



Newsletter

CLASS OF THE YEAR 1D

Week

Events

Week 5

Tuesday 3rd Nov
Melbourne Cup Day

Wednesday 4th Nov
State of Origin

Friday 6th Nov
Swimming Lessons
- Yrs 3-6

Safety Circus - Yr 3

Bandanna Day - \$5
Bandannas for sale
at office all week.

Week 6

Tuesday 10th Nov
Prep Orientation
9:30am

Wednesday 11th
Nov
Remembrance Day

State of Origin

Friday 13th Nov
Swimming Lessons
- Yrs 3-6

Year 1 have had an amazing Term! One of the best highlights we have had would have to be the Fire Education visit from our local Sarina Fire and Emergency Services.

During this program, each student has been educated in various fire safety and life saving techniques to not only protect each individual child, but all those around them.

The various skills they have been shown need to be continually practised and reinforced so that they have a greater understanding of what they need to do in emergency situations. The skills and important information that has been delivered include:

- » Firefighters can help you.
- » The difference between good and bad fires.
- » What to do if their clothes catch fire - Stop, Drop and Roll.
- » How to escape a burning house:
- » Crawl low in smoke, get down low and go, go, go!
- » Get Out and Stay Out.
- » Matches and lighters are tools not toys.

Along with the above, there is a range of home fire safety activities that the whole family can participate in to provide a safe environment and to reinforce these valuable messages that have been learnt. Below is some information that you can use at home.

- » Do you have a working smoke alarm?
Information Sheets - www.qfes.qld.gov.au/communitysafety/smokealarms/default.asp
- » Do you have a home "Fire Escape Plan"?
Escape Plan - www.qfes.qld.gov.au/communitysafety/smokealarms/default.asp

It is only with continued support from families that these important messages and skills will be maintained and provide the safety required to keep children safe around fire.



4994 8285



3 Range Rd,
Sarina, 4737



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

FROM THE Principal



CLASSES 2021 | This term will see teachers commencing the process to begin arranging classes for the 2021 school year. This process is very deliberate and very time consuming but also very important to creating balanced classes throughout the school. I'd like to provide parents with some of the underlying principles that drive our decision making:

1. We always aim to create classes that are balanced in need. We consider the academic, social, emotional and behavioural needs of the children when placing them in a class. This is never straight forward and needs considerable thought and time.
2. We consider the gender balance within the group, the body of knowledge that we have gathered on each child and any parent input that may assist us. While I always stipulate that parents are not able to request certain teachers and groups of friends, there is often information that, as a school, we are unaware of and would benefit from knowing. Please be aware this information is to only assist us, not for you to take for granted that this course of action will most definitely follow.
3. As you can imagine it is not possible and not desirable either, for parents to get involved in the placement of their children into classes. Such an approach would pose numerous problems, so please trust that we do the best we can. Having said that, if you have significant information relevant to your child's placement, please make **this** known, in writing, to only me by 9 November 2020.

Please place this information in a letter addressed to me along with the words:

**“Mr John Ballinger-Oches Private
and Confidential”**

on the envelope.

Please do not email me this letter nor bring classroom teachers into the conversation.

4. We always endeavour to be just, fair and compassionate to the needs of each child.
5. During 2021 it is likely we will be embracing composite classes again and possibly not across the grades that you are thinking. Please do not make any assumptions about this. I would also like to stress that our staff know their students very well and will do their very best throughout this process. I urge parents to trust us in making informed decisions that we consider will be the best for each child.

CONGRATULATIONS | Congratulations to all the teams that have recently been hitting grand finals.

Special mention must be made of the Sarina Saints U12 soccer team who won their grand final on Saturday after finishing top of the table at the end of the regular season. Pictured below are ex-St Anne's student Ella Walz and current student Digby Sands with the trophy.



Congratulations to you all, we are very proud of you.

FAMILIES LEAVING ST ANNE'S | Any families who are finishing up at St Anne's at the end of this year, please ensure that you have made arrangements to pay all outstanding fees prior to the end of the school year.

If you foresee any issues with finalising payment please contact Helen Barnard **URGENTLY** to discuss ongoing options.



Student Protection Contacts



Mr John Ballinger-Oches
Principal



Mr Stuart Presley
APRE



Mrs Linda Holmes
APC



Mrs Dee Trannore
School Counsellor

THE WORKS OF MERCY

CORPORAL & SPIRITUAL

FEED THE HUNGRY



INSTRUCT THE IGNORANT

GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY



COUNSEL THE DOUBTFUL

SHELTER THE HOMELESS



ADMONISH SINNERS

CLOTHE THE NAKED



FORGIVE OFFENSES

VISIT THE SICK



COMFORT THE AFFLICTED

VISIT THE IMPRISONED



BEAR WRONGS PATIENTLY

BURY THE DEAD



PRAY FOR THE LIVING AND THE DEAD

“A BIT OF MERCY MAKES THE WORLD LESS COLD AND MORE JUST” (POPE FRANCIS)



At St Anne's Catholic Primary School, we are inspired by the work of Catherine McAuley and the Sisters of Mercy by following 'The Works of Mercy'

Mercy is Kindness



Kindness is donating small items such as pencils, pens, school supplies, food, clothing to our giving box

Kindness is donating money to the Mission Box located in the office

Kindness is preparing a cooked meal to be frozen and passed on to individuals and families in our community who are struggling.

Kindness is collecting cans, bottles, plastic lids to recycle and money collected donated to the Catholic missions.

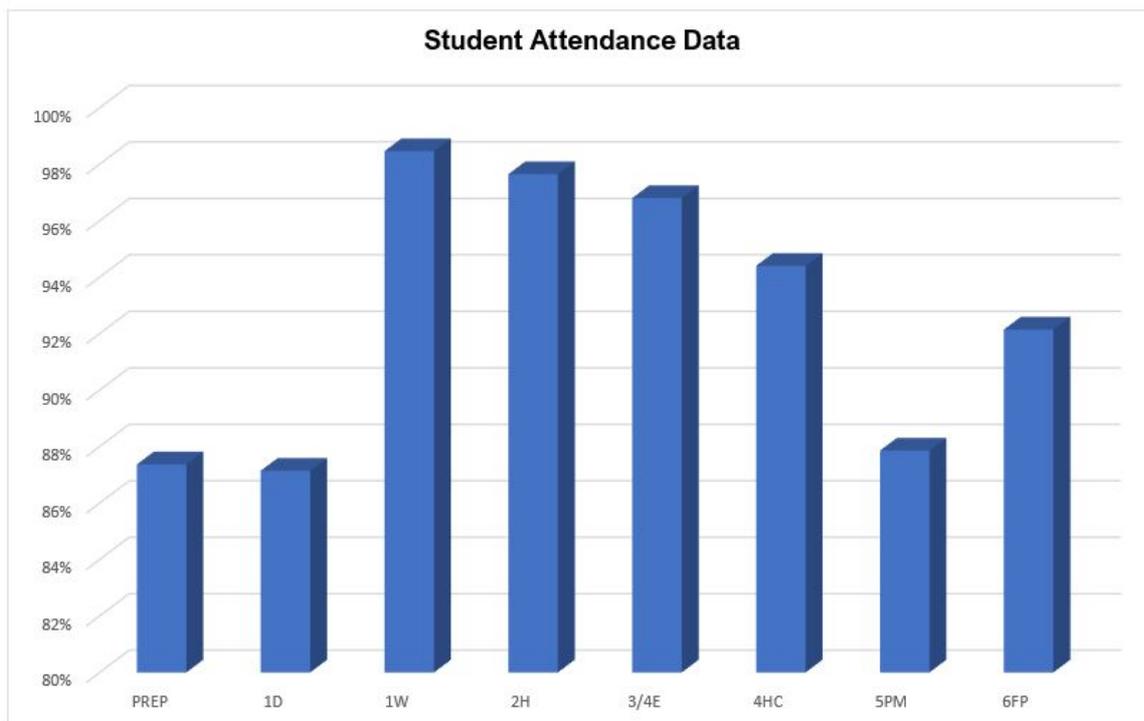
Week 4 - Attendance Data

'Every Day Counts'

Unless there are exceptional circumstances the minimum acceptable attendance rate for the school year is 90%. If your child is, on average, missing more than 3 days per term they will not be meeting the expected minimum attendance requirements.

PREP	1D	1W	2H	3/4E	4HC	5PM	6FP
87%	87%	98%	98%	97%	94%	88%	92%

Day	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	AVG
# Students	152	154	159	158	159	156
% of School	90%	91%	94%	93%	94%	93%



In Queensland, a child is considered to be of compulsory school age from 6 years and 6 months until they turn 16, or they complete Year 10 (whichever comes first). Parents of compulsory-school-aged children must: enroll them at a school and ensure they attend school on every school day, unless the parent has a reasonable excuse.

Acceptable Reasons

- Illness
- Essential appointment
- Injury
- Infectious disease
- Bereavement
- Principal approved absence

Unacceptable Reasons

- Birthdays
- Visiting relatives
- Outside school events
- Helping parents at home
- Weather (i.e. too hot)
- Holidays (unless Principal approval is granted)

Regular attendance helps your child develop the skills needed to access the world of work and other opportunities, learn the importance of punctuality and routine and make and keep friendships.

Reminders for parents and caregivers about student absences

All absences from school must have a reason and be acknowledged by parents and caregivers. Text messages to advise of absences are sent daily.

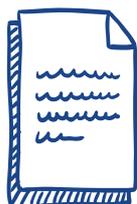
Please phone 4994 8285 or email sas@rok.catholic.edu.au to advise of your child's absence.

General INFORMATION

NO HAT



NO PLAY



NOTES			
Date	To	Topic	Author
27/10	All Parents	Newsletter T4 W4	Admin
27/10	Yr 6 Parents	Camp note #2	Mr Frost
30/10	Yr 5	Leadership shirts	Admin



BIRTHDAYS			
02/11	Mason C	02/11	Cally O
03/11	Xander BJ	04/11	Charlotte W
05/11	Anthony M		

Tuckshop Helpers

Day	Helpers (please contact office if you can fill a spot)
Thursday 5th November	Renae Benson, Angela Squillari
Friday 6th November	Lisa Johnstone, Veronica Samuelson One More Needed
Thursday 12th November	Angela Squillari, Sonja Renehan
Friday 13th November	Jill Cotter, Angela Squillari, One More Needed

STUDENTS OF THE *Week*



Congratulations to our Students of the Week | Rylan B, Charlotte D, Amelia S, Charlotte W, Khloe S, Indee M, Zoe P, Adalyn C, Clare B, Zac G, Lilliana G, Khloe H, Matthew F, James G, Levi W, Rhys W, Mason C

Finance **NEWS**

Term 4 Fees | School fees for term 4 are due 12 November. If you foresee any issues with full payment by the due date please contact Helen Barnard to make other arrangements.

ACROSS THE Curriculum



BIRDS OF A FEATHER

AUSTRALASIAN FIGBIRD: By Chris, Jacob, Jed and Clancy

Figbirds can be seen in small family flocks.

The male birds have red skin around their eyes and a green feathers on their backs. The female is speckled brown with no red skin.

Their nests are built of small sticks high up in trees.

They eat berries and bugs. There are a lot of them in the fig tree behind the eating area.



Making Jesus Real - Weeks 4 and 5

'Care for Creation'

THIS IS YOUR WORLD

So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Genesis 1:21

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

SAVE POWER

- » Turn off lights when not in use
- » Turn off computers and other major appliances

SAVE WATER

- » Turn the tap off while brushing your teeth and use a glass for rinsing
- » Rinse your dishes in a plugged sink, rather than under a running tap

KEEP IT CLEAN

- » Put your rubbish in the bin

RECYCLE

- » Create a worm farm
- » Use a recycling bin whenever you can

GO GREEN

- » Think before you print – don't waste paper
- » Use recycled paper

What do you love about 'The World' you live in?

We often think negatively about many things in our lives - take a minute to think about what you REALLY love about the world you live in.

We all have the responsibility to care for God's creation!



Sunday's Gospel Reflection - Matthew 5:1-12 The Beatitudes

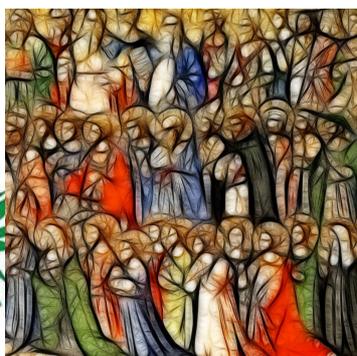
Saints are sometimes regarded as 'Catholic superheroes'. Stories of miraculous and remarkable deeds abound, though more in the vein of conversions and cures than speeding bullets and tall buildings. But to get caught up on the Saints of the stained glass windows is to overlook the vast majority of saints. You see, a saint is anybody whose soul is in heaven. The Church celebrates a certain number of Saints whose lives provide a glimpse of God for the rest of the Church.

But there are many, many more saints whose glimpse of God was only ever experienced by their family, friends and those with whom they worked. **The feast of ALL Saints** is an opportunity to remember and reflect on the lives of those saints who've been known and loved by just a few and whose sphere of influence was such that they will never be recognised as Saints by the universal Church.

Sunday's gospel, the Beatitudes, from the Sermon on the Mount describes perfectly those 'lower cases' saints we celebrate in this feast day. The Beatitudes are sometimes referred to in parallel with the Ten Commandments. However, the Beatitudes are not 'rules' or 'instructions' for life as the Commandments are. They are more in line with a strategy that today we would call 'positive reinforcement'. They celebrate those who respond to God's call through particular attitudes towards life and towards others. Jesus presents them to the disciples and the crowd as images to inspire imitation.

They're not hard and fast rules for life, but attitudes for life; the **Be-Attitudes**, so to speak. Those who live with these attitudes in this life are to be celebrated – **'Happy are you'** – for they will be saints. They will be welcomed into communion with God in heaven.

Loving God, the wisdom of your Spirit hovers over our lives at all times, working always for our good. Too often we miss the vision of your love. As we ponder the mystery of the Beatitudes working in the lives of the saints, may our hearts, minds and spirits be open to his Presence within us and may our lives radiate his love. We ask this in Jesus' name confident that you will hear us. Amen.



HELP NEEDED

This year as part of our ministry as a Catholic school, we will be donating items to assist both St Vincent de Paul and the Stella Maris Seafarers Centre. To make this a purposeful action, we are in great need of your help!

This is a great way for all families to be involved with helping others – **our called vocation**. Please talk about this in your families and make this an expression of your family.

Outlined is a list of items that could be donated to these organisations through our giving liturgy. Items for St Vincent de Paul are to be brought in to your child's classroom and put into baskets that will be provided.

Some of these items are everyday items which can simply be out of your pantry. (However, we ask that you please check the expiry dates. Items for the Stella Maris Seafarers Centre are to be brought in and placed in shoe boxes.



Matthew 10:42

And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

St Vincent de Paul

Christmas cake, tin fruit, tea or coffee, sugar, cordial, biscuits, nuts, chips, lollies, cereal (small boxes), soft drinks, baked beans, spaghetti, tinned ham, plum pudding, custard powder, toiletries, dishwashing liquid. In the past parents have also donated small toys or reading books that could be presents for a young child.

Stella Maris

Please remember that Seafarers are male.

Cash donation
Small bottles of hair shampoo – 90ml
Toothpaste
Toothbrushes
Cakes of soap
Antiperspirant
Pairs of sport socks

The gifts for Stella Maris will be placed unwrapped in a shoe box. Families are asked to bring in shoe boxes wrapped in Christmas paper if possible. We have paper at school if you don't have any.

The lids on the shoe boxes need to be wrapped separately to the body of the box to allow boxes to be opened, sorted and more gifts possibly added.

**“ We do this
because
we care. ”**



Thank you to all staff and students for your support of the 2020 St Anne's Mission Fair!



News from St Michael's Parish

St Michael's Parish Bulletin - Sunday 1st November 2020 -

<https://rok.catholic.net.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Mackay-South-20201101.pdf>

Bishop Michael McCarthy's October Newsletter -

<https://rokcatholic.schoolzineplus.com/diocesenews?nid=28>

RCIA INQUIRY NIGHT: An inquiry session will be held on Thursday 5th November at 6.00pm, at St Francis Xavier Parish Office, Holland Street, West Mackay for those interested in learning, without any pressure or commitment, about Jesus Christ, the teachings of His Church and the meaning that only He can give. Inquiry is for adults who: want to know the basics about Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church, have never been baptized, or have been baptized but have not been Confirmed in the Catholic Church. Please contact the Cluster Office on 49574807 or email cluster@smky.catholics.org.au to register your interest.

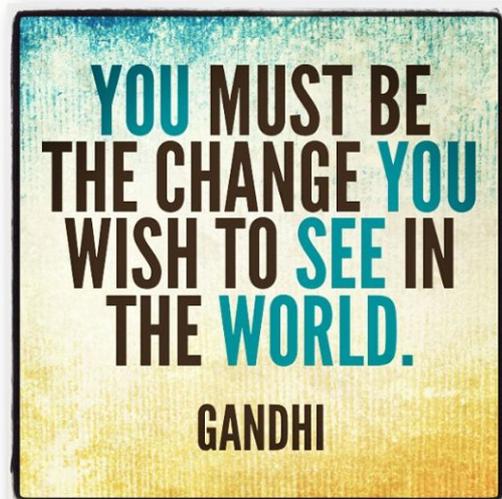
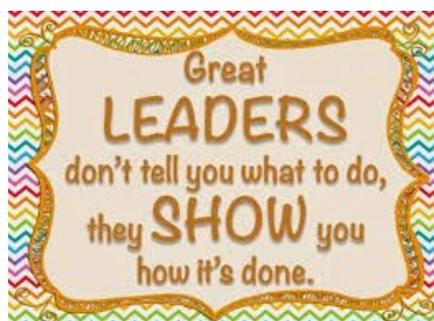


STUDENT LEADERSHIP | Leadership is a quality that all students at St Anne's Catholic Primary School are encouraged and supported to develop. These experiences ensure that students perceive themselves as leaders and have the opportunity and confidence to take on leadership roles and find their voice.



Newsletter Report	Welcomers	Assembly Leaders	Assembly Report
Week 5 - Poppy	Harrison, Nick, Oliver	Axl, Thomas	Wyatt
Week 6 - Wyatt	Lachlan W, Adrian, Digby	Tyler, Harrison	Charlise

NEWSLETTER REPORT BY POPPY | This past week I have noticed that it has been very, very hot so if you forget your water bottle remember you can always go to the bubblers and get a drink. Friday after first lunch was Mission Fair. I was happy to see that everyone had a go at lots of the activities, slowed down, took their time and waited their turn, rather than running around like crazy. It was also Day For Daniel & Silly Sock Day. Overall I am sure we raised lots of money for the Missions.



General NEWS

National Bandanna Day | This year we will celebrate National Bandanna Day this Friday 7th November. Bandannas will be available for sale all this week from the Office for \$5 each and student may wear them on Friday 7th November. The funds we raise will help young people affected by cancer get access to programs, counselling and peer support.

RATEP 2021 COURSES' APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN !!



- ❖ Andergrove SS is indeed extremely fortunate to be the “home” of RATEP, for the Mackay region.
- ❖ RATEP (Remote Area Teacher Education Program) is a community-based Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Teacher Education Program, that enables Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to become registered teachers, Community Education Counsellors or qualified teacher aides.
- ❖ TAFE Course **Certificate III in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education for Years 11 and 12 students**, where the training runs in conjunction with the school year - FREE.
- ❖ TAFE Course **Certificate III in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education for Adults** – Full time (approx. 18-20 hrs/week) or Part-time (approx. 13 hrs/week), where the training runs **from February to December**.
- ❖ TAFE Course **Diploma in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education** for adults, where the training runs **from February to December** (Full-time approx. 25 hrs/week for 1 year or Part-time approx. 13 hrs/week for 2 years or 1.5 years).
- ❖ **JCU Bachelor of Education** for adults, *4 years' full-time* course or additional years part time.
- ❖ Highly subsidised training and payment plans are available, so that **no fee is payable at the commencement of a course.**
- ❖ Financial assistance for travel and accommodation to attend residential blocks in Cairns and field trips is also available, for ***TAFE Certificates III (Adults) and Diploma Courses.***

- ❖ For further information contact RATEP Teacher Coordinator, **Kerry Cronin**:
 - Phone: **4998 9333** or **0408 528 604**
 - e-mail: kcron3@eq.edu.au
 - Facebook: www.facebook.com/RATEPMackay *or*
 - Call into the **RATEP Room, in Building 18, beside Andergrove SS's main entry driveway, in Banksia Avenue, Andergrove.**

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>

