

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

#### 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.

<u>Link</u>

#### 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	<u>YEAR 5</u> <u>YEAR 6</u>	
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#### 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.

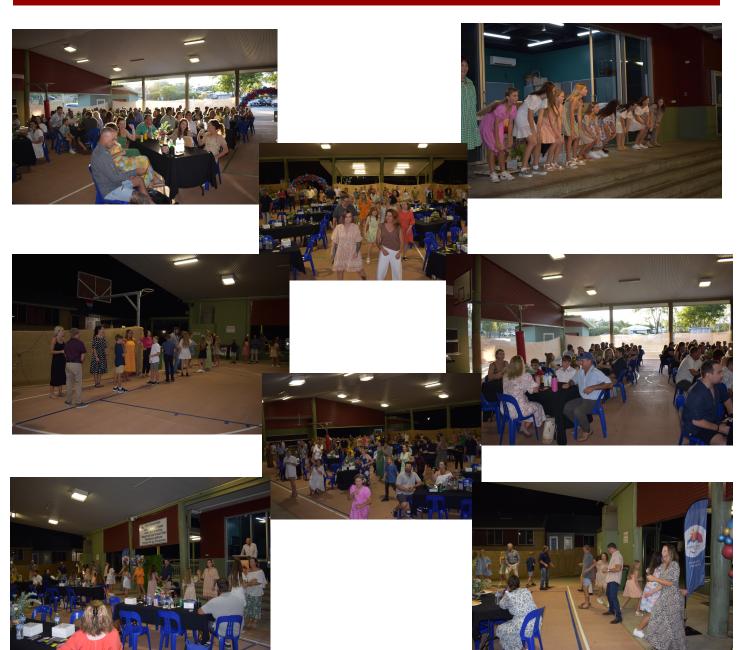
If you can spare a few hours that day, it would be appreciated. Drills etc will also be required. Thank you.

Can you email Mr Martin at <u>maxwell\_martin@rok.catholic.edu.au</u> if you are able to make it along on Saturday.

#### **Student Awards**

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

## Year 6 End of Primary School Dinner





# End of Year Thanksgiving Mass

















#### 2023 Sports Trial Calendar

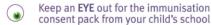
Rockhampton District sports calendar is now available. See the link below for trial dates and important information pertaining to these.

#### 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



READ the information



SIGN the consent card for each vaccine



KEEP the vaccination record



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



#### **Community News**

### Entry form









#### ALL ABILITIES CLINIC BigDog

# **CHANGE OF VENUE!!!!**

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

FREE

Click the link above to

register

ccc@capras.com.au

AGES: Open

COST:



All Abilities Clinic offers Central Queenslanders the opportunity to learn new skills, meet new people all in a safe, Fresh air, Friendship and most importantly







Girls Only Event!



www.plauhg.com

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

