

# Message Stick

To all members of the Catholic Education family



Catholic Education  
Diocese of Rockhampton

## Reflection from Pope Francis

Our generation has bequeathed many riches, but we have failed to protect the planet and we are not safeguarding peace. We are called to become artisans and caretakers of our common home, the Earth, which is falling into ruin.

**Please remember in your prayers, members of our wider Catholic Education Family who are unwell at this time:**

**Harley Biles**, Year 11, The Cathedral College, son of Jill (and Nathan), St Mary's Catholic Primary School, North Rockhampton.

**Wednesday 24 April 2024**

Good morning everyone

This edition of the *Message Stick* has been distributed early due to ANZAC Day. I hope everyone has an opportunity to participate in some way in the various ANZAC Day ceremonies being held in local communities. It is always very pleasing to see the significant participation of our schools and colleges each year in the various commemorative services held around the Diocese. This takes a great deal of coordination and supervision and I extend my sincere thanks to all those involved in organising student participation in services, marches, liturgies and community commemorations. Through your example and commitment to ANZAC Day and to the special place it holds in our national identity, our students are learning the importance of gratitude, respect and remembrance. Photos of ANZAC Day will be shared in next week's *Message Stick*.

My thanks again to our school communities in the Far West for the warm reception afforded to Bishop Michael and myself last week. I have fond memories of these visits to our western communities and I was delighted to have concluded our official tour in this region of the Diocese, particularly now while it is looking so lush and green. I have shared some photos of our visits in this week's *Message Stick*.

God bless,

*Leesa*

**Where's Leesa:** Monday 29 April, Meeting Sydney; Tuesday 30 April to Friday 3 May, Office.

**Our Lady's, Longreach**



**St Joseph's, Blackall**



**St Joseph's, Barcardine**



**St Joseph's, Clermont**



Remember, O Lord, all the brave and true, who have died the death of honour in the hope of resurrection to eternal life. In that place of light from which sorrow and mourning are banished, give them rest. Grant to us who remain the spirit of service which may make us worthy of their sacrifice, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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### Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Springsure



St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School, Gladstone recently welcomed Local Federal Member for Flynn, Mr Colin Boyce MP (pictured below) to present the school with new flags.



### Marist College, Emerald



Student representatives from St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Barcaldine with The Governor of Queensland, Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young AC PSM, during her visit last week.



### St Brigid's, Emerald



Congratulations to Susan Cutting from Our Lady's Catholic Primary School, Longreach on 20 years service to Catholic Education. Susan is pictured below receiving her award from Bishop Michael.



### St Patrick's, Emerald



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