

# Message Stick

To all members of the Catholic Education family



Catholic Education  
Diocese of Rockhampton

Friday 11 November 2022

Good morning everyone

I was pleased to have attended the opening days of the *School and Diocese Enhancing Catholic Identity Event* held in Brisbane earlier this week. It was good to have had the opportunity to attend sessions with Professor Dr Didier Pollefeyt and Dr Jan Bouwens from KU Leuven, Belgium. Discussions explored various contributing factors that impact Catholic Identity including the culture of dialogue, sacred spaces, new insights around Post-Critical Belief and the introduction of new theological tools to support Catholic Identity frameworks. My thanks to Kellie Jenkinson (Assistant Director: Mission) and Derek Worden (FIARE Consultant) for their attendance at this event and for the excellent work they and other members of the FIARE Team are doing to support all in Catholic schools preserve and enhance their Catholic identity.

As we pass the halfway point in the term, we move to the final meetings for 2022 of the various Committees and Councils that support the work of Catholic Education. I take this opportunity to offer my sincere appreciation to all those who give generously of their time and expertise to serve on these Committees and Councils.

I would also like to offer thanks to the Finance Team here at the Catholic Education Office and all in our Kindergartens, Schools, and Colleges who have been involved in CEDR's 2023 Budget preparation process. Preparing a sustainable Budget is vital to ensuring responsible stewardship of our available financial resources supported by transparent procedures and processes. I congratulate and commend Amanda Houston (Business Development and Strategy Leader) for her leadership of the Budget preparation process this year.

Today, on Remembrance Day, we will pause at 11am for a minute's silence in memory of Australians who have died or suffered in wars and armed conflicts. We hold in prayer those who have sacrificed so much for us so that we may continue to enjoy the freedoms we have today. May we look to live our lives in a way that honours their sacrifice.

God bless,

Leesa

Where's Leesa: Monday 14 November, Office; Tuesday 15 November, QCEC Commission Meeting and Holy Spirit College Speech Night, Mackay; Wednesday 16 November, Office; Thursday 17 November, Emmaus College Graduation Mass, and Office; Friday 18 November, Diocesan Education Council and Diocesan Finance Council Meetings.



REMEMBRANCE DAY  
*Lest We Forget*

## Remembrance Day Prayer

On this day of Remembrance, we remember the courageous men and women who gave their lives in wartime and because of war.

As we remember the lives that have been lost, let us promise each other to work for the freedom of all who are oppressed in the world today. We ask this prayer in the name of Jesus who taught us how to live. Amen.



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

**Kevin Kenny, Gold Coast,** father of Natalie Kingston, Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Yeppoon.

## Reflection from Pope Francis

Christian joy is contagious because the Gospel makes us go beyond ourselves to share the beauty of God's love. We cannot keep Christian joy to ourselves.

**St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Bundaberg,** Year 6 Students participated in their final Project Based Learning Task for the year this week called Culturefest. In teams they created an immersive experience to engage students and staff.



Notification of intention to apply for HAT and LT 2023 certification

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St Patrick's College Mackay 2023, new logo.

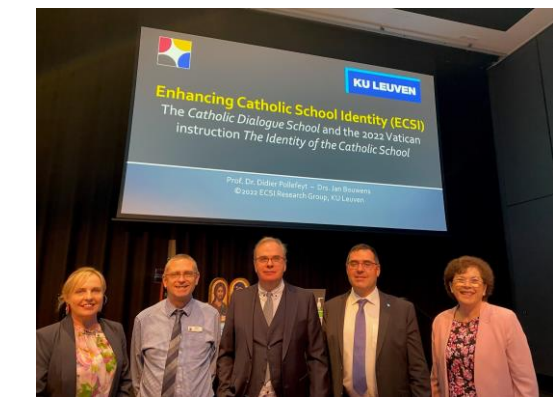
ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE MACKAY



After undertaking a consultation process with the College communities of St Patrick's and Mercy College the new logo for St Patrick's College Mackay Year 7 to 12 has been approved. The key features are as follows: a clear representation of the college name; recognition of the current colours of St Patrick's; a contemporary design adapting the current Mercy College logo; the capture of the shared charism of Edmund Rice and Catherine McAuley; the combination of the current mottos to create *Seek and Serve Christ*.

Several **Australian Catholic University (ACU) pre-service teachers** have been placed in regional and remote areas this term including, Marist College Emerald. Read their story [here](#)

Several Senior Students from **Shalom College, Bundaberg** recently participated in the Edmund Rice Camp. Two students were awarded special honours. Pictured below with Mary Taylor, AP: Mission, are Cooper (left) and Stephen (right) both acknowledged for their outstanding contribution to the Edmund Rice camps.



Pictured above at the Enhancing Catholic School Identity Gathering in Brisbane are, from left; Kellie Jenkinson, Assistant Director: Mission; Derek Worden, Formation Identity and Religious Education Consultant; Professor Dr Didier Pollefeyt, and Dr Jan Bouwens, Leuven University, Belgium; and, Leesa Jeffcoat.

Please see page 3 as we commence our 2022 Farewells to Long Serving Staff

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**Congratulations to:**

**Jessica Evetts, Holy Spirit College, Mackay**, husband Ryan and their son Henry, on the safe arrival of triplets, Adeline, Eliza, and Matilda.

**2023 Date Claimers**

**Friday 20 January**

Opening Year School Mass Rockhampton

**Monday 23 January**

First day Term One.

**Thursday 26 January**

Australia Day Public Holiday

**Friday 17 February**

**Bishop's Inservice Day**  
2023  
Friday 17 February  
Evangelisation & Faith Formation

**Wednesday 22 February**

Ash Wednesday

Farewell to Long Serving Staff who are leaving us at the end of this year.

**Alvina Bowyer, Blackall**

Alvina commenced at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Blackall in 1991 as school cleaner and has been in that role for the past 31 years. We sincerely thank Alvina for her dedicated service to the school over this time and wish her a very relaxing retirement.



**Judith Fisher, Mackay**

Judith commenced with Catholic Education in 1995 as a Teacher Assistant at St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Mackay and also worked at St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School, Mackay during this time. We extend our sincere appreciation to Judith for her wonderful service over the past 28 years.



**Sally Farrell, Mackay**

Sally commenced as a Teacher Assistant at St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Mackay in 1995 and has remained in the role since then. We extend best wishes to Sally and sincerely thank her for her wonderful service to St Mary's, Mackay over the past 27 years.



**Paula Elva, Mackay**

Paula commenced with Catholic Education at St Anne's Catholic Primary School, Sarina in 1997 and worked between St Anne's and St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Mackay since 2008, and is currently at St Mary's. We are most grateful to Paula for her 25 years' service.



**Christine Burchill, Mackay**

Christine commenced in 1995 as a Primary Early Years Teacher for the Mackay Region and since 2000 has been a relief teacher for the Mackay Region and has also worked at MacKillop, St Anne's Sarina, and St Mary's. We sincerely thank Christine for her 23 years of service in the Mackay Region.



**Katherine Cridland, Mackay**

Katherine commenced as a Graduate Teacher at St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Emerald in 2000 and in 2002 moved to MacKillop Catholic Primary School, Mackay and then to Emmanuel Catholic Primary School, Mackay in 2019. We extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Katherine for her 23 years of service.



**Pauline Hyde, Mackay**

Pauline commenced with Catholic Education in 2006 at Emmanuel Catholic Primary School, Mackay in the role of Finance Secretary and has also worked at St John's Walkerston and currently St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School, Mackay. We sincerely thank Pauline for her service with us over these years.



Sincere thanks and best wishes to all these long serving staff for the future.

More farewells to long serving staff in next week's Message Stick.