful and happy Christmas. To all travelling be safe and we look forward to the start of school on Wednesday 27th January, 2021. Thank you very much to all our families for your support and for entrusting us with the education of our most cherished 'possession', your children.

Take care

Max Martin

Principal



From Our APRE

This year has certainly been an unprecedented one. Anxiety levels rose for those in leadership across the world as they prepared to face the unknown and protect their people. In such a fast paced world, it certainly slowed us down. Whilst we are still being guided by our leaders, I believe that everything happens for a reason. These leaders, who come in all shapes and forms, remind me of shepherds protecting their sheep.

Whilst we have missed out on things, so much has been gained from this experience: The sense of community, being together and looking out for each other; realising how important family and friends are, knowing that due to travel restrictions we cannot visit; slowing down and spending time with the people around you; technology skills have improved dramatically, especially mine; and this time has taught us to slow down and appreciate the small things in life that truly are the big things in life - Family.

Enjoy spending time with your children this holiday and appreciate the gift of your family..

Thank you for an amazing year and may you be blessed with a happy, holy Christmas.

Lord, we give thanks for this time when we can all be together. May we have a joyful holiday as we celebrate the birth of Jesus and his love for us. Amen.

Merry Christmas, everybody.

Melissa Collins

From Our APC

As I sit to write my last newsletter, it is all very surreal. I am reflecting on my time at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Yeppoon. I remember the first day I drove into this amazing environment. I came from dirt and drought to seascides and greenery.

My earliest memory of Sacred Heart was the welcoming community, the music on assemblies, the acknowledgements of achievements and the laughter on the footpaths. My inaugural Year 1 Sacred Heart class will always hold a special place in my heart as they graduate Year 12 this year. I see the amazing dreams of police officers, teachers, musicians, doctors, engineers, hairdressers and many others coming to life as they start to shape their futures toward their paths of adulthood.

Throughout my time at Sacred Heart, I have had the pleasure of saying that I have crossed the paths and taught the most awesome bunch of young people that this world has on offer. They are strong, independent and inquisitive students that on some days I pulled my hair out over, but mostly I beamed with pride and joy.

I have taught many siblings which developed into strong family connections. I thank all the families who have walked into my classrooms for your support, partnership and friendship over the past 12 years. I am so proud and fortunate to be able to say that I have taught each and every 423 enrolled child at Sacred Heart this year and deeply enjoyed sharing my love and passion for technologies and all things STEAM related.

During my time at Sacred Heart, I have grieved the loss of a mother, a brother and a grandmother. During this same period of time, I have celebrated my marriage, the birth of my two beautiful girls and found the friends that I now call family. Our connections run deep at Sacred Heart through the wonderful teachers I turn to for motherly advice, the leadership team who have given me the encouragement to pursue this next step in my career, the support staff who are always asking how they can help when they see me running down the footpath, the families who love to give me heaps for being a NSW football supporter, the children who greet me not only on the paths at school but go out of their way to greet me in the aisles of Woolworths.

This is definitely not a goodbye. When I started at Sacred Heart, I stood out the front of our first whole school assembly with my Year 6 Japanese teacher (Mrs Slade) beside me as my new teaching partner. My Year 3 teacher (Mrs Thorne) still graces our corridors with her distinct American laughter. Sacred Heart is one of the places I call my home and the memories and friendships I have developed here will always walk with me into this new chapter of my life.

Felicity is definitely going to miss her mates and threatens most days to stay behind and live with Mrs Baldwin or Miss Page so that she doesn't have to leave her Sacred Heart friends. We have cried tears of sorrow and tears of joy over the years but as we embark on this new family adventure, I thank you all. I thank you for not only being a part of my journey but also for being a part of the Suthers' family journey. Unfortunately I cannot promise my husband that the hours will not be as long, but I thank Stuart for his ever-giving support as we head out on this adventure together.



You are an amazing community which blows me away every day. Have an amazing 2021 and I look forward to catching up with you in the future. God bless.

Mrs Samantha Suthers

Capricorn Coast Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Mass times for the Capricorn Coast. Please note that you will need to register for these Masses due to capacity limitations at this time. [Mass Link](#)



Capricorn Coast Catholic Parish CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve Vigil

5:00pm Mary Immaculate Church

7:00pm Sacred Heart Church

Christmas Day

7:00am Sacred Heart Church

9:00am Sacred Heart Church

Phone: 07 4933 6171

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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

December

Thursday 10th - Sacred Heart school office closes at 12pm for the holiday break.

January 2021

Tuesday 19th - Sacred Heart office open from 9am.

Tuesday 19th to Friday 22nd - Sacred Heart staff involved in PD days.

Monday 25th - Pupil free day

Tuesday 26th - Australia Day public holiday

Wednesday 27th - School recommences for 2021 at 8.40am.

Welcome

Congratulations to Sarah Rose on the birth of Tarni Nash, a new sister for Tyson from Year 6. Well done.

Frankie Award Week 8

Well done to Bertie (Year 2), Oliver (Year 1) and Riley (Year 5) on receiving our Frankie Award for last week. Thank you.



MJR Week 9 and Photo From Week 8

Sacred Heart captains and sport captains, for displaying care, concern and dedication in assisting at the Prep/Year 1 and Year 2/3 swimming carnivals this week. Thank you.

Bronson T, Isaac T, Jack SH, Jack McL, Ayla B, Kaitlyn K, Ben M, Ryan H, Nya M, Sienna S, Maggie C, Giulio S, Jaxon P, Charlotte R, Abby R, Amber J.



Children's Classes for 2021 Important Message

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

Links to 2021 Booklist:

[Prep](#) [Year 1](#) [Year 2](#) [Year 3](#) [Year 4](#) [Year 5](#) [Year 6](#)

Academic Report Cards and Christmas Carols

Academic report cards and Christmas carols videos are available on Parent Lounge.

The Parent Lounge link can be found on our school website <https://www.shyrok.catholic.edu.au/>. Your username is your account number which can be found on your school fee documents. Your password can be reset by clicking on the "Forgot password?" link.

If you require any assistance please contact Mrs Murphy in the office.

Thank you.

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 15th 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 shade sails went up this week. Still a bit of work to be done though. Hopefully all will be good for the start of 2021. May even be able to sneak in a play for our 2020 preps next year.



Carinity Community Christmas Concert

On Wednesday this week, many of our instrumental music and choir children attended a community Christmas concert in Yeppoon. Mrs Collins said that they all performed and represented our school extremely well.

Thank you to Mrs Boyd for preparing our children for this event. Well done, everyone.



Year 6 Graduation

On Monday evening, we celebrated with our Year 6s and their parents, the end of their primary schooling.

This event was held in our multi-purpose area and it was a great occasion.

Thank you to Ms Collett from Yeppoon Balloons for her generous donation of decorations, Mrs Stacey Todman and a wonderful group of Year 5 parents for organising the evening.





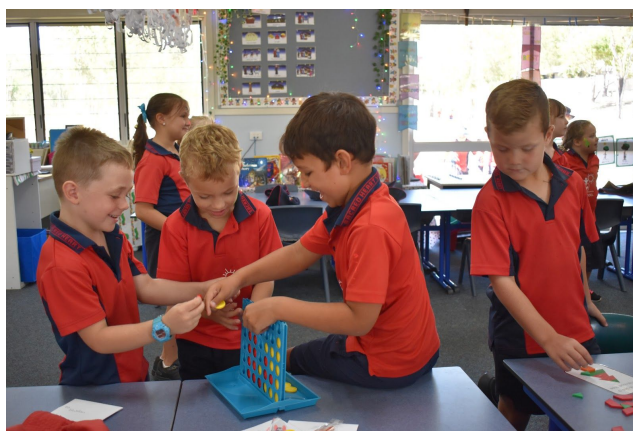
Prep Assembly Week 8





Prep and Year 1 Activities





Mini Vinnies Christmas Appeal

A huge thank you to all our families who were extremely generous in giving to this appeal.

Mrs Murphy and Mrs Todman in our office were overwhelmed with the number of wonderful gifts and gift cards (many over \$100 in value) that our families have donated to help support the needy in our Yeppoon community over the Christmas period.

What a superb effort. Very proud.



2020 Virtual Lights of Christmas

You're invited to step inside St Joseph's Cathedral for 2020's Virtual Lights of Christmas using your Smart phone or Tablet.

Experience a digital 3-dimensional light show, wherever you are across the Diocese and beyond, by clicking on the link and moving your device to see the characters of Christmas within St Joseph's sandstone walls and marble floors.

Welcome the Holy Family together with a chorus of heavenly of angels singing in joyful harmony and please share this with your family and friends.

Visit the website on your device and click on the Youtube link from December 17th at 7.30pm
www.lightsofchristmasrockhampton.com.au

The Cathedral Parish prays the true spirit of Christmas fills your hearts and home this year and looks towards 2021 with the hope of the community gathering once again for the Lights of Christmas.

