



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Enriching Spirits ~ Educating Minds

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**NEWSLETTER**

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### From the Principal's Desk

You may have heard of Eddie Jaku, the 101 year old inspirational Holocaust survivor who passed away this week two years ago.

My sons were both fortunate enough to hear him speak, a number of years ago. My daughter is reading his book, "The Happiest Man on Earth."

There are many lessons we can learn from Eddie's life, in our time where courage, resilience, empathy and working as a united community are key.

He was born in Germany and under the Nazis was sent to the Buchenwald concentration camp and later to Auschwitz, where his parents were murdered in the gas chambers. Eddie Jaku escaped a death march from Auschwitz and hid in a cave in a forest, where he survived by eating slugs and snails. Eventually, he managed to crawl to a highway where he was rescued by American soldiers.

Having narrowly survived, he moved to Australia during the 1950s, where he dedicated his life to teaching others about the dangers of intolerance.

He later married and went on to become a father and a grandfather.

"This is my message, as long as I live, I'll teach not to hate," he wrote in his autobiography, published to mark his 100th birthday.

Mr Jaku said he was the "happiest man" despite the horrors he witnessed in the concentration camps. "Life is what you want it to be, life is in your hands," he said. "You know happiness doesn't fall from the sky. You want to be happy? You can be happy."

Our Prime Minister at the time of his death, Scott Morrison said Mr Jaku's life had been "an inspiration and a joy. Eddie chose to make his life a testimony of how hope and love can triumph over despair and hate."

Truly an amazing role model.

Probably one of the best well known Bible passages is the Beatitudes that Jesus preached in his Sermon on the Mount over 2000 years ago. These Beatitudes show the qualities needed to truly live out a Christian life like Eddie Jaku.

More recently, our current Pope, Francis shared several 'modern' Beatitudes:

Blessed are those who remain faithful while enduring injustices inflicted on them by others and forgive them from their heart.

Blessed are those who look into the eyes of the abandoned and marginalised and show them their closeness.

Blessed are those who see God in every person and strive to make others also discover him.

Blessed are those who protect and care for our common home, Earth.

Blessed are those who renounce their own comfort in order to help others.

Blessed are those who pray and work for peace amongst all peoples.

With so much conflict and atrocity occurring in our world presently, hopefully, we can reflect on these qualities, put them into action and unlock our inner 'Eddie Jaku'.

Take care

Max Martin



## From Our APRE

Last Friday at 1C's prayer assembly, we were reminded of the power of compassion and how it can shape our lives and inspire us to follow in the footsteps of remarkable individuals like Nano Nagle. Her unwavering dedication to showing compassion and emulating the qualities of Jesus serves as a guiding light.

Compassion stirs our hearts and compels us to reach out to those in need. As we gathered to reflect upon Nano Nagle's life and legacy, we were reminded that her compassion knew no bounds. She used her heart and hands to make a real difference in the lives of others, just as we can.

Nano Nagle's story teaches us that compassion is not restricted by age, background, or circumstance. At the heart of her mission was the simple yet profound desire to be like Jesus, who embodied love, kindness, and empathy. Her actions and dedication to the less fortunate resonated with the very essence of the Gospel.

Just as Nano Nagle demonstrated compassion through her selfless acts of kindness and her commitment to education, we can channel our inner compassion in our daily lives. It's about lending a hand to a friend in need, comforting a classmate who is upset, or showing understanding and patience to those around us. These seemingly small actions can have a profound impact on our school community and beyond.

As we continue our journey at Sacred Heart, let's strive to be compassionate individuals who emulate the teachings of Jesus in our actions and attitudes. Through our collective efforts, we can make our school a place filled with love, kindness, and understanding.

May we all be inspired to be more like Nano Nagle and, in doing so, create a more compassionate world.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Melissa Collins

## From Our APC

Over the past two weeks, children in Years Two to Six have completed their PAT (Progressive Achievement Tests) assessments for Mathematics and reading.

These assessments inform teachers of student progressions in these areas of their learning. They are used to support planning for individual children, classes and year levels.

Assessments such as these and NAPLAN are diagnostic and are not used to solely inform report card achievements.

The benefits of these assessments, include:

- Diagnose starting points - establishing what students are capable of, then challenging them at the appropriate level for effective learning.
- Monitor student progress - assessing at recommended intervals to measure learning growth over time.
- Reporting at an individual, group or year level in a quick and easy manner.
- Evidence - using data to understand where students are in their learning journey.



This week, Book Fair was held, with many families visiting with their children, as well as all classes visiting to purchase books; a great response and participation.

This is a wonderful fundraising opportunity for our library, with twenty percent of sales going back to the library to purchase new books and resources.

Rachel Holloway, our library coordinator has done a fabulous job, creating a welcoming space and coordinating this event.

All students who participated in this year's Premier's Reading Challenge went into a class draw for the chance to receive a \$20 voucher, kindly donated by our Parents Connect, to be spent at our Book Fair.



This year saw the highest number of students participate in the Challenge. Well done.

Have a wonderful week

Lisa List.

### Important Dates Term 3 and 4

#### October

Monday 23rd - Regional Super 8s cricket finals in Rockhampton.

Monday 23rd - Parent Connect meeting 3.30pm at school.

Monday 25th - Year 3 excursion to Great Keppel Island

Friday 27th - Whole school assembly with Year 2W presenting, commencing at 8.40am.

Friday 27th - International Teacher's Day

Friday 27th - Day for Daniel

Friday 27th - Mini Vinnies' 3 hour touch football game commencing at 5pm until 8pm.

#### November

Friday 3rd - Grandparent's Day assembly, morning tea and brief concert commencing at 8.40am.

Friday 3rd - Mass with Prep attending

Monday 6th - Year 6 Camp (returning 10th November to school by 5pm)

Friday 10th - Whole school assembly 5L presenting remembrance day commencing at 8.40am.

Monday 13th - Year 6 girls St Ursula's College Orientation day

Friday 17th - Prep/Year 1 and Year 2/Year 3 swimming carnivals at Cooe Bay aquatic centre

Tuesday 21st - Presentation Day

Tuesday 21st - Whole School assembly Year 6 presenting, commencing at 8.40am.

Friday 24th - Colour fun run for St Vincent de Paul Christma Appeal

Monday 27th - Whole school End of Year thanksgiving mass commencing 9.15am at Sacred Heart Church

Monday 27th - Year 6 dinner commencing at 5.30pm in our multi-purpose area.

Tuesday 28th - Christmas concert in our multi-purpose area with all year levels presenting. 11.30am start.

#### December

Friday 1st - Final day term 4. End of year assembly 8.40am.

### Capricorn Coast Catholic Parish

Here is the Sacred Heart Church bulletin for this week. Stay connected and enjoy. [Link to Bulletin](#)

### Term 4 School Fees

Our Term 4 school fees were issued by email yesterday.

These are due for payment 1st November 2023.

Contact Mrs Stacey Todman at the school office if you have not received your fees or wish to discuss payment plan options. Thank you.

## Lantern Awards



Spencer Toby Year 6 For your selflessness when giving another student the opportunity to purchase the last book available from the Bookfair, even though you wanted to buy it also.

Beau Hoare Year 4 For being just when playing at lunch times. Ensuring everyone is involved in games and good sportsmanship is displayed. Thank you.

Paige Kinsey Year 5 For displaying compassion by being so friendly and considerate of others whether it be at lunch times or during class. Thank you.



Connor Strenzel Year 6 For showing great courage while at school. You have continued to be involved wholeheartedly in all activities and events despite your injury. Well done.

## Student Awards

<b>Prep</b>	Henry Poole, Eli Sawrey, Baxter Barbeler, Charlotte Thompson, James Kirby, Henry Hamilton, Ollie Small, Sebastian Suttle, Olivia Forbes
<b>Year 1</b>	Lucy Goldman, Indi DeHennin, Kobi Rich, Hartley Lambropoulos, Mila McKenna, Kevin Zhong, Karl Van Eyk, Claire Martin, Boyd Trevor, Harlyn Seaman, Charlie Veliscek
<b>Year 2</b>	Summer Anderson, Charlotte Inch, Carter Morris, Hugo Way, Kelly Coghill, Zeb Bowman, Zoe Vann, Astar Spry, Kai Schwennesen, Chelsea Smith
<b>Year 3</b>	Emily Boon, James Muller, Taye Warner, Nicolas Van Eyk, Shanelle O'Meara, Jesse Martin, Wilhelem Van Ommen, Kahn Wilson, Loretta Edwards, Noah Hartley, Brooklyn Waters, Jesse Martin
<b>Year 5</b>	Levi Bone, Paige Kinsey, Cruz Hill, Amira Mitchell, Charles Campbell, Isla Kleinhans, Hudson Tait, Chelsea Bunt, Noah Todd, Sarah Van Eyk
<b>Year 6</b>	Mackenzie Smith, Cooper O'Rourke, Evie Eyles, Ruby Neagle

## 2024 Capricornia Sport Swimming and Aquathon Selection Procedures and Nomination Forms

Follow the links below for information in regard to Capricornia swimming and aquathon selection and nomination forms.

[2024 Capricornia 10-12yrs Swimming Team SELECTION PROCEDURE](#)

[2024 Cap 10-12 yrs Swimming Nomination Form](#)

[2024 Cap 10-12 yrs Aquathon Nomination Form/Selection Procedures](#)

## Parents Connect Uniform Pop-up Shop

Our Parents Connect group will be holding a Sacred Heart school uniform pop-up shop on Thursday 2nd November in our music room from 8am - 8:40am for any families looking to buy good condition second hand school uniforms.

There will be a variety of sizes available of shirts, shorts and tracksuit pants. Further donations can be brought to the office prior to the day.

Cash only please. All money collected will be used to fund our Breakfast Club.

## Parent Connect Meeting

Our next Parent Connect meeting will be held this Monday 23rd October commencing 3.30pm at school.

All parents and carers are invited to attend.

Our agenda will include looking at the organisation of Parent Connect events for the remainder of this term.

## Non State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme



Applications for the Non State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme (NSSTAS) will close on Tuesday 31 October 2023. Are you eligible to apply? Visit the website to find out: <https://www.schooltransport.com.au/>

## Community News

### Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal

An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs.

'This is a period of incredible turmoil and sadness. The escalation of violence has only exacerbated needs for the people in Gaza and West Bank, who already live in dire conditions. We are working with our partners on the ground to provide comprehensive and critical support to over 17,000 families affected by this devastating conflict.' Sally Thomas, Humanitarian Lead, Caritas Australia

With your support, we will be able to help our partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict.

**Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal.**

You can donate online [www.caritas.org.au/gaza](http://www.caritas.org.au/gaza) or phone 1800 024 413

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