



**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Enriching Spirits ~ Educating Minds**

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**NEWSLETTER**

1st December 2022

### **From the Principal's Desk**

#### **Shopping for Dolls**

Last Saturday, I was in Big W in Yeppoon.

I glanced to my left and caught sight of a queue at the doll section of the store. They were waiting for the shelves to be restocked with Mattel dolls.

As I looked, I realised that in the queue was Mrs Melissa Collins, our school's APRE (Assistant to the Principal Religious Education).

Knowing Melissa quite well, I was sure that all her daughters had left home so I wondered why she should want to buy a doll for Christmas, no doubt. Perhaps a gift for her grand daughter?

'Hi, Melissa,' I said, 'I hadn't realised you collected dolls.'

'I don't,' she replied laughing.

'Really,' I queried, 'then you must be buying a Christmas present then?'

'No, not at all,' responded Mrs Collins, her eyes twinkling merrily.

'If you don't mind my asking then,' I said, 'Why exactly are you standing in this particular queue?'

'Oh that,' she laughed. 'It's like this, Max,' she mused, 'I've never been able to resist a *Barbie queue*.'

Yes, it's that time of year again, when we dust off the Christmas tree, order the prawns and join those queues.

You can certainly smell Christmas in the air.

Hopefully, through it all, you will find time to put your feet up and enjoy the gifts of good friends and family.

Hopefully, too, you will take the opportunity to remember the reason for the season – the birth of Jesus Christ.

One thing Yeppoon has is a very strong, active Christian presence; all our local churches will be offering meaningful services to celebrate Jesus' birth.

Easter and Christmas are, at the least, two days when we should commit some time for giving thanks and some consideration to our inherent human spirituality.

We too say farewell to some of our families who are leaving us. Thank you for your support and involvement in our school.

Tomorrow, we officially say goodbye to our Year 6s who complete their primary schooling. Our school family wishes them well for the future. Hopefully, they will return to us at some time to say hi.

Have a wonderful break, everyone. To those travelling, stay safe. We look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday 23rd January for the start of the 2023 school year.

Merry Christmas and take care

Max Martin

## From Our APRE

Advent is a very special time of year that sometimes gets lost in the bright lights of the Christmas season.

The first day of Advent is the beginning of a new Church calendar and starts a four week period of preparation in anticipation of the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

A symbol of advent is the Advent wreath. This contains 4 candles, each with a special meaning.

- Candle 1 is purple, lit during the first week of Advent and symbolises hope.
- Candle 2 is purple, lit during the second week of Advent, and symbolises peace.
- Candle 3 is pink or rose-coloured, lit during the third week of Advent, and represents joy.
- Candle 4 is purple, lit during the fourth week of Advent, and represents love.

One way people like to celebrate is by counting down the days to Christmas with an Advent calendar. The excitement builds as each day passes. There are many different calendars, often with surprises like a piece of chocolate or lolly behind a tiny door for each day.

As a family, here are some ideas that you might like to add to your own calendar to help prepare for Christmas:

- Call a friend you haven't spoken to in a while
- Visit a neighbour who lives alone
- Bring something special to your local St Vincent de Paul
- Say a prayer for a different person each day

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 continue to share hope, peace, joy and love as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and his love for us. With joy we pray, Amen.

Merry Christmas everybody

Melissa Collins

## From Our APC

As another school year comes to an end, looking back I marvel at all the amazing accomplishments of our students.

The talent they showcase, covers a range of areas from academic prowess, musical talents, sporting achievements and community and environmental service.

This year, I have seen students step out of their comfort levels to participate in a myriad of curricular activities and others push themselves to reach their very best.

While it is important to take time to relax and unwind, it is also important to keep our learners' minds stimulated over the holidays.

Some ways to do this include, encouraging your child to keep reading over the holidays, use educational apps and games, and get creative with art and craft activities.

The links below give useful information to help keep your child engaged in fun learning activities for the holidays.

<https://www.literacyforboys.com.au/5-simple-tips-to-keep-kids-reading-over-the-holidays/>

<https://www.education.com/activity/arts-and-crafts/>

<https://thestemlaboratory.com/stem-activities-for-kids/>

Wishing you and your loved ones a very safe and happy holiday season.

Have a wonderful break

Mrs Lisa List

## Capricorn Coast Catholic Parish

Here is the Sacred Heart Church bulletin for this week. Stay connected and enjoy. Link to [Bulletin](#)

## Sacramental Program for 2023

All Year 3 children received a note yesterday regarding the 2023 Sacramental program.

If your child is not in Year 3 and you are interested in the program the information is attached.

[Link](#)

## Important Dates Term Four

### December

Friday 2nd - Whole school assembly, presented by our teachers from 8.40am.

Friday 2nd - Final day of the school year.

Thursday 8th - Our school office closes at 12.30pm.

### January

Monday 16th - Our school office reopens at 9am

Monday 23rd - First day of school for 2023

## Farewell To Staff

On Friday, we farewell the following staff and wish all the very best for the future, thanking them for their commitment to our school.

Mrs Helen Dean is retiring after working in Catholic Education for 32 years and 17 years of those at Sacred Heart.

Mrs Shereen Svendsen is moving to a Rockhampton school after being at Sacred Heart for 19 years.

Mrs Sandi O'Brien is retiring after 14 years at Sacred Heart.

Mrs Tanya Gossling, one of our Prep teacher assistants, is leaving Yeppoon.

## Sacred Heart Parents and Friends Family Function

This Friday 2nd December at the Lagoon from 4pm, our Parents and Friends is having a function to close the school year. Weather permitting, this will occur on the grassed area adjacent to the Lagoon. Pizza will be provided. BYO drinks and swimmers.

Hopefully, lots of families will be able to make it along.

## End of Year Concert etc Videos

Videos of our concert, our Year 6 graduation, and the Prep assembly will all be available to view via Parent Lounge from this Friday afternoon.

Thanks and appreciation go to Mr Ian Rendell for filming and editing these.

## Booklists 2023

The links below will take you to the 2023 booklists for each year level.

[PREP](#)

[YEAR 1](#)

[YEAR 2](#)

[YEAR 3](#)

[YEAR 4](#)

[YEAR 5](#)

[YEAR 6](#)

## Children's Classes for 2023 Important Message

Families will be made aware of their child/ren's class and teacher for 2023 on Tuesday 17th January via email.

Our Preps for next year will know their classes next week via email.

If you have any concerns with accessing this, do not hesitate to contact school.

## End of Year Working Bee

Over these holidays, our Art room is being painted and our computer room refurbished into a classroom.

This Saturday 3rd December 8am - 10am, there will be a working bee at school to prepare the rooms for these improvements.

All furnishings eg pinboards, fixed tables from both rooms will be removed.

If you can spare a few hours that day, it would be appreciated. Drills etc will also be required. Thank you.

Can you email Mr Martin at [maxwell\\_martin@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:maxwell_martin@rok.catholic.edu.au) if you are able to make it along on Saturday.

## Student Awards

<b>Year 1</b>	Nate Windress
<b>Year 3</b>	Henry Willey, Halle Smith, Charlotte Luckey, Sienna Miller, Sophie McElhenny, Josie Malt

## Year 6 End of Primary School Dinner



# Christmas Concert



# End of Year Thanksgiving Mass



## 2023 Sports Trial Calendar






Rockhampton District sports calendar is now available. See the link below for trial dates and important information pertaining to these.

[2023 Calendar](#)

## Immunisation - Year 6 Students

Free vaccines are offered to Year 7 students through the Queensland School Immunisation Program. Students are immunised against human papillomavirus (HPV), and diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough).

### GETTING YOUR CHILD IMMUNISED IS EASY

-  Keep an **EYE** out for the immunisation consent pack from your child's school
-  **READ** the information
-  **SIGN** the consent card for each vaccine
-  **RETURN** the consent card to school
-  **KEEP** the vaccination record



**For more information:**  
Call 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84)  
Visit [health.qld.gov.au/immunisation](http://health.qld.gov.au/immunisation)



## Community News

[Entry form](#)

KEPPEL ANGLICAN  
**Christmas Tree Festival**

SATURDAY 3 December  
4:30PM TO 8:00PM

Christmas Tree Displays | Raffles | Kid's Activities | Awards for the best Traditional and Novelty Trees.

15 Housden Place Yeppoon

FOR INFORMATION: [keppelanglican.org](http://keppelanglican.org)  
office@keppelanglican.org.au 4189 2108

**Book Launch**  
Yeppoon Library  
10th December  
10am

Available @

- The Yeppoon Information centre
- Yeppoon Central News Agency
- Cooee Bay pharmacy
- Yellow Door Book
- Nextra News Shops
- Rockhampton City Printing Works

Aqua's Aussie Adventures

# CHRISTMAS CRASH, BASH & DASH DANCE NIGHT

**GAMES. RAFFLES. INFLATABLES & PRIZES**

**\$2 GOLD COIN ENTRY**

**FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER 2022**  
**BASKETBALL STADIUM**  
**CORDINGLEY ST YEPPON**  
**6PM - 10PM | FOR HIGH SCHOOL AGED (INCLUDING GRADE 6)**

**CANTEEN RUN BY BLAZERS BASKETBALL**

**DRESS IN CHRISTMAS THEME**

This is a Livingstone Youth Action Group event  
[www.facebook.com/youthinlivingstone](http://www.facebook.com/youthinlivingstone)

**CAPRAS COMMUNITY CARE** **ALL ABILITIES CLINIC** **Big Dog SUPPORT SERVICES**

## CHANGE OF VENUE!!!!

**DATE:** Saturday 3rd December  
**TIME:** 9am - 10.30am  
**WHERE:** Saleyards Park  
 1 John St, Allenstown

**AGES:** Open  
**COST:** **FREE**  
 Click the link above to register  
[ccc@capras.com.au](http://ccc@capras.com.au)

Our All Abilities Clinic offers Central Queenslanders the opportunity to learn new skills, meet new people all in a safe, inclusive environment with the focus on Fresh air, Friendship and most importantly **FUN!!!**

**Rockhampton** **NRL** **JBS** **smwgroup**

## JUNIOR FIRST AID

Thursday 12th January 2023  
 The HUB - Community Education Room

Session 1 (8-11 years) 10am - 11:30am  
 Session 2 (12-14 years) 12:30pm - 2pm

This short course will provide children with the education and skills to apply basic first aid.

- EMERGENCY NUMBERS
- BITES & STINGS
- BURNS & BANDAGES
- SCENARIOS

**Livingstone SHIRE COUNCIL** **Australian Red Cross**

Bookings Essential - <https://livingstoneshire.eventbrite.com.au>

**UNSW SYDNEY**  
**GERRIC**

### GERRIC for Gifted Students Program

Helping bright young minds thrive

January 2023  
 Online & on-campus

We are excited to announce that our GERRIC Student Programs will return in January 2023! Our Scientia programs will be run both online and on-campus to provide students with the choice of what works best for them. This is a school holiday program that expands the minds of bright, inquisitive individuals looking for an intellectual challenge that is more demanding and more fun than they may sometimes experience at school.

All courses are 3-day workshops. Registration will be available from 10 November 2022.

**Junior Scientia: Years 3 - 6**  
 The Junior Scientia program is designed for gifted and talented primary school students in Years 3-6. To participate in the program, students will select one three-day workshop from a range of options.

**Scientia Challenge: Years 7 - 10**  
 The Scientia Challenge program features a range of exciting workshops taught over three days designed for gifted and talented high school students in Years 7-10.

All workshops are developed and presented by experienced teachers who are qualified or experienced in gifted education. They possess the expertise and skills to encourage the interests and pique the curiosity of gifted children.

Developed and led by practising experts, the workshops follow a university-style investigative structure with intellectually-stimulating content. With the level of study aimed two years higher than the students' grade level, these dynamic workshops offer gifted students a rigorous and challenging program.

9-13 January 2023  
 Online  
 UNSW Campus, Kensington  
 9:00am - 3:00pm

Follow the QR code for more information about our program

Scholarships Available!  
 Contact us: [gerric@unsw.edu.au](mailto:gerric@unsw.edu.au)

## THAT'S MY GAME

### Colour Blast

Rockhampton Cricket Grounds  
 Friday 20th Jan  
 9:30am - 12:30pm

### Girls Only Event!

[www.playhq.com](http://www.playhq.com)

That's My Game Central Qld

**CRICKET BLAST**

# Summer ON THE CAPRICORN COAST DECEMBER

<b>BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL</b> FOR ALL ACTIVITIES MARKED WITH A STARFISH	Adults Christmas Centrepiece Workshop - Figtree Galleries <b>TUESDAY 06</b>	Adults Christmas Centrepiece Workshop - Figtree Galleries <b>WEDNESDAY 07</b>	PICK UP YOUR FREE CHRISTMAS FUNBOOK FROM ANY LIBRARY! <b>THURSDAY 08</b>	FREE Yeppoon Lions Community Christmas Fair - Beaman Park, Yeppoon Christmas Disco (11yrs+) - Capricorn Coast Recreation Centre <b>FRIDAY 09</b>	Head out and enjoy the sunshine and fresh air on one of the Shire's pathways! #letsgetphysical <b>SATURDAY 10</b>	FREE JRT Carols by the Beach & Fireworks - Yeppoon Foreshore <b>SUNDAY 11</b>	
	FREE Summer Reading Club Launch Party - Yeppoon Library <b>MONDAY 12</b>	Head out on a road trip to visit the beautiful #KeppelSands and check out if the fish are biting! <b>TUESDAY 13</b>	FREE Christmas Craft Activity (Ages 5+) - Yeppoon Library <b>WEDNESDAY 14</b>	FREE Christmas Craft Activity (Ages 5+) - Emu Park Library FREE Basketball, Boardgames & Pizza - Capricorn Coast Recreation Centre <b>THURSDAY 15</b>	FREE Library Free Play (Ages 5+) - Byfield Library FREE Tides & Tunes - Yeppoon Foreshore FREE Movie at the Park - Mt Chalmers <b>FRIDAY 16</b>	Jump in the car, get the Christmas tunes playing and explore the shire's Christmas lights! #lightuplivingstone <b>SATURDAY 17</b>	Check out the local shops for your last minute gift shopping! #shoplocal <b>SUNDAY 18</b>
	FREE Summer Reading Club Catch Up - Yeppoon Library <b>MONDAY 19</b>	Christmas Cupcake Decorating - The Community Centre, Yeppoon <b>TUESDAY 20</b>	FREE Kids Christmas Yoga - Yeppoon Town Hall FREE Christmas DIY Pom Pom Craft Activity (Ages 12+) - Yeppoon Library FREE Watersports - Causeway Lake <b>WEDNESDAY 21</b>	FREE Kids Christmas Yoga - Yeppoon Town Hall FREE Christmas DIY Pom Pom Craft Activity (Ages 12+) - Emu Park Library <b>THURSDAY 22</b>	FREE Kids Christmas Yoga - Yeppoon Town Hall FREE Tides & Tunes - Yeppoon Foreshore <b>FRIDAY 23</b>	FREE Tides & Tunes - Yeppoon Foreshore <b>SATURDAY 24</b>	MERRY CHRISTMAS! <b>SUNDAY 25</b>
	Pack a picnic and take the family to enjoy the beautiful Singing Ship and Bell Park! #EmuPark <b>MONDAY 26</b>	Spend the day cooling off at the #YeppoonLagoon <b>TUESDAY 27</b>	Heading to GK? Don't forget to pick up your 'Exploring the Colours of Keppel Trip Journal' from the Rosslyn Bay Marina! #GreatKeppelIsland <b>WEDNESDAY 28</b>	Spend the day adventuring and exploring in the unique above-ground caves at #CapricornCaves <b>THURSDAY 29</b>	FREE Tides & Tunes - Yeppoon Foreshore <b>FRIDAY 30</b>	FREE NEW YEARS EVE LASER LIGHT SHOWS! <b>SATURDAY 31</b>	Find out all the details and how to book on Council's Event Calendar! livingstone.qld.gov.au/event-calendar

# Summer ON THE CAPRICORN COAST JANUARY

Inflatable Fun - Bell Park, Emu Park <b>SUNDAY 1</b>	Inflatable Fun - Bell Park, Emu Park <b>TUESDAY 3</b>	Inflatable Fun - Bell Park, Emu Park <b>WEDNESDAY 4</b>	Inflatable Fun - Bell Park, Emu Park <b>THURSDAY 5</b>	Inflatable Fun - Bell Park, Emu Park FREE Tides & Tunes - Yeppoon Foreshore <b>FRIDAY 6</b>	Inflatable Fun - Bell Park, Emu Park <b>SATURDAY 7</b>	Inflatable Fun - Bell Park, Emu Park <b>SUNDAY 8</b>
Have some fun in the sun at the FREE Yeppoon Lagoon - open all school holidays! #YeppoonLagoon <b>MONDAY 9</b>	Catch some waves (and vibes!) at one of Capricorn Coast's best beaches #FarnboroughFun <b>TUESDAY 10</b>	Capricorn Caves Junior Palaeontologist Day (6-15yrs) <b>WEDNESDAY 11</b>	Capricorn Caves Junior Adventurer Day (6-15yrs) FREE Junior First Aid Training Course <b>THURSDAY 12</b>	FREE Tides & Tunes - Yeppoon Foreshore <b>FRIDAY 13</b>	Pack the car with your towel and swimmers and head out to the picturesque Stone Creek! #Byfield <b>SATURDAY 14</b>	Make a splash these school holidays at the #KeppelKraken! <b>SUNDAY 15</b>
Get out of the house and into the fresh air and explore the Capricorn Coast Art Trail! #discovercapricorncoast <b>MONDAY 16</b>	FREE Back to School Book Wrap Workshop (8yrs+) - The Community Centre, Yeppoon <b>TUESDAY 17</b>	The annual Capricorn Film Festival kicks off today. This QJ festival showcases the best in arts and cinema over five fun days! #capfilmfest2023 <b>WEDNESDAY 18</b>	FREE Basketball, Boardgames & Pizza - Capricorn Coast Recreation Centre <b>THURSDAY 19</b>	FREE Tides & Tunes - Yeppoon Foreshore FREE Fishing Friendzies Short Course - Causeway Lake <b>FRIDAY 20</b>	FREE Pool Party - Marlborough <b>SATURDAY 21</b>	BACK TO SCHOOL TOMORROW! <b>SUNDAY 22</b>


**HAVE SOME FUN WITH OUR FREE LIVINGSTONE SHIRE CHRISTMAS FUNBOOK!**  
 THESE ACTIVITY BOOKS CAN BE COLLECTED FROM ANY LIVINGSTONE LIBRARY DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.  
 RETURN TO ANY LIVINGSTONE LIBRARY BEFORE MONDAY 23 JANUARY FOR YOUR CHANCE TO ENTER OUR AWESOME COMPETITIONS!


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