



# Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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*5th December 2024*

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## From the Principal

Last Saturday, I was shopping at 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 Father Matthew Moloney, our parish priest.

Now I know that Father Matthew has nieces and nephews, all of whom are in their 20s and older so I wondered why he should want to buy a doll for Christmas.

'Hi, Matthew,' I said, 'I hadn't realised you collected dolls.'

'I don't,' he replied laughing.

'Really,' I queried, 'then you must be buying a Christmas present then?'

'No, not at all,' he responded, his eyes twinkling merrily.

'If you don't mind my asking then,' I said, 'Why exactly are you standing in this particular line?'

'Oh that,' he laughed. 'It's like this,' he 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 ham and join those endless queues.

As I wrote in last week's newsletter, you can 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 Tuesday 28th January for the start of the 2025 school year.

Take care  
Martin

Max



## From the APRE

As we approach the end of another school year, we reflect on the anticipation and excitement that comes with the birth of a baby. For any parent, this time is filled with a mix of emotions and countless questions: When will the baby arrive? Are we ready? Is the room prepared? These thoughts swirl around like a Ferris Wheel.

In our own homes, the arrival of a new baby often brings a bit of chaos. We remember the rush to prepare, moving our 14-month-old to a bed to make room for the new arrival, and the relief of finding a clean, air-conditioned hospital. How fortunate we were that everything fell into place, even if it was a bit disorganised.

Mary and Joseph experienced their own challenges as they awaited the birth of Jesus. Turned away twice, they finally found a place for Mary to give birth. Imagine the thoughts running through Joseph's mind that night. It was truly a special event, made possible by Mary's yes and Joseph's perseverance.

This Christmas, may we all be inspired by the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the Kings, and the peace of the Christ child.

God, bless us all with a safe, happy, and Holy Christmas. Amen.

Wishing you all a happy, holy and safe Christmas

Melissa Collins



## From the APC

As another school year comes to an end, looking back I marvel at the amazing accomplishments of our students.

The talents they possess cover a range of areas from academic prowess, musical talents, sporting achievements and community 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 children's 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 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/>

### **Booklists**

Below are links to our 2025 book lists.

The following local businesses offer a 5% discount on book lists being filled for Sacred Heart families.

- Keppel Bay Plaza News
- Office National Xpress Yeppoon
- Emu Park Newsagency
- Capricorn Educational Resources Allenstown

[Prep](#)

[Year 1](#)

[Year 2](#)

[Year 3](#)

[Year 4](#)

[Year 5](#)

[Year 6](#)

Wishing you and your family and very happy and safe festive season.

Mrs Lisa List



## Important Dates

### December

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| Friday 6th     | Whole school assembly at 8.40am   |
| Friday 6th     | Last day of school                |
| Wednesday 11th | Our school office closes at 11am. |

### January

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| Monday 20th   | Our school office reopens at 8.45am         |
| Tuesday 21st  | 2025 Year 1 to 6 class lists made available |
| Thursday 23rd | Book drop off from 2.15pm at school         |
| Monday 27th   | Public holiday for Australia Day            |
| Tuesday 28th  | First day of school for 2025                |

## Capricorn Coast Catholic Parish

NEEDED: Children who wish to participate in the Christmas Eve mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Come dressed as an angel, a sheep, a wise man or a shepherd. Arrive at the church at 4:30 pm. Thank you.

### CHRISTMAS EVE

**Tues 24 Dec:** 4:30pm Carols, Sacred Heart

**Tues 24 Dec:** 5pm Mass, Sacred Heart

**Tues 24 Dec:** 6:30pm Carols, Mary Immaculate

**Tues 24 Dec:** 7pm Mass, Mary Immaculate

### CHRISTMAS DAY

**Wed 25 Dec:** 9am Mass, Sacred Heart

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

[Link to Bulletin](#)

## 2025 Sacramental Program

Families in Years 3, Year 4 and Year 5 received an email regarding the 2025 Sacramental Program and important gathering dates.

Here is the link to the Sacramental Program for 2025.

[Link to 2025 Sacramental Program here](#)

## Sacred Heart Office Hours

Our Sacred Heart School office will close from next Wednesday 11th December at 11am.

It will reopen on Monday 20th January at 8.45am.

We thank Mrs Todman and Mrs Kirkman for their wonderful work this year and wish them a well deserved break.

Thank you.

## Prep Nativity Assembly

Well done to our Preps who did an outstanding job presenting the Nativity story at assembly last week.

Their acting and singing were amazing. Such an important story told reverently and with passion.











## Children's Classes For 2025 - Important Message

Families will be made aware of their child/ren's class and teacher for 2025 on Tuesday 21st January.

Our Preps for next year will know their classes by Tuesday next week via email.

If you have any concerns with accessing this, do not hesitate to contact our office.

## Farewell To Staff

We farewell the following staff and wish them all the very best for the future. Thank you for their professionalism and commitment to our school.

Mrs Tamille Bell who is taking up a teaching position in Rockhampton.

Miss Mia Peers who will be teaching assisting at St Ursula's College, Yeppoon next year.

Father Matthew Moloney who is moving to Brisbane to take up a supervisory role at the seminary.

End of Year Thanksgiving Mass







## Colour Run

Last Friday, Sacred Heart held a colour run. It was a great afternoon with the students' participation and behaviour being amazing.

Thank you to the Queensland Fire Service for assisting on the day.

Well done to our Parent Connect group for organising this event.

Over \$500 was raised for this year's St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal.

Thanks to Marogallery photography who captured the day. See below link and password to access photos.

If you do access photos for social media purposes, can you tag or mention Marogallery in your posts.

**Link to the Colour Run Gallery:** [marogalleryphotography.shootproof.com](https://marogalleryphotography.shootproof.com)

**Password:** ColourRun24

End of Year Concert









## Community News

### **POSITION VACANT: Parish Secretary**

The Capricorn Coast Catholic Parish is seeking a **Parish Secretary**, located at the Sacred Heart Church in Yeppoon.

Office hours are Monday to Friday 9am to 2pm working with the Parish Team and community.

For further information please contact:  
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