

Message Stick

To all members of the Catholic Education family



Catholic Education
Diocese of Rockhampton

Reflection from Pope Francis



Children are the future of the human family: all of us are expected to promote their growth and tranquillity.

Please remember in your prayers those members of our extended Catholic Education Family who have recently deceased.

Patricia Wilson, mother of Ursula (Tink) Boyd, Sacred Heart and St Benedict's Yeppoon, grandmother of Caitlin Seymour, Sacred Heart, Yeppoon.

Traci Mackenzie, former staff member Holy Spirit College, Mackay.

Ernie Schulte, father-in-law of Lisa Schulte, St Anne's, Sarina.

Owen Wildie, father of Kathleen Grimmond, St Anne's, Sarina, and brother of Sr Mary Wildie rsm Rockhampton.

Please remember in your prayers those members of our extended Catholic Education Family who are unwell.

John Bird, father of Stacey Todman, Sacred Heart, Yeppoon.

Friday 18 June 2021

Good morning everyone

It was wonderful yesterday to attend the ordination of Rev Ashwin Acharya, a former student of Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, and St Brendan's College, Yeppoon. This was a significant event, not only for Ashwin and his family, but for all the people of our diocese. On behalf of everyone in Catholic Education, I extend my prayerful best wishes to Ashwin, his parents Angela and Raj and his family.

Last Friday evening I attended The Cathedral College musical, *The Addams Family*. Congratulations to all involved, staff and students for a very enjoyable evening. Best wishes are also extended to Emmaus College North Rockhampton and St Patrick's and Mercy Colleges Mackay both of which are performing *Fame* this year and to Shalom College Bundaberg who are busy preparing for *Footloose*. We are so lucky to have so many talented staff and students in our Colleges in the area of music and drama.

Belated best wishes are extended to Fr Frank Gilbert who recently celebrated his 90th Birthday. Fr Frank has served our diocese well for many years and he has been a great friend to Catholic education. Fr Frank, on behalf of everyone in Catholic Education, I extend belated best wishes for this 'significant' Birthday.

Today the Diocesan Education Council (DEC) meets to discuss policy and other governance issues that assist the progress of the Ministry of Catholic Education in our Diocese. The Council was established in 1963 by then Bishop of Rockhampton, Francis Rush and from its earliest days its role and function has been to advise the Bishop on all matters relevant to Catholic schooling within the Diocese. During the last 57 years the Education Council has undergone many changes and adapted its role and focus to reflect the changing nature of education and legislative requirements as well as the many developments in the area of Governance.

I look back with much gratitude for the gift of the wonderful women and men who have generously volunteered their time and talents to serve on the Diocesan Education Council over the past many years. Catholic Education has indeed been richly blessed by their exemplary and selfless service. I look forward to welcoming the current Council members to the office today.

God bless,

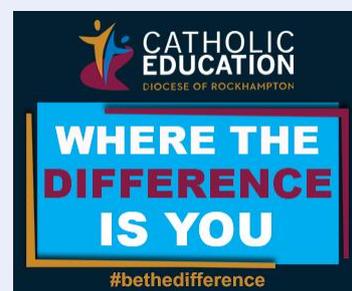
Leesa

Where's Leesa: Monday 21 June to Friday 25 June, Office.

Congratulations to St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Rockhampton who have joined the ranks as 'recycling Hero School.' Students have drastically reduced their waste from 80 to just 16 kilos a week through a simple bin sorting system. 7 Local News Rockhampton was on hand this week when they were presented with their award. To view the news segment, click on the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/7NEWSCQ/videos/182719150346255/>

Spirit of Catholic Education Awards 2021. Congratulations to all our 2021 nominees. A full list of our nominees for this year is now available via the Catholic Education Week website [Rockhampton](#)

History Snippet: In 1925 the Presentation Sisters' parish primary school was transferred to a new site in Longreach. In 1926 a convent school was opened in Springsure by the Sisters of Mercy. This accommodated boarders from surrounding properties as well as children of the townspeople. In 1929 the last convent school to be opened under Bishop Shiel was commenced by the Sisters of St Joseph at Park Avenue North Rockhampton, inheriting the building from Red Hill at Mount Morgan which was closed in 1926. The Catholic Directory of 1929 listed 23 parish Primary Schools, 5 Convent High Schools and 3 Christian Brothers Colleges from Bundaberg to Mackay and west to Longreach, which represented 4600 students. It was also at this time that the Dioceses of Townsville and Toowoomba were established.



Employment opportunities:

Assistant Director: Mission Catholic Education Rockhampton. Applications close Friday 18 June 2021.

Finance Manager Catherine McAuley College, Mackay. Applications close Friday 9 July 2021.

Assistant Curriculum St Anthony's Catholic Primary School, Rockhampton. Applications close 9 July 2021.

Principal Positions: St Mary's Catholic Primary School, North Rockhampton and Our Lady's Catholic Primary School, Longreach. Commencing January 2022. Applications close 11 July 2021.

Experienced and Graduate Teachers: Applications are now open for full-time teaching positions for the 2022 school year. Applications close 11 July 2021.

Assistant Curriculum Holy Spirit College, Mackay. Applications close 16 July 2021.

Assistant Curriculum St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Bundaberg. Applications close 23 July 2021.

For further information and to apply please click [here](#)

Congratulations to:

Kerrie Wease (Holy Spirit College, Mackay) and Wayne Allen on their recent marriage.

Matthew Baisden (Holy Spirit College, Mackay) and his wife Megan on the safe arrival of Beau.

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St Joseph's Blackall celebrated Reconciliation Week with a prayer service followed by art workshops with Indigenous artist, Deadly Arthur. Deadly Arthur created Toddy Turtle pictures with all students at school and then spent a few days creating Indigenous artworks and games on different areas throughout the school.



Pictured below: Leesa with Prep – 2 students during her visit last week to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Springsure.



Emmaus College students are currently organizing a Sustainability Youth Summit. The event will be held at CQUniversity Rockhampton on Friday 16 July 2021 from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Students from the entire CQ Region have been invited to attend. The Panel discussion will centre around: *Sustainability and social innovation in the Central Queensland Region.* Speakers include Tony Williams, Mayor of Rockhampton, Donna Kirkland and Drew Wickerson, Rockhampton Councillors, Nick Klomp, CQ University Vice Chancellor; Barry O'Rourke MP, Member for Rockhampton, Hannah Kaluzynski Project Officer Environment, Fitzroy Basin Association, and a range of other speakers. Pictured below during their recent interview with ABC Capricornia are Braden Harrison and Briella Weber Year 11 students from Emmaus.



The [Australian Taxation Office](#) has created a range of resources for 2021 tax time for both teachers and staff. [Education Toolkit](#) provides practical and tailored information to help teachers, education professionals and office staff understand what they can and can't claim in their tax returns. Poster for [self-education expenses](#) – outlines what staff may be able to claim, if their self-education expenses directly relate to their current employment and maintain or improve the skills and knowledge they need for their current duties, or results or is likely to result in an increase in their income from their current employment. Poster for [home office expenses](#) – outlines what staff may be able to claim as a deduction such as, the decline in value of equipment or furniture. This [two-page poster](#) summarises the information which can be downloaded, printed and shared. [Read more](#)

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