



# Newsletter

## Events

### Week 1

Tuesday 6 Oct  
First day of Term 4  
(9 Week Term  
ending Friday 4th  
December)

### Week 2

Monday 12th Oct  
Swimming  
Lessons - Yrs 3-6

### Week 3

Monday 19th Oct  
Swimming  
Lessons - Yrs 3-6

Friday 23rd Oct  
Book Week Dress  
Up

## CLASS OF THE *Week* THE YEAR 4HC

Term Three was certainly a busy term, and it is really hard to believe that it was the first full term of attendance for us all for 2020.

For our science assessment last term, 4HC created their own simple web page using Weebly Education. This was a secure, password protected site, that was set up under a teacher account. The class created their own site banners, wrote a blurb about the current issues facing the Great Barrier Reef, and embedded a survey for site viewers to complete.

The link to our site was sent home so that family members could read all about being a Reef Guardian, and complete the survey. Next term, we will collate the responses from our survey and create graphs on Google Sheets and discuss our findings!

Weebly Education is a free site. Anyone can register! If you are looking for something for your older primary school children to do during the Christmas holidays, have a look at this site and create a website just for fun!



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<https://313sas.rok.catholic.edu.au/parentlounge/>

# FROM THE Principal



**WELCOME BACK |** Welcome back to school everyone. We sincerely hope that you all had an enjoyable time over the holidays with the possibility of spending some quality family time together. Term 4 is only nine weeks long and will go very quickly.

This term we have our year six camp occurring. If you have not filled in the paperwork please attend to this as a matter of urgency.

Depending upon our 'returning parents into the school plan' we also hope to hold our Prep 2021 Orientation. We are working with head office around this.

This term is going to be very busy; therefore if you have any queries please do not leave them until the last minute.

With us all about to embrace this busyness, the following reflection reminds us to take time to be calm.

**People comment a lot about how hectic their lives have become. There's never seems time to stop and 'smell the roses' or just relax. However, stopping and reflecting is a very important part of our lives and it takes great skill to be able to fit this in to a day which rarely sees your feet touch the ground. The following story which really highlights the importance of being the calm among the storm.**

*There once was a king who offered a prize to the artist who would paint the best picture of peace. Many artists tried. The king looked at all the pictures. But there were only two he really liked, and he had to choose between them.*

*One picture was of a calm lake. The lake was a perfect mirror for peaceful towering mountains all around it. Overhead was a blue sky with fluffy white clouds. All who saw this picture thought that it was a perfect picture of peace.*

*The other picture had mountains, too. But these were rugged and bare. Above was an angry sky, from which rain fell and in which lightning played. Down the side of the mountain tumbled a foaming waterfall. This did not look peaceful at all.*

*But when the king looked closely, he saw behind the waterfall a tiny bush growing in a crack in the rock. In the bush a mother bird had built her nest. There, in the midst of the rush of angry water, sat the mother bird on her nest - in perfect peace.*

*Which picture do you think won the prize? The king chose the second picture. Do you know why?*

*"Because," explained the king, "peace does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble, or hard work. Peace means to be in the midst of all those things and still be calm in your heart. That is the real meaning of peace."*

*Author Unknown*

**STUDENT SUPERVISION** | Please be aware that staff are on duty at St Anne's from 8.20am in the morning until 3.15pm at the latest in the afternoon.

It is therefore expected that students be dropped off and picked up between these hours.

If parents are unable to drop off and pick up during these times the school needs to be urgently contacted. We are aware that parents are occasionally delayed and ask that they contact the office on 4994 8285 to inform us.

All children who arrive at school early remain the **responsibility of their parents**, especially if an arrangement has not be put in place with the principal. Teachers who come to school early, prepare work and organise themselves for the day ahead are not required to supervise early arrivals.

Children who are here before 8:15am **must be seated** in the grid area, hear the hall; parents it is part of your responsibility to ensure that your own children know this - we ask that you reinforce this message continually. This is to help ensure no injuries occur. Please remember that we all want to keep our children safe. Thank you so much to those parents who already adhere to the regulations stated.

**SIGNING STUDENTS IN LATE** | A reminder that if students are arriving to school late (after 8.40am) then they must be signed in at the office **by a parent/guardian**.

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS** | Here at St Anne's we value the achievements of our students and love sharing the news with our School Community!! Please send an email to: sas@rok.catholic.edu.au so we can celebrate your fantastic news.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK** | We remember all those in our community who are unwell or recovering from illness or surgery.

*Dear Lord,*

*Bless all who are sick, especially those in our School Community. May they experience, in a special way, the great love and concern Jesus has for them. Amen.*

**GRATITUDE JOURNAL** | *Gratitude is one of the most important virtues we can have in our lives and is an important part of building happiness. Gratitude can be defined as "the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness". It is easy in life at times to focus on our problems rather than to be thankful for all the wonderful blessings we have been given.*

Our school is very grateful to ...

The students who have returned to school with a very positive, powerful attitude.

**THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!**

**FAMILIES LEAVING** | As our total enrolment drives many aspects of our school (staffing, budget, class sizes and structure) it is important that we try to be as accurate as possible in predicting the school enrolment for 2021. If you know that you will be leaving at the end of the year, could you please notify the office as soon as possible? Your assistance with this matter is greatly appreciated.



*The simplest and most practical lesson I know...is to resolve to be good today, but better tomorrow.*

*Let us take one day only in hands, at a time, merely making a resolve for tomorrow, thus we may hope to get on taking short, careful steps, not great strides.*

Catherine McAuley letter to de Sales White February 28, 1841

As we commence the final term for 2020, we can draw upon the words of Catherine McAuley (founder of the Sisters of Mercy) to guide and inspire us. May every day we have together at St Anne's be one where we work to the best of our ability, trusting in God and striving to make our school and community a place of joy, happiness and peace. .

*"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself" - (Luke 10:27)*



### ***Making Jesus Real @ St Anne's***

- Donate small items such as pencils, pens, school supplies, food, clothing to our giving box
- Donate money to the Mission Box located in the office
- Prepare a cooked meal to be frozen and passed on to individuals and families in our community
- Support our school recycling program by collecting cans, bottles, plastic lids

Our efforts go a long way to improving the lives of people in our school, local and wider community.

Thank you for your ongoing support of this important work. 🏡



## **Student Protection Contacts**



**Mr John Ballinger-Oches**  
*Principal*



**Mr Stuart Presley**  
*APRE*



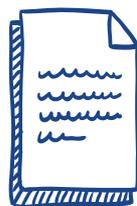
**Mrs Linda Holmes**  
*APC*



**Mrs Dee Trannore**  
*School Counsellor*

# General INFORMATION

NO HAT  
NO PLAY



NOTES			
Date	To	Topic	Author
14/09	All Parents	Newsletter T3 W10	Admin
15/09	Years 3-6	Swimming Lessons	Mrs Place
06/10	All Parents	Daniel Morcombe Curriculum	Mr Presley
06/10	Yars 5&6	Daniel Morcombe PSDE Sessions	Mr Presley
06/10	All Students	Book Week Dress Up	Mrs H



BIRTHDAYS			
06/10	Brady A	07/10	Seth P
10/10	Taysha M	10/10	Rhys W
11/10	Matthew F		

## Tuckshop Helpers

Day	Helpers (please contact office if you can fill a spot)
Thursday 15th October	Angela Squillari
Friday 16th October	Michaela Giddings & Sonja Renehan
Thursday 22nd October	Angela Squillari
Friday 23rd October	Michaela Giddings & Angela Squillari

# STUDENTS OF THE *Week*



**Congratulations to our Students of the Week** | Prep V, Year 1D, Year 1W, Year 2H, Year 3/4E, Eddie R, Ben M, Dain M, Seth P, Denver D, Connor O, Luke B, Emma L, Tarn W, Lachlan W, Seth P, Tyler C, Shaylee W, Ruby N, Harrison C, Wyatt D, Lachlan W

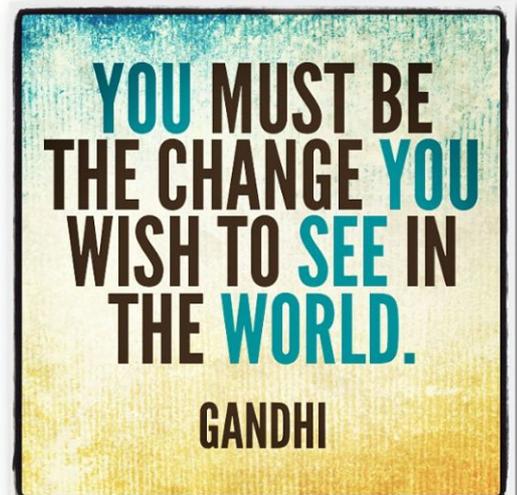
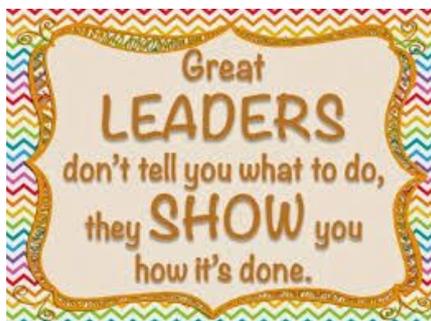
**STUDENT LEADERSHIP** | Leadership is a quality that all students at St Anne's Catholic Primary School are encouraged and supported to develop. These experiences ensure that students perceive themselves as leaders and have the opportunity and confidence to take on leadership roles and find their voice.



Newsletter Report	Welcomers	Assembly Leaders	Assembly Report
Week 1 - Charlise	Poppy, Jasmine, Wyatt	Charlise, Jack	Jack
Week 2 - Jack	Jack, Charlise, Dylan	Jasmine, Dylan	Jasmine

**NEWSLETTER REPORT BY CHARLISE** | Firstly, congratulations to the people that participated in the cross country, everyone had an awesome go and did the best they could. Thank you to all the staff that helped.

I have noticed there are people playing in the toilets at play time, please remember the toilets are not a playground. I hope everyone had a safe holiday.



# DANIEL MORCOMBE CURRICULUM 2020

6<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parent/Caregivers,

The *Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum* (the *Curriculum*) has been developed to support Queensland state and non-state schools deliver key safety messages to students in Prep–Year 9. Students will learn how to **Recognise, React and Report** when they are unsafe or find themselves in situations that can have a significant detrimental effect on their physical, psychological, or emotional wellbeing.

The *Curriculum* has been developed by a working group comprising Bruce and Denise Morcombe; the Commissioner for Children and Young People and Child Guardian; officers from the Department of Education, Training and Employment; the Queensland Police Service; the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services and a network of senior academics involved in researching child abuse and its prevention.

There are **three** core messages we use **across all year levels** – **Recognise, React and Report**. We believe these messages are just as valid for a prep student as they are for us as adults.

**What these mean:**

**Recognise:** We start with teaching **awareness of surroundings**. Using the **clues** around us can help to keep us safe or warn us about an unsafe situation. We also encourage children and young people to respond to their own body clues. These can warn us when something might not be right and we want them to trust in the message their body is giving them.

**React:** **React** is about making yourself safe again as quickly as possible. It also includes selecting the best option when there are choices available.

**Report:** **Report** is about encouraging children and young people to **report to an adult** when they are unsafe, or have been unsafe.

**Even if they have been able to make themselves safe** we still want them to **report**. This is important where there needs to be some follow-up action by an adult, to resolve a problem or to ensure it does not happen again.

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## DANIEL MORCOMBE CURRICULUM 2020 (continued)

In a nutshell the program is as follows:

### Recognise

- ❖ awareness
- ❖ clues in the environment
- ❖ body clues.

### React

- ❖ becoming safe as quickly as possible.

### Report

- ❖ must tell an adult.

Some content inclusions of this program may be considered challenging or even controversial, such as teaching children the correct terminology for their private parts and the rules about private parts, however these inclusions are based on current best practice guidelines. **If these important sections were to be omitted from the program, children would be significantly less likely to identify and report abuse.** Students would be inadvertently taught that discussing sexuality is forbidden or embarrassing and “not okay” to discuss with adults. This could be devastating for a child who has the courage to **report** their abuse only to find that adults do not understand what the child is trying to say.

***This is forward notice that during week 4, this term (Monday 26/10/20 to Friday 30/10/20), all year levels will be looking at the content which discusses body parts.***

As your child explores these messages at school, you are encouraged to reinforce them at home by answering their questions honestly, talking about the concepts and testing their skills. Modelling that you are comfortable to discuss these issues with your child provides the most valuable means of encouraging them to report abuse, should they ever need to do so.

I welcome the opportunity to further discuss with you the program’s implementation and/or your child’s involvement in the program.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Stuart Presley

Assistant Principal (Religious Education)

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# ACROSS THE Curriculum



## Book Week Celebrations! *'Curious Creatures, wild Minds'*

Our usual Book Week celebrations were postponed in Term 2 due to the uncertainty of where we would be restrictions-wise at school. We advertised that our **'Book Week Dress Up Day'** would occur on **Friday, 23rd October**. This is Term 4, Week 3, and is when the official celebration date was moved to. This plan is still underway as our students love dressing up as their favourite character or as something that suits the theme!

So get the thinking caps on, and creativity flowing for Book Week Dress up on Friday, 23rd October!

## *our Bush Foods Garden is underway!*

Over the holidays, I was able to source some beautiful plants that fall into the category of Australian native bush foods. We have started preparing the garden space in front of I Block and will definitely need to improve the soil. Most of these plants also encourage the frogs and bird life, so our 'Green Team' and bird watching groups will be very excited!





## BIRDS OF A FEATHER

BUSH STONE-CURLEW: by Gus, Mitchell and Ben

There are two types of Stone-curlew in Australia. The one we studied in the Mill Yard is the Bush Stone-curlew. We saw it when we were racing in the cross-country.

Mitchell couldn't see it, but Gus and Ben pointed it out. It looked like leaves and sticks. It was camouflaged.

The female was sitting on her eggs and didn't move. Mrs. Place almost stepped on the curlew.



This is the male Curlew diverting our attention to him and away from the nest.



This is some of the St Anne's children running in the cross-country.



The female is sitting on her nest. She doesn't move.

She is protecting her eggs from prey and keeping them warm.

The nest is made of a few leaves and sticks on the ground.



## Sunday's Gospel Reflection - Matthew 21:33-43 Parable of the tenants

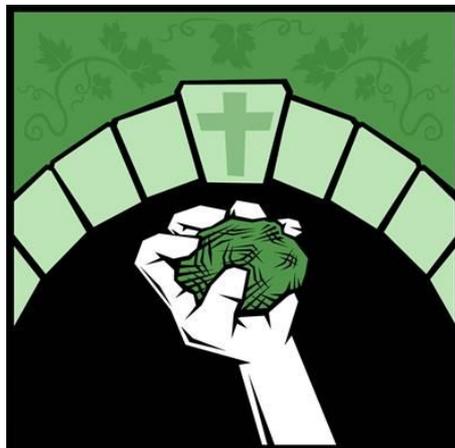
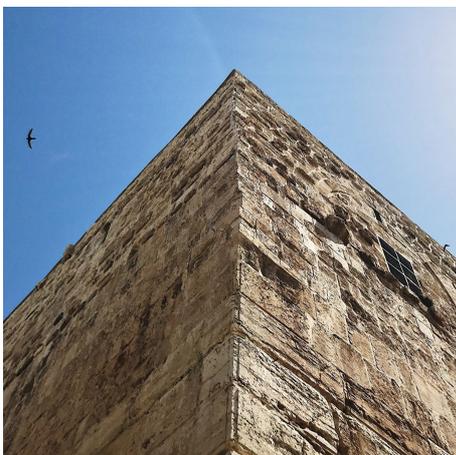
The metaphor of the vineyard, cherished by both ancient Israel and the early Christians, suggests that while vines might be hardy, they are also vulnerable. So is the reign of God. It must be tended and protected from what might endanger it, so that it may produce abundant and delectable fruit. In the gospel account, the vine does indeed produce an abundant crop. In fact, it is the very productivity of the vineyard that sets the stage for the treachery described.

We can see ourselves in both uses of the vineyard metaphor. There are times when, regardless of what God seems to be doing for us, we simply rebel against God's plans. We stand in defiance. There are other times when we, who are disciples of Jesus, act as if the kingdom is ours. We might even marginalise or force out others with whom we do not agree, so that we have sole control.

When we consider the justice of God, it is important that we place it within the right context, lest we create a picture of God that is false and misleading. It is because of God's tender love for the vineyard that treachery cannot be tolerated. If we have produced unacceptable fruits, it is for our own good that God steps in and dismantles the structures that enabled us to produce bad fruit. It is appropriate that God would snatch the vineyard from our grasp and entrust it to one who will faithfully carry out God's plans.

**Don't be a wild grape. God gives us peace. Live what you learn. Share your gifts. Bear fruit.**

**Loving God, you have bestowed many gifts and talents on each of us. Send us the wisdom of your Spirit that we may make good use of these blessings. May our use reflect the fullness of life that Jesus desires for us. We ask this in his name, confident that you will hear us. Amen.**





## CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON

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4 October 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

### **Sanctity of Life Sunday – Diocese of Rockhampton – SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020**

For the past four weeks, our priests and parish communities have been placing before you key aspects of Catholic teaching on the issue of the Sanctity of Life.

This issue is close to my heart and this Sunday I place the issue of the Sanctity of Life before you again.

I ask you to discern in the weeks leading up to the election if the candidate you vote for in the election will uphold our Catholic stance of protecting and supporting human life, from its very beginning to its natural end.

As Catholics, we have been given a sacred obligation by God and a core responsibility to care for all human life. The beginning of life announces a miracle, when two cells are joined as God breathes life into them and a human being is formed in response to God. Human Life is sacred from the moment of conception and needs protecting from its very beginning.

As Catholics, dying naturally is central to our teaching and this includes the support of good palliative care - respecting life until a natural death. The Queensland Law Reform Commission has been considering Voluntary Assistant Dying (VAD or euthanasia) and its recommendations have been passed onto the Parliament for its future consideration by way of drafting legislation. The upcoming election does affect us all as Catholics. VAD is not within the teaching of the Catholic Church and as a Bishop of the Church, in union with the teaching of the College of Bishops and the Holy Father, I oppose any attempts to legalise this through legislation.

The second Vatican Council reaffirmed our opposition as Catholics to all 'offences against life itself, such as murder, genocide, abortion and euthanasia'. The Catholic Church teaches clearly, that all life is to be respected from its very being to its very end. The Catholic Church does support high quality palliative care and encourages governments to support all our people during this very vulnerable time of their life, when death is close and in some instances painful, to ensure that the dignity of the person is upheld.

It is not good enough to remain in silent opposition. Our Catholic voice is for life. Our Catholic faith is pro-life. We cannot opt out of this responsibility to proclaim the truth.

I invite you over these next few weeks to visit and connect with all candidates and ask them what their views are, so that you are fully informed. It is important that you discern who will reflect the Catholic views on life, in resonance with the Catholic faith, within the next State Parliament.

May the God who gave us the gift of life support us to make courageous decisions for life and not allow us to be silent.

Yours sincerely

Most Rev Michael McCarthy  
Bishop of Rockhampton

# Finance NEWS

**Term Four School Fees |** School fees for Term 4 will be emailed out next week.

# P&F NEWS

**Remember to like our Facebook page to keep up to date with information. : “St Annes Catholic Primary School P&F Association”**

**P&F Raffle Tickets |** The St Anne's P&F would like to remind all families that the mini bike raffle tickets are due back this week, sold or unsold. Every family received a book for 20 tickets earlier in the year. **If you have not as yet returned your raffle tickets and any money from sales please do so by this Friday 9 October.**



## ST ANNE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

### P & F Committee Raffle, 2020

**MAJOR PRIZE**



Honda CRF50,  
from Redline Motorsports



Automotive Diagnosis & Repair



**\*\* PLUS MANY MORE \*\***

# \$5.00 each

**\*\*Prizes drawn on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Winners will be notified by phone.**

# General NEWS

Mackay Hospital and Health Service

## Mackay Oral Health Services – School Dental Service

Dear Parents,

The School Dental Service is now offering services to students enrolled at your school.

A text message will be sent home in the next few weeks for parents to contact the School Dental Service to enrol and make an appointment.

**Appointments will be offered at:**

**St. Anne's Catholic Primary School**

If you have any enquiries please phone **48856444**

**A Parent/Guardian must transport and accompany their child to all appointments at this clinic.**

For further information on this service, please visit our website:

<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/oralhealth/services/school.asp>



# Community NEWS

Armstrong Beach Kidz



Funds for Fun

Fundraiser!!!

Come to the Ray Edwards Oval, Sarina

on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> of October at 4pm- 9:30pm

Listen to our amazing live band Sammy and Pat, enter in our Raffles, we will have a licensed bar, fire pit, Sausage sizzle, glitter tattoos and more.

Gold coin Donation on entry.

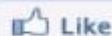
*\* No eftpos available. Cash only event\**



We are a non for profit playgroup.

For more information contact our volunteers

Rae on 0417430366 or Amanda on 0421585619



Find us and like us on Facebook, Search:

Armstrong Beach Kidz Playgroup

**COVID Announcement:**

- ◆ Stay at home if unwell or have a cough, fever, sore throat, fatigue or shortness of breath.
- ◆ How to seek assistance if becoming unwell during the event (locate event officials or first aid)
- ◆ Maintaining physical distancing requirements is the individuals responsibility

