

Message Stick

To all members of the Catholic Education family



Catholic Education
Diocese of Rockhampton

Reflection from Pope Francis

We must not become accustomed to war, any war. We must not allow our hearts and minds to be anaesthetized at the repetition of these extremely serious horrors against God and humankind.

Day of Prayer for Peace

As we remember those caught in the conflict in Gaza, we join with Pope Francis today in response to his call for Christians of all denominations to unite in a day of fasting, penance and prayer for peace. "Lay down weapons and heed the cries for peace from the poor, the people, and the innocent children." (Pope Francis)

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

Michael Greene snr, uncle of Anthony Greene, St Paul's Gracemere, Janelle Harris, St Anthony's North 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 27 October 2023

Good morning everyone

Today is World Teachers' Day in Queensland and I take this opportunity to offer my heartfelt thanks to all our teachers in Catholic Education for the wonderful work you do each day to ensure great outcomes for our school communities. We are blessed to have dedicated, committed professionals in our kindergartens, schools and colleges who work hard to create and sustain safe, dynamic learning environments centred on the Gospel Message of Jesus Christ. Your care for the well-being of your students is also deeply appreciated. Happy World Teachers' Day 2023.

Today is also Day for Daniel, Australia's largest child safety education and awareness day. I extend my thanks and appreciation to those recognising this significant day and for your continued support of the Daniel Morcombe Foundation which has been a driving force in bringing about safer communities for our children and young people.

The National Catholic School Improvement Colloquium was recently held in Perth with the theme *Pathways of Hope*. My sincere thanks to Stephen Dale (AD: Schools - Southern Region) and Lauren Roach (Consultant: Teacher Growth and Development) for their representation of CEDR at the gathering and for sharing with attendees an information session on our successful Career Assistance Program.

A group of Support Staff from schools across the Diocese recently participated in this year's *A Pace of Grace* Retreat held at The Haven, Emu Park. The Retreat offered time to focus on personal and spiritual development and reflection. My thanks to Jocelyne Benoit (FIARE Consultant) for her work in facilitating this formation for staff and to members of the FIARE Team for their assistance in the smooth running of these important days.

Voting closes this evening for the Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA) re-ballot. If you are eligible to vote and have not yet done so, I strongly encourage you to participate and have your say ([Link to Vote](#)). Those eligible will have received an email on Thursday, 12 October 2023 outlining relevant information.

God bless,

Leesa

Where's Leesa: Monday 30 October to Friday 3 November, Office.

Reminder



EB10 VOTING CLOSING FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER 2023!

THERE IS STILL TIME TO HAVE YOUR SAY

ALL school staff are eligible to vote - not just union members.

Voting is anonymous and confidential - no one will be able to know how you voted.



CATHOLIC DIOCESE
OF ROCKHAMPTON

Your help is needed

Why preserve our piece of history?

Upkeep and preservation of St Joseph's Cathedral is a costly expense. From 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023, the Diocese incurred costs of \$173,000. With insurance costs rising sharply and ongoing repairs and maintenance, annual costs are expected to exceed \$700,000 per annum.

Your contribution can help continue the tradition of the Catholic community to preserve the Cathedral for future generations, as a major historical landmark of one of the great cities of central Queensland. It has a special association with our identity for the Catholic Community of Central Queensland as our cathedral.



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Congratulations to:

Pat Egan, Emmaus College on his appointment as Deputy Principal: Mission The Cathedral College, Rockhampton commencing in 2024.

Michelle Gallagher on her appointment as Kindergarten Curriculum and Equity Coordinator commencing in 2024.

Laney Veronese, Holy Spirit College, Mackay who received a Commendation Award in the Queensland Government Visual Arts Awards.

Term 4 Date Claimers:

Saturday, 11 November, Remembrance Day.

Friday, 17 November, Year 12 conclude.

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.

Congratulations to **Jazmin Grant, Emmaus College** one of the winners of the Sisters of Mercy Scholarship for 2023. Pictured below with Sr Joanne Molloy rsm.



Pictured below: Support Staff from across the Diocese who attended **A Pace of Grace** last week at Emu Park.



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World Teachers' Day QLD
Friday 27th October 2023



Gaza Crisis Appeal is aiming to provide urgent humanitarian assistance to people affected by the conflict. Donate now either via [here](#) or by scanning the QR Code below.

