



CATHOLIC DIOCESE
OF ROCKHAMPTON

July Newsletter

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS & SAFEGUARDING OFFICE

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

HOT OFF THE PRESS - THE SAFEGUARDING BOOKLET

by Judy Pidcock

Professional Standards & Safeguarding Manager

I am pleased to announce that the PSSO team has developed an A5 size booklet outlining essential information from the *Safeguarding Level 1 Training* and the *Safeguarding Policy*. We are so pleased with the finished product and received much positive feedback.

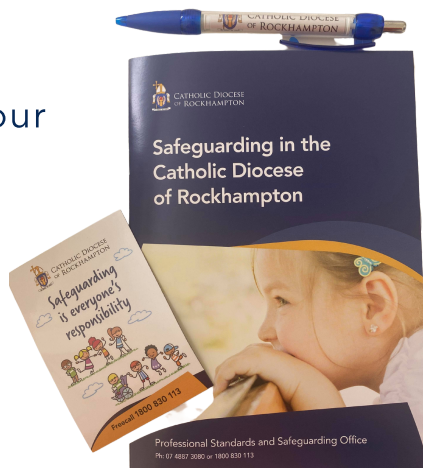
The booklets will be given out at Safeguarding Level 1 Training in our 'goodie bags', which contain all of our most up-to-date resources. Please see page 2 for the initial groups who received the booklets.

If you would like a copy, please contact our office on 07 4887 3080 or pssoadmin@rok.catholic.net.au. Once again, we thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to attend the training.

You are a vital part of our safeguarding mission, thank you.

Kind regards

Judy



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TRAVELLING AROUND THE DIOCESE

by *Kate Moore*

Safeguarding Pastoral Response Coordinator



I have been fortunate to travel to parishes that I have not been to before. I was in awe of the beautiful gardens at St. Joseph's Primary School Barcaldine, and the stunning stained glass windows of St. Patrick's Church, Blackall. The garden dedicated to the Presentation Sisters at St. Brigid's Church, Longreach was a highlight of the trip.

A big thank you to the warm country welcome we received from Carmel and Phil at Longreach Parish, Helga, Father Shaiju and school staff at Barcaldine, and the delicious morning tea provided by Moira and the wonderful women in Blackall.

On the east coast, I was also delighted to witness the bright cross, sitting atop of the Sacred Heart Church, Yeppoon and the quaint bushland setting of St Peter Chanel Church at Tannum Sands. The sea of smiling faces in the training audiences makes my job so worthwhile. A special thanks to Father Moloney and Father Chase for their ongoing support for the training. I feel confident safeguarding is part of our mission and in the hearts of all those who minister in the name of the Church.

RELEASE OF THE NEW BOOKLET



Capricorn Coast Parish (above)

**Gladstone Parish
Star of the Sea, Gladstone (top left)
St. Peters Chanel Church, Tannum
(bottom left)**

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING DATES 2021

We look forward to seeing you at the **mandatory Safeguarding Level 1 Training** in 2021.

1 HOUR ONLY!

****PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO ORIGINAL TIMES AND DATES****

BLACKWATER - 27TH JULY, TUESDAY, 7.00PM, PARISH HALL

EMERALD - 17TH AUGUST, TUESDAY, 5.30PM, ST. PATRICKS CHURCH

CLERMONT - 18TH AUGUST, WEDNESDAY, 10.30AM, ST MARY'S CHURCH

MORANBAH - 18TH AUGUST, WEDNESDAY, 5.30PM, PARISH HALL

BUNDABERG - 19TH OCTOBER, TUESDAY, 12.30PM & 5.30PM, PARISH CENTRE

BILOELA - 20TH OCTOBER, WEDNESDAY, 5.30PM, PARISH MEETING ROOM

MONTO - 21ST OCTOBER, THURSDAY, 9.30AM, VENUE TBC

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 5-11TH SEPTEMBER.

Liturgy resources will be sent to parishes in the near future.

EVERY CHILD IN EVERY COMMUNITY NEEDS A FAIR GO



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NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK
5 - 11 September 2021

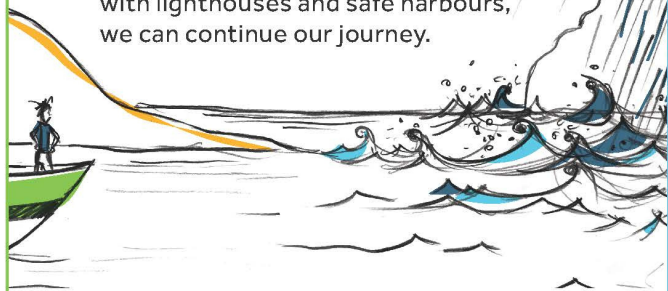
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CHILDREN NEED STRONG COMMUNITIES

WHAT WE KNOW:

- Children thrive when their families get the support they need.
- To treat all of Australia's children fairly, we need to make sure every family and community has what kids need to thrive and be healthy.
- Parenting can be like navigating waters. Everyone may experience bad weather from time to time but, with lighthouses and safe harbours, we can continue our journey.



- We can all help to be part of the lighthouses and safe harbours that families need.



For more information about how you can play your part or to get involved in

National Child Protection Week
(starting first Sunday September)
visit: www.napcan.org.au

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HOW YOU CAN BE A SAFE HARBOUR FOR FAMILIES:

- Recognise that not every family and community in Australia has what children need to thrive and be healthy. This is why we see such big differences in child wellbeing across Australia.
- Support projects and policies that help to provide the strong foundations that every community needs – jobs, safe places, libraries, parks, playgrounds, schools, child care, affordable housing, health services, social activities, clubs, friendly neighbours, businesses and more.
- Smile and say hi to the people in your local neighbourhood. Children feel safer when they know the people in their community.
- If you see a family that is facing challenges, it is important that they get help as soon as possible before the problem gets bigger. You may need to ask advice from an expert about what to do, especially if you suspect that the children are at risk of harm.
- Take a moment to think about children in your school or community who might need extra support and how you might be able to help. Being kind and respectful, being a good role model, and offering practical help such as lifts or meals, are a great start.
- Connecting with your community is good for everyone. Joining playgroups, parenting groups or sports clubs helps families and children to have fun and meet people.
- Check in with your friends from time to time if you know they are busy looking after children. Sometimes a friendly message can be a huge help to a family.

 **National Families Week**

For more information about how to get involved with National Families Week (15-21 May) and how to help build stronger families, visit www.nfw.org.au