

# Message Stick

To all members of the Catholic Education family



Catholic Education  
Diocese of Rockhampton

## Reflection from Pope Francis

Let the hostages be freed. Let's think of the children, of all the children affected by this war as well as in Ukraine and by other conflicts: this is how their future is being killed. Let us pray that there might be the strength to say, "enough".

**Please remember in your prayers recently deceased members of our wider Catholic Education Family.**  
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**Carol-Ann Carolan**, sister of Fr John Hogan, Rockhampton.

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

**Fr Peter Tonti**, Vicar General Diocese of Rockhampton.

**Deb Campbell**, wife of John Campbell, Catholic Education Office, Rockhampton.

**Friday 10 November 2023**

Good morning everyone

On behalf of Catholic Education, I was delighted to accept an amazing donation of contemporary artworks depicting the Stations of the Cross, from talented local artist Terry Sykes. Terry previously taught in Catholic schools in the Diocese and often assists with the restoration work of many religious statues in support of our Schools. In addition to the large original works, a set of smaller digital prints has also been curated and we will look to share these appropriately with our schools as a prayer resource for spiritual formation. I extend my very sincere thanks to Terry for the generous donation of his artistic endeavours.

This week I have been visiting our school communities in Bundaberg. I extend my appreciation to Monica White (Principal, St Joseph's Catholic Primary School), Kim O'Shea-Hard (Principal, St Patrick's Catholic Primary School), Bill Goodwin (Principal, St Mary's Catholic Primary School) and Dan McMahon (Principal, Shalom College) and their respective staff and students for their warm welcome and wonderful hospitality.

Today, the Diocesan Education Council meets to consider the CEDR budget. In moving to the full implementation of the new funding model set by the Federal Government, our Finance staff are working through substantial challenges to ensure a successful transition. I extend my sincere thanks to Amanda Houston (Assistant Director: Business and Strategy), our CEDR Finance Team, Principals and all finance staff in our kindergartens, schools and colleges for the important work they do and their significant contribution to financial stewardship and to the economic sustainability of our kindy and school communities.

In today's *Message Stick* we commence our farewells to long-serving staff who are finishing their time with Catholic Education. I acknowledge the wonderful service of these dedicated staff and wish them every success and blessings in the future.

Tomorrow, 11<sup>th</sup> November, we observe Remembrance Day, a day to honour the sacrifice of those who gave so much to protect our nation through their service in all wars and conflicts. We are indeed blessed to enjoy the freedoms that come with our way of life here in Australia. A legacy hard won by the bravery and sacrifice of those who served to protect us. Lest we forget.

God bless,

**Leesa**



*Leesa, accepting a donation of artworks by Terry Sykes (centre) with Derek Worden (Catholic Identity and Formation Coordinator).*

**Where's Leesa:** Monday 13 November, Office; Tuesday 14 November, QCEC Commission Meeting, Brisbane, Holy Spirit College, Mackay Awards Evening; Wednesday 15 November, school visit St John's, Walkerston; Thursday 16 November, Emmaus College, Rockhampton Year 12 Graduation Mass; Friday 17 November, Chanel College, Gladstone Year 12 Graduation Mass.

## *Farewell, thank you and best wishes to Long Serving Staff*

As we conclude another school year, we would like to take this opportunity to bid a fond farewell to our long-serving staff who are leaving Catholic Education. Their dedicated and committed service has been a wonderful blessing for their respective communities and we extend our gratitude and appreciation for the significant contribution each has made to Catholic Education over many years. Our very best wishes to you, our valued colleagues, in all your endeavours. Thank you for your tremendous service and may God bless each of you and your loved ones abundantly, into the future.

### **NORTHERN REGION**

#### **Tracey Galletly**

Commenced with CEDR in 1978 and has held teaching positions in our Primary Schools in Mackay. Since 2019, Tracey has been on staff at St Francis Xavier, West Mackay.



#### **Gail Gibbs**

Gail commenced with CEDR in 1979 and has held various teaching and administrative positions in our Primary Schools and Colleges in Mackay. Since 2004 Gail has been on staff at St Patrick's College, Mackay.



#### **Annette Marsh**

Annette commenced with CEDR in 1981 and has held teaching positions in our Primary Schools in Bundaberg and Mackay. Since 2016 Annette has been on staff at St John's, Walkerston.



#### **Pam White**

Pam commenced with CEDR in 1988 and has held teaching positions, including Acting APRE, in Mackay and Gladstone. Since 2008 Pam has been on staff at Emmanuel, North Mackay.



#### **Rosemary Christensen**

Rosemary commenced with CEDR in 1996 and has held various school officer, coordinator and manager roles at St Patrick's College and former Mercy College, Mackay. Since 1999 Rosemary has been on staff at St Patrick's College, Mackay.



#### **Adam Skoczylas**

Adam commenced with CEDR in 1998 and has held various teaching and leadership positions at former Mercy College and now St Patrick's College (Mercy Campus), Mackay. Since 2019 Adam has held the role of Deputy Principal. Congratulations, Adam on your new appointment as Deputy Principal at Mt Lilydale Mercy College, Melbourne.



### **Term 4 Date Claimers**

Saturday, 11 November, Remembrance Day

Friday, 17 November, Year 12 concludes

Friday, 24 November, Year 10 and 11 conclude

Wednesday, 29 November, last day Term 4, Western Schools and Monto

Friday, 1 December, last day Term 4.

### **Seeking Graduate & Experienced Teachers for 2024**

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### **Congratulations to:**

**Shaye Gaviglio** on her appointment as Acting Principal, St Brendan's Catholic Primary School, Mackay for 2024.

**Georgia Moloney** on her appointment as Acting APRE, St Anne's Catholic Primary School, Sarina for 2024.

### **Peter Mallett**

Peter commenced with CEDR in 1999 and has held teaching positions and middle leadership roles at Holy Spirit College, Mackay over this time.



### **Veronica Martin**

Veronica commenced with CEDR in 2003 and has held various teaching positions at MacKillop Catholic Primary, North Mackay, until present.



### **Kathleen Ryan**

Kathleen commenced with CEDR in 2004 and has held a full-time teaching role at Holy Spirit College, Mackay, including Dean of Science, during this time.



### **Debbie Seay**

Debbie commenced with CEDR in 2005 and has held the position of Office Manager at Holy Spirit College, Mackay for the duration of this time.



### **Kathleen (Kathy) Makin**

Kathy commenced with CEDR in 2005 and has held the role of Office Manager at former Mercy College, now St Patrick's College, Mackay, during this time.



### **Linda Holmes**

Linda commenced with CEDR in 2006 and has held teaching and leadership positions in Emerald and at St Anne's, Sarina. Since 2013 Linda has been on staff at St Anne's.



*There will be more farewells to long serving staff in next week's  
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