



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Enriching Spirits ~ Educating Minds

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NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal's Desk

In 2020, it was estimated by the Australian Government to cost \$548,500 to raise a child to 18 years old.

Many social researchers believe this is a gross under-estimation and that the cost is closer to \$1 million. In addition to the government's predictions, researchers say you need to add the cost of electronics, loss of parental income due to leave taken, private tutoring, sports and dance classes and considering the average child now stays at home until they are 24 years old, the real cost to the Australian parent of raising children is \$1,028,093.

"Generation Z and A, born since 1997, are the most financially endowed generations of children ever. Every child has their own set of everything. We are not in the era of shared toys or hand me downs. The average family has 2.7 children and with 30% of primary school students and 40% of secondary school students in non-government education, parents are more prepared than ever to invest in their kids."

With this in mind, the following reflection crossed my desk recently in response to the financial cost of raising a child.

"You might think the best financial advice is 'Don't have children if you want to be rich'. Actually, it is the opposite. So what do you get for your \$1 million?

Naming rights: First, middle and last.
Glimpses of God everyday.
Giggles under the covers every night.
More love than your heart can hold.
Endless wonders over rocks, ants, clouds, dinosaurs and warm biscuits.
A hand to hold, usually covered in mud or chocolate.

For \$1 million, you never have to grow up. You get to:
Finger paint.
Play hide and seek.
Never stop believing in Santa.

You have an excuse to:
Keep watching Saturday morning cartoons.
Go to Disney movies.
Keep reading the adventures of Piglet and Winnie the Pooh.
Frame rainbows, hearts and flowers under fridge magnets.
Collect spray painted noodle wreaths for Christmas, hand prints set in clay for Mother's Day and cards with backwards letters for Father's Day.

You get a front row seat to history to witness the:
First step.
First word.
First bra.
First date.
First time behind the wheel.

You get to be immortal. You get another branch to your family tree, and if you are lucky, a long list of limbs in your obituary called grandchildren and great grandchildren. You get an education in psychology, nursing, criminal justice, communications, and human sexuality that no college can match.

In the eyes of a child, you rank right up there under God. You have all the power to heal a scratch, scare away the monsters under the bed, patch a broken heart, police a sleepover party, ground them forever and love them without limits."

This week, having returned from our final Year 4 camp at the Caves, I was faced with quite a few school emails to answer, several parents to call and incidents to follow up. Having not slept in my own bed for three nights, I was a little tired so I decided to visit my daughter and our soon to be two year old granddaughter. Maggie. Her squeals of excitement as I knocked on the front door and her kiss on the cheek were worth every bit of that \$1,028,093.

Take care

Max Martin

From Our APRE

This week is National Reconciliation Week, a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. NRW started as the Week of Prayer for Reconciliation in 1993 (the International Year of the World's Indigenous Peoples) and was supported by Australia's major faith communities. In 1996, the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation launched Australia's first National Reconciliation Week. The link below has a heartfelt song entitled 'Took the Children Away' by Archie Roach which gives an emotional understanding of why it is so important that we reconcile and close the gap. [Archie Roach](#)

Reconciliation has no meaning if it is not aimed at achieving equality in life expectancy, education, employment and all the important, measurable areas of disadvantage. We cannot think of Australia as reconciled when some continue to experience racism and when there continues to be such profound disparity between First Nations people and the wider community. Reconciliation is about creating equity and equality, closing this gap and building relationships to do this.

Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

This is a time for everyone to learn about our and our first nations people's shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to living together respectfully in Australia. <https://nrw.reconciliation.org.au/>

Lord, thank you for the gift of this great land we call Australia, a land of wealth and wonders that You want us to share with others.

With our hearts full of strength, may we always treat each other with respect so that each of us feels welcome and included. With Jesus as our guide, hear our prayers. Amen

God bless.

Melissa Collins

From Our APC

Over the next few weeks, new teachers to Sacred Heart will participate in two writing workshops to learn from each other and strengthen their knowledge and understanding of the writing process.

The Catholic Education Diocese's goal is 'For teachers to engage in participatory action learning about writing development in order that all students may meet or exceed the year level writing expectations'.

What we know about writing:

- Writing is a thinking process.
- Writers need to think about their thinking and knowing - metacognition and monitoring.
- Writing processes are cyclic.
- Engagement and motivation are essential.
- We need a joint focus on knowing how to write as well as knowing what to write.

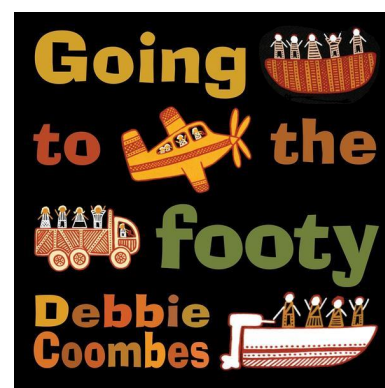
Students will learn:

- Authors provide models of how to write using different tools and structures to communicate ideas.
- Authors offer 'gifts of words' for children to borrow. 'Read like a Writer'.
- Readers provide a response to texts written by others.
- When children write, they are writing texts for others to read and understand - 'Write like a reader'.

Ultimately, the goal is for all learners at Sacred Heart to see themselves as an author.

While discussing writing and authors, and this week being Reconciliation Week, along with many of us tuning into the first State of Origin game last night, it is a timely opportunity to showcase a wonderful children's book called 'Going to the Footy' written by indigenous author and illustrator, Debbie Coombes.

This book combines richly textured and striking illustrations of iconic Australian modes of transport, with some gentle humour.



Have a wonderful week

Mrs Lisa List

Lantern Awards

Preeah Titmarsh - Courage For the courage and resilience you have displayed this week when completing classroom tasks.

Evie Eyles - Being Just For standing up for what is right at lunchtimes when interacting with your peers. You lead by example.

Amelia McCaul - Compassion The caring attitude you showed when taking a younger student to the office at lunchtime.



Student Awards

Congratulations to the following children.

Prep	Logan Trevor, Christopher Palmer, Kelsey Jones, Harrison Turner, Ayrle Ferrier, Summer Hawkes, Ryder Maloney, Sennetter Freeman, Harrison Inch, Storm Hamilton.
Year 1	Quinn Pardon, Kiara Reynolds, Torah Pearce, sophia Small, Hannah Flanders, Finn Jarrett, Mayah Abraham, Willow Johnston, Finn Bridges, Axel Sutton, Matteo Medrano, Zaylee Lucky
Year 2	Aurora Johnson, Grady Hayles, Jack McCartney, Sienna Boak, Astara Spry, Parker Prayle, Chelsea Smith, Zeb Bowman
Year 3	Henry Goldman, Harris Gould, James Whiting, Amelia Crick, Flynn O'Brien, Eliza Nunn, Sienna Mattingley, Skylar Rapmund, Toby Apps, Mack Delaivuna, Emersyn Bacon
Year 5	Sebastian Drew, Ava Skipper, Oscar Gleeson, Charlie Busch, Adaysha Giles, Jacob Nix
Year 6	Josie Oram, Ruby Fooks

Important Dates Term 2

June

Monday 12th - Prep to Year 3 athletics carnival

Wednesday 14th - KCD athletics carnival at Farnborough SS

Thursday 15th - Sacred Heart Day. Whole school mass at 9.15am at Sacred Heart Church

Friday 16th - Show holiday

Thursday 22nd - Under 8s Day

Friday 23rd - Final day of Term 2.

National Reconciliation Week

This week is National Reconciliation Week and the theme "Be A Voice" encourages everyone to be a voice for reconciliation in practical ways in our everyday lives.

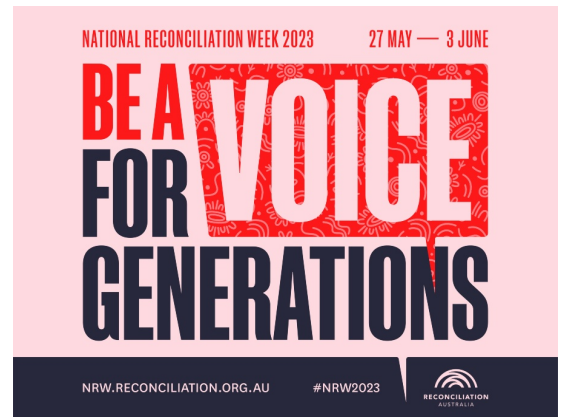
Tomorrow, Friday 2nd, our Year 3A children will be presenting our whole school assembly on reconciliation.

As part of our assembly, we will be saying a special Acknowledgement of Country:

"We raise our hand to the sky that covers Darumbal Land.
(Raise your hand up to the sky)
We touch the ground in the care of the Darumbal Land.
(Place your hand on the ground in front of you)
We place our hands on our heart in the love of the Darumbal Land."
(Place your hand over your heart)
We show our respect to the people and Elders of Darumbal land
(Place our hands out front)

It is wonderful to see our children being so respectful in saying and doing the actions to this acknowledgement. If you are attending our assembly, you are encouraged to join us with these words and actions.

Many thanks to our library coordinators, Mrs Holloway and Mrs Wilzcek for their Reconciliation Week display. It has had our children talking and being aware of the literature we have available on our First Nations' people in our library.



Capricorn Coast Catholic Parish

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

Pizza Day

Our Mini Vinnies group will be holding a Pizza Day on Tuesday 6th June 2023.

Pizza slices are \$2 each and can be purchased online through Flexi Schools.

Orders are to be placed by 1pm Friday 2nd June 2023. Thank you.



Important Notice About Our Stop, Drop and Go Zone

An important reminder to our families that our Stop, Drop and Go zone near the undercover is an area where children are dropped off each morning. Parents and carers are then to move on.

Presently, families are parking there to bring their children into school which is creating hold ups.

I ask that it is used as just that: a Stop, Drop and Go area. Thank you.

Yeppoon Show School Displays

Thank you to Mrs Seymour for organising our Yeppoon show display. It is always wonderful to have the opportunity to showcase our children's artistic work.

Make sure you visit the Education Pavillion, next week, where the schools' displays are housed.

There are many Sacred Heart students who entered the show in different sections and we wish them all the best with their entries.

Finance

Thank you to those families that have paid their Term 2 fees. These are now overdue.

If you are unable to make immediate payment, contact Mrs Stacey Todman at the office to organise a payment plan.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal has started and they are accepting donations of clean warm items - blankets, doonas, shawls, scarves, coats, beanies and warm clothes.

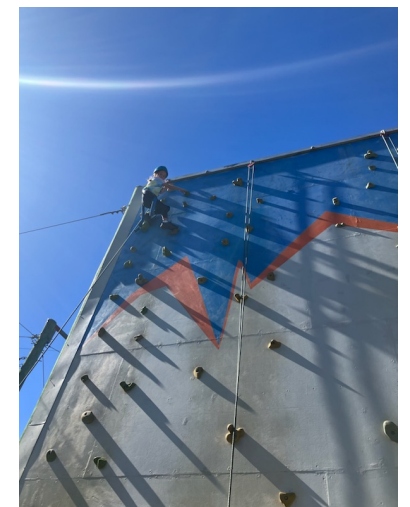
You may drop these items to school or to St Vincent de Paul.

Money raised from the sale of lolly bags at the disco, our pizza meal and our coin collection in week 10 will go towards this appeal.

Thank you for your support, it is greatly appreciated.



Year 4 Camp



Interschool Chess Tournament

Well done to our chess players who attended a regional tournament last Thursday.

They received three merits awards and Mrs Goltz reports that their skills have improved substantially since our last competition.

Well done, Mason, Noah, Alex, Banjo, Eden, Lucy and Kiana.



Year 4 to 6 Athletics Carnival

Today, our Year 4 to 6 athletics carnival was held on the school oval

All children are to be congratulated on their efforts and good sportsmanship. The cheering and support shown were amazing.

Well done to Tabor, the overall champion house.

Congratulations to our age champions.

2011 Boys - Joseph Kingston

2011 Girls - Amahni Manz and Ruby Neagle

2012 Boys - Cooper Griffin and Felix Shammall

2012 Girls - Mackenzie Rapmund

2013 Boys - Beau Hoare

2013 Girls - Sophie Tselepis



Prep Excursion to Cooberrie Park

Next Thursday, 8th June, our Prep classes will be visiting Cooberrie Park to learn more about our native wildlife.

Our Preps, their teachers and teacher assistants will be travelling by bus, leaving school at 9:30am and returning by 2:30pm.

School hats and water bottles are essential.

Students will be taking their school bags, brain break and lunch with them.

Community News

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith?

Do you know someone who is interested or are you interested in becoming a Catholic?

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is active in the Capricorn Coast Catholic Parish.

For more information contact the Parish Office on 49336171 or Sue on 49250462.