



## SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Enriching Spirits ~ Educating Minds

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# NEWSLETTER

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### From The Principal's Desk

Maybe you have the same joy in your life? Over 20 years ago, I spent the best \$5 of my life. We bought a 'pound puppy' and our kids named her Biscuit. The little pup had been badly mistreated and spent the first few weeks cowering whenever a child approached her. Biscuit was a cross between unknown parentage and a chihuahua - fox terrier. One would expect a yappy, nippy little dog to be the consequence. However, Biscuit was sweet natured, grew in confidence and became a lovable and energetic companion for our three children.

We walked her when we could and, somehow, her little legs walked the 6 kilometres in and out of town. Biscuit became the Queen dog of the neighbourhood and had a wonderful life, befriending all of the pets and people in a 2 kilometre radius. In Emerald, she was known and loved.

At Christmas, there was always a special snack and a toy or some doggy reindeer antlers under the tree.

After almost 17 years of living and loving with us, we found Biscuit collapsed on our front lawn. The vet confirmed our fears, she was in coronary arrest and had been for days. 'But she walked 6 kilometres yesterday', my wife exclaimed. 'She's a tough old thing', the vet replied, 'these bitzers always are'. So with her tail still wagging, she was gently put to sleep. A sad day for our family. Our sons, although mid-exam block, spent the evening driving around St Lucia, crying and watching dog videos. With dignity, we had Biscuit laid to rest under a cotton farmer's lemon tree.

Last weekend, my wife was at Indooroopilly Shopping Town. Being a freshly minted grandmother, she slightly melted the credit card, buying frilly clothes that our new granddaughter, Maggie 'had to have'. On her return, she reflected on how many shops she accidentally picked up a baby t-shirt to realise it was 'doggie apparel'.

Her other reflection was, she only saw two nativity scenes; a tacky gold one and a rotund, naïve child's set. Where's the true Christmas she wondered?

As the countdown to Christmas continues, 30 days to go, buy your pet a present, if that is what you are into. Spoil the kids, have a drink with a neighbour, ring distant relatives, give to vulnerable families. But don't forget that 'truth' of Christmas. Dogs, family and friendships are so important but so too is the deeper meaning of this oh so precious season; a little boy was born 2000 years ago.

His life flipped the theology of the time on its head. He walked with the outcasts and said everyone was welcome in the Kingdom of God. The tenets of Christianity underpin our law system and societal norms. Approach the season with joy and spend some time in prayer, giving thanks for all of your blessings.

Take care

Max Martin

Speaking of nativity scenes here is one, Mrs Collins, our APRE has shown many of our classes at Sacred Heart, entitled, "Modern Nativity". It is raising eyebrows for taking the Christian story of Jesus' birth and re-imagining it with mobile phone selfies, a solar roof and the three wise men on segways bringing gifts from Amazon.



## From The APRE

This Sunday marks the beginning of Advent.

Advent is a time of preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ. Whilst it's easy to get distracted by the craziness leading up to this special day, it is the perfect time to bring your family together and spend time celebrating the true meaning of Christmas.

Advent means **"coming,"** and during the season we prepare for Jesus' coming. The four Sundays preceding Christmas recognise four virtues. The candles on the Advent wreath symbolise:

1. Hope (or promise)
2. Preparation (waiting or prophecy)
3. Joy (peace)
4. Love (adoration)

Don't let the busyness of the holiday season distract you from its true meaning— preparing for the birth of Jesus Christ. Invite the joy of Advent into your homes and families, and remember it's not about the presents, but His presence.

### Advent Wreath Prayer Week 1 — Hope

Heavenly Father, Advent is a time for remembering and reflecting on the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Father, I pray that you will turn our hearts toward you as Christmas approaches. Let us not get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the season this year and miss the chance to celebrate the gifts of hope, peace, joy, love that you sent to us on that first Christmas.

<https://www.christianity.com/wiki/holidays/what-is-the-candle-of-hope-for-advent-week-1.html>

Have a great weekend.

Melissa Collins

## From The APC

Did you know that you can borrow free ebooks from our school library?

I encourage you to download the app and keep your child reading over the holidays. There are a great variety of texts to read and listen to, including child friendly magazines.



To register, download the app

You will then need to sign into the ACEN member collection (it will prompt you to do this twice).

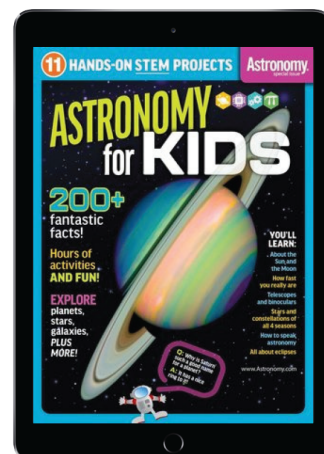
Your child will need to use their school Google login and password credentials.

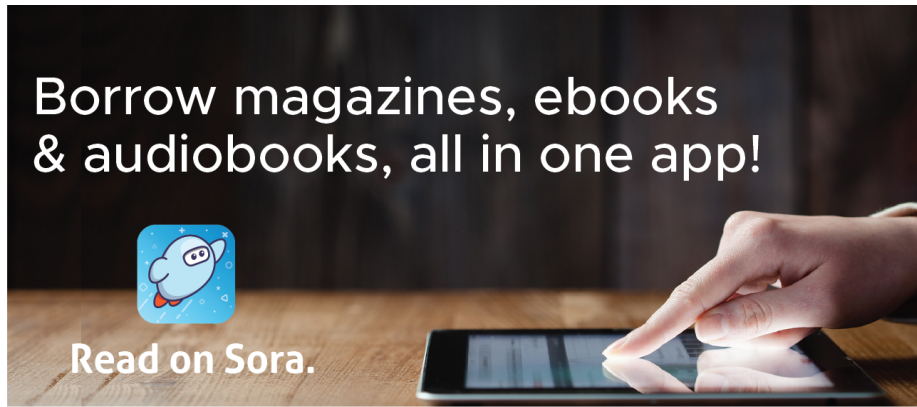
You will only need to do this the first time when signing in.

If your child is unsure of their login and password details, see their class teacher before the end of term.

Magazines now available!

**Sora**  
The student reading app





The link below will give you information about how to use the app to borrow and return books.

<https://help.soraapp.com/en-us/5033.htm>

Keep reading and have a wonderful week,

Mrs Lisa List.

### Capricorn Coast Catholic Parish

Here is the Sacred Heart Church Bulletin for this week. Stay connected and enjoy.

Link to: [Bulletin](#)

### Reflection

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

Link to: [Sr Kym's reflection](#)

### Important Dates For Term Four

#### November

Monday 29th - End of Year whole school mass 9.15am at Sacred Heart church. Prep to Year 6 attending.

Monday 29th - Year 6 End of Primary School celebration 5.30pm - 8pm at school.

Tuesday 30th - Semester Two report cards available to families at 4pm.

Tuesday 30th - Christmas concert commencing at 11:30am in our multi-purpose area.

#### December

Wednesday 1st - Bishop Michael McCarthy visiting Sacred Heart School from 10.30am.

Thursday 2nd - Year 6s at the Lagoon for the day.

Friday 3rd - Final day of school for 2021. Whole school assembly at 8.40am.

Thursday 9th - Our school office closes at 12pm for the Christmas break.

#### January

Tuesday 18th - Our school office reopens at 9am.

Monday 24th - First day of school Term 1, 2022.

Wednesday 26th - Australia Day public holiday.

### Children's Classes for 2022 Important Message

Families will be made aware of their child/ren's class and teacher for 2022 on Wednesday 8<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.

### End of Year Thanksgiving Mass

This special celebration will be held this Monday 29th November commencing at 9.15am at Sacred Heart Church. Father Matthew Moloney will be presiding.

All our children from Prep to Year 6 will be attending, walking to and from the church.

At mass, we will be celebrating and offering thanks as a whole school family for the 2021 school year and our Year 6s.

When we leave the church, our Prep to Year 5 children will make a guard of honour for our Year 6s as they enter our school grounds.

### End of Year Concert

This will be held on Tuesday 30th November commencing at 11.30am in our multi-purpose area.

The first performance will be from our Preps, finishing with our Year 6s.

Parents and carers are most welcome to attend. The concert will also be videoed and this will be available that evening on our school website.

### Children's Report Cards For Semester 2

Assessment is an extremely important part of any learning and teaching process and with this in mind, on Tuesday 30th November, your child / children will receive their Semester Two report card, through the Parent Lounge portal.

Your child's report is a written record of their demonstrations of learning. It represents a summary of progress based on judgements made by their class teacher from formal testing, work samples, regular consultation and observation.

This written report provides just one means of communicating your child's faith, intellectual, social, emotional and physical development at school. It is important that we as parents/carers discuss our child's report card with them.

Following are the achievement codes for your child's report. To accommodate the developmental learning needs of young children, achievement in Prep, Years 1 and 2 will be assessed against different six point achievement codes to those in Years 3-6. These are explained in much more detail on the report card.

They are as follows:

Prep: Applying. Making Connections. Working With. Exploring. Becoming Aware. Modified.

Years 1 and 2: Very High. High. Sound. Developing. Support Required. Modified.

Years 3 to 6: A. B. C. D. E. M (modified)

The children's progress in regard to their social and application skills are also assessed and this is another important aspect of our children's development. This looks at how they work in class, complete classroom tasks, follow directions, accept responsibility and interact with their peers.

I thank our teachers for their time, effort and professionalism in writing their children's reports. They will provide families with an overview of your child's progress.

### Mini Vinnies' Christmas Appeal

Our Sacred Heart Mini Vinnies' Christmas Appeal is 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 until Friday 26th November.

Thank you for your support.





## MJR Awards Week 7



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Piper Neilsen, Nate Kelly, Gabby Gillies, Cooper Sweeney, Aryriana Pianta, Logan Young, Mikuni Park, Caleb Todman, Aria Dooley, Levi Searles-Munns, Caitlin Yore and Sonny Eyles Year 6 for showing great leadership, patience and care at our Year 2 and 3 swimming carnival. Thank you.

## Students of the Week

<b>Year 1</b>	Millie Eames, Hunter Sutton, Sienna Mattingley, Avery Kona, James Muller, Shanelle O'Meara, Josie Cuthbertson, Asha Nielson, Jack French
<b>Year 3</b>	Jett Hawkes, Connor Dickenson, Aria Richards, Emma Scanlan
<b>Year 4</b>	Bowen Atkins, Connor Hartley, Amelia McCaul, Mason Lewis, Nicholas Goltz, Marley Williams, Ashton Finch, Cooper O'Rourke
<b>Year 5</b>	Georgia Deasy, Aiden Goodger, Sienna Hawkes, Davis McDonald, Clover Shammall
<b>Year 6</b>	Caitlin Yore, Savannah Waters, Clodhna O'Reilly, Mikuni Park

## Rotary Book Donations To Our Preps

Today, our Preps were given a book as a gift from the Yeppoon Rotary Club. These were presented by Mr Blyde and Mr .

Rotary acknowledges and supports the importance of reading for students, fundraising to purchase a book for every Prep student, in all schools on the Capricorn Coast. Another example of the wonderful community in which we live. Thank you.



Yesterday in Rockhampton, sixteen of our Year 6 students attended a Youth Parliament organised by the Queensland State Government.

They joined children from four other district schools to debate two motions, one dealing with Education measures, the other with Health issues.

- That Queensland schools will become mobile device free zones;
  - The introduction of monthly online-safety programs for every student in Queensland schools; and
  - That schools basing more than 80% of learning on non-electronic activities will receive a grant towards purchase of reading materials for school libraries.
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- The introduction of a tax on junk food;
  - That advertising of junk food should be banned; and
  - That schools must provide free nutritional meals to students at lunch time.

Our children presented themselves extremely well and delivered very compelling arguments on these topics. They also met with our newly appointed Governor, Doctor Jeanette Young which was a highlight.

Mac Cameron did a very professional job in the role of Sergeant at Arms.

Following are several of their speeches.

Thank you, Mr Speaker. Today, I wish to share with the House my thoughts on the pollution that is happening in the Great Barrier Reef.

More than 80% of marine debris found in our Reef is plastic, which can break up into smaller pieces and travel far distances. This can be a big problem for all of our marine life such as turtles, dolphins, sea birds.

Every year the plastic in the ocean increases by 12.7 million pieces which is being left there and floating freely. Our marine life is going extinct because of all the rubbish which is harming the life of our sea creatures.

Every person including primary school students in the world can make a difference, we need to take responsibility for our actions and start realising what we are doing to the Reef and minimise our use of plastic waste.

Schools with the help of the state government need to stop the use of plastics. This could be by offering incentives for schools that set a target of zero plastics in lunch boxes and in classrooms.

With this in mind I ask everyone to know that we all can make a difference to our oceans, individually and collectively.

Thank you, Mr Speaker

Krystal

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Today I rise to speak about the state of the Yeppoon Aquatic Centre. It is a very important facility and it is necessary that it has some refurbishments in the near future.

The pool and its surroundings are becoming dangerous and unsafe with broken tiles, damaged walls and floors. The risks of falling, slipping or hurting yourself are extremely high.

With the pool being shallow, it does not allow the opportunity to have starting blocks. This means swimmers don't have the chance to practise diving and it rules out any local carnivals. This means athletes have to travel all the time just to compete.

With the upcoming 2032 Brisbane Olympics, athletes from overseas will be coming to train beforehand. Wouldn't it be great if they could come to the Capricorn Coast to do so. It would be a perfect opportunity for the locals and swimmers to learn and train with them. But for this to happen, they would need appropriate facilities which we currently do not have in Yeppoon.

To help this situation, I feel we can undertake fundraising or ask the State Government to be involved.

With this in mind, I ask that the government offer support for our endeavours to upgrade the Yeppoon Aquatic Centre and make it a world class facility.

Thank you, Madam Speaker

Clíodhna

Thank you, Mr Speaker. I rise to speak against the motion of schools getting a grant if they do 80% of learning non-electronic.

Technology has supercharged the way we learn today, empowering students to be more creative and more connected.

Knowing how to use their devices responsibly assists in developing digital citizenship skills therefore preparing students for their future careers and in their lives.

Technology is transforming the learning experience giving students easy access to information. If we don't know something, we Google it.

Supplying teachers with an endless supply of learning resources, the internet is the 21st century classroom bookshelf. Research indicates students are more engaged, more productive and achieve better academic outcomes in classrooms that incorporate technology.

20% of the day using electronic devices is not much. That is about 1.2 hours a day. That would not work in high school when students need to research, calculate, create electronic presentations and collaborate on documents....

Shouldn't schools get funding based on student and school needs, not about how their children are taught?

We need to trust the teachers, as professionals, to know when and how often electronic devices can be used.

With this in mind, I oppose the motion that schools receive grants if they have 80% non-electronic learning.

Thank you, Mr Speaker.

Piper

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to speak to the motion of banning junk food advertisements.

On average, Australian primary school children are spending two and a half hours each day watching television and one and a half on an electronic device. They are exposed to a lot of advertising and a lot of this concerns food.

When big companies such as KFC, McDonalds, Coca Cola advertise their products it persuades children to nag their parents/ carers into purchasing the said product.

Eating too much of these products can lead to some very dangerous and humiliating situations like childhood obesity, diabetes and many more issues for children and teens.

Conditions like this can ruin a young person's life. They could become morbidly overweight and can get bullied because of their appearance.

Research has shown that there is a direct link between advertising junk foods on television, social media and product placement in movies and unhealthy eating in children.

With this in mind, I ask the House to support that only advertising of healthy foods is allowed and that junk food advertising is banned.

Thank you, Madam speaker.

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## Mini Vinnie's Christmas Carols

Today our Mini Vinnie's members zoomed in to sing Christmas carols and presented Christmas story books written and illustrated by the children, for seventy CARV residents. The books were dedicated to the Dearest Members of our Community.

Well done to our Mini Vinnies' group for being so community minded.





## Instrumental Concert

Congratulations to all our instrumental music and choral children on their performances at our concert this week. The talent on display was amazing and the audience was captivated.

Many thanks to our music teachers: Mrs Boyd, Mrs Ellis, Mrs Bacon, Mrs Carling and Mrs Ballment.





Once upon a time there lived a happy tiny scorpion called Lily. She lived in a cold burrow in a hot desert.

One day, Lily went looking for spiders to eat in the hot desert. While she was looking, suddenly a bird flew by and tried to eat her for lunch. She stung the bird with her tail and ran away into her burrow.

Finally, she was safe in her burrow from the bird. When she looked out of her burrow and it was safe because the bird had gone, Lily was so happy. She finally got to eat a spider and lived happily ever after.

By Aaliyah Bicanly



Once upon a time there were two kookaburras called Chelsy and Ben. They lived in a dry eucalypt forest with old tall trees.

One day, Chelsy and Ben were high in a tall tree looking for some mice because they were hungry, and their belly rumbled. While they were looking for food, an eagle came and bit Ben on the neck. Chelsy flapped her wings and flew and got the eagle's neck. The eagle closed his eyes and fell.

Ben flapped his wings and flew up because he almost hit the ground. Ben quickly flew up in the trees and spotted some more food with Chelsy. They lived happily ever after.

By Noah Hartley



Once upon a time they lived a happy baby turtle called Gerald. He lived in the nice clean sea with his mum.

One day, Gerald was looking for jellyfish to eat. Suddenly, a dark shadow came below him. He was worried because he knew there were sharks in the water. All of a sudden, Gerald saw a shark with its mouth opened showing his sharp teeth. Gerald was worried because he knew that sharks ate turtles.

So, he pulled his body into his hard shell quickly. The shark bit the hard shell, and it lost all its teeth because Gerald's shell was so hard. Then the shark swam away. Gerald felt proud because he defeated the shark. Then he kept looking for jellyfish and lived happily ever after.

By Ryah Manz



Once upon a time there was a worker ant called Toby. He lived in underground tunnels with his colony.

One day, he was collecting food for his colony with his friends. Suddenly, people came for a picnic near Toby's nest. Toby and his friends were worried because the people might step on them.

So, they went back to the underground tunnels so they could be safe. Finally, the people went home. Lastly the ants came out of the nest and luckily the people left some food behind. The ants ate the people food and they lived happily ever after.

By Toby Apps



Once upon a time there was a happy tiny red ladybug called Loona. She lived in a beautiful forest near a cool lake. Loona had two friends called Dolver the deer and Holly the horse.

One day they were celebrating Dolver's birthday and Dolver invited Loona and Holly. They played pass the parcel and pin the horn on the unicorn. From the noise, Sophie the spider, Wasp the wasp and Freddie the frog heard them, so they came to the party. When they came to the party, they saw Loona and they licked their lips because she looked delicious. Then Loona shrieked while Dolver stepped forward and said, "If you guys want to eat my friend you will have to get through me first."

Loona felt surprised that Dolver could do that, but the gang was not afraid of Dolver so she stamped on them. Finally they got to enjoy the party and lived happily ever after.

By Frankie Kenny



Once upon a time there lived a big black cow called Kayden. He lived in a paddock near a river.

One day Kayden was drinking some water from the clear water. Suddenly Kayden saw a crocodile. It jumped out of the water and the crocodile opened its mouth, but Kayden jumped on the crocodile and it bit its tongue. The crocodile felt sad because he just wanted to play with Kayden.

The crocodile asked Kayden, "Can I please play with you?" "Yes, yes, yes!!!" said Kayden. They played all sorts of games and they had so much fun. They giggled and jiggled...happily ever after.

By Jack French





# YEPPOON BRISBANE HEAT

## SUMMER HOLIDAY BASH

### THAT'S MY GAME

**WANT TO HAVE FUN  
THIS SUMMER?!**  
FOR ALL AGES & ALL  
LEVELS  
**MAKE NEW FRIENDS,  
LEARN NEW SKILLS &  
GET COLOURFUL!**

- Cricket Activities
- Inflatable Cricket Nets
- Waterbomb Fights & Slip n Slide
- Colour Blast

**Wednesday  
19th  
January  
1:00 pm to  
4:00 pm**

**\$20**  
(Includes  
Cricket Blast  
Pack)

**Yeppoon  
Main Beach**

**To register go to [playcricket.com.au](http://playcricket.com.au) &  
search Yeppoon, Brisbane Heat Summer  
Bash**

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