

# Message Stick

To all members of the Catholic Education family



Catholic Education  
Diocese of Rockhampton

## Reflection from Pope Francis

During this month of May, may we entrust to the Blessed Virgin Mary our personal and family matters, as well as the suffering of those who fall victim to war. Let us pray together for the Church, all nations and for peace in Ukraine and the Middle East.

**Friday 10 May 2024**

Good morning everyone

Greetings to all from Rockhampton where the town has been abuzz with activity associated with *Beef2024*. It has been an extraordinary event for our region as the city welcomed thousands of visitors including leaders and stakeholders from all levels of government and from every sector of the beef industry. Our Rockhampton Region schools were fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in the dedicated School's Program educating students about the origins of their food and fibre and engaging them in a wealth of experiences related to primary production and the agricultural industry.

I am aware many of our families and communities throughout the diocese have strong ties with the beef industry and I extend my congratulations to those who participated and contributed to ensuring such an outstanding event. I also commend students from The Cathedral College, Rockhampton who were significantly involved in cattle judging and leading events and to staff of the College who have coordinated and assisted students' participation.

In more exciting news, congratulations to the school community at St Joseph's Bundaberg for representing Catholic Education so well on Channel Nine's Today Show during live crosses for the Weather segment on Wednesday. It was a very early start with the first cross at 5.40am. My sincere thanks to Monica White (Principal) and the whole community for their preparation and wonderful participation in this unique opportunity to showcase St Joseph's, CEDR's oldest continually operating school.

This Sunday we celebrate Mothers' Day when we give thanks for the great gift of our Mums. I wish all mothers in our Catholic Education family a very happy Mothers' Day and I pray for God's abundant blessings on each of you and your families.

God bless,

*Leesa*

**Where's Leesa:** Monday 13 May, Office; Tuesday 14 May, QCEC Commission Meeting, Brisbane; Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 May, Office; Friday 17 May, Diocesan Education Council (DEC) meeting.

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Find information and support  
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The month of May in Queensland marks *Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month*. This annual initiative aims to raise awareness of domestic and family violence and coercive control, highlight the support services available and send a clear message that violence in our communities will not be tolerated. The theme for 2024 is *It is in our control to end coercive control*.

## Beef Week 2024



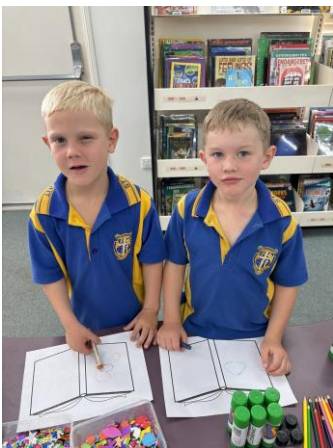
Phillippa Johnson (Indigenous Education Coordinator) and Allan Wilson (Indigenous Education Project Officer) visited **St Joseph's Kindergarten, Blackall** recently and spent time with students and staff.



Congratulations to Felicity, Alice and Tynan (pictured below) from **Emmaus College, North Rockhampton** on being accepted into the Queensland Theatre Youth Pathways Program. This week long work experience program in May is for students in Years 10–12 offering the chance to engage with a range of departments at Queensland Theatre, showcasing the variety of career pathways the arts can offer.



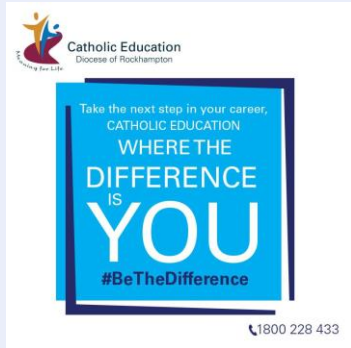
Prep students from **St Joseph's, Clermont** recently visited the Clermont Library as part of their unit learning about special places within the community.



Pictured below at last week's **Catholic Identity Gathering in Rockhampton** are: Members of the FIARE Team with Professor Robyn Horner and Dr Teresa Brown, from the Australian Catholic University.



**The TODAY Show visits St Joseph's, Bundaberg**



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*Congratulations to the Team at Pixevety*, who were recently awarded the 2024 Small to Medium Enterprises (under 250 employees) Highly Commended Award by Cyber CX and the Tech Council of Australia, in Sydney.

The Awards recognise organisations prioritising privacy.

CEDR have partnered with Pixevety to deliver a consent-driven school media management solution.

Keynote speakers at the event included the Australian Attorney-General, The Hon Mark Dreyfus KC, and Australian Privacy Commissioner Carly Kind.