



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Newsletter

31st October 2024

From the Principal

Many years ago three soldiers, hungry and weary of battle, came upon a small village. The villagers, suffering from a poor harvest and the many years of war, quickly hid what little they had to eat and met the three at the village square, wringing their hands and bemoaning the lack of anything to eat.

The soldiers spoke quietly amongst themselves, and the first soldier then turned to the village elders. "Your tired fields have left you nothing to share, so we will share what little we have: the secret of how to make soup from stones."

Naturally the villagers were intrigued and soon a fire was put to the town's greatest kettle as the soldiers dropped in three smooth stones. "Now this will be a fine soup", said the second soldier; "but a pinch of salt and some parsley would make it wonderful."

Up jumped a villager, crying "What luck. I've just remembered where some has been left." And off she ran, returning with an apron full of parsley and a turnip. As the kettle boiled on, the memory of the village improved, soon barley, carrots, beef and cream had found their way into the great pot and a cask of wine was rolled into the square as all sat down to feast.

They ate and danced and sang well into the night, refreshed by the feast and their new-found friends. In the morning, the three soldiers awoke to find the entire village standing before them. At their feet lay a satchel of the village's best breads and cheese. "You have given us the greatest of gifts, the secret of how to make soup from stones", said an elder, "and we shall never forget." The third soldier turned to the crowd, and said, "There is no secret, but this is certain: it is only by sharing that we may make a feast". And off the soldiers wandered.

Two Fridays ago, our children and staff arrived at school sporting very colourful and some unusual foot attire for Crazy Sock Day. Not only was it great to show off our socks but there was an underlying emphasis to raise money for those less fortunate than ourselves. Together, we raised over \$1300 which was an amazing effort.

At Sacred Heart, our aim is to nurture each child in their emotional, academic, physical, cultural and spiritual growth and in doing so provide them with a learning environment where they can reach their full potential.

Teaching our children empathy is an extremely important part of their holistic development and very much part of our school's religious education program. Empathy is the ability to put yourself in the shoes of someone else and understand what they are feeling or experiencing.

It is through experiences similar to Crazy Sock Day that a child's sense of empathy is hopefully heightened.

In the coming weeks, we are asking all our families to contribute to the 'Linking Alms Christmas Appeal' (Alms means the giving of material items to the needy) in support of our local St Vincent De Paul which does an outstanding job assisting families and individuals financially and emotionally over the holiday/Christmas period.

These donated items can be brought to school. Last year, the response from our families with festive season foods, toys, decorations etc was overwhelming and hopefully, we can be as generous this year.

The story of the 'Stone Soup' is a reminder that together we are able to assist with the spirit of giving during the Christmas period which for many of our Yeppoon and school families is a difficult time.

After World War II, German students volunteered to help rebuild a cathedral in England, one of many casualties of the Luftwaffe bombings. As the work progressed, debate broke out on how to best restore a large statue of Jesus with His arms outstretched and bearing the familiar inscription, 'Come unto Me.' Careful patching would repair all damage to the statue except for Christ's hands, which had been destroyed by bomb fragments. Should they attempt the delicate task of reshaping those hands?

Finally the workers reached a decision that still stands today. The statue of Jesus has no hands, and the inscription now reads, 'Christ has no hands on Earth but ours.'

Thank you for your anticipated support and take care.
Max Martin

From the APRE

As we approach November, we remember two important days for the Catholic Church: All Saints' Day on November 1st and All Souls' Day on November 2nd.

All Saints' Day honours those recognised for their faith while All Souls' Day is a special time for us to remember family and friends who have passed away.

At school, we have a remembrance book where students share the names of loved ones they wish to honour. This book will be taken up to the Church for the All Soul's Mass, where our parish prays for them.

There is a beautiful saying that we never truly lose those we love as long as we remember them. Let us cherish the memories of our loved ones and keep them close in our hearts.

Melissa Collins

From the APC

This week, in our Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), teachers came together to moderate students' English work samples and data gathered throughout the semester to prepare for reporting.

Moderation practices for assessment play a critical role in ensuring fairness, consistency, and transparency in education.

There are four key elements to successful assessment moderation processes in schools: equity, justification, accountability, and community building.

1. Equity

- **Fair Assessment:** Moderation ensures that all students are assessed according to the same standards, minimising bias and creating a level playing field. This is especially important in diverse classrooms where students come from different backgrounds and have varying levels of support.
- **Differentiation:** Teachers can use moderation to identify the needs of all learners, ensuring that assessment tasks are inclusive and equitable and cater to students with different abilities and learning styles.

2. Justification

- **Transparent Processes:** Moderation provides a transparent framework for assessment. When teachers collaborate to review and discuss student work, they foster a shared understanding of what constitutes quality work and help justify grades awarded to students.

- Evidence-Based Decisions: The use of a moderation process helps justify the decisions made regarding student achievement, ensuring they are based on evidence rather than subjective opinions.

3. Accountability

- Standards Consistency: By engaging in moderation, schools can hold themselves accountable to the educational standards set out in the Australian Curriculum and the Queensland Curriculum Assessment Authority (QCAA). This practice ensures that the quality of education and assessment remains high and consistent across different classrooms within the school.
- Data-Driven Improvement: Moderation processes can also be used to evaluate the effectiveness of teaching practices and curriculum implementation, promoting a culture of continuous improvement in teaching and learning.

4. Community-Building

- Collaboration Among Educators: Moderation practices promote collaboration among teachers, fostering a sense of community as they work together to develop a shared understanding of assessment criteria and standards.

Over the coming weeks, teachers will be completing report cards. These will be available via Parent Lounge on Tuesday of Week 10.

Have a wonderful week,

Lisa List

Important Dates



| Date Claimers | |
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| November | Event / Activity |
| Friday 1 st | Grandparents Day whole school prayer assembly led by 2K at 8:40am |
| Monday 4 th | Mini Vinnies' Christmas appeal commences |
| Monday 11 th | Remembrance Day. Whole school prayer assembly led by 4J at 8.40am. |
| Monday 18 th | St Ursula's Year 6 orientation day |
| Tuesday 19 th | Instrumental concert |
| Thursday 21 st | Presentation Day |
| Friday 22 nd | Presentation Day celebrations |
| Friday 22 nd | Parent Connect Colour Run on oval |
| Tuesday 26 th | Mini Vinnies' Christmas Carols at Carv December |
| December | Event / Activity |
| Monday 2 nd | End of year 'Thanksgiving Mass' at 9:15am |
| Monday 2 nd | Year 6 graduation dinner from 5.30pm |
| Tuesday 3 rd | End of year concert in MPA from 11:30am |
| Friday 6 th | Whole school assembly at 8.40am |
| Friday 6 th | Last day of school |

Capricorn Coast Catholic Parish

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

[Link to Bulletin](#)

Anniversary invitation - 120 year celebration of Mary Immaculate Catholic Church, Emu Park

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|  | <p>CAPRICORN COAST CATHOLIC PARISH <i>Sacred Heart Church 7 Tabor Drive, Lammermoor</i> <i>Mary Immaculate Church 28 Archer Street, Emu Park</i></p> |  |
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The Capricorn Coast Catholic Parish
invites you to a Celebration of
120 years of Faith and Worship
in the Emu Park Community

Saturday 7th December 2024
Beginning with Mass at 4:00pm
Barbecue Meal after Mass
6:30pm “A Local Christmas Story” with Community Carols

We hope you can join us on this special occasion.
R.S.V.P. to the Parish Office at capcoast@rok.catholic.net.au
or 4933 6171, before Friday 22nd November



Lantern Awards



1 - Lola Wright, Prep, Compassion for the kind words and beautiful hugs you give each day.



2 - Sawyer Page, Year 3, Compassion for ensuring your friends are always feeling safe and looked after. Thank you.



3 - Adithi Adersh, Year 4, Compassion For the wonderfully caring and gentle way in which you interact with your classmates.



4 - Lucinda Warrick, Year 5, Courage for displaying excellent application to your studies and being a great role model for your peers last week when our Year 5 classes were combined.



5 - Jayden Scott, Year 5, Courage for displaying excellent application to your studies and being a great role model for your peers last week when our Year 5 classes were combined.



6 - Archer McPherson, Year 6, Courage for displaying great leadership qualities when asked to deal with an important school matter. Thank you.

Class Awards

| Year Level | Students |
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| Prep | Flynn Spencer, Hudson Chan, Carter Edwards, Hunter Songoro, Lexie Jannes, Huey Stumer, Poppy Renshaw, Kaide Richardson, Jake Martin. |
| Year 1 | Charlotte Flower, Ryan Scoleri, Amelia Foley, Sebastian Suttle, Kaylene Massyn |
| Year 2 | Matilda Kirby, Zayd Cherry, Finn Brdiges, Daisy den Exter, Finn Fleming, Matilda Flower, Lizzie Crick, Elkie Milner, Zayd Cherry, Sophia Small, William Lowry |
| Year 3 | Jack McCartney, Parker Prayle, Ivanna Gill |
| Year 5 | Levi King, Finn Senior, Halle Smith, Taj Rich, Elka Guhr, Hudson Daniel, Ray Delaivuna |
| Year 6 | Kirby Kenny, Mason Stark, Dylan Barnes, Evie Moore, Chelsea Allen, Chelsea Bunt, Ruby Deasy, Maycie Clarke, Lula Hart |

Chess Competition

Well done to Alex and Noah Todd who participated in the recent Regional School Champions Chess tournament. Both performed well against some exceptional competition and represented our school with passion and pride.



Year 6 Interactive Writing Sound Poems

The year 6's worked in pairs/small groups and used the rainforest as their stimulus. They viewed a still image and then listened to rainforest sounds to inspire creativity. Here are some of the first draft samples.

Jaguars peeking through the leaves.

Toucans hovering over the pure green treetops.

Vines as old as time.

Rain cascading cautiously, covering the rock bed.

Splish! Splosh! Splash!

By Chelsea A and Chelsea B

Tall trees sway in the whirly wind,
Rushing and gushing through the mysterious mist.
Terrifying thunder.
Vicious vines,
Strangling its soul...as the leaves tell their secrets.

By Riley and Ava

Waterfalls cascade down the mountain.
Crying rain touches the Earth.
Babbling brooks whisper their secrets.
The tree canopy, a story waiting to be told.

By Lucy

Rippling, rustling rain rushing down.
Lavish leaves lusciously thrive in the thick vegetation.
Trees arch overhead...vines strangle their trunks like snakes.
In the depths of the dimly lit jungle,
Silently jaguars stalk their prey.
Monkeys clamber as beams of lights cascade through the canopy above.

By Maya, Jai and Lula

Term 4 School Fees

Term 4 school fees are now due. It is important that all 2024 school fees are finalised by the end of this schooling year. If you have not received your statement or wish to enter a payment plan arrangement, email Mrs Stacey Todman shy_finance@rok.catholic.edu.au . Thank you.

Confirmation of Enrolment 2025

Thank you to those families that have completed the confirmation of enrolment form for 2025. Completion of this form is due by Friday 8th November.

It will confirm your child/ren's enrolment at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Yeppoon in 2025 and ensure you receive discounts if you have more than one child at a Catholic School or College in the Diocese of Rockhampton. If you have any queries regarding this form please contact the school office. Please find link below.

[2025 Confirmation of Enrolment Form](#)

Sacred Heart Colour Run

On Friday 22nd November, we will be having a Colour Run on our oval as a fundraiser for our local St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.

All year levels will be taking part, commencing after the second break.

A timetable will be communicated in the coming weeks.

Children are asked to wear a white or light-coloured shirt and casual shorts to school that day. A towel to dry themselves after their run is handy.

Shoes and socks are essential and these will be removed before the run.

A gold coin donation is also encouraged and this can be brought to school that day to be collected by the classroom teacher.

The colour run powder paint is non-toxic, non-flammable, skin safe, environmentally friendly and biodegradable.

The [Safety Data Sheets](#) are available for perusal.

This event is being organised by our Parent Connect group.

All adults wishing to volunteer on the day will need to read the following Risk Assessment. The paper copy is in the office for signing.

[Colour Run Risk Assessment 2024](#)

All children will be released from our multi-purpose area at 3pm on Friday unless they catch the 2.53pm bus.



Breakfast Club

There will be no breakfast club tomorrow. It will recommence next Friday 8th November, 2024.

Grandparents' Assembly

Tomorrow, we celebrate Grandparent's Day with a prayer assembly at 8:40am, led by our Year 2K class.

Morning tea will follow.

Looking forward to seeing lots of families there.





JUNIOR REP. DEVELOPMENT DAY
CHECKOUT THE CAP COAST TOUCH
FOOTBALL FACEBOOK PAGE FOR FURTHER
DETAILS

**COME ALONG AND CHECK OUT WHAT
IT'S ALL ABOUT -
AN EXCITING 2025
IS ON ITS WAY!**

SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER - 8.00AM - 9.30AM.