



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Enriching Spirits ~ Educating Minds

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**NEWSLETTER**

24th October 2024

### From the Principal's Desk

As part of our Catholic faith, Mary, the mother of Jesus, is an extremely important person.

One story which often resonates with older primary children was the time young Jesus was lost from his parents' care (Luke 2:41-52).

A day after travelling back from the Passover in Jerusalem, Mary and Joseph were alarmed to find the twelve year old Jesus was not with the caravan of travellers returning home. Jerusalem's population at the time was possibly around 25,000 people but, during the Passover, may have swelled to as many as 100,000. You can imagine a frantic Mary and Joseph travelling against this tide trying to seek their missing child.

Of course, the story ends well, as after three days, they discover Jesus in the main synagogue, surrounded by learned men aghast at the wisdom of this natural born scholar. Frustrated Mary appears to scold Jesus 'Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.' 'Why were you searching for me?' he asked. 'Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he was saying to them.'

The passage then ends 'And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart'.

To me, this is a clear recognition of the humanity of the person of Mary, a good mother struggling with the vagaries, confusions and surprises of parenting.

I'm sure you can relate to this story – that stomach churning terror when you realise a child is missing, even if only for ten minutes.

My wife often tells the story of our four year son who went missing at the Longreach Show. All our friends and many locals searched around the amusement rides, the cattle yards, the nearby football fields, the packed carpark, the bar area for a good 45 minutes. He was finally located sitting on the steps of the clown's caravan who he had obviously followed back from his last performance.

Marie and I hugged our son dearly but part of me just wanted to give him a good smack on the bottom.

This story could have ended up very differently for our family with a date and time forever etched on our memories.

I'm sure you have ached at some time contemplating the grief of the Morcombe family and the tragic loss of their son, Daniel. (Now 21 years ago.) This Friday 25th, we remember, not just Daniel, but also the legacy his family has chosen to create for him in the Day for Daniel.

It is a National Day of Action to raise awareness of child safety, protection and harm prevention.

It is about educating children and adults about keeping kids safe through child safety and protection initiatives. It aims to help empower our children to 'Recognise, React and Report' if they feel something is not right.

The objectives of Day for Daniel are:

- To raise awareness about child safety and protection and to promote a safer community for children.
- To educate children regarding their personal safety and empower them to 'Recognise, React and Report'.
- To provide free safety and educational material.



**RECOGNISE**

What is happening around you? Are you safe?

**REACT**

What can you do if the situation is not safe?



**REPORT**

Tell an adult at home or school if something is not ok or you do not feel safe.



- To honour the memory of Daniel Morcombe.

It is also an opportunity for Australians to make a statement that crimes against children are not acceptable in modern Australia.

Tomorrow, we invite our children to wear red socks or a red ribbon in recognition of this day.

Take care

Max Martin

### From Our APRE

#### World Teachers' Day

Tomorrow, we celebrate World Teachers' Day. This special occasion is a time for us to express our gratitude to those who play a vital role in nurturing and guiding our students.

Educators help develop your child's skills and talents and hopefully open many doors for their future. This day reminds us how important learning is and encourages us to support the holistic education of our children.

#### The Rosary

October is known as the month of the Rosary. This week, our classes engaged in interactive sessions about this meditative prayer.

Students learned how the stories of Jesus relate to the Rosary, the meaning behind the beads and its significance in our lives. Hopefully your children will be able to explain some of the information they gained during this time.



Have an amazing weekend

Melissa Collins

### From Our APC

On Tuesday, I attended the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) professional development day on designing quality assessments for Science and Technology.

Throughout the day, the idea of 'building a shared understanding of assessment' that aligns with the Version 9 Australian curriculum was unpacked through:

- Looking at the demands of the curriculum at both year and band levels.
- Unpacking assessment techniques and conditions.
- Evaluating year level/band assessment plans.
- Considering how to meet the needs of diverse learners.
- Ensuring the validity and alignment of the curriculum is at the forefront of tasks.
- Quality assurance of assessment tasks.
- Creating task-specific marking guides.

Next year, Sacred Heart will commence using the Version 9 Science curriculum for all year levels.

Science news doesn't stop with me, over the past week, students in Years Three and Six have been engrossed in hands-on science activities.

The Year 3s participated in sessions to find out about solids, liquids and gases. This is what some shared about what they have learnt in Science this term:

**Macey** We have been learning about solids, liquids and gases. Some solids can be heavy, others are light. Liquids cannot be held in your hand as they run through your fingers and gases can be steam or smoke.

**Blake** I enjoyed the rotations in Mrs Acharya's room. We learnt that liquids flow at different speeds when we did the 'water race' with oil, honey, water, shampoo and ketchup.

**Charlotte** I found it interesting that particles are in all matter and there are more particles in solids than gas.

**Hugo** I learnt the freezing point of water is 0 degrees celsius and when this happens it pushes all the particles together to form a solid.

**George** I found it interesting that gas has lots of space for particles to move around, liquids have less room and solid particles are very close to each other.

**Jett** I enjoyed doing the Kahoot on solids, liquids and gases and our rotation activities have made learning fun.

**Freddy** Science has been great because we were split into 3 groups to do different activities to learn about solids, liquids and gases. I enjoyed the race to see which liquid flowed better.

Students in Year 6 shared their knowledge of reversible and irreversible change as well as the difference between physical and chemical changes by creating experiments they demonstrated to their peers.



Have a wonderful week

Mrs Lisa List



## Class Awards

Congratulations to the following children.

Prep	Willow Lambropoulos, Hunter Scharf, Oliver Hartley, Aurora Skyes, Kai Goody, Lou-Lou Docking, Noah Songoro, Finnian Boak, Owen Gill, Phoebe Oliver, Oliver Jones, Ivie Aupouri, Lola Wright, Paige Veliscek
Year 1	Tommy McCartney, Frankie Mouglin, Ayla Hamrey, Harry Phillips, Carter Pelling, Ashton Keely, Parker Holloway, Jack Guinane, Kelsey Jones, Natalie Gill, Ryder Maloney, Harrison Inch, Alexander Nixon, Ethan Mahony
Year 2	Raiden Dawson, James Thompson, Ezekiel Mulholland, Quinn Campaniello, Van Richter, Finn Jarrett, Chloe Tselepis, Annabelle Kleinhans, Jett Spears, Sophie Donald, Ruby Moger
Year 3	Makayla McLennan, George Tselepis, Cara Sparks, Zara Carpenter, Charlotte Inch
Year 4	Millicent Campbell, Matilda Seymour, Milla Sykes, William Finch, Kayden Griffin, Ryah Manz, Emersyn Bacon
Year 5	Josie Malt, Connor Dixon, Austin Jackson, Emmie Bowden, Keira Cooper
Year 6	Max Way, Cruz Hill, Josie Prince, Avah Schwennesen, Oscar Gleeson, Will White, Ava Goodger, Felix Shammall, Sophie Tselepis

## School Fees

Term 4 fees were issued last week.

These are due for payment by Monday 28/10/2024.

It is important that all 2024 fees are finalised by the end of the school 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](mailto:shy_finance@rok.catholic.edu.au).

Thank you.

## Use Of Our School Oval

For sporting teams wishing to use our oval for training sessions, we ask that you contact the school office to communicate days and times to ensure space is available, and that we are aware who is on site for safety reasons.

It is a requirement that:

- You do not use the Year 1 toilets closest to the oval as these are for the use of the Outside School Hours Care facility and there are strict guidelines regarding this. Toilets are available near the MPA area.
- No dogs are allowed on school grounds.
- All rubbish be disposed of and
- All children, including siblings are closely supervised.

Thank you.

## Year 2H Letters to Australia Author

Our Year 2H children have written letters to the Australian author, Ursula Dubosarsky as they have been delving into her fiction stories. Their teacher, Mrs Hebron contacted Ursula and received the response below. Following are also some of the children's letters.

Good morning, Ursula

In my Year 2 class, we have just finished reading 'The Looming Lamplight', 'The Perplexing Pineapple' and 'The Dismal Daffodil'.

The children have really enjoyed them and are very keen to try out their persuasive skills by writing a letter to persuade you to write more Coco Carlomagno books.

Is it possible to send you our letters?

We are very excited.

Year 2H

Dear Sally and Year 2H

I am just DELIGHTED to hear this. Thank you so much for writing to tell me about it.

I would really love to read the children's letters. I am overseas at the moment, not back till the end of November. But how wonderful it will be to read them on my return.

From a very very very very very happy author, Ursula 🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌

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Dear Ursula Dubosovsky  
My Name is Finn and I'm  
in year 2.  
Can I persuade you write  
more books so we can read  
them?  
I Loved the puzzles because  
we have to solve them.  
We Love your books because  
they are mysteries.  
Your books are really  
good because they are fun  
to listen to.  
From Finn

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Dear Ursula Dubosovsky,  
My name is Belle.  
Can you please write  
some more Coco Carlomagno  
books?  
I have read three of your  
books.  
They're awesome, they're  
adventurous.  
My favourite character  
is Coco.  
Coco is funny, he talks funny.  
I liked it when Coco was  
scared of the floating  
pineapple.  
They're so much fun to  
read.  
Thank you for writing  
your awesome books.  
From  
Belle McDougall.

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Dear Ursula Dubosarsky,

My name is Hannah, I'm in 2H. I'm writing this letter to try to persuade you to write more Coco Carlomagno books.

My favourite character is Coco Carlomagno because he is the chief of Police.

I loved the bit when the spiky haired character kept sending fold up flowers to Coco. I also liked the extra parts at the back of the books.

Thank you for spending your time to write these books.

From

Hannah Flanders.

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Dear Ursula Dubosarsky,

My name is Van and I'm in Grade 2. I'm writing this letter to persuade you to write more Coco Carlomagno Books.

Albera is one of favourite characters of the book. She is the smartest one in the story.

I really like the books you write.

From

Van

### Six Word Stories From Year 5

This week, one of our Year 5 classes wrote to a particular text type, being the 6 word story. This genre was supposedly made famous by the renowned author, Ernest Hemingway and is written to conjure up a brief storyline with the rest left to the imagination of the reader. Here we go .....

The needle was extra sharp. Ouch.

Lydia

The Causeway is full of flatheads.

Jayden

Paperbark walks are calming and dirty.

Tiarna

I love drawing about the outdoors.	Halle
Wither away into dust, forever more.	Chase
The current swept me away. Help.	Isla
The turtle ate plastic. Oh, no.	Charlotte
I was teaching my dog tricks.	Sienna
I went to my Grandma's house. Hooray.	Lincoln
The Sun is my alarm, sometimes.	Charlee
I rode my horse dangerously fast.	Isla
There is a stealthy, strong panther.	Noah
I did a backflip and fell.	Rejie
Went to Keppel. And got stung.	Indi
I went fishing with my brother.	Nate
House on fire. Save me now.	Aria
Bitten by snake. How's this possible?	Ivy
The windows shattered. All over me.	Blake
The spider frighteningly tantalised me.	Hayden
The piece of art ran away.	Macy
Today, I did a triple backflip.	Nixon
I dropped pie on my cat.	Eibhlin
I laughed hard. My mouth hurts.	Ashton
Tetanus shot needed. Year Seven.	Henry
I played with my dog. Gladly.	Denzel
On the weekend, I went surfing.	Taj

## Grandparents' Day

Next Friday 1st November, we will be celebrating Grandparents' Day at Sacred Heart.

An assembly will be held from 8.40am with Year 2K presenting.

Morning tea will be provided by our Parents Connect group. There will also be a brief concert to entertain those in attendance.

All families are invited, especially our grandparents.

Hope to see you there.





## St Brendan's College Eddie's Van Visit

Thank you to Mr Shane Peers, AP Mission and students from St Brendan's College, who visited our Year 6 students to talk about the SBC Eddie's Van.

This initiative has been operating for over ten years with students and staff providing basic necessities, food and support to those who have fallen on hard times in our local community. The van is run every Thursday afternoon, 50 weeks a year.

This visit was part of the 6's studies on social justice issues and ways they can make a difference in our world.



## 2025 Prep Orientation Sessions

Next week, we are welcoming our 2025 Prep children and their parents/carers to Sacred Heart as they attend an orientation session.

These will be held on Wednesday 2pm to 2.45pm and Thursday 9am to 9.45am.

Looking forward to meeting the newest members of our school family.

## 2025 Capricornia Triathlon Aquathlon Selection Procedures

Follow the link below for information in regard to Capricornia triathlon and aquathlon selection and nomination forms.

[2025 Capricornia Triathlon Aquathlon Selection Procedures](#)

## Community News

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**SUPPORTING SPORT SESSION #5:  
Play Smart:  
Managing teen sports load**  
3-5pm Sunday  
17th November  
Keppel Bay Sailing Club

GET TICKETS NOW - \$20 per ticket  
(10% off 2 tickets, 20% off for 3 tickets)  
1 adult + 1 free teenage athlete entry per ticket

**ST BRENDAN'S COLLEGE  
PRESENTS**  
*Contemporary  
Music Night*


Join us for an evening of *live music & talent!*

**Date** 6 November 2024  
**Time** 6:00pm  
**Venue** CPAC (Chapel & Performing Arts Centre)  
139 Adelaide Park Road, Yeppoon

Come support our talented students as they showcase a range of contemporary music performances.

For more details, contact 07 4939 9300.

Open to the Public  
This is a **FREE** event | No RSVP required

Non State Schools 

## Transport Assistance Scheme

### Student Travel Rebates Semester 2

#### Bus Fare Assistance

- Does your child attend a **non-state school outside the Brisbane City Council** boundary?
- Does your **family** spend more than **\$25/week\*** on bus/ferry fares to and from school (\*\$15/week if you, the parent, hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a **publicly available service** not owned or chartered by the school?

#### Students With Disability

- Was your child **included on the latest Commonwealth Census** as a student with a disability requiring **supplementary, substantial or extensive adjustments**?
- Does your child's **Personalised Learning Plan** confirm their transport needs are demonstrably different to those of their same aged peers by reason of their disability?
- Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's **Travel Capability Rating** as 'semi-independent' or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for our financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at [SchoolTransport.com.au](http://SchoolTransport.com.au) during October.

Late applications cannot be accepted after 31<sup>st</sup> October.



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- **Answering phones, booking appointments, updating our database**
- **Picking up grocery goods, cleaning and sorting goods, rotating stock**
- **Enhance and share your faith journey with other like-minded people and more...**

Meetings are held Fortnightly, 7pm in Yeppoon and Monthly 8am in Emu Park, but aren't necessary for helping.

Training provided; no experience necessary.

Express your interest by scanning the QR code or emailing: [membership.rocky@svdpqld.org.au](mailto:membership.rocky@svdpqld.org.au)  
National Police Check will be required.



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