

Message Stick

To all members of the Catholic Education family



Catholic Education
Diocese of Rockhampton

Reflection from Pope Francis



Let us pray for the sick that may no one be left alone, that everyone receives the anointing of listening, closeness, and care. We can all give it with a visit, phone call and an outstretched hand.

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

Virginia (Virgie) Elsworthy, friend and supporter of Catholic Education.

Jan Leyden, secretary to Bishop Wallace.



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.

Khiana Blakey, Year 8 Holy Spirit College, Mackay and daughter of Allison Blakey, Principal MacKillop Primary School, Mackay.

Friday 23 July 2021

Good morning everyone

Catholic Education Week 2021 commences on Sunday, and I am very much looking forward to joining our Northern Region school community representatives at our Diocesan Mass celebration at St Patrick's Church in Mackay on Wednesday (28 July) at 12noon. Due to several significant events in the lives of our school communities taking place in Mackay next week, it was timely and appropriate to hold our Diocesan celebration in Mackay instead of Rockhampton this year. I am aware there are many great events and activities being planned in all our schools to celebrate Catholic Education Week and I wish all our communities a wonderful week as we take the opportunity to highlight and share our distinctive mission and ethos with the wider community.

This week several staff were fortunate to attend the Xavier School of Mission presented by the Xavier Centre for Theological Formation in partnership with the Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton. Held in Rockhampton, the School aimed to equip and form leaders in evangelisation through lectures, workshops, prayer and reflection, daily Mass and networking with others involved in the mission of the Church. I extend my sincere appreciation to Bishop Michael, Joy Philippi (Diocesan Executive Officer, Mission) and Michael Otto (Diocesan Executive Officer, Vocations, Youth and Family Life) for providing the opportunity for Catholic Education staff to attend.

I was delighted to share some time with students and staff at the Year 10 ACTS (A Chance to Share) Camp held at Emmaus College, Rockhampton this week. All diocesan colleges were represented, and I would like to congratulate participants on their willingness to reflect and share their thoughts, challenges, and experiences, and for taking the time to explore their faith life. My thanks to Di-Anne Rowan (AD Mission), the FIARE Team, especially Kristin Honeyball and our college staff who have prepared and facilitated this invaluable spiritual formation for our young people. Thank you also to Emmaus College for hosting the Year 10 ACTS gathering.

Over the past fortnight, 90 senior secondary teachers from Catholic and State School sectors gathered at the Kevin Castles Centre in Rockhampton to attend Master Classes on effective pedagogy and resource sharing to support the new senior syllabuses. My sincere thanks to those teachers from our colleges who presented at the gathering for sharing their expertise and experience including Peter O'Shaughnessy (Emmaus - Specialist Mathematics), Carley Elliott (Emmaus - English and Literature), Rachele Belz (TCC - Japanese), Sarah-Jayne Coombs and Karen Lester (TCC - Legal Studies), Sarah Powell (Emmaus - Business), Lynda Dowley (Emmaus - Drama), Grant Williams (TCC - Chemistry) and Natarsha Williams (Emmaus - Physics). The days were a great success due to the commitment and generosity of these teachers. I also extend my great appreciation to Marie Martin (Secondary Curriculum Consultant) and the Curriculum Team for their work in coordinating the Inservice.

I would like to offer my best wishes to the Emmaus College community as they prepare to present their 2021 musical, *Fame*, which opens at the Pilbeam Theatre in Rockhampton next Friday (30 July). School productions require significant commitment from the staff, students and volunteers involved and I am certain those attending will enjoy a very entertaining show. My sincere thanks to all involved in providing students with this performance opportunity.

Pope Francis has declared this Sunday (25 July) the first-ever World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly under the theme, *I am with you always (Mt 28:30)*. As we commence Catholic Education Week, we ask our Heavenly Father to bless all Grandparents and the Elderly in our communities and bestow on them a sense of peace, joy, and fulfilment. [Message](#)

God bless,

Leesa

Where's Leesa: Monday 26 July and Tuesday 27 July, Office; Wednesday 28 July, Blessing of the Site Catherine McAuley College Mackay; CEW Mass St Patrick's Church Mackay; Thursday 28 July Blessing and Opening Capital Works MacKillop Primary School Mackay; Blessing and Opening Capital Works St Mary's Primary School Mackay; Friday 30 July, Office.

Catholic Education CELEBRATING 200 YEARS

Faith in the future

History Snippet: In 1946 Andrew Tynan was appointed Bishop, the first Queensland born Bishop appointed at the age of 38. During his time as Bishop, he consistently maintained a public stance in favour of Government Funding for Catholic schools, speaking about it at almost every occasion. During his time there were 32 school related projects with a significant number of convent schools largely or completely replaced. Some of these were: Our Lady's Rockhampton, St Joseph's Wandal, St Peter's Rockhampton, St Mary's North Rockhampton plus schools in Yeppoon, Gladstone, and Blackall.

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25 - 31 JULY

2021

What is your school community doing during Catholic Education Week?

Please send photos, activities etc to media@rok.catholic.edu.au so that we can share in the Message Stick.



Employment
opportunities:

Assistant Curriculum Catholic Primary School, Bundaberg. Applications close 23 July 2021.

Principal: St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Monto. Applications close 23 July 2021.

Assistant to the Principal: Religious Education, St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School, Gladstone. Applications close 23 July 2021.

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

Congratulations to:

Helen Privett on her appointment as Acting Principal MacKillop Catholic Primary School, Mackay, whilst Allison Blakey is on leave.

Clare Barron on her appointment as APRE at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Blackall.

Shae Saunders (Holmes) St John's Catholic Primary School, Walkerston, and husband Jack on the safe arrival of Carly Louise.

St John the Baptist Primary School Gladstone Prep students joined with their "elderly" teachers and teacher assistants this week to celebrate completing one hundred days of Prep. Students spent the day enjoying a range of fun, hundred-themed learning activities, showcasing their application of the impressive skills and knowledge they have gained since commencing their first day of primary school.



Pictured below: Students and staff from Colleges at the **Year 10 ACTS Camp** being hosted by Emmaus College Rockhampton with Leesa back row and staff attending.



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CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS CHALLENGE CUP RESULTS

Netball > Netball Vase - St Anthony's Blue; Netball Goblet - St Patrick's Bundaberg; Netball Plaque - St Francis Xavier Mackay; Netball Medal - Star of the Sea Gladstone; Netball Bowl - St Joseph's Wandal; Netball Plate - Emmanuel Blue Mackay; Netball Shield - St Anthony's Gold; Netball Challenge Cup - Sacred Heart Blue Yeppoon.

Rugby League > Rugby League Plaque - St Joseph's Bundaberg; Rugby League Medal - Western Warriors; Rugby League Bowl - St Peter's Rockhampton; Rugby League Plate - St John's Gladstone; Rugby League Shield - Emmanuel Mackay; Rugby League Challenge Cup - Sacred Heart Yeppoon.

Graham Monaghan Spirit Award > Netball - St Brigid's Emerald; League - St Benedict's Yeppoon

Pictured below from left: Star of the Sea Gladstone; St Anthony's Rockhampton.



Pictured below from left: St Benedict's Yeppoon, St Therese's Monto Challenge Cup Team



Pictured below from left: St Brigid's Emerald Netball Team, Challenge Cup Trophies, Emmanuel Mackay Netball Team



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 CELEBRATING CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN QUEENSLAND

A SPIRITED TOMORROW