



# Newsletter

Enriching Spirits - Educating Minds



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Week 3

Term 4

### From The Principal's Desk

Being in my 33rd year as a teacher, one could write a lengthy book about incidents and anecdotes relating to school life.

Here are a couple of classics:

"Who discovered Morton's Hut?" I asked one of my Year 5/6 children from Longreach. We were studying the exploration of Antarctica. He gave me a blank look.

"All right, here's a hint," I continued. "Who's buried in Tutankhamun's Tomb?" We had done Ancient Egypt.

"Tutankhamun?" he asked tentatively.

"Good. Now, who discovered Morton's Hut?"

"Tutankhamun."

*When I was teaching in Biloela, a child's towel was taken during a school swimming lesson at the town pool.*

*Straight after school a quite irate parent came to see me and asked, "What kind of juvenile delinquents are in class with my child?"*

*"I'm sure it was taken accidentally," I calmly said to the parent. "What does it look like?" I enquired.*

*"It's white," said the parent. "And it has Capricornia Resort Yeppoon on it."*

Last year, I was teaching a History lesson in Year 4 and we were about to begin our studies on Australian explorers. We began by watching an amazing youtube clip on Jessica Watson who at 16 sailed around the world alone.

We then began a discussion about explorers and I asked if anyone knew of any famous ones. We brainstormed Burke and Wills, Captain James Cook, Christopher Columbus (impressive), Dick Smith.

Then out of the blue, a soft voice announced, 'Dora.'

Tomorrow, we celebrate World Teachers' Day. UNESCO (United Nations' Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation) inaugurated 5<sup>th</sup> October as World Teachers' Day in 1994 to commemorate the signing of the Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers document. Since then the date has obviously changed but the significance of the day has not diminished.

It is a day when we celebrate and congratulate all those who are involved in the education of our children and all that is great about our teaching profession.

Last Wednesday evening's musical showcase, our two 2019 Prep orientation mornings, the inter school Year 6 beach activities day held last Friday, to name just a few, are a testament to the commitment and dedication our teachers show at Sacred Heart.

A leader is only as good as their team and as I watch our staff everyday organise and 'muster' their classes, I realise how fortunate I am.

Many thanks to our Parents' and Friends' Association who are sponsoring lunch for the staff. This is greatly appreciated.

A final story, involved one of our classes this year in which I was talking to the children about books that I have read

and enjoyed. One is entitled, "I Am Malala. How One Girl Stood Up For Education And Changed The World". It is an autobiography about this amazing Pakistani girl, Malala.

One of the child in the class said that they had already read it and did not like it because the author just wrote about herself all the time. Little bit of work to do there.

All the very best

*Mr Max Martin*

*Principal*

### Important Dates

#### October

Friday 26th - Day for Daniel

Friday 26th - Bishop Michael McCarthy visiting Sacred Heart School in the afternoon.

Monday 29th to Friday 2nd November - Year 6s on camp in Mapleton.

#### November

Thursday 1st - All Saints' Day

Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th - Queensland All Schools Touch Football carnival in Brisbane. Sacred Heart is competing.

Tuesday 6th - Melbourne Cup Day

Wednesday 7th - Dr Jodi Richardson presentation 7pm at Yeppoon Town Hall

Thursday 8th - Grandparents' Day assembly 8.40am with 3H

Thursday 8th - Year 1 excursion to the Lagoon.

Friday 9th - Year 5 excursion to Mount Morgan for their HaSS gold rush unit.

Sunday 11th - Remembrance Day

Thursday 29th - Advent whole school assembly. Year 3S presenting.

Friday 30th - Year 2 / 3 and Prep / Year 1 swimming carnivals at Cooe Bay pool

#### December

Monday 3rd - End of Year School Thanksgiving Mass at Sacred Heart Church

Monday 3rd - Children's Semester Two report cards available today

Thursday 6th - Final school assembly for Term 4

Friday 7th - Last day for school for 2018. School concludes at 3pm

### Daniel Morcombe Day

This Friday for Daniel Morcombe Day, Sacred Heart School is registered to participate in Australia's Biggest Child Safety Lesson.

This live streamed video will be accessed in classrooms for our Prep to Year 3s and commence at 9:30am.

More information is available from the website - <https://www.danielmorcombe.com.au/australias-biggest-lesson.html>

'The 2018 lesson will teach personal safety strategies for children 3 to 8 years and it will be fun and interactive.

Last year, over 100 000 children watched the lesson at the same time. Our children will not miss out on this once a year opportunity to be a part of this amazing event.

### Important Year 6 Camp Message

Year 6 parents, thank you to all the families who have returned their medical forms for camp. Following is a further requirement in regard to this.

If your child requires medication while away on camp, it is to be given to Mrs Halson in the multipurpose area, on the morning of camp, prior to our departure. All medication is to be placed in a plastic snap lock bag, clearly labelled with your child's name on it. Prescribed medication must be labelled by the chemist.

It is also essential that parents have a chemist label on any over the counter non-prescription medicine. The label needs to have the child's name and the dosage required on it. For example, if your child requires paracetamol or ibuprofen for a headache, antihistamines for allergies, or travel sickness tablets, you must provide a chemist labelled packet of this on the day of departure.

We cannot dispense non-prescription medication, unless it has its own chemist labelled packet.

Should you have any queries or further information to provide regarding your child's medical needs, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Halson.

## ICAS English Results

Each year, children from Sacred Heart choose to participate in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). We have received the results for the Writing and Mathematics Competition. These students were presented their certificates at assembly this morning. Congratulations to the following children on their achievements. Well done.

English	Credit	Niamh Goldman (Year 3), Deepanshu Bhowmik (Year 5), Jayden Wilson-Goldman (Year 6)
English	Merit	Caitlin Yore (Year 3)
English	Distinction	Daniel Rees (Year 6), Isabella Yore (Year 6)

Mathematics	Credit	Deepanshu Bhowmik (Year 5), Isabella Yore (Year 6)
Mathematics	Merit	Cass Smallwood (Year 5), Daniel Rees (Year 6), Jayden Wilson-Goldman (Year 6)
Mathematics	Distinction	Matthew Campbell (Year 6)

## Grandparents' Day At Sacred Heart

A reminder that Sacred Heart will be celebrating Grandparents' Day on Thursday 8th November with assembly at 8.40am, led by Year 3H.

Following assembly, our grandparents will be invited to visit classrooms and then to join with us for morning tea in our multi purpose area.

All our grandparents are most welcome to attend.

## Farewell To Mrs O'Donnell

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, Mrs Mary O'Donnell, our school's assistant to the principal, coordinating Religious Education, is resigning from her leadership position and teaching at Sacred Heart, at the end of this year.

Mrs O'Donnell has been at Sacred Heart for the past 18 years as a teacher, assistant to the principal coordinating Religious Education and principal.

A farewell function will be held to celebrate Mary's wonderful contributions to our school on Friday 16th November at the Yeppoon Sailing Club commencing at 5.30pm until 8pm.

Nibbles will be provided and drinks will be available to purchase. Please place this date in your diary and we hope to see lots of people in attendance.

This will be an adult only event with our children acknowledging Mrs O'Donnell's contributions to Sacred Heart at school.

## Year Six Camp

For all of next week, our Year 6s will be at camp in Mapleton. They will be attending an outdoor education centre there and partaking in a myriad of activities from high ropes, canoeing and archery.

The Year 6 teachers, myself and Mr Troy Welsh, our adopt a cop, will be accompanying our children on this camp. We arrive home on Friday evening.

In my absence, Mrs Mary O'Donnell will be acting principal. If you have any concerns, do not hesitate to make an appointment to meet with her. Thank you.

## Doctor Jodi Richardson Community Talk

Dr Jodi Richardson is a mental health, wellbeing speaker and will be delivering her 'Happier on Purpose' presentation at the Yeppoon Town Hall on Wednesday 7th November from 7pm.

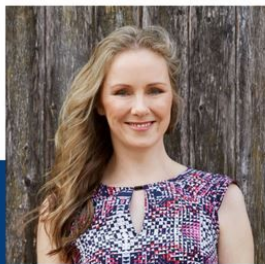
This is a free community event for all Yeppoon families and is being proudly brought to you by Sacred Heart and St Benedict's Primary Schools.

For more information on Dr Richardson, visit her website <http://drjodirichardson.com.au/>

The night will finish with a free supper as well. Hope to see you there.



Open to all Yeppoon Families



We invite you to join us for a wonderful  
**FREE** event at the YEPPOON TOWN HALL  
for Dr Jodi Richardson's presentation

## Happier on Purpose

- A refreshing new perspective on happiness
- What makes it hard to be happy
- The surprising influence of parents on kids' happiness
- Key skills for a happier life
- The powerful influence of kindness
- Where screens fit in the mental health picture

*Please stay and join us for supper after the presentation*

**Dr Jodi Richardson**  
Wellbeing Speaker & Educator  
Parenting Ideas Mental Health & Wellbeing Expert

7:00 pm  
November 7  
2018

## Frankie Award

This award is presented to a class or child/ren who have been environmentally friendly in some way around our school.

Congratulations to:

**Jesse Burnard from Year 1** who has been very careful in making sure the Year 1 and 2 eating area is clean and tidy. Well done, Jesse.



## MJR Award

This award is presented to those in our school who show the virtues and qualities inspired by our MJR program.

Well done to the following recipients for this week:

**Sage Nielsen and Kirby Kenny from Prep CM** for displaying great confidence and wonderful loud voices being MCs on assembly for our 2019 Prep day.

**Max Spyve from Year 6** for showing calmness and confidence in running our whole school assembly in week 2.

**Mason Dendle and Aden McDonald from Year 5** for being alert and aware of what is needed and always helping out in our classroom without being asked. Your helpfulness is greatly appreciated.

**Nikeeta Simmonds from Year 6** for your cheerful good mornings, friendly manner and for the way you look after our younger children. Thank you.



### **Bishop Michael McCarthy's Visit To Sacred Heart School**

This Friday 26th October, the Bishop of the Rockhampton Diocese, Michael McCarthy is visiting our school for the first time.

During his visit, he will be visiting classes. He will also be attending a special assembly at 12.20pm in our multi purpose area with our Preps, Year 1s and 2s. At this assembly, our Mini Vinnies' children will be presenting a play about sharing. Parents and carers are most welcome to attend this assembly.

At 2.20pm, all our Preps will be singing their 'Choices' song for Bishop Michael. Looking forward to that.

### **State Athletics Championships**

Last week, one of our Year 5 children, Murphy Catt travelled to Cairns to compete at the Queensland Schools' Athletics Carnival.

He qualified for the long jump after a sterling performance at the Capricornia trials and placed 18th at the state titles.

Well done, Murphy.

### **Year 5G Autobiographies**

My name is Eliza and I live in Emu Park. I go to Sacred Heart School. There are six people in my family. I also have a dog named George and a cat named Monty. I live in Zisle Road in front of the beach.

I really enjoy seeing my friends at school. I like doing English and PE. I also enjoy reading in my spare time. When I am at home, I play with my pets, cook cakes, shoot goals and go for a run.

On my holidays, my Dad's side of the family went to Noosa and I got to see all my cousins. My family tradition is to jump off a 4 metre high bridge. It is really scary but fun. Another thing, we do together is go shopping and for a jog with my cousins.

When I get older, I would like to be a hairdresser in Brisbane. I would also like to be a professional coach of the Diamonds.

My name is Avalinn. A lot of people call me, Ava. I have no brothers or sisters. I live with my Mum and Dad in Lammermoor. I love my little street.

I have two dogs named Archie and Luda.

Sometimes, I like going to school. I love Art and sport. In the mornings, I like walking my dog. On the weekends, I go swimming. I really enjoy playing sport and cooking. Sometimes, I even enjoy making slime.

