

Message Stick

To all members of the Catholic Education family



Catholic Education
Diocese of Rockhampton

Reflection from Pope Francis

In a world torn apart by divisions and conflicts, the Gospel of Christ remains the gentle yet firm voice calling us to encounter each other and see ourselves as brothers and sisters.

Please remember in your prayers, recently deceased members of our extended Catholic Education Family:

Dorothy Demack, wife of Allan, Rockhampton, a very strong advocate of ecumenism and friend to many in Catholic Education.

World Communications Day 2024

Established by Pope Paul VI in 1967 as an annual celebration, World Communications Day encourages us all to reflect on the opportunities and challenges of modern means of communication.

To read Pope Francis' Message for the 58th World Communications Day - *Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of Heart: Towards a Fully Human Communication* - click [Pope Francis World Communications Day 2024](#)

Friday 17 May 2024

Good morning everyone

This week *The Brown Collective* delivered the *Leading with Integrity for Excellence* (LWIE) leadership program to Principals new to their role and other leaders from schools and the Catholic Education Office. Facilitators Dr Stephen Brown and Phil Holmes led the three-days of professional learning with a focus on Governance and Ethics. My thanks to Stephen Dale for his coordination of the program.

Through your principal this past week, you should have received the first of a series of Advice Bulletins designed to develop a shared understanding in our school communities of the new Federal Government Funding Model and its impact on Catholic schools in our Diocese. If you have not had the opportunity to read Advice#1 yet you can do so via the following link [Advice](#) Number One (1).

Further Advice Bulletins will be circulated to school communities in coming weeks and in addition a ZOOM presentation has been recorded and can be accessed via the following link [Federal Government Funding Model and the impact on Catholic Schools.mp4](#)

I would highly recommend that all staff view the recording to build an understanding of the new Government Funding Model and how it will affect our Catholic schools in this Diocese. I extend my sincere thanks to Amanda Houston (AD: Business and Strategy) and the Finance team for the great work they have done to enhance our understanding of the new Funding Model and for collating and then communicating this important information to all our stakeholders.

Today I am attending my final Diocesan Education Council meeting in the role of Diocesan Director of Catholic Education. I am most grateful to this wonderful group of colleagues who I hold in the highest esteem and who have each made an important contribution to the Mission of Catholic Education in this Diocese. Council members have always demonstrated a keen interest in our strategic development and have provided wise advice and guidance that has been of great assistance to the Catholic Education Ministry. I have truly valued their professional and personal support for me in my role and I am most appreciative of their committed service.

Finally, an open invitation is extended to all to attend a special Pentecost Ecumenical Prayer Service to be held at St Joseph's Cathedral in Rockhampton this Sunday, 19 May commencing at 2:00pm. On Pentecost we recall the coming of the Holy Spirit on the disciples as they gathered in fear consumed with their own failings and weaknesses. May we open our hearts to receive the Spirit's healing power, to feel God's comforting love and support and to awaken a renewed desire to share it with others.

God bless,

Where's Leesa: Monday 20 May to Friday 24 May, Office.

Leesa



*The people of the Diocese of Rockhampton
are invited to celebrate the
Tenth Anniversary of
Most Reverend Michael McCarthy DD
Bishop of Rockhampton*

*Wednesday, 29th May 2024
5.30pm Mass of Thanksgiving,
St Joseph's Cathedral
followed by a formal reception
(RSVP required for catering)*



RSVP Options

Phone: 4887 3070

<https://forms.office.com/r/8u41nHR0AA>

The Mass of Thanksgiving will be streamed live on the St Joseph's Cathedral YouTube channel - <https://www.youtube.com/user/StJosephsCathRton>

St Anthony's Catholic Primary School, North Rockhampton have made a very generous donation to the Vinnies Food Bank, helping people in our community. *When Jesus taught about loving others, he meant everyone; those we don't know but still need us.* Sincere thanks are extended to the families who could donate. This is the Holy Spirit in action.



The Class of 1971, **Chanel College, Gladstone** recently toured the College. The group studied when the girls' section of the school was known as *Stella Maris College*, with classes occurring in the Stella Maris wing.



Walk Safe to School Day was held last week with many of our schools participating. Pictured below are students from **MacKillop Catholic Primary School, Mackay**.

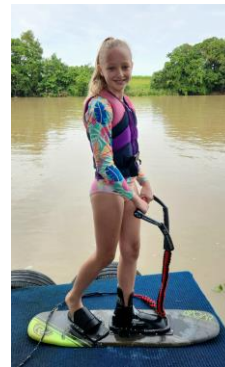


Students from **St Brigid's Catholic Primary School, Emerald** are shining in the world of sport.

Teyha has been selected to represent Australia in Japan in October for Karate.



Peyton recently travelled to Ayr to compete in state titles for Waterskiing. Peyton won two gold medals and was named U12 Girls' Champion.



Maggie and Lottie are currently in the USA representing Australia in BMX.



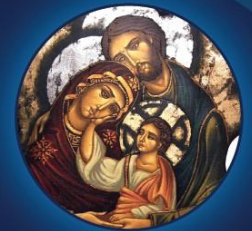
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