



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Enriching Spirits ~ Educating Minds

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NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal's Desk

Have you ever been really excited to attend an event? Been to a great concert and been buoyed along on a wave of happiness, even after the last bang of the drums and the curtain has closed?

As a family, we have loved going to musicals/plays over the years. The Lion King, Mama Mia and, our very favourite, Jersey Boys have been entertaining and uplifting. The only hiccup on our social agenda was the time my wife booked 'The Mousetrap' during the third game of a State of Origin series. I really don't care who the murderer is Agatha Christie, when the Maroons are storming down the field. My wife had to be very strict on confiscating our phones and ensuring we returned on time during intermission.

On Sunday 2nd April, Christians remember Palm Sunday which is the first day of Holy Week. As this is during the holidays, our whole school assembly tomorrow will be about Palm Sunday with our Year 3S children presenting.

We remember the highlight, as Jesus enters Jerusalem like a rock star. So excited are the crowds to see him, that they place their cloaks and small branches in front of the donkey he is riding. They sing praises from the Old Testament Psalm 118: 25–26 – *Hosana. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.* The symbolism of the donkey may refer to the Eastern tradition that it is an animal of peace, unlike the horse which is the animal of war. A king would have ridden a horse when he was bent on war and ridden a donkey to symbolize his arrival in peace. Jesus' entry to Jerusalem would have thus symbolized his entry as the Prince of Peace, not as a war-waging king.

The Gospel of John notes that the branches laid down were palm fronds. This is highly symbolic to Greco-Roman culture, as the palm is a symbol of triumph and victory, and also highly significant to the Jewish feast of Sukkot.

Hence we call this Palm Sunday. Many Christian churches will give the congregation palm fronds in memory of this event.

So how did it all go wrong? How very odd that Jesus was to be betrayed and killed within six days. How did the people turn so quickly?

Christian theologians believe that the triumphant entrance on Palm Sunday was Jesus declaring he was the King of Israel, to the anger of the Sanhedrin. The men in power at the time, could not have an ordinary carpenter, a man who questioned their power, befriending the poor, the lepers and the outcasts, gaining such popularity. Of course, their interpretation of King was what caused the confusion. Jesus wasn't aiming for earthly power but on preaching a radical new message of a symbolic Kingdom.

The man of the Good News was turning society on its head. Jesus' message was simple – *the first shall be last, the last shall be first.*

How confrontational to those who wore robes trimmed with gold and ostentatiously gave their gifts at the front of the temple. Over the course of Jesus' ministry, His teachings had alienated and angered the Pharisees, the scribes, the Herodians, and the Sadducees. Jesus pointed out their extreme hypocrisy on many occasions. And so he was condemned to death.

So tomorrow hope you can join us for our assembly, help us remember Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. And I guess, consider the changeable nature of humanity, as we can passionately flip from excited passion to negative vilification. Are we vocal people of the Good News? Do we support the vulnerable and less powerful in our society, the refugee and the outcast? Are we able to bravely answer the call to be Christians in this world that often drowns out those who dare to speak of faith?

Take care, everyone.

Max Martin

From Our APRE

As you would be aware, we are currently in the Church season of Lent.

This is the 40-day period leading up to Easter that began on Ash Wednesday 22nd February and ends on Holy Thursday 6th April. During this time, there is a strong focus on prayer and being charitable towards others.

Lent has been an emphasis for our children and teachers which has been manifested in our Religion lessons and assemblies.

The following story highlights one focus of this Church season.

Once upon a time, there was a wise man that used to go to the ocean to do his writing. He had a habit of walking on the beach before he began his work.

One day, as he was walking along the shore, he looked down the beach and saw a human figure moving like a dancer. He smiled to himself at the thought of someone who would dance to the day, and so, he walked faster to catch up.

As he got closer, he noticed that the figure was that of a young man, and that what he was doing was not dancing at all. The young man was reaching down to the shore, picking up small objects, and throwing them into the ocean. He came closer still and called out, "Good morning, may I ask what it is that you are doing?"

The young man paused, looked up, and replied, "Throwing starfish into the ocean."

"I must ask, then, why are you throwing starfish into the ocean?" asked the somewhat startled wise man.

To this, the young man replied, "The Sun is up and the tide is going out, if I don't throw them in, they'll die."

Upon hearing this, the wise man commented, "But do you not realise that there are kilometres and kilometres of beach and there are starfish everywhere? You can't possibly make a difference."

At this, the young man bent down, picked up yet another starfish, and threw it into the ocean. As it met the water, he said, "It made a difference for that one."

Sometimes we feel like some issues are too big for us to make a difference.

This story shows us that we can't do everything but there are things we can do that can bring about change.

Go out and make that difference

Melissa Collins

From Our APC

Over the past two weeks, students in Years 3 and 5 participated in NAPLAN. Congratulations to our students on the way they actively engaged in these assessments, giving their best efforts. Thank you to our teachers who prepared and supported our students throughout this process.

So what did some of our students think of NAPLAN?

Hunter Year 3: I enjoyed it because I liked doing work on the computer and love Maths.

Wundarra Year 3: It was okay, some questions made you think harder than you normally would in class.

Josie Year 5: It was not hard, it was easier than I thought it would be because I have done a lot of preparation leading up to the tests.

Charlie Year 5: Some tests were difficult, such as Mathematics because I don't like doing 'word problems'.

Will Year 5: Sometimes I found it fun because the questions were easy to answer and sometimes it was stressful because the questions were difficult.

There are significant changes to how your child's NAPLAN results will be reported to families.

New proficiency standards with 4 levels of achievement for each year level will replace the previous 10-band structure. These standards include a baseline benchmark to identify students who are likely to need additional support.

The new achievement levels are:

- Exceeding
- Strong
- Developing
- Needs additional support.

The descriptors for each category will make it clear to parents and carers what their child's literacy and numeracy skills are at the time of NAPLAN testing, and help support discussions with your child's teacher on their progress.

Your child's NAPLAN report will be sent to Sacred Heart in Term 2 and from there, will be sent home in a sealed envelope.

The link below will take you to further information regarding the new changes to NAPLAN.

<https://www.acara.edu.au/docs/default-source/media-releases/naplan-proficiency-standards-media-release-2023-02-10.pdf>

Have a wonderful week,

Mrs Lisa List.

Lantern Awards

Austin Jackson and Tiana Vann Year 4 **Compassion** - For supporting your classmates when completing a challenging technology task.

Milla McPherson Year 6 and Brooklyn Waters Year 3 **Compassion** - For thinking of others and giving our your time each morning during NAPLAN to help set up the computers.

Jessie Thomas Year 3 **Compassion** - For the helping attitude and caring manner you show towards class members and your teachers.

Charlotte Flowers Prep **Courage** - For the determination and effort you show during PE lessons when activities become really difficult.



Student Awards

Congratulations to the following children.

Prep	Beckett Crosby, Ivy Stumer, Koral Fleming, Connor Ohi, Harrison Turner, Frankie Mouglin
Year 1	Charlie Paynter, Sophia Small, Lucia Sturgess, Zayd Cherry, Raiden Dawson, Elizabeth Crick, Skylah Hulme, Alivia Evans, Sophie Evans, Daisy den Exter
Year 2	Mikey Martin, Rocco Renshaw, Summer McCoombes, Ruby Sawrey, Brock Bishop, Chelsea Smith
Year 3	Henry Kehoe, Lola Mathias-Watts, Jesse Martin, Skyla Kirkman, Mack Delaivuna, Henry Goldman
Year 4	Tiarna Vann, Halle Smith, Boston McAllister, Michael Bartlett, Dakotah Size, Rejie Dickenson
Year 5	Noah Hill, Sophie Tselepis, Bear Cranston, Braydon Smith, Archie McPherson, Abigail Colgan, Hudson Graham, Ethan Bell
Year 6	Amelia McCaul, Ethan Dixon

Capricorn Coast Catholic Parish

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

Project Compassion - Donation Boxes

With the school term and Lent coming to a close, can any Project Compassion donation boxes at home be brought into the office by Monday 27 March 2023. Thank you.

Important Dates Term One and Early Term 2

March

Friday 24th - Palm Sunday assembly 8.40am. Presented by Year 3S,

Thursday 30th - Holy Week assembly 8.40am (Holy Thursday). Presented by Year 1GT.

Friday 31st - Holy Week assembly 8.40am (Good Friday) presented by Year 4H. 1:50pm (Easter Sunday) presented by 5G.

Friday 31st - Final day of Term 1.

April

Monday 17th - First day of Term 2. School recommences.

Monday 24th - ANZAC Day assembly 8.40am. Year 5M presenting.

Tuesday 25th - ANZAC Day public holiday. Town march commencing at 9.30am.

Week 10 Prep to Year 2 Assembly

There will be no Prep to Year 2 assembly next week on Thursday due to our whole school assembly.

Thank you.

Easter Egg Raffle

Our Mini Vinnies has an Easter egg raffle to raise money for Caritas Australia which is a Catholic charity support organisation.

Every student will have two tickets entered into the raffle on their behalf. Extra tickets will also be available to purchase.

Tickets are 20 cents each. They will be on sale Monday through Thursday next week at the following times:

Prep Area: Monday and Tuesday mornings from 8.10am
Wednesday and Thursday afternoons 3pm.

MPA: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday first break.

The raffle will be drawn on Friday 31st March.

Looking forward to your support.



Finance - School Fee Discount

Families within the Catholic Education system may be eligible for school fee assistance under the Concession Card Tuition Fee Discount program.

This allows for a 70% discount on the tuition portion of school fees and is available for 'means tested' government Health Care and Pensioner Concession cards. These cards must meet eligibility criteria for this concession to apply.

If you have a concession card and wish to check its eligibility for this discount, forward a copy to Mrs Stacey Todman at shy_finance@rok.catholic.edu.au

Parent / Teacher Term 2 Interviews - Important Message

An important part of our assessment process at Sacred Heart is a parent-teacher interview.

Our first parent teacher interviews will be held during weeks two and three of Term Two. (Monday 24th April – Friday 5th May).

Having interviews in early Term Two offers parents/carers and teachers an opportunity to discuss their children's progress at school before report cards are sent home in the final week of Term Two.

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Bookings for these interviews are open from Tuesday 28th March at 10am.

These bookings will close to parents/carers on Wednesday 19th April at 10am.

Access for bookings is available during those dates via <https://206shy.rok.catholic.edu.au/parentlounge>

Available interview times will be particular to each classroom teacher.

New parents will be sent an access username and password and continuing parents will have the same one as last year.

If you have forgotten either of these, contact Mrs Fleur Kirkman at the school office: 49 948215.

Available times for individual teachers will appear when you log in to the booking site. Only one time slot is to be selected per child. If you wish to have a longer interview time please see your child's class teacher and arrange this at a time suitable to you both.

If you have any questions regarding these interviews, contact our school office. Thank you.

KCD Cross Country Carnival

Yesterday, Sacred Heart had twenty two children compete at the KCD cross country trials.

Congratulations to the following children who gained places:

2nd - Beau Hoare
3rd - Billie Kirkwood



Our 12 year old boys and 10 year old girls also came away with 1st place for their combined scores in their age groups. Our 10 year old boys placed 2nd.



Well done to all of our runners.

The Rockhampton District trials will be held on Tuesday 9th May with Ashton, Joseph, Cooper, Beau, Billie and Ivy representing KCD.

Rockhampton District Sports

Congratulations to Landen Miller on his selection in the Under 12s Rockhampton District team for rugby league, to Alex and Noah Todd on their selection in the Rockhampton District hockey team and Jacob Nix and Jake Jansen on their selection in the Rockhampton District basketball team.



Challenge Cup Netball

All students in Year 6 interested in representing Sacred Heart in netball for Challenge Cup this year, are invited to attend trials this Friday, 24th March. These will be held at school.

Challenge Cup training sessions will be weekly on Mondays from 3:15pm – 4:15pm, on the school oval, commencing Term 2.

Challenge Cup Rugby League Training

Training this Sunday 26th March 4pm to 5pm on our school oval. There will also be training this Friday 24th 2pm - 3pm at school. Footy boots need to be brought to school to change into.

There will be no training over the holidays.

Parents Connect Meeting

Last Monday, our Parents Connect group (formerly Parents and Friends' Association) held their second general meeting. The attendance at this was extremely pleasing.

Attached are the minutes. [Meeting Link](#)

Parents Connect welcomes all parents and carers to meetings. Below is our email and a link to the Australian Parents and Friends' Association.

Email parentsconnect.shy@gmail.com

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Stories by the Sea

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2023 Capricorn Coast Writer's Festival.

Please join us at **10am** on the **30th March** at **The Figtree Galleries**
to hear the announcement of the 2023 Festival Program and Speakers.

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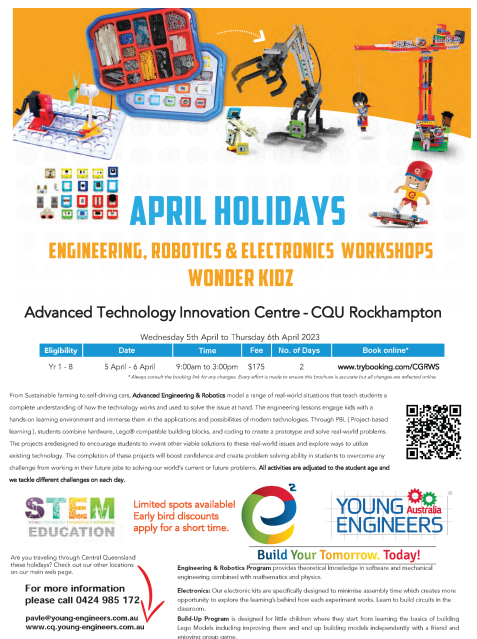
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