

Message Stick

To all members of the Catholic Education family



Catholic Education
Diocese of Rockhampton

Reflection from Pope Francis



Let us always look at young people with a smile. They carry on what we have sown. An elderly person cannot be happy without looking at young people and young people cannot move ahead in life without looking at the elderly.

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

Madonna Harris, mother of Maggie Goodman, Catholic Education Office, Rockhampton.

Vinod Kumar, teacher The Cathedral College, Rockhampton.



Date Claimer: Our Catholic Education Week Mass will be live streamed from Holy Family Church, North Rockhampton on Wednesday 27 July at 12 noon. The live stream link will be provided next term.

Friday 24 June 2022

Good morning everyone

Term 2 concludes today and there is certainly a great deal happening in our schools at this halfway point in the year. Our second cohort of 64 staff from across the Diocese gathered to complete the first stage of training on trauma-aware practices delivered by Berry Street. Participants undertook three days of face-to-face training on the Berry Street Education Model (BSEM) which provides strategies to enable teachers to increase engagement of students with complex, unmet learning needs and to help all students improve self-regulation, relationships, wellbeing, growth, and academic achievement. I extend my sincere thanks to Brett Halter (Student Services Manager), Erin Sheldrick (Student Wellbeing – Project Officer) and the Student Services team for their work in facilitating this valuable training for our staff.

On Wednesday evening, I had the pleasure to attend the Rockhampton Catholic Schools' Gala Concert held at the Pilbeam Theatre. Our Catholic Schools are blessed with gifted musicians and the Gala Concert showcased their wonderful talents. The families of the students were very proud to see their children performing on stage at the Pilbeam Theatre. I thank parents who encourage and support their children's involvement in our Rockhampton Catholic Schools' Instrumental Music Program.

My congratulations and thanks also go to our dedicated music teachers who give generously of their time and talent to foster in their students a love of music. This thanks and congratulations are extended to those who work closely with the teachers to support the students in their musical journey. I also congratulate the students on the many hours they devote to the practice of their music. It was wonderful to see them performing in the Concert to the enthusiastic applause of a very appreciative audience.

I wish to acknowledge the great work that has been undertaken to prepare submissions for the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) on students with disabilities ahead of the census next term. My thanks to Kaylene Lillis (Inclusive Curriculum Coordinator) and all who have collaborated in this detailed collection process which provides the basis for critical information required for future planning and to deliver appropriate programs and supports for students with disabilities.

Congratulations to the community at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Barcardine for successfully completing their NSIT (National School Improvement Tool) Review this week. My thanks to Trent Shillington (Principal) and all those who contributed to the process.

The Opening Ceremony for the 2022 CQUniversity Confraternity Rugby League and the CQUniversity QISSN Netball Carnivals, hosted by St Patrick's College and Mercy College, gets underway at the Mackay Showgrounds on this coming Sunday at 3:30pm commencing with the Opening Mass. Upwards of 6000 visitors are expected in the Mackay Region including players, staff, supporters, and family members. My sincere thanks to Janelle Agius (Principal St Patrick's / Mercy College), Scott McSherry and Tracey McLeod (Carnival Convenors), and the hard-working committee who have contributed countless hours of preparation for the events. Hallmarked by outstanding athleticism and great sportsmanship, CONFRO and QISSN have a proud tradition of memorable sporting contests played in great spirit. Our very best wishes to all for a safe and successful carnival.

NAIDOC Week will be celebrated nationally, during the second week of the holidays, 3-10 July. The week provides an opportunity for all of us, to celebrate, recognize and learn more about the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and to participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth. In our first week of Term 3, I look forward to attending the Rockhampton NAIDOC Week Mass on Tuesday 12 July at Holy Family Church, North Rockhampton at 10:30am, and in Week 2, joining with Bishop Michael at the Mackay NAIDOC Week Mass on Tuesday 19 July at St Joseph's Church, North Mackay at 9:30am. We wish all our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and their families every best wish for NAIDOC 2022 celebrating the theme *Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!* and we look forward to joining together in prayer and thanksgiving at our NAIDOC Masses next term.

Finally, I wish to extend my sincere thanks to everyone for your great efforts this term. I hope the two weeks of the student vacation period will be a time of rest and relaxation.

God bless,

Leesa

Pictured below on a recent visit to **St Anthony's Catholic Primary School, North Rockhampton** are Leesa and Prep students.



International basketball player, **Andre Moore**, (pictured below) visited **Holy Spirit College, Mackay** recently to share his 'Big Feat' Basketball Health and Wellbeing Program with students. Students participated in physical training exercises and regimes to improve their basketball skills and game awareness.



Pictured below from left at the **Berry Street Gathering** this week are **Shaye Gaviglio**, APRE St Brendan's Catholic Primary School, Mackay; **Karen Miller-Smith**, School Counsellor Shalom College, Bundaberg; **Sarah Forgan**, Berry Street Presenter; **Erin Sheldrick**, Project Officer– Student Wellbeing, CEO; **Eamon Hannan**, Principal Emmaus College, North Rockhampton; **Samantha Suthers**, Principal, St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Blackall.



Best wishes and safe travels to all staff, parents, students, and supporters travelling to and from Mackay for the 2022 CONFRO and QJSSN Carnivals.

Pictured below at the **QCPPA Gathering in Yeppoon** last week are **Kathleen Watt**, Principal St Francis Catholic Primary School, Tannum Sands and Chair of our Diocesan Association; **Samantha Suthers**, Principal St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Blackall, and **Chris Rick**, President of QCPPA.



Last week, a group of twenty teaching staff participated in **'CHRISTOS'** a three-day, live in program at The Haven Emu Park.



Combined Catholic Schools' Gala Concert Rockhampton



Employment opportunities:

Inclusive Curriculum Coordinator
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Wandal.
Applications close Friday 1 July 2022.

Administration Officer (Finance)
Catholic Education Office, Rockhampton.
Applications close Friday 1 July 2022.

Indigenous Education Liaison Officer
Chanel College, Gladstone.
Applications close Friday 8 July 2022

Secondary Teachers
Holy Spirit College, St Patrick's / Mercy College, Mackay.

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Graduate and Experienced Teachers K – 12.
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Congratulations to:

Elizabeth Wilson on her appointment as Acting APRE St Francis Catholic Primary School, Tannum Sands for Semester Two 2022.

Alice Grounds, teacher St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Emerald and **Anthony Warby** who celebrate their marriage during the holidays.