

Message Stick

To all members of the Catholic Education family



Catholic Education
Diocese of Rockhampton

Reflection from Pope Francis



Stop this massacre.

[Read](#) the article from The Catholic Leader, 14 March 2022.

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

Wendy Kenneth, mother of Pam Abela, Holy Spirit College, Mackay.

Carmen Mumford, mother of Juanita Paton, Holy Spirit College, Mackay.

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

Peter O'Shaughnessy, Emmaus College, North Rockhampton and husband of Louise, Catholic Education Office.

Mick Holmes, husband of Linda Holmes, APC St Anne's Catholic Primary School, Sarina.

The Season of Lent



Friday 18 March 2022

Good morning everyone

Today I look forward to meeting with Bishop Michael and the members of the Diocesan Education Council for our first meeting for 2022. As well as policy related matters and scheduled reports, the Council is reviewing 2022 February Census data and our 2021 QCE and ATAR results. All members of the Council are returning this year and I offer my thanks and deep appreciation for their shared wisdom, their ongoing committed service, and their strong support for Catholic Education.

This week, I visited our Rockhampton Southside Catholic Primary Schools – St Peter's, Allenstown, St Paul's, Gracemere, and St Joseph's, Wandal where I enjoyed catching up, in person, with students and staff. Each of these schools has welcomed new Principals this year and it was great to be able to see first-hand the dedicated and faith centred leadership that Peter Smith (St Peter's), Anthony Greene (St Paul's) and Bernadette Brennan (St Joseph's, Wandal) are providing for their respective school communities. Thank you to each of these school communities for their warm welcome and the hospitality extended to me during my visit.

I extend my thanks and congratulations to all in our Catholic Education family who worked with great enthusiasm to ensure the success of the St Patrick's Day Races held in Rockhampton last Saturday which raises funds for our Catholic Primary Schools in the Rockhampton region. My thanks and congratulations also go to those who were involved in the organising of yet another successful Bundaberg Catholic Schools Race Day which was held last Saturday.

This coming Saturday will see the holding of Springsure's St Patrick's Day Country Races. A huge thank you in advance to the teachers and parent community of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School who generously give of their time and talent to help ensure the success of what is a major social day for the local community and to raise funds for the school. Our best wishes for a great Race Day on Saturday go to the Our Lady of the Sacred Heart community and to all the people of Springsure and surrounds.

A reminder that it is only two weeks now until this year's Bishop's In-Service Day on Friday 1 April. This day of prayer and formation is a gift to us by Bishop Michael for which I know we are all very grateful. The program for the day can be accessed via the CEDR Staff Portal.

As we remember this week, the Feast Days of St Patrick (Thursday March 17) and St Joseph (Saturday March 19), we ask their blessing on all in our communities and pray we will be guided by their great example of faith and service to God, as we strive to live out our baptismal call to missionary discipleship.

God bless,

Leesa

Pictured right with Leesa during school visits are St Joseph's Wandal School Captains, Harper, and Rhiannon and far right: St Peter's Preps with Leesa and teachers.



Where's Leesa: Monday 21 March, Office, Tuesday 22 March to Thursday 24 March, Principals' Gathering via zoom, Thursday 24 March, NCEC Diocesan Directors' Forum; Friday 25 March, Office.

St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School, Mackay recently held a 'PJ' Day to raise funds for the St Vincent de Paul Flood Appeal. Congratulations to the school community who raised, \$1213.00 for the appeal.



Inspiring Women St Joseph's Clermont In association with International Women's Day, the Isaac Regional Council hosted their annual Inspiring Women in the *Isaac awards* at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Clermont last Saturday night. Congratulations to nominees, pictured below from left: Mrs Tish Williams (Teacher Assistant), Sister Helen Archer, rsj, and Mrs Sheila Challacombe (Principal).



Pictured below: Year 6 students, St Joseph's, Blackall had a Caritas Project Compassion Fund Raising event last week during the heat wave with the provision of Ice Cups.



Pictured below third from right: Maria Learmonth with the winners of the Terry Molloy Memorial / Swanwick Murray Roche Lawyers Maiden Handicap at the St Patrick's Day Races, Rockhampton.



Various Appeals that you may wish to assist with:

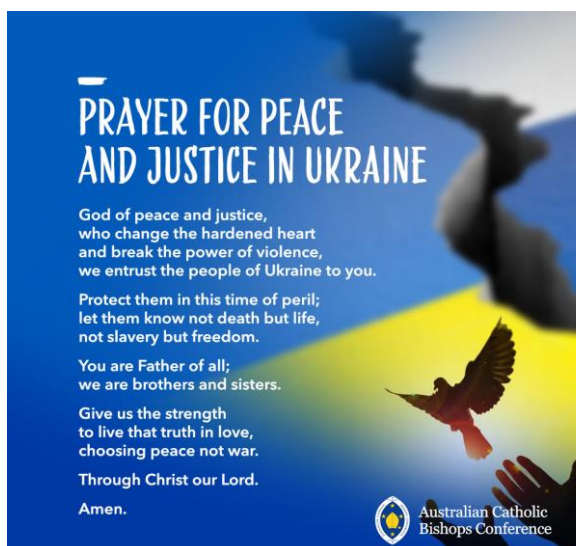
Caritas Ukraine. Donations to the Caritas Australia Ukraine Crisis Appeal can be made by visiting [here](#).

St Vincent de Paul Flood Appeal 2022. Donations to help flood victims in Queensland and New South Wales can be made via this link [Donate](#)

Lismore Catholic Diocese Flood Appeal
For more information, please click <https://www.lismorediocese.org/>



Information available from the Catholic Education Staff Portal and by clicking [here](#) Nominations [online nomination form here](#).



Employment opportunities:

Classroom Teacher, St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Wandal. Applications close 23 March 2022.

Maths, Film, Television, New Media Teachers, Shalom College, Bundaberg. Applications close 23 March 2022.

Secondary Teachers (various subject areas), Chanel College, Gladstone. Applications close 25 March 2022.

Classroom Teacher, St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School, Gladstone. Applications close 27 March 2022.

Graduate Teacher Scholarship Program full time, Catholic Education - Diocese of Rockhampton. Applications close 31 March 2022.

Science, SOR, Senior English Teachers, Emmaus College, North Rockhampton. Applications close 31 March.

Secondary Teachers St Patrick's / Mercy College, Mackay. Applications close 31 March 2022.

Secondary Teachers, Holy Spirit College, Mackay. Applications close 31 March 2022.

Secondary Teachers, Marist College, Emerald. Applications Close 1 April 2022.

Counselling Services Coordinator, full time, Catholic Education Office, Rockhampton. Applications close 3 April 2022.

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