



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Newsletter

7th November 2024

From the Principal

Six Reasons Not To Mess With A Child

A prep teacher was observing her children while they were drawing. She walked around to see each child's work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

A Year 3 teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her children. After explaining the commandment to "Honour" thy Father and thy Mother, she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, "Thou shall not kill..."

One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head. She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, "Why are some of your hairs white, Mum?" Her mother replied, "Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white." The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, "Mum, how come all of grandma's hairs are white?"

The children had all been photographed and the teacher was trying to persuade them each to buy a copy of the group picture. "Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say, 'There's Jennifer, she's an electrician,' or 'That's Michael, he's a nurse.' A small voice at the back of the room rang out, "And there's the teacher, she's dead."

A teacher was giving a lesson on the circulation of the blood. Trying to make the matter clearer, she said, "Now, class, if I stood on my head, the blood, as you know, would run into it, and I would turn red in the face." "Yes," the class said. "Then why is it that while I am standing upright in the ordinary position the blood doesn't run into my feet?" A little fellow shouted, "Because your feet ain't empty."

The children were lined up at the tuckshop for breakfast club. At the counter was a large pile of apples. One of our teachers made a note and posted it on the apple tray: "Take only one. God is watching." Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the counter was a large pile of chocolate chip biscuits. A child had written a note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

Children, sometimes we cannot live with them and most of the time we cannot live without them.

Last week, we welcomed 75 new children to Sacred Heart, our 2025 preps, when we conducted our orientation sessions. It is always amazing and refreshing to see the wide eyed looks on the faces of the not only the children but also their parents and carers.

I am so proud of what we have to offer in Prep: the resources, the learning opportunities, the environment and the dedicated staff. Mrs Campbell, Miss Baker, Mrs Du Plooy, Mrs Rushton, Mrs Brook, Mrs Gonzales and Mrs Bergman do a wonderful job in providing a holistic education for our children in what is one of the most important years of our children's education.

Last week, I had an opportunity to drop in and look at some of their writing. I was thrilled to see the great spelling, ideas and structure in what the preps were doing. They have come so far. Unbelievable.

Take care

Max Martin



From the APRE



As we approach Remembrance Day on November 11th, it is a poignant time for us to reflect on the significance of this day within our school community. Remembrance Day is a time for us to honour and remember the brave men and women who have served and sacrificed for our country, ensuring the freedom we enjoy today.

In our school's Catholic tradition, we are reminded of Jesus' words in the Gospel of John: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13). This powerful message resonates deeply as we think about the selfless acts of courage and love demonstrated by our servicemen and women.

We will be commemorating Remembrance Day with a special prayer assembly led by Year 4J on Monday at 8:40am. We'll observe a minute of silence and also pray for peace, inspired by the words of Jesus. These activities help our children understand the importance of remembering those who have given so much for our country.

We also encourage families to speak with their children as these stories that can help bring the history and significance of this day to life.

As we remember the past, we are also called to be peacemakers in our own lives. We strive to foster an environment of kindness, understanding, and reconciliation within our school and community. Let us teach our children the values of compassion and forgiveness, following the example of Christ.

Dear God,

Thank you for the brave soldiers who have protected our country. Bless them and their families. Help us to be peacemakers in our school and our homes. Teach us to be kind, loving and forgiving, just like Jesus. May we always remember the sacrifices made for us and work towards a future filled with peace and harmony. Amen.

Have a great weekend
Melissa Collins

From the APC

Every learner in every school deserves an outstanding Mathematics education and ongoing opportunities to become “confident, creative users and communicators of mathematics” (ACARA, 2019).

With this statement in mind, Mathematics at Sacred Heart has been identified as one of our school priorities over the next few years.

This year, a Mathematics Project team, comprising of Mrs Becky Du Plooy, Mrs Marise Shammall, Mrs Meagan Goltz and I have participated in workshops and planning sessions facilitated by John Campbell from the Catholic Education Office.

Leading research in Mathematics has been used to support and guide new practices, planning and hands-on activities in these teacher’s classrooms.

Our goal is to develop high-performing mathematics coaches across the school, leading to outstanding learning and positive mindsets in every classroom.

Peter Liljedahl and Jo Boaler, both authors of books read to unpack their forward-thinking ideas for use in the classroom, share similar messages:

- Students need informative feedback, which goes beyond getting the right answer to work towards finding solutions.
- Productive struggle is the kind of effortful learning that develops grit and creative problem-solving. It results in students understanding content at a deeper level and applying that learning to more difficult and complex problems.
- The classroom environment is essential for rich learning, allowing students to work vertically, use a variety of resources and collaborate with peers to solve deep thinking, challenging and engaging tasks.

Students have been highly engaged in learning activities, below are some of their thoughts and comments:

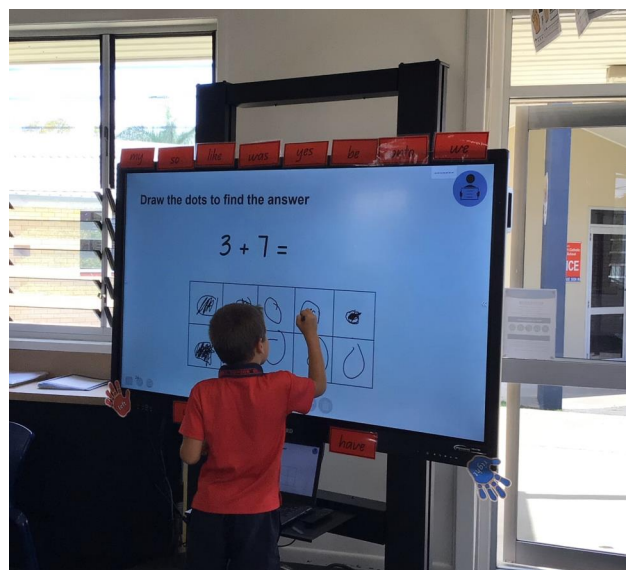
- I enjoyed it because I got out of my desk.
- I liked working with a partner because it's easier when you have someone to help you.
- I enjoyed it because I got to work with different people.
- I liked it because you go to help each other and I enjoyed getting out of my seat.
- It is a fun way to do Maths. We get to do more than just sit and write. It’s engaging and physical.
- I like working in random groups with people I do not expect.
- It makes Maths more fun and interesting. I enjoy the challenging questions and working in a group.

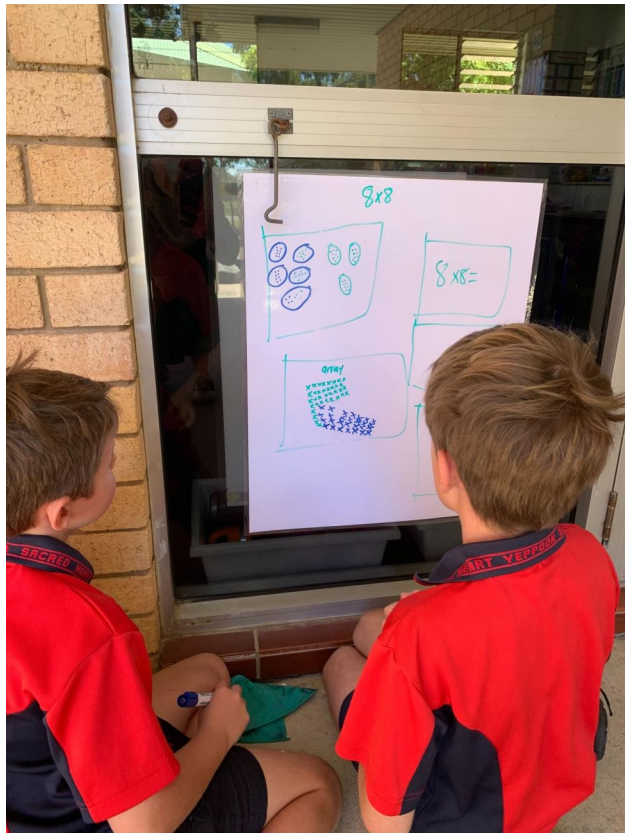
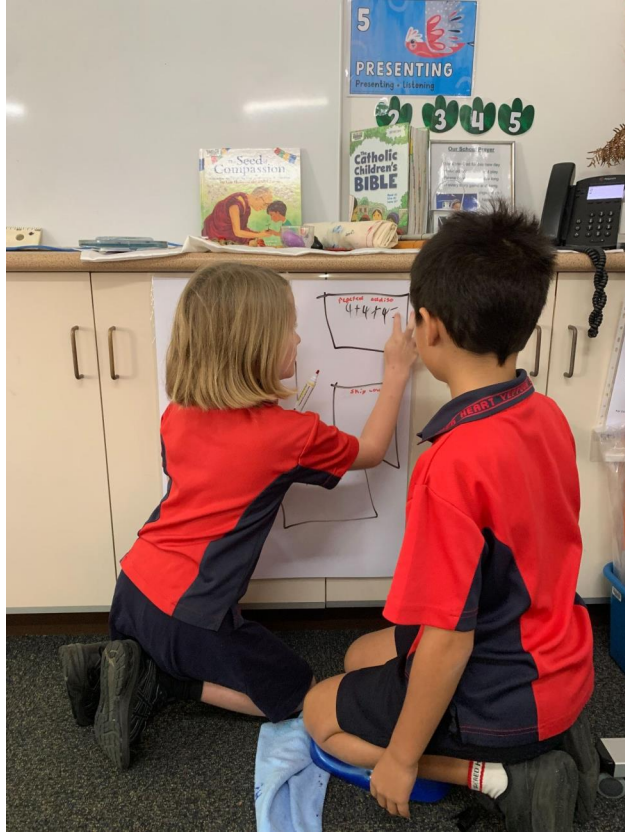
What about our teachers’ thoughts on engaging with this innovative approach, below are what they have experienced so far:

Mrs Du Plooy: The biggest takeaway regarding the Maths Project has been seeing how far my children's thinking has been stretched. They are taking more risks, feeling comfortable solving problems, and sharing their thinking with other students in the class after our number talks.

Mrs Shammall: I have thoroughly enjoyed my involvement in the Leading Maths Project. Each professional development day provides us with a wealth of practical and engaging mathematical activities. The students in 3S have particularly enjoyed the dynamic learning environment, working in small groups, and tackling challenging mathematical tasks. Feedback from my class has been extremely positive and each Friday the students look forward to trying a new esti-mystery.

Mrs Goltz: Being a part of the Leading Maths Project has been very rewarding. Students of all abilities are finding the new teaching strategies and activities enjoyable, engaging, and challenging. They now look forward to Mathematics lessons with enthusiasm.











Important Dates

November

- Monday 11th Remembrance Day. Whole school prayer assembly led by 4J at 8.40am.
- Monday 18th St Ursula's Year 6 orientation day
- Tuesday 19th Mini Vinnies' Christmas Carols at Carv December
- Thursday 21st Presentation Day
- Friday 22nd Presentation Day celebrations
- Friday 22nd Parent Connect Colour Run on oval
- Tuesday 26th Instrumental concert

December

- Monday 2nd End of year 'Thanksgiving Mass' at 9:15am
- Monday 2nd Year 6 graduation dinner from 5.30pm
- Tuesday 3rd End of year concert in MPA from 11:30am
- Friday 6th Whole school assembly at 8.40am
- Friday 6th 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 Award







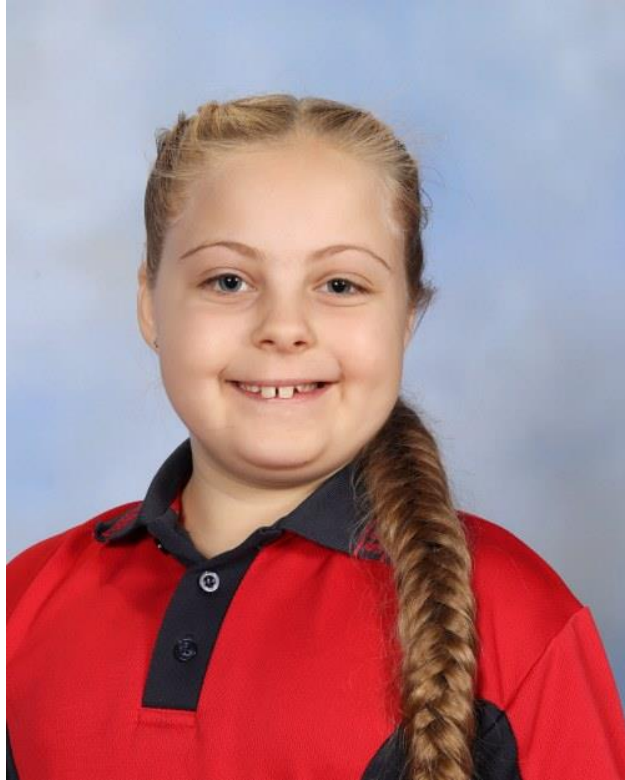
Halle Cranston Prep Compassion For the kind words and smiles you share every day. You brighten our day.

Oliver Mathias-Watt Year 6 Compassion For ensuring a younger student had someone to play with at lunch time and teaching them some soccer skills. Thank you.

Cruz Hill and Max Way Year 6 Compassion For sharing your caring and considerate nature when assisting a prep during their PE lesson this week. Well done, Cruz and Max.

Frankie Award





Emma Hall Year 5 For picking up food scraps while walking back to class and placing them in the compost bin. Thank you.

Class Awards

Prep

Riley Ball, Tahlia Edwards, Charlie Wilson, Sienna Wyllie, Van Bridges, Riley Flanagan, Edward Neve

Year 1

Grayson Edwards, Remy Sullivan, Koral Fleming, Franki Kelly, James Kirby, Connor Ohl, Piper Mahoney, Henry Poole, Addison Kinsey, Logan Trevor, Ayva Pattel

Year 2

Mayah Abraham, Mila McKenna, Taya Klein, Porsha Mundy, Finn Bridges, Mikayla Palmer, Ezekiel Mulholland, Imogen Harvey, Fergus Kenny, Archie MacPherson

Year 3

Lewis Cauchi, Carter Morris

Year 4

Toby Apps, Harris Gould, Jessie Thomas, Abby Eyles, Shanelle O'Meara, Lara Elston

Year 5

Olive Fitzgerald, Ben Sharp, Isabella Brans, Sienna Foley, Nixon Johnston, Nate Elliott, Tiarna Vann, Rejie Dickenson

Year 6

Jett Hawkes, Cooper Griffin, Emma Scanlan, Saige Nielsen, Isla Kirby, Wilfred Neilson, Lucia Jarrett, Maya Read, Ivy Ballard

Grandparent's Day

Last Friday, we celebrated Grandparent's Day with a special assembly and morning tea. It was wonderful to have such a large number of families join us for this occasion and then stay on for morning tea. Some even took the opportunity to visit classrooms.

Thank you to our Year 2K class for presenting a very heartfelt assembly for our grandparents.















Year 3 Visit from Father Matthew Moloney

This week, Father Matthew visited our Year 3s to speak with them about what a priest and bishop does.

Some of the questions asked included:

Why do we call you Father Matthew and not Priest Matthew? Carter

When was the first catholic school built in Rockhampton? Indie

Would you like to become a bishop? Charlotte

If there are so many priest, how come there is only one Pope? Maddison

He also told the 3s about his role as a priest and what he does each day. Thank you, Father Matthew.



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 this 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. Find link below.

[2025 Confirmation of Enrolment Form](#)

Sacred Heart Colour Run

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

All year levels will be taking part, commencing after the second break. A approximate timetable when year levels will be running is as follows:

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| Prep and Year 6 | 1.35pm |
| Year 1 and Year 5 | 1.45pm |
| Year 2 and 3 | 1.55pm |
| Year 4 | 2.05pm |
| All classes | 2.20pm |
| Finish | 2.35pm |

We will then go to our multipurpose area until 3pm where our children will be dismissed.

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 would be handy.

A gold coin donation is also encouraged and this can be brought to school that day.

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

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

This event is being organised by our Parent Connect group and we are looking forward to it.



Year 2 Excursion



Last Thursday, as part of our Year 2 studies in HaSS on caring for our environment and the traditional cultural values of respect and reciprocity, Our Year 2s attended a performance entitled, 'Waru' at the Pilbeam Theatre.

This event portrayed the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures through the journey of a small turtle named Waru and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

Here is what our 2s loved most about the performance:

When the lizard kept coming to the turtle's nest. Clara

When the baby turtles hatched. They swam away into the deep ocean. McKenzie

When the mother turtle could not get into the nest, we had to help push her in. Elkie

When the aboriginal lady was whipping the lizard with a broom to keep him away from the turtle eggs. Van

There was goanna and the lady in the play was using her ninja skills to fight it. Finn

End of Year Concert

This will be held on Tuesday 3rd December commencing at 11.30am in our multi-purpose area.

The first performance will be from our Preps, finishing with our Year 6s.

Parents and carers are most welcome to attend.

St Ursula's College Year 7 Visit



Thank you to Mrs Megan Slade, Mrs Melissa Thomas and St Ursula's students, Georgia and Ruby (ex Sacred Heart) who came to visit our Year 6 girls to discuss preparation for and opportunities in year 7 at St Ursula's College.

Our girls really appreciated the session and found it extremely beneficial.

A young person with long hair, wearing a blue long-sleeved jersey with white patterns, is lying on their side on a grassy field. They are holding a white and blue rugby ball with both hands. The ball has the text 'TCOAST' and 'LINGRAYS' on it. The background is a blurred green field.

JUNIOR REP. DEVELOPMENT DAY
CHECKOUT THE CAP COAST TOUCH
FOOTBALL FACEBOOK PAGE FOR FURTHER
DETAILS
COME ALONG AND CHECK OUT WHAT
ITS ALL ABOUT -
AN EXCITING 2025
IS ON ITS WAY!
SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER - 8.00AM - 9.30AM.



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