23th February 2023

From the Principal's Desk

One day, God spoke to Noah and said, "Noah, I want you to make me another ark".

Noah replied, "No problems, God."

But God interrupted, "There's a catch this time Noah, I want it to be twenty decks high."

Noah was a little worried about this especially as to where he was getting all the building materials from but answered, "Okay, should I fill it up with all the animals just like last time?"

"This time I want you to fill it with only fish," God answered..

"Fish?" enquired Noah.

"Yes and to make it more specific, I only want carp. Wall to wall, floor to ceiling."

Noah looked to the skies, "Okay God, let me get this right, you want a new ark, twenty decks high, one on top of each other and it to be full of carp?"

"That is correct, Noah."

"Can I ask why?" asked the perplexed Noah.

God replied, "I have always wanted to own a multi-storey carp ark."

Over the past couple of years, enrolments at Sacred Heart Yeppoon, like many schools on the Capricorn Coast, have been increasing. This year, we have over 500 children.

Growing numbers means the need to address our overall infrastructure in regard to classrooms and associated facilities.

A school master plan is in order and in consultation with the Catholic Education Office in Rockhampton, this is currently being formulated.

Necessary buildings etc which will be forthcoming this year and into 2024 include:

- A new administration block
- A 3 bay sports shed (This is being completed over the Easter break)
- More shade adjacent to the oval
- Upgrade oval irrigation system
- Outside school hours care building

Other items being tabled include looking at solutions for car parking at both school entrances and structural improvements to our library.

On your school fees' account there is a building levy which many families are able to pay and this money assists in financing such projects.

Unlike God's request of Noah, the future plan for our school is being carefully mapped out and the improvements made will no doubt provide a better learning environment for our school family into the future.

Take care Max Martin

From Our APRE

Every day, the St Vincent de Paul Society helps many thousands of people through home, hospital, prison visitations, migrant and refugee assistance, retail centres, sheltered work centres, hostels for the homeless, overseas relief, disaster recovery, budget counselling and youth programs.

Mini Vinnies empowers primary students to become advocates within their school and local community by putting their values into action. It is about doing good works that benefit people facing social injustice. It is also about young people meeting to talk, share ideas and concerns, to have fun and support each other.

The Mini Vinnies' model of "See, Think, Do" is a great way to get children thinking and talking about their spirituality and to connect their faith with issues affecting their community through volunteering, advocacy and fundraising.

This year, we have thirty children who are excited to make a difference. They willingly meet weekly, deciding on projects for the year and set goals to make them happen.

Last week, our Mini Vinnies group voted for their executive for 2023. Congratulations to the following children who are fulfilling these roles:

President Payton Size

Vice president Olive Allen

Secretary Billie Kirkwood

Treasurer Josie Prince

Events coordinators Mason Stark and Lucy Thomas

There will be a presentation of badges and commissioning for Mini Vinnies at our whole school assembly tomorrow, 8.40am.

"Christianity is not about ideas but about deeds inspired by love." Frederic Ozanam (St Vincent De Paul founder)

Have a great week Melissa Collins

From Our APC

On Monday and Tuesday, I attended professional development delivered by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) on the new and revised Version 9 English and Mathematics curriculums.

Over the course of the remainder of this year, our teachers will be given professional development opportunities and time to unpack these new curriculum areas so that they are well prepared to plan, teach, assess and report in 2024 utelising the new English and Mathematics curriculums.

This link will take you to information on 'Why we have an Australian Curriculum?'.

Naplan News

Next week, students in Year 3 and 5 will participate in an online Omnibus test. This is a practice test enabling students to familiarise themselves with the Naplan platform and they types of questions that will be presented to them during Naplan.

Listed is important information pertaining to the Naplan timetable for Weeks 8 and 9:

Wednesday 15th March: 9am - Year 3 and 5 Writing

Thursday 16th March: 9am - Year 3 and 5 Reading, 11.30am Year 5 Conventions of Language

Friday 17th March: 9am - Year 3 Conventions of Language, Year 5 Numeracy, 11.30am - catch-up writing

Monday 20th March: 9am - Year 3 Numeracy

Tuesday 21st - Friday 24th March there will be the opportunity for students who may have missed Naplan tests to catch these up.

The public demonstration site link is also available. Visiting this site enables you to view videos, look at Naplan style questions and gain further insight into Naplan. https://nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site

This <u>link</u> is a parent/carer information document to help answer questions you may have regarding your child's participation in Naplan.

Have a wonderful week,

Mrs Lisa List

From The APA

Netball Clinic and Ash Wednesday

Sacred Heart has been offered a wonderful opportunity this Monday, 27 February, when a representative from Netball Queensland will be at school running a coaching clinic with our Year 6 players.

The session from 9.30am-10.30am will be used to further develop their skills through a series of drills and games.

It is open to any Year 6 student interested in playing netball.

From here, we will begin our Challenge Cup campaign, with skills and drills sessions commencing in the next few weeks. Correspondence to families with further details will be sent home at a later date.

This week, we celebrated the beginning of Lent. I was fortunate enough to attend a number of liturgies with our Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 classes. It was so special to see our children respecting the start of the most important time in the Catholic calendar.

Best wishes Mrs Jen Kenny

Student Awards

Congratulations to the following children.

Prep	Addison Kinsey, Lotte Perara, Charlotte Thompson, Felix Gagliardi, Lydia Hoadley-Irving, Ollie Small
Year 1	Kobi Rich, Indi De Hennin, Mila McKenna, Eva Watson, Harlyn Seaman, Andy Valler, Noah Oates, Hartley Lambropoulos, Quinn Campaniello
Year 2	Alana Pont, Lewis Cauchi, Elsie Shaw
Year 3	Oscar Jarrett, Hugo McPherson, Felix Suttle, Jacob Flanders, Asha Nielsen, Millicent Campbell, Amelia Crick, Willow Mills, Loreta Edwards, Marleigh Drew
Year 4	Boston McAllister, Harper Mepham, Henry Willey, Josie Malt, Eibhlin Timlin, Austen Carige
Year 5	Oscar Gleeson, Mason Stark, Max Way, Jai Ray, Levi Bone, Zac Adkins
Year 6	Korbin Mitchell, Isabella Todman, Jesse Ramm, Isabella Sweeney

Sacramental Program

There is a parent information night for the 2023 Sacramental Program at Sacred Heart Church on Wednesday 1 March commencing at 6:00pm. The program has been updated and has undergone significant changes. It is expected that all parents wishing for their child/ren to receive their Sacraments this year will attend this night. A copy of the letter, which was sent home last week, is attached to this newsletter.

Bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate to the evening as this will be required to enrol your child into the program. The cost of the program is \$45, which can be paid in cash or by direct debit (parish banking details will be available at the information evening).

Sacramental sessions will begin in Term 2.

Should you have any queries, contact the parish office on 4933 6171 or Melissa Collins at school.

Capricorn Coast Catholic Parish

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

Parents Connect AGM and General Meeting

Across Catholic schools in Queensland, our Parents and Friends' Associations have been renamed and are now known as Parent Connect groups.

The Sacred Heart Parent Connect held their AGM and general meeting on Monday 21st February.

Our 2023 Executive was elected:

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
Events Coordinator
Heart Parents Coordinator

Bernadette Melrose Sarah Winter Shannon Ballard Jessica Renshaw Lauren Phillips Christie Gill













Thank you to these parents for accepting these roles.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 20th March commencing at 3.30pm at school. All welcome.

Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day)

Pancake Day on Tuesday was a huge success.

All money raised goes to Caritas which is an International Catholic Aid organisation that helps support people experiencing extreme hardships at this time.

A huge thank you to Mr Jamie Harvey from Woolworths, Yeppoon for the donation of pancakes.

To all our families, your support of this day was greatly appreciated.













Important Dates Term One

March

Friday 3 - Swimming carnival at Cooee Bay aquatic centre (Years 4 - 6)

Wednesday 8th - International Women's Day

Thursday 9th - St Brendan's Year 6 Discovery Day

Thursday 9th - St Ursula's Year 6 Discovery Day

Monday 13th - School cross country carnival for Years 4 to 6

Wednesday 15th - NAPLAN commences

Tuesday 21st - Harmony Day

Thursday 30th - Holy Week assembly 8.40am (Good Friday)

Friday 31st - Holy Week assembly 8.40am (Easter Sunday)

Years 4 to 6 Swimming Carnival

Our Years 4-6 swimming carnival will take place next Friday 3rd March at the Cooee 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 9:15am.

Children may wear a sun safe shirt in the colour of their sporting house. Normal school shoes must be worn to and from school. Children may bring thongs or sandals to wear at the pool.

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.

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.

Following is a timetable with approximate times for events:

8.50am Year 4 to 6 children leave school by bus.

9.15am 100m freestyle 9-12 years 25m freestyle 9-12 years 9.40am 10.05am 50m freestyle 9-12 years 10.30am 25m breaststroke 9-12 years 10.55am 50m breaststroke 9-12 years 25m backstroke 9-12 years 11.25am 11.50am 50m backstroke 9-12 years 12.15pm 25m butterfly 9-12 years 50 butterfly 9-12 years 12.40pm

1pm 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 Monday 13th March on our oval.

Following are the times for events:

9am – Boys and girls 12 years (3 kms)

9.25am – Boys and girls 11 years (3 kms)

9.50am – Boys and girls 10 years (2 kms)

The boys will head off firstly in the timed races, followed by the girls. Our children will nominate for these races.

The KCD trials will be held in March at the Barmaryee sports complex.

Our Prep, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and younger Year 4 children will have their cross country races early Term 2.

Parents and carers are most welcome to attend this carnival.

We are having cross country training for Years 4 to 6 on our school oval on Mondays and Wednesdays 3.30pm - 4.15pm.Bring training gear to change into after school.

Challenge Cup Rugby League Training

Training will commence this Sunday 26th February 4pm to 5pm on our school oval.

Interested Year 4, 5 and 6 children are invited to attend this session.

Challenge Cup is an inter school Rockhampton Diocese rugby league and netball carnival which is held during the first week of Term 3 in Yeppoon. It attracts teams from Mackay in the north. Longreach in the west and Bundaberg in the south and is an amazing three days of sport and camaraderie.

Capricornia Representative

Congratulations to Demi Marshall, Year 4 for her recent selection in the Capricornia swimming squad competing at the State Championship. We wish her all the best.

Community News











Keppel Bay Karate-Do: KBKD Tuesdays and Thursdays Juniors 4pm-5:30pm High school and adults 5:30pm-7pm St Ursula's Hall, Queens St, Yeppoon • Kids welcome from 6 years • Family friendly, club discount • Teenagers and adults are welcome. Email: keppelbaykaratedo@gmail.com Text Robi on: 0427016767 Shotokan Karate International Australia. www.shotokankarate.com.au