

Message Stick

To all members of the Catholic Education family



Catholic Education
Diocese of Rockhampton

Reflection from Pope Francis



Listen to the voice of creation, it is the theme and invitation of this year's Season of Creation from 1 September to 4 October. A special time for Christians to pray and work together to care for our common home.

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

Kai Ogden, 2022 graduate The Cathedral College, Rockhampton.

Gordon Mazar, grandfather of Kellie Jenkinson, Catholic Education Office.

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

Dougy Craig, grandson of Julie Turner, Kindergarten Equity and Curriculum Coordinator.

Vinod Kumar, teacher The Cathedral College, Rockhampton.

Where's Leesa:

Monday 1 August to Thursday 4 August, Office; Friday 5 August, Priests' Jubilee Mass.

Friday 29 July 2022

Good morning everyone

I hope you have thoroughly enjoyed Catholic Education Week. There have been many life-giving celebrations held in all our communities around the Diocese and I have enjoyed hearing of the creative and meaningful ways our schools have celebrated Catholic Education Week. Thank you to all involved for your great efforts in making these celebrations so special and meaningful.

As a prelude to Catholic Education Week, Emmaus College, Rockhampton, presented their 2022 musical production, *Beauty and the Beast*, at the Pilbeam Theatre last weekend, delighting audiences and showcasing wonderful singing, a talented orchestra and amazing costumes and sets. Congratulations to all involved.

I was delighted to attend the Diocesan Catholic Education Week Mass at Holy Family Church on Wednesday with Fr Matthias Ogwo presiding (representing Bishop Michael), with Fr Bryan Hanifin, Fr Frank Gilbert, Fr Bill Senn, Fr John Hogan, Fr Jayanthi Maddala and Fr Terry Loth concelebrating. Present at the Mass were staff and student representatives from our Rockhampton Region Catholic schools, as well as from St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Biloela, together with Religious Sisters, DCEO staff, invited guests and members of our parish communities. I am aware that many of you joined us via livestream and I hope you were able to enjoy the wonderful celebration marking this very significant occasion.

I extend my thanks to all involved in the preparation and coordination of such a joyous liturgy, to our musicians and choir for the uplifting, praise-filled worship and to all who contributed or participated in any way. Our celebration was certainly reflective of our theme this year, *Communities of Faith, Hope and Love*, and a wonderful way to give thanks for the gift of Catholic Education to our nation and for the ongoing commitment of so many to our Mission and Vision. I take this opportunity to pay special tribute to our Diocesan Spirit of Catholic Education Award Recipient, Helen Howell (Deputy Principal, Emmaus College) and all our Award nominees for your dedication and significant contribution to Catholic Education.

Today, I am delighted to be with the community at Marist College, Emerald for the Blessing and Opening of new teaching and learning spaces and to mark the 25-year (plus 1) anniversary of the College. I extend my sincere thanks to Mark Green (Principal) for his leadership of the College and to all who have contributed to the development of the College over this quarter century, from initial planning through to the completion of these latest facilities. I acknowledge and thank the Marist Brothers for their significant contribution during the formative years of the College and for retaining a keen interest in all things at Marist. Thank you to all members of the Marist College community, past and present, for the great contribution you have made to making the College the wonderful, vibrant, faith-filled college that it is.

Finally, we say a fond farewell to Mark Byrne and Kath Byrne, as they move to Brisbane to be closer to family, after serving many years in our schools and here at the Catholic Education Office. Both Mark and Kath have held some very key roles in the Ministry of Catholic Education for over 20 years.

Mark was a teacher in our schools holding leadership positions for a time. Since 2009 Mark has been the Workplace Health and Safety Coordinator for Catholic Education. Since the Pandemic started, Mark's wise and reliable counsel has been instrumental in guiding our school communities safely through the challenges and constantly changing circumstances we have faced.

Kath was also a teacher in our schools including serving as the AP: Curriculum at Sacred Heart Yeppoon. Since 2011, Kath has been the Early Learning and Care Consultant at CEO, overseeing the introduction of kindergartens to the Diocese. Kath's professionalism and passion for Early Years education ensured our kindergartens were of the highest standard resulting in our Kindy students being given the very best learning opportunities.

I sincerely thank Mark and Kath for their dedication and commitment and for the significant contribution they have made to Catholic Education over many years. I pray that God will continue to bless Mark, Kath and their family and I wish them every happiness as they commence this new chapter in their life journey.

God bless,

Leesa

Pictures below: **Diocesan Catholic Education Week Mass** celebrated at Holy Family Church, North Rockhampton on Wednesday.



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Catholic Education Week • 24-30 July 2022



Display prepared by St Benedict's Catholic Primary School, Yeppoon

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Priests' Jubilee Mass for clergy celebrating significant Presbyteral Ordination anniversaries this year, will be held at Holy Family Church, North Rockhampton, on Friday, 5 August at 10:00am.

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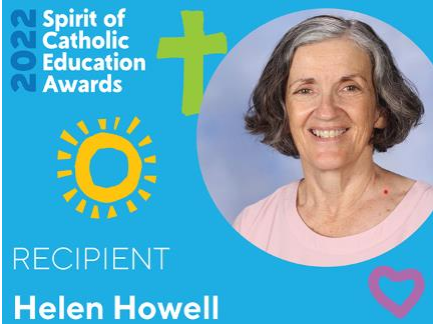
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Congratulations

to our Diocesan Spirit of Catholic Education Award Recipient for 2022, Helen Howell, Deputy Principal, Emmaus College, Rockhampton.

Spirit of Catholic Education Award Nominees 2022

Northern Region

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| John Ballinger-Oches | St Anne's Catholic Primary School Sarina |
| Kristie Cordingley | Emmanuel Catholic Primary School Mackay |
| Leanne Cureton | St John's Catholic Primary School Walkerston |
| Kylie Denning | St Patrick's College Mackay |
| Bianca Dorante | St Joseph's Catholic Primary School North Mackay |
| Deb Mallet | St Joseph's Catholic Primary School North Mackay |
| Veronica Martin | MacKillop Catholic Primary School Mackay |
| Vince McSherry | Mercy College Mackay |
| Anne Marie Powell | Holy Spirit College Mackay |
| Rosemary Rees | Catherine McAuley College Mackay |
| Lisa Refalo | Emmanuel Kindergarten Mackay |
| Annette Williamson | Holy Spirit College Mackay |
| Karlie Tatchell | St Anne's Catholic Primary School Sarina |
| Samone Penola | St Anne's Catholic Primary School Sarina |
| Domenica Grech | St Anne's Catholic Primary School Sarina |

Southern Region

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| Trish Garrad | St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Bundaberg |
| Jakki Graham | St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School Gladstone |
| Kerrie Lisle | Chanel College Gladstone |
| Kassandra Mogg | St Mary's Catholic Primary School Bundaberg |
| Terri Pienaar | St Francis Catholic Primary School Tannum Sands |

Western Region

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| Gaye Crawford | St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Blackall |
| Danielle Hales | Marist College Emerald |
| Emma Sibley-Walsh | St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Barcaldine |
| Megan Sidebottom | Our Lady's Catholic Primary School Longreach |

Rockhampton Region

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| Brooke Black | St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Park Avenue |
| Zara Bellette | St Peter's Catholic Primary School Rockhampton |
| Tammy Dorsett | St Mary's Catholic Primary School North Rockhampton |
| Robyn Finch | Catholic Education Office Rockhampton |
| Judy Hoch | The Cathedral College Rockhampton |
| Cami Irwin | St Anthony's Catholic Primary School Rockhampton |
| Sharon Lapere | Emmaus College North Rockhampton |
| Angela Maclaine | Emmaus College North Rockhampton |
| Kathryn MacMaster | St Peter's Catholic Primary School Rockhampton |
| Michelle Paterson | St Peter's Catholic Primary School Rockhampton |
| Lauren Roach | Catholic Education Office Rockhampton |
| Narelle Sommerfeld | Emmaus College North Rockhampton |
| Simone Eather | St Anthony's Catholic Primary School Rockhampton |
| Lisa Hamilton | St Anthony's Catholic Primary School Rockhampton |
| Jennifer Morissette | St Anthony's Catholic Primary School Rockhampton |
| Roise O'Heir | St Anthony's Catholic Primary School Rockhampton |

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CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

- Around the Diocese -



Chanel College, Gladstone Spirit of Catholic Education Award Nominee, Kerrie Lisle (centre) with Kristi Bourke (AP: Mission) and Susan Bunkum (Principal).



Campfire fun at St Joseph's Catholic Kindergarten, Bundaberg.



Enjoying lunch on the lawn together in Springsure are students from Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School and Kindergarten.



Students take part in *Battle of the Hymns* at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Wandal.