

Message Stick

To all members of the Catholic Education family



Catholic Education
Diocese of Rockhampton

Reflection from Pope Francis

Let us pray together for the people of Morocco, stricken by a devastating earthquake. I pray for the injured, for those who have lost their lives and for their families. I thank the rescuers and those who are working to alleviate the suffering of the people.

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

Phillip Sanfilippo, husband of Diane, brother-in-law of Olivia Rostirolla, Principal St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School, Mackay and Geraldine Rostirolla Principal, Emmanuel Catholic Primary School, Mackay.

Jean Yeomans, mother of Ailene O'Brien, Holy Spirit College, Mackay.

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.

Scott Richards, husband of Tara Richards, St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Blackall, father of Addison, Yr 3, Parker Yr 1 and Diezel, Yr 9.

Friday 15 September 2023

Good morning everyone

As Term 3 concludes and schools enter the next student vacation period, I wish to offer my sincere appreciation to all CEDR staff for the significant contribution you have made over the past term to your respective communities. In reviewing the past 10 weeks there have been many events, activities and celebrations highlighting our distinctive Mission of providing our students with a quality Catholic education. I am very conscious that it is the dedication and commitment of our valued staff that results in the creation of positive, vibrant and faith centred school communities. Thank you for all you do each day for students and their families.

The Enterprise Bargaining Agreement Staff Update emailed to all staff last week contained important information on the EB10 Ballot. Further details including previous Staff Updates and an explanatory video are available on the [EB10 Website](#). With voting now open, all staff are encouraged to have their say on the proposed Agreement before **voting closes on Wednesday, 20 September**. I look forward to passing on the benefits of the new Agreement to staff as soon as possible following a successful ballot. My thanks to all involved in the negotiation process.

I am very much looking forward to the commencement of Term 4 and my school visits in Week 1 to St Therese's Catholic Primary School in Monto and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School in Biloela.

I wish everyone a safe and relaxing break over the student vacation period as we prepare for the final school term of 2023.

God bless,

Leesa

Students from **The Cathedral College, Rockhampton** recently prepared meals for families in need, by attending the Vinnies Cook Up held after school. This is an annual event held at the college that attracts students to help those less fortunate in the wider Rockhampton Community. With the help of Hospitality teachers and staff, the band of happy helpers produced an astounding 170 kilograms of food which was packaged and delivered to the St Vincent de Paul Support Centre to be distributed to families who called for help.



Year 2 students at **St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Bundaberg** welcomed parents, grandparents and the school community into their classrooms for the much-anticipated Aussie Expo. The Aussie Expo was a wonderful display of the fantastic work that students have been doing this term linking English, Science, HASS, Media Arts and Technology.



Year 1 at **St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Mackay** had a special visit from Blazer and the crew from Mackay Fire & Rescue. They had a lesson in special safety protection and what to do if ever in a fire, followed by hands on play with the fire hoses.



Year 3 and 4 students from **Our Lady's Catholic Primary School, Longreach** recently visited the Seeney's family property, Moonridge as part of their Design and Technology Unit. They got to see and interact with sheep, cattle, horses and working dogs. Bill and Georgia showed them different aspects involved in looking after livestock.



Each year **Chanel College, Gladstone** music students are offered the opportunity to perform and join the celebrations of the Star of the Sea Parish Feast Day. Pictured below are Mr Leung with the College Choir who performed for those who had gathered to celebrate.



Shalom College, Bundaberg recently held their inaugural Men's Wellness Breakfast with guest speaker Darius Boyd, pictured below on right.



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National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) Mastery in Mathematics project to develop curriculum resources for secondary maths teachers. [read](#)

Term 4 Date Claimers:

Tuesday 3 October, Term 4 commences.

Friday 27 October, Day for Daniel and World Teachers Day.

Friday 17 November, Year 12 conclude.

Friday 24 November, Year 10 and 11 conclude.

Friday 1 December, last day Term 4.

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