

Message Stick

To all members of the Catholic Education family



Catholic Education
Diocese of Rockhampton

Reflection from Pope Francis

In our daily mission as baptised Christians, may the love of Christ push us toward the peripheries of our societies to meet our brothers and sisters who have been cast aside.

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

Madeline Beaton, mother and mother-in-law of Terry (former Principal Emmaus College, North Rockhampton) and Marina Beaton, grandmother of Melinda Gorman (St Mary's Catholic Primary School, North Rockhampton).

John Catling, father of Sally Hebron, Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Yeppoon.



Natalie McCosker, APRE St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Emerald on her appointment as Acting Principal Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Springsure for Semester 2, 2023.

Belinda and Peter Thurecht, Our Lady's Catholic Primary School, Longreach on the safe arrival of Leo Adrian David.

Friday 19 May 2023

Good morning everyone

Following on from the recent Parent Engagement workshops presented by renowned international expert, Professor Janet Goodall in Rockhampton and Gladstone, I am delighted to advise that each of our Primary Schools and Colleges will receive a copy of one of Professor Goodall's recent publications which she co-authored with colleague Kathryn Weston. Currently on order, the publications, "100 ideas for Primary Teachers: Engaging Parents" and "100 Ideas for Secondary Teachers: Engaging Parents", have been kindly donated by Catholic School Parents Queensland (CQPS) offering well researched and tested practical ideas for supporting the most effective forms of parental engagement.

In addition, all schools have been provided access to recordings of the recent workshop presentations. I would highly recommend taking the time to review these valuable resources to draw on Professor Goodall's insights into engaging parents in the learning process and the enormous benefits this provides students. I extend my very sincere appreciation to CSPQ Executive Director, Carmel Nash for facilitating Professor Goodall's visit and for generously gifting these important resources to our Primary Schools and Colleges.

Next week is Laudato Si' Week (21 – 28 May). This week provides a wonderful opportunity for our communities to respond with positive action to Pope Francis' call to care for our common home. This year's theme *Hope for the Earth. Hope for Humanity* invites Catholics to unite and rejoice in the progress we have made in bringing Laudato Si' to life and to commit ourselves to further prayer and action. The [Laudato Si](#) website has a wide range of resources to assist in planning liturgies and activities. Thank you to all in our communities who strive to give witness to this important church teaching.

Today, I am delighted to spend time with the staff and students at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Wandal. My sincere thanks to Bernadette Brennan (Principal), staff and students for their warm welcome and for sharing with me the wonderful teaching and learning that takes place every day in their school community.

God bless

Leesa

Where's Leesa: Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 May, Office; Wednesday 24 May, Office and The Cathedral College Laudato Si photo competition; Thursday 25 May, Emmaus College 30 Years Anniversary Mass, School visit St Mary's Catholic Primary School, North Rockhampton; Friday 26 May Diocesan Festival.

Lauren Roach (Consultant: Teacher Growth and Development) and Jessica Gorman (Talent Acquisition Coordinator) attended the recent Careers Pathway Evening at Holy Spirit College, Mackay promoting and speaking to students and their families about Teaching as a Career.



A webinar with Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO and Vicki Clark OAM - An Indigenous Voice to Parliament will be held on Wednesday, 24 May at 5:00pm via Zoom. Join them as they explore the planned referendum suggesting an alteration to the Australian Constitution that establishes a First Nations Voice. Frank and Vicki will outline the long road that has brought us to this historic moment in Australian history and cut through the political rhetoric to clarify how 'the Voice' will enhance the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples – and all Australians. This webinar is ideal for all Australians seeking to understand what an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander 'Voice to Parliament' will mean. [Webinar Invitation](#)

Pictured below at the Queensland FIARE meeting in Rockhampton last week are from left: Angela Travers (Toowoomba), Rachel McLean (Cairns), Kellie Jenkinson (AD: Mission), Louise Vella-Cox (Townsville) and Sharon O'Keeffe (Brisbane).



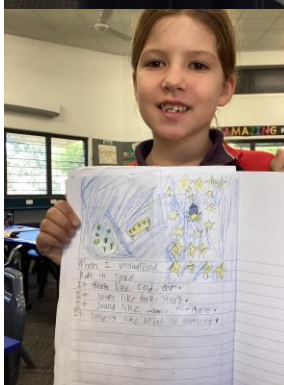
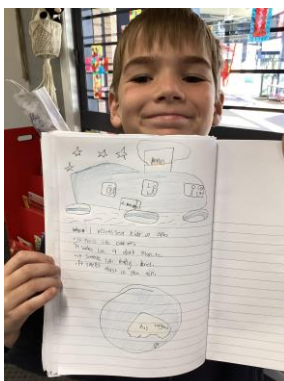
Year 2 students at St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Bundaberg led the Mothers Day Liturgy last week.



Prep students from St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Emerald had a visit from Old Macdonald's Travelling Farm last week.



Year 2 students at Our Lady's Catholic Primary School, Longreach pictured below demonstrating their new comprehension strategy after reading 'Kids in Space' and revision of tricky words.



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Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) – Statement on Indigenous Voice to Parliament. [Read](#)

All current and past students, families and staff of Emmanuel Catholic School are invited to celebrate our

40th Anniversary Mass

Wednesday 31 May 2023
9:30am
St Joseph's Catholic Church

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