



## SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Enriching Spirits ~ Educating Minds

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# NEWSLETTER

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### From The Principal's Desk

Several years ago, I had the privilege of attending the Anzac Day dawn service at Villers-Bretonneux in the Somme, northern France.

The recognition of the Australian sacrifice was well remembered, even today, at Villers-Bretonneux. The Germans took the town on 24th April 1918 but, that night and the next day, it was recaptured by two brigades of the First Australian Imperial Force at a cost of some 1200 Australian lives.

According to our tour guide, it was the 'worst' Anzac Day dawn service he had attended in his 15 years leading the tour. There was a bitter wind and continuous rain pelting down on us, from our arrival at the memorial at 3am until the conclusion of the service around 9am. Observing the 120 miserable Australians before him, the guide firmly told us not to complain because we were safe and headed for hot food and showers later in the day, unlike the experiences of the young men whom we were remembering that day.

After the service, we toured battlefields and war cemeteries for the next two days. The historian, accompanying us, regaled us with amazing stories of courage and desperately sad tales of loss.

As a dad, it was hard not to cry standing beside the graves of young men, the same age as my sons, who would never grow old. How broken families must have been, never being able to visit lonely graves, 1000s of kilometres from their homeland. Let alone the parents whose sons were never found.

I had the privilege of attending the dawn service in Yeppoon. Auntie Nicky Hatfield did a sincere Welcome to Country. Then Bob Blair did the main address. He spoke about our indigenous involvement in conflicts.

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people served in the Boer War (1899-1902).
- Over 1000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people served in World War I (1914-1918) and around 70 fought at Gallipoli.
- At least 3000 Aboriginal and 850 Torres Strait Islander people served in World War II (1939-1945)
- In both World Wars, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people had the highest participation rates in the military as a proportion of their population in Australia
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have participated in all military conflicts since the World Wars, including in Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan and in peacekeeping operations including in Somalia and East Timor.
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people currently represent 8.8% of the Australian Defence Force.

He spoke also with sadness about how in the Defence Forces, it was for the first time many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders were treated as equals. Unfortunately, when returning to civilian life after the war, they suffered discrimination, prejudice and injustices in not receiving entitled support. It was a text book example of truth-telling and was greatly appreciated as this is a part of our history often untold.

Later on in the day, I was extremely proud of the 160 children and staff who attended Yeppoon's ANZAC Day march. Despite intermittent rain and winds, everyone marched respectfully and most stayed until the formal ceremony's conclusion.

Many thanks on Friday morning to our Year 6KR children as they solemnly and maturely presented our ANZAC Day assembly. Also to Mr Ron Watson from our local RSL for his address and to Ethan Todd from Year 6, for his wonderful rendition of the Last Post and Reveille.

Take care

Max Martin



Tyne Cot in Belgium, the Commonwealth's largest war cemetery. 11,956 graves of which 8,369 are unnamed.

## From Our APC

The Premier's Reading Challenge is an annual statewide initiative for all Queensland students to Year 9. It aims to improve literacy and encourage children to read widely.

All students who participate in the Challenge will have their efforts recognised through the receipt of a Certificate of Achievement.

I encourage all children at Sacred Heart to participate in this year's challenge. Printed forms were given to children today, with copies available from Mrs Murphy in our office, or by clicking on the link provided.

[Premier's Reading Challenge Form](#)

26th April	Online database registrations open.
9th May	Reading period commences for Prep to Year 9 students.
15th August	Early childhood participation period.
20th-26th August	Children's Book Week.
26th August	Reading period finishes for Prep to Year 9 students. Student reading record forms submitted.
2nd September	All reading data must be finalised in the database and Certificate of Participation available for download.
September 2022	Certificates of Achievement issued.

For further information visit the website: <https://readingchallenge.education.qld.gov.au/> <https://youtu.be/j8ZF65uDLBM>

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](#)

## Important Dates Term Two

### May

Monday 2nd - Labour Day public holiday

Tuesday 3rd - Parent / Teacher interviews commence.

Friday 6th - Mother's Day assembly 8.40am with Year 4H presenting.

Sunday 8th - Mother's Day

Monday 9th - Footsteps dance sessions for all year levels commence and continue all week

Tuesday 10th - NAPLAN testing commences for our Year 3s and 5s.

Friday 13th - Footsteps dance concert held during the afternoon session.

## Mother's Day Whole School Assembly

This special assembly will be held next Friday 6th May from 8.40am in our multi-purpose area.

Year 4H will be presenting and all our mums are invited to attend.

Following assembly, there will be a morning tea provided at school. Everyone is invited to come along to this.

## Welcome to New families

We welcome these families into our school family and wish them all the best for their time at Sacred Heart.

Maddison in Year 3 and her mother, Kellie.

Ethan in Year 4 and his parents, Tamille and Ryan.

Lewis in Year 1 and his parents, Nichole and David.

Aariah in Prep and her parents, Prudence and Sean.

Kiara in Prep, Ella-Louise in Year 3 and their parents, Sara and Michael.

## Welcome To New Staff

To Mrs Siobhan Sparks who is working as part of our learning support team, Tuesday to Friday.

Welcome into our school family.



## Enhancing Catholic Schools Identity Survey

One of the most important things about being a Catholic School in the 21st century is knowing who we are and what purpose we serve. We need to have a clear understanding of our role.

To assist with this and as an important part of our School Improvement Process, we will shortly participate in a Catholic Identity survey which is conducted by Leuven University in Belgium.

The research project is aimed at assisting us with understanding how our Catholic identity is expressed in work and practice as well as supporting plans to further enhance this in the future.

All staff and children in Years 5 and 6 will participate in the survey.

We wish to give parents and carers a voice by inviting and encouraging you to take part in the survey, which will be conducted online and is not identifiable.

To complete this survey go to: <https://www.ecsi.site/au/user/>

The password for access is **Ghj654** and your school entry code is **Ps2pDj**

Thank you for your support with this survey.

## Footsteps Dance Lessons

During week 4, the Footsteps dance company will be visiting Sacred Heart.

Each day (Monday to Friday), our children will be having a forty minute dance lesson with the Footsteps instructor, culminating with a concert on Friday in our multi-purpose area.

Over the week, our children in their year level groups will learn several dances.

Feel welcome to come along to this concert which will be held from 1.45pm Friday 13th May.

## Year Level Assemblies

Our whole school assemblies will be held from 8.40am each Friday.

Year level assemblies are as follows.

Prep to Year 2	Thursday at 8.40am
Year 3 and 4	Wednesday 8.40am
Year 5 and 6	Monday 8.40am (Due to the public holidays, Year 5 and 6 assembly will be held this Friday 29th April and next Friday 6th May.)

Parents and carers are most welcome to attend these assemblies.

## Library News

Scholastic Book Club is now open for Issue 3 2022.

Orders can be placed via the Parent LOOP from now until Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

All books etc will be delivered to our library and distributed to the children's classrooms.

Thank you for your support. Mrs O'Brien and Mrs Wilczek.



## Tuckshop Week 3 Cancelled

Due to unforeseen circumstances, there will be no tuckshop next week.

There will also be no tuckshop tomorrow Friday for our Year 4, 5 and 6s.

Apologies if this has caused any inconvenience.

## MJR Awards Week 1



## Student Awards

<b>Prep</b>	Charlie Veliscek, Sharnah Edwards, Torah Pearce, Jerome Gil-Mejia, Illuka Kangan, Clairra Nunn
<b>Year 1</b>	Lewis Cauchi, Leilani Du Plooy, Madeline Ohl, Goldie Shammall, Luciana Druery, Jett Graham, Madeline Grob, Alana Pont
<b>Year 2</b>	Peyton Mitchell, Mia Cassidy, Harper Hiron
<b>Year 3</b>	Ella Jansen, Oliver Poole, Sophia Rafter, Jye Middleton, Vin Renshaw
<b>Year 4</b>	Isla Kirby, Bodhi Lewis, Saige Neilson, Cruz Hill, Noah Todd, Kirby Kenny
<b>Year 5</b>	Darcy Bergman, Landen Miller, Kira Walsh, Nicholas Goltz, Alana Geering, Ruby Neagle
<b>Year 6</b>	Jenna Geering, Thea Gregson, Grace Hawes, Brydi Young, Harry Wilczek





Ethan Bell from Year 4 for displaying excellent getting along skills while playing at lunch times.

Chayton Barlow from Year 1 for being extremely helpful in collecting sporting equipment and bringing it back to the shed at lunch times. Thank you.

Olivia Broom from Year 2 for playing very well with others at lunch times and for looking after others.

Zara Carpenter from Year 1 for looking after a friend who was feeling sad.

Lewis Cauchi for Year 1 for playing well with others at lunch times and being a good friend.

Dayna Cook from Year 5 for always showing a responsible attitude and for looking after others.

Sasha Dadson from Year 4 for always including others in your games and for looking out for others.

Harry Wilzcek, Brydi Young, Thomas Sweeney, Indigo Hart, Elliot Guhr from Year 6 for representing our school with pride and maturity on ANZAC Day.

Ethan Todd from Year 6 for displaying great pride and confidence in playing the Last Post and Reveille at our ANZAC Day assembly.

Sharnah Edwards from Prep for participating extremely well at PE this week. Well done.

Ava Goodger from Year 4 for showing wonderful getting along skills at lunch times and being a great friend.

Kobi Rich from Prep for helping all his friends to tidy up and tidy our classroom.

Kai Elliot from Prep for helping a friend who was stuck and scared on the fort to climb down. Great friendship, Kai well done.

James Muller from Year 2 for showing respect and empathy during the Anzac Day March. You displayed an amazing attitude and maturity.

Amarni Hurt from Year 6 for showing great determination and pride in our school while marching on ANZAC Day.

## Rockhampton District Cross Country Trials

Congratulations to our athletes who participated at yesterday's district cross country carnival.

All are to be commended for the way in which they represented our school, displaying great sportsmanship and encouragement of others.

Special mention of the following students who placed in the top 6 and will go onto the Capricornia trials.

10 years girls: Josie Oram 5th

11 years girls: Brydi Young 2nd, Elizabeth Nye 6th

12 years boys: Jet Ryan 2nd, Noah Marshall 4th

Sienna Hawkes and Joseph Kingston made shadow representatives, both finishing 7th.





**Anzac Day March**





## 6KR Anzac Assembly



## Year 4 Book Sale for Vinnies

Several of our Year 4 students have organised a book sale to raise money for our local St Vincent De Paul.

The book stall will be held at first break this Wednesday 4th May in our multi-purpose area.

There will be books ranging in price from 50c to \$2 and bookmarks will also be available for 50c each.

This is a wonderful initiative on their behalf and we are looking forward to your support. Thank you.



## Year 4 Writing

One of our Year 4 classes wrote autobiographies this week. They all did an amazing job, showing a good use of vocabulary and an understanding of this text type structure. Well done.

