

Message Stick

To all members of the Catholic Education family



Catholic Education
Diocese of Rockhampton

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

Enio Troiani, father of Gabriella (Gabi) Lindeman, St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Bundaberg.

Please remember in your prayers those members of our wider Catholic Education Family who are unwell at this time.

Brett Holden, husband of Bec Holden, St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Bundaberg.

Congratulations to:

Scott Murray, Acting Principal, St Francis Catholic Primary School, Hughenden on his appointment as Principal, St Therese's Catholic Primary School, Monto commencing in 2024.

David Paul, Principal St Brendan's Catholic Primary School, Mackay on his appointment as Assistant Principal: Student Wellbeing at Catherine McAuley College, Mackay, commencing in 2024.

Belinda Smith on her appointment as APRE St Mary's Catholic Primary School, North Rockhampton commencing 2024.

Jacinta Biddulp on her appointment as Acting APRE St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Blackall for 2024.

Friday 1 September 2023

Good morning everyone

The final *Contemplative Prayer and Meditation Retreat* for staff for this year was held this week at Bargara following similar days held at Eungella (near Mackay) and The Haven in Emu Park. Around 25 staff members have enjoyed the opportunity to take time out of their normal school commitments to listen to life and to God through silence, scripture, reflection, contemplation and prayer. This staff formation opportunity is one of the initiatives that contribute to our Enhancing Catholic School Identity program and a chance to reflect more deeply on the wisdom and mystery of the Catholic Christian Tradition. My sincere thanks to Derek Worden (Faith Identity and Formation Coordinator) for his work in planning and facilitating these valuable days for staff.

On Tuesday of this week, along with Bishop Michael, I attended a Mass at St Brendan's College to farewell the Christian Brothers as they depart the College thus ending their almost 130 years of dedicated service to Catholic Education in this Diocese. I extend sincere thanks to the Christian Brothers for the significant role they played in the development of Catholic Education in this Diocese.

I extend congratulations and best wishes to staff, students and families at St Joseph's Kindergarten, Park Avenue, as they celebrate their 10 Year Anniversary this week. My thanks to Tracey Novak (Early Learning and Care Manager) and all who coordinated the celebrations to mark this significant milestone in the life of St Joseph's Kindergarten.

Bishop Michael commenced his Annual Leave this week. We pray, Bishop Michael, that God will bless you with safe travel and good health during your break. We look forward to having you back with us after an enjoyable time of rest and relaxation.

Finally, I wish all fathers in our school communities a very Happy Father's Day this Sunday as we take time to give thanks and show our appreciation for the great blessings our fathers are in our lives, and for all they do to love and care for their families.

God bless,

Leesa

Where's Leesa: Monday 4 September, Office and St Mary's North Rockhampton for History Week; Tuesday 5 September, Office; Wednesday 6 September, Office; Thursday 7 and Friday 8 September, Student

Picture below photos from the 10 year celebrations at
St Joseph's Kindergarten, Park Avenue.



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Students from **St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Emerald**, were all involved in the recent *Footsteps Concert*



Book Week photos

St Joseph's, Bundaberg



St Francis Xavier, West Mackay



Catherine McAuley College Mackay [View](#)

Holy Spirit College, Mackay recently held a Social Justice Evening where students packed backpacks for the homeless to be passed onto the local St Vincent de Paul representatives.



Students from **Our Lady's Catholic Primary School, Longreach** recently attended a line dancing workshop. To view click [here](#)

Congratulations to **St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Wandal** on their win at the Rugby League Primary Schools grand final in Rockhampton last week. Pictured below a very happy team following their win.



Congratulations to Rachael, from **St Therese's Catholic Primary School, Monto** who recently competed in the Fraser Coast Interschool Equestrian Challenge, in the grade 5 group. Rachael won a total of 10 ribbons over the 3 days.



Reflection from Pope Francis

"As I have loved you, so you must love one another" (John 13:34). This is the legacy Christ bequeathed to us, the fundamental criterion for discerning whether or not we are truly his disciples: the commandment of love.

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Catholic School Parents Australia

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Members also met with Federal Minister for Education, Jason Clare and that media release can be read [here](#)



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