



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Enriching Spirits ~ Educating Minds

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NEWSLETTER

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From The Principal's Desk

Have you ever been really excited to attend an event? Been to a great concert and been buoyed along on a wave of happiness, even after the last bang of the drums and the curtain has closed?

As a family, we have loved going to musicals/plays over the years. The Lion King, Mama Mia and, our very favourite, Jersey Boys have been entertaining and uplifting. The only hiccup on our social agenda was the time my wife booked 'The Mousetrap' during the third game of a State of Origin series. I really don't care who the murderer is Agatha Christie, when the Maroons are storming down the field. My wife had to be very strict on confiscating our phones and ensuring we returned on time during intermission.

This Sunday is the first day of Holy Week. We remember the highlight, as Jesus enters Jerusalem like a rock star. So excited are the crowds to see him, that they place their cloaks and small branches in front of the donkey he is riding. They sing praises from the Old Testament Psalm 118: 25–26 – *Hosana. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.* The symbolism of the donkey may refer to the Eastern tradition that it is an animal of peace, unlike the horse which is the animal of war. A king would have ridden a horse when he was bent on war and ridden a donkey to symbolize his arrival in peace. Jesus' entry to Jerusalem would have thus symbolized his entry as the Prince of Peace, not as a war-waging king.

The Gospel of John notes that the branches laid down were palm fronds. This is highly symbolic to Greco-Roman culture, as the palm is a symbol of triumph and victory, and also highly significant to the Jewish feast of Sukkot.

Hence we call this Palm Sunday. Many Christian churches will give the congregation palm fronds in memory of this event.

So how did it all go wrong? How very odd that Jesus was to be betrayed and killed within six days. How did the people turn so quickly?

Christian theologians believe that the triumphant entrance on Palm Sunday was Jesus declaring he was the King of Israel, to the anger of the Sanhedrin. The men in power at the time, could not have an ordinary carpenter, a man who questioned their power, befriending the poor, the lepers and the outcasts, gaining such popularity. Of course, their interpretation of King was what caused the confusion. Jesus wasn't aiming for earthly power but on preaching a radical new message of a symbolic Kingdom.

The man of the Good News was turning society on its head. Jesus' message was simple – *the first shall be last, the last shall be first.*

How confrontational to those who wore robes trimmed with gold and ostentatiously gave their gifts at the front of the temple. Over the course of Jesus' ministry, His teachings had alienated and angered the Pharisees, the scribes, the Herodians, and the Sadducees. Jesus pointed out their extreme hypocrisy on many occasions. And so he was condemned to death. The high priests approaching the Romans for support.

So this weekend, if you can make it to mass, help us remember Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. And I guess, consider the changeable nature of humanity, as we can passionately flip from excited passion to negative vilification. Are we vocal people of Good News? Do we support the vulnerable and less powerful in our society, the refugee and the outcast? Are we able to bravely answer the call to be Christians in this world that often drowns out those who dare to speak of faith?

Take care

Max Martin

From The APRE

This week, we celebrated Harmony Week. A time that fosters inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Harmony Day is held to coincide with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

There are some fascinating statistics about Australia's diversity that can be good conversation-starters:

- nearly half (49 per cent) of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was
- we identify with over 300 ancestries
- since 1945, more than 7.5 million people have migrated to Australia
- 85 per cent of Australians agree multiculturalism has been good for Australia
- apart from English, the most common languages spoken in Australia are Mandarin, Arabic, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Italian, Greek, Tagalog/Filipino, Hindi, Spanish and Punjabi
- more than 70 Indigenous languages are spoken in Australia.

These facts are taken from ABS 2016 Census Data.

After having a look around the Harmony Day website (<http://www.harmony.gov.au/>), there were many activities to enhance harmony within our different culture. One thing that stood out to me was this quote, "I think music in itself is healing. It's an explosive expression of humanity. It's something we are all touched by. No matter what culture we're from, everyone loves music." – Billy Joel

Music is a universal language. A language that everyone can participate in and understand. This week, I challenge you to embrace our differences and celebrate together.

Dear Lord, you created all people in your image. We thank you for the many races and cultures within our community. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of friendship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us. Grant that we may show equal respect to all persons, help us to remember and appreciate that we are one community, with many stories.

Amen.

Enjoy the music

Melissa Collins

From The APC

Last year, Sacred Heart paid for a trial subscription of 'Phonics Hero' for all students in Prep to Year 3. This resource supports our approach to word study and spelling.

'Phonics Hero' supports students in learning how to read and spell with each of the critical 44 phonemes (sounds) in the English language.

A team of education experts have created over 850 interesting, varied and motivating games which take your child step-by-step through three years of content, moving from sounding out their first word to independent reading.

Feedback from teachers regarding 'Phonics Hero' is very positive, as it allows students to work at a level suitable to them individually. We have decided subscriptions to 'Phonics Hero' will continue for all students in Prep to Year 3. The cost is \$12.80 per student, this will be added to our Term 2 fees.

The link below will give you more information on Phonics Hero.

<https://phonicshero.com/how-phonics-hero-works/>

This week Robyn Finch from the Catholic Education Office has been at Sacred Heart supporting students in STEM lessons and also training teachers in preparation for NAPLAN.



In Week 1 of next term, our Year 3 and 5 students will participate in Naplan practice tests.

The practice tests will give students the opportunity to experience the NAPLAN platform and gain confidence prior to participating in these assessments in Term 2.

Practice Test Schedule:

Tuesday 20th April, 9 am - Year 5 Practice Writing Test Online

Thursday 22nd April, 8.50 am - Year 5 Test Online

Thursday 22nd April, 9.50 am - Year 3 Test Online

For more information on NAPLAN, please visit the links below.

[Parent Information Brochure](#)

<https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support/>

Have a wonderful week

Mrs Lisa List

Reflection

Each week, we provide links to Sr Kym's reflection. We hope this provides some spiritual guidance. Link to:

[Sr Kym's reflection](#)

Helpers Needed

This Sunday, Sacred Heart School is rostered on to help at Sunday, 5pm mass. Any children, especially those making their Sacraments, are encouraged to come along and be part of the choir and celebrate Palm Sunday.

Every fourth Sunday of the month, our school is rostered on to assist at Sunday 5pm mass. Readers, greeter/sign in, musicians, singers, eucharistic ministers, altar servers and church cleaners are required.

If you are interested in being a part of this roster, contact Melissa Collins via email.

Important Dates This Term

March

Friday 26th March - Palm Sunday assembly 5M presenting

Friday 26th March - Year 4-6 Swimming carnival

Monday 29th March - Cross country carnival

Wednesday 31st March - Prayer assembly 5J presenting

April

Thursday 1st April - Prayer assembly 5S presenting

Thursday 1st - Final day of Term 1.

Friday 2nd - Good Friday

Sunday 4th - Easter Sunday

Monday 19th April - First day of Term 2

Holy Week Liturgies

The events of Holy Week will be remembered with various assemblies and activities.

Tomorrow, Friday 26th March, Year 5M will lead the school in a Palm Sunday assembly from 8:40am.

Wednesday, 31st March, Year 5J will lead our Prayer assembly from 8:40am.

Our Prep teachers have organised the Stations of the Cross and throughout Week 10, classes will be viewing these in our multi-purpose area.

Our final Holy week prayer assembly will be led by Year 5S, on Thursday 1st April.

All these will be held in our multi-purpose area.

Parents and carers are most welcome to join us at these times, sitting in the designated area provided. Thank you.

In Our Prayers

The Hansell family is in our thoughts and prayers following the passing of Trudi's father this week. Mrs Hansell is one of our learning support / inclusive practices teachers.

Farewell

Farewell to Mr Kevin Dean, one of our groundman who has been at Sacred Heart for the past eight years. Kev is retiring and we wish him well.



Farewell to Ayla in Prep and her family who are leaving Yeppoon. We wish them all the best.

Oral Health Service Visit - Term 2

Queensland Health is offering full dental treatment to students at Sacred Heart. This service will be provided by a mobile dental clinic which will be located at our school.

The dental treatment form is below and can be sent to shy@rok.catholic.edu.au

We will be asking for parents/carers to return the completed form to our school office by 1st April 2021.

A paper form can also be obtained from our school office. Thank you.

[Dental Treatment Form](#)

Parent Lounge Communication and Absentee Requirements

Parent Lounge is a tool we use for communication between parents and our school.

You can currently use the Parent Lounge to access your child's academic reports, view past and current newsletters, see upcoming events, book parent teacher interviews, email a class teacher, add a student absence and in the near future access excursion information and permission forms.

We encourage you to become familiar with the Parent Lounge and contact Mrs Murphy and Mrs Todman in our office if you require assistance.

Parent Lounge is our preferred absentee notification method or by phoning our absentee line on 49 948216.

Thank you

Student Awards

Prep	Kelly Cogill, Summer McCoombes, Jordan Ohl, Rueben McDermid, Nate Windress
Year 1	Leni-Jane Bergman, Jacob Czitan, Harper Hiron, Toby Apps, Sophie Howards, Olivia Broom
Year 2	Isabella Brans, Hayden Pont, Bailey Frethey, Isla Bradshaw, Elka Guhr, Boston McAllister, Blake McQuillen, Emerson Crane, Haylen Barlow, Georgia Blackwood, Ashton Virzintas, Logan Lowry, Linkoln Eleveld, Addison Toby
Year 4	Karly Smithers, Isaac Davey, Darcy Bergman, Ruby Neagle, Kiana Wheoki, Vienna Jackson

Year 5	Ethan Todd , Alicia Hamilton
Year 6	Archie Gleeson, Charlee Harris, Kapri Zettl

MJR Awards - Week 9

Aryriana Pianta Year 6 for displaying wonderful leadership skills.

Lilly Thomasson, Clíodhna O'Reilly, Lucas McLean and Zeke Dendle Year 6 for representing our school maturely and confidently at the Mass of the Oils this week.

Sloan Kelly Year 1 for being a good friend and looking after a hurt friend this week.

Joseph Kingston Year 4 for displaying good getting along skills at lunch times.

Week 8 Award Recipients (MJR)



Instrumental Lessons

Next term, we welcome Mrs Aleta Ballment to Sacred Heart.

Aleta will be teaching brass, woodwind and piano.

If you are interested in your child learning any of these instruments, see below link or contact Mrs Murphy or Mrs Todman in our office for information and enrolment details. Thank you.

[Music link](#)

Years 4 to 6 Swimming Carnival

Our Years 4-6 swimming carnival is tomorrow, Friday 26th March 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 9:30am.

We are having assembly before we leave for the pool.

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.

They can also wear a sun safe shirt in their house colour to the carnival.

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.

Parents and carers are most welcome to attend this carnival. However, you must stay over the canteen side of the pool. Thank you.

Following is a timetable with approximate times for events:

9.15am	Year 4 to 6 children leave school by bus.
9.30am	100m freestyle 9-12 years
9.50am	25m freestyle 9-12 years
10.10am	50m freestyle 9-12 years
10.30am	25m breaststroke 9-12 years
10.50am	50m breaststroke 9-12 years
11.15am	Break
11.35am	25m backstroke 9-12 years
11.55am	50m backstroke 9-12 years
12.15pm	25m butterfly 9-12 years
12.35pm	50 butterfly 9-12 years
12.55pm	All children bussed back to school.
1.10pm	Presentation of age champions and winning house in our multi-purpose area.



Sacred Heart Cross Country Carnival

Our School Cross Country races will be held this coming Monday 29th March at school.

This will however depend on the weather and the state of our oval.

Following are the times for events:

9am – Boys and girls 12 years (3 kms)

9.25am – Prep

9.35am – Boys and girls 11 years (3 kms)

10am – Year 1

10.10am – Boys and girls 10 years (2 kms)

10.25am – Year 2 and 3

The boys will head off firstly in the timed races, followed by the girls.

Parents and carers are most welcome to watch these races. There will be designated viewing areas and we ask that parents / carers remain within these on the day. Thank you.

Sacred Heart School Rugby League Training

Rugby league training will be held this Sunday 28th March, 9am - 10am on our school oval. Thank you.

Tuckshop - Week 10

Our Year 1s and 2s tuckshop will be on Wednesday.

Year 3 - 6 will not have tuckshop on Friday because the Good Friday public holiday.

Prep commence their tuckshop in Term 2.

Year 1 and 2: Little beef pies (60g) x 2 with or without sauce (25 serves only), a giant sausage roll (25 serves only) or a ham and cheese toastie, muffin and fruit popper or milk with sipper straw (cookies n cream, extra \$1.20)



Cost is \$7 and can be ordered online using the Flexischools app or via placing money and order in a paper bag and placing in classroom tuckshop basket.

To prevent crashing of the Flexi schools app on the day of ordering tuckshop, can you ensure child class details have been changed from last year. Thank you.

Mini Vinnies Easter Egg Raffle

Please support the
Mini Vinnies Easter Egg Raffle
Three *grand* prizes to be won!
Tickets 50c each

Tickets on sale in:

- The Prep area before school
- The MPA at first break

All money raised will be donated to the
Caritas Project Compassion Appeal



Prizes will be drawn in Week 10

Community News

Single-Use Plastic Ban Legislation

Single-use plastics are a serious problem for the environment and students in our schools know that full well.

Around 300 million tonnes of plastic waste are produced every year and about half of all plastic is designed to be used only once and then thrown away.

The Palaszczuk Government has introduced legislation to ban specific single-use plastics, beginning with straws, stirrers, cutlery, plates and polystyrene takeaway food containers and cups commencing from 1 September 2021.

Single-use plastic items that are an integral part of packaging (such as a straw attached to a juice box) will not be banned.

The ban also provides for people with temporary or permanent disability and healthcare needs in our community to still be able to access single-use plastics.

Our community has embraced the introduction of the Container Refund Scheme and the ban on single-use plastic bags, and now we are taking the next step.

We can embrace sustainable alternatives, including paper straws, bamboo cutlery, paper plates and reusable stirrers. For more information, please visit <https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/pollution/management/waste/recovery/reduction/plastic-pollution> or contact 49131500. Yours sincerely **Brittany Lauga MP** Member for Keppel

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ROOKIES2REDS

KIDS!

PRICE \$60

TIME 8:30am - 2pm

DATE Wed 7th April 2021

AGES 5 - 12 years

DETAILS
Croc Park Chrisney St Coolee Bay
<https://memberdesq.onesporttechnology.com/2228>
Chloe Butler
0488954974 / chloe.butler@rederugay.com.au
Begin your journey from **ROOKIE2RED** today!
Register online at Rookies2Reds.com.au

ROOKIES2REDS PACK
All Rookies will receive a pack including the items pictured above.

TAILORED COACHING
Fun and safe coaching sessions designed for the skill level of each age group.

SILVER FAMILY PASS
New Rookies receive a complimentary Silver Family Pass to a 2021 St.George Queensland Reds home game of your choice.

MERCH DISCOUNTS
Rookies2Reds clinic participants are eligible for a 10% discount on Reds Merchandise.
offer excludes sale items.

TEAMS ARE LOOKING FOR ADDITIONAL PLAYERS

Boys Or Girls

Sign on for Netball 2021

Competition days

MONDAYs

- Net Set Go Program (5-7 year olds) - 4pm
- Seniors - Ladies Social and Competitive

TUESDAYs

- Minis (7-8 years born 2014-2013)
- Junior F (8 years born 2012)
- Junior D (10 years born 2011)
- Junior C (12 years born 2009)
- Junior B/A - Highschool (graded)
- Mixed

Seasons

1. Juniors - School Terms 2 & 3
2. Seniors - 2 x 10 week seasons (Term 2 & 3)

New Competition added for 2021

New competition structure for Seniors - 2 x 10 week seasons.

Divisions:

- Social Ladies
- Competitive Ladies
- Mixed

Fee structure for 2021

- Net Set Go Program - \$100
- Juniors (minis, Junior E, F, D, C, B, A) - \$170
- Seniors (social/Competitive/Mixed - 10 week season) - \$100
- Non-playing membership (coaches/managers/umpires) - \$40

Team Nominations and Player Registration are now open - visits the website for links <http://www.capcoast.qld.netball.com.au/>

For more information contact CCNA on 0438106068 or via email capcoast.netball@bigpond.com

LOOKING FOR PLAYER's
Minis Division
JRN F Division
JRN C Division
Ladies Division

Please Email Kat