



Tuesday 3rd November 2020
Term 4 Week 5

Dear Families

It has been a long and challenging year for many people and this term is making its demands on the staying power of many students, staff and parents.

One of my favourite reflections is of the cracked water jug. It tells the story of a person who would carry their water jugs across their shoulders from the stream to their house every day.

One of the jugs was cracked and would lose a steady trickle of water all the way, arriving with only half a jug of water every day. The other jug was perfect and arrived full each time.

The cracked jug was ashamed and apologised to its master for not doing its job properly. The water bearer was sorry for the old cracked pot and was quick to point out the differences on each side of the path that they travelled each day.

On the side of the jug where the cracked jug leaked the grass was lush and the flowers were blooming, whilst on the side of the jug with no flaws, there was little life.



Without the flaws and cracks of the broken jug, such beauty would not have been able to flourish. As you move through the next few busy weeks, maybe at times feeling imperfect and fragile, please realise that just being you is perfect, and you may be bringing life to someone else by just being you.



We only have a few weeks left of our 50/50 Fundraiser and I am inspired by the passion that many parents are showing in trying to sell as many tickets as possible.

A huge thank you to our parents who spent all day Saturday selling tickets on our behalf. Thank you also to those who will sell more next weekend. If you can help us for a while on Saturday please let us know.

The 50/50 raffle prize is now more than \$5k. Families are asked to please return all the sold tickets to the school office. There are books of tickets available from the school office if anyone would like to sell more tickets.

God bless you and Live Jesus in Your Hearts Forever!

Jennett Mullane
Principal

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From our APRE

On Sunday we celebrated All Saints' Day when we honour those holy men and women who have gone before us in faith and have done so in a glorious way. As we honour these great champions of faith, let's reflect upon who they are and what role they continue to play in the life of the Church.

Then on Monday we remembered All Souls' Day. This feast day is the day we remember and pray for those who have gone before us.



Saints are sometimes regarded as 'Catholic superheroes'. Stories of miraculous and remarkable deeds abound, though more in the vein of conversions and cures than speeding bullets and tall buildings. But to get caught up on the Saints of the stained glass windows is to overlook the vast majority of saints. You see, a saint is anybody whose soul is in heaven. The Church celebrates a certain number of Saints whose lives provide a glimpse of God for the rest of the Church. But there are many, many more saints whose glimpse of God was only ever experienced by their family, friends and those with whom they worked. The feast of ALL Saints is an opportunity to remember and reflect on the lives of those saints who've been known and loved by just a few and whose sphere of influence was such that they will never be recognised as Saints by the universal Church.

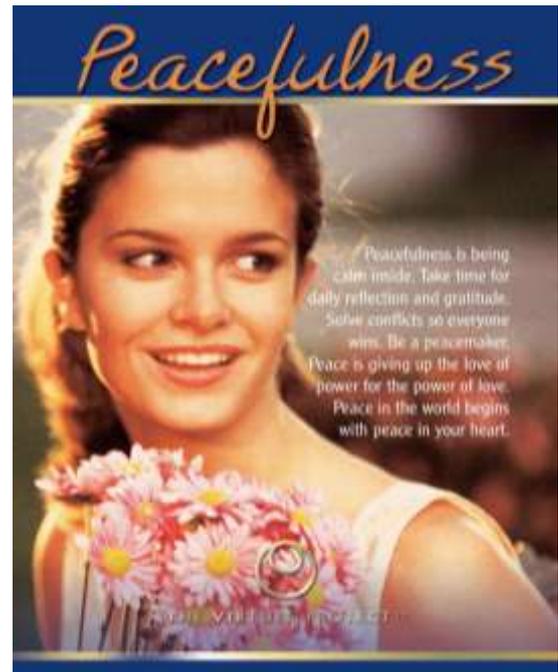
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MJR MESSAGE OF THE WEEK

Attitude of Gratitude – what are you thankful for? Try to find three things you are grateful for each morning and evening.

WEEKLY WONDERING

I wonder how you can be a peacemaker?



World peace begins with peace in your heart.



Kellie Richardson
Assistant Principal: Religious Education

A MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH



A friendly reminder to register online for Sunday Masses at:

www.sosgladstone.eventbrite.com.au.

You can watch this week's children's liturgy video on our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAewY9fvC7TZikGRcuVUo4w>

Keep up to date on our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/sosparishgladstone

For those who are still not able to come to Mass, you can access the live-stream from our Cathedral at 9:30am Sundays:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/StJosephsCaThRton>

IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray in thanksgiving for our Saints and all those who show us how to lead good and worthwhile lives: May we always pray for them and ask them to pray for us in our daily lives.
- We pray for all those children who are receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation: May they come to know the love and mercy of God their Father.
- We pray for our Year 12 students as they enter into their last weeks of exams and assessments: May they remain calm amidst the anxiety and excitement of their last days of school.
- We pray for our Year 5 and Year 6 Leaders as they participate in their School Camps this week: May they be kept safe and build skills of leadership and collaboration.
- We pray for all in our community who are struggling with sickness or tragedy in their families: May they may receive the support and love they need to get them through these difficult times.
- We pray for all of us: Move our hearts to cherish the precious gift of life at every stage and in every condition, and especially when it is most vulnerable.

Have you put forward your nomination for the Spirit of Star of the Sea Award?



Write or email with your nominations for a parent, staff member, parishioner or student who demonstrates the following:

- Demonstrated a **significant contribution to building up the spirit of Star of the Sea.**
- Demonstrated **endurance and compassion** in their efforts and worked as a **unifying force** within the school, **encouraging and inspiring** others
- Truly **letting their light shine.** **Nominations close on Friday 6th November and should be addressed to The Principal and the Board Chair.**

MJR SHIRT ORDERS

The Diocese recently held a competition for students to design a new MJR shirt. Some of our students entered this competition. The winner was a student from Mackay with the shirt below. If you would like to order one of these shirts they are available for everyone.

Shirt designed by Keanan Rackham St Mary's Mackay (Loose Fit)



Shirts are available in:

- Unisex / Men's Shirt (loose fit)
- Women's Shirt (tailored fit)
- Unisex Youth (loose fit)

A size chart for each type of shirt has been included in the order form.

The cost of the shirts is \$55 including GST. Please pay the invoice issued by the Finance Department at the Catholic Education Office (likely to be sent through next year) which will be sent to you via email. Orders will close on Friday 6 November at 5:00 pm.

<https://forms.gle/ubWhKV1uQWdWBTy27>

The shirts will arrive at the Catholic Education Office in December after the school year has ended. We will endeavour to ensure that the shirts are delivered to your school in preparation for the commencement of the 2021 school year.

Chanel 2021 Uniform Fittings for New Students

All new Chanel College students starting in 2021 are encouraged to book an appointment with Wearitto Chanel (on campus uniform shop) ahead of the Back to School rush. 20 minute appointments are available between 23rd and 27th November and can be made online via the Wearitto Website www.wearittochanel.simplybook.me. All uniform items can be purchased on the day. Should you require a change of size prior to the commencement of school, any items can be exchanged. Please leave the original labels intact.

For more information please contact the local Wearitto convenor, Michelle on Monday & Thursday or email chanel@wearitto.com.au Normal Trading Hours. Open Monday 8.15 am - 11.15 am, Thursday 12.45 pm - 3.45 pm.

CURRICLUM NEWS



This week I have the pleasure of taking the Year 5 and Year 6 classes on a trip to [The Haven](#), Emu Park. I have been on many camps over the years but I am sure the week ahead of me will become yet another highlight of my career.

It has been a challenge to plan with the many Covid guidelines we have had to work around and it is exciting to see it come together. A camp experience for our older students is such a valuable experience which is why we were determined to find a way for it to happen. It provides opportunities to develop confidence and leadership skills, grow relationships, build collaborative skills and have lots of fun.

Below is the Itinerary we have planned for our Year 5 and Year 6 classes.

Year 5: Yeppoon Lagoon, Beach Walk, River Crossing, Knotted Rope/Tug -a - War, Quoits/Ball Toss/Jenga, Labyrinth, Movies and Crocodile Farm.

Year 6: Yeppoon Lagoon, Fishing, Personal Training Session with [Get Fit with Mitch](#), Watersports Olympics, Paracord survival band making, Printmaking with local artist [Jett James](#), Scavenger Hunt, Movies, Talent Show and Crocodile Farm.

See you all when I return. I will share many photos and stories next week!!

Anthony King
Assistant Principal: Curriculum

2021 CLASS ARRANGEMENTS

As we prepare for our 2021 Class arrangements we invite you to notify us of any important information that should be considered for our class composition by completing a **2021 Student Information Form**.

These forms are available from the school office and are designed for parents to formally communicate any important information in relation to their own child, for class placements in 2021 in regards to social, emotional, physical or learning concerns.

Please be aware that these forms are not to request a specific class, nor teacher, but rather to inform the Principal formally of any relevant concerns that pertain directly to your child.

All information included in the 2021 Student Information Form will be treated confidentially. As always, requests will be considered by the Principal but, as you are aware, many factors are well-considered when forming classes and teachers' professional judgement is vital in this process also.

Please also know that classroom teachers are not the only professionals involved in finalising classes for the following year. Teachers also meet with Learning Support staff and the Leadership team to finalise these lists.

Please do not put requests to teachers directly. Only those submissions made to the Principal will be formally considered.

2021 Student Information Forms must be returned to school in an envelope addressed to the Principal by **Monday 9th November**.

DEPARTING FAMILIES

At this stage of the year, work and personal circumstances sometimes mean that we have families moving from Star of the Sea. If you have not already done so, please send us an email or a note to let us know.

We hope that you can join us for our End of Year Mass so that we can pray a special blessing for you and your family.

**DATE CLAIMER:
P&F AGM Meeting
Tues 10 November
@ 6:30pm**



Please do not attend if unwell and ensure you maintain appropriate hygiene and distancing practices.

Join us at 6pm for a chat and refreshments if you are free.



STAR OF THE SEA
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL GLADSTONE

**PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
50/50 RAFFLE**

**One Winner – Cash Prize:
50% of Ticket Sales OR \$2000 Cash**

(whichever is greater)

Remaining proceeds to go to the Star of the Sea Parents & Friends Association.

**Drawn 27th November –
Live streamed via our
Facebook page.**

Winner attendance not required at the draw.

\$20
Per ticket

2020 WORLD TEACHER'S DAY



Thank you to everyone who said a special thank you to our teachers last week for World Teacher's Day. It has been a demanding year for our dedicated teachers and your appreciation means a lot.

**PROTECT YOURSELF
AND THOSE AROUND YOU**



Stay home if you're unwell



Wash your hands regularly



Cover your coughs and sneezes



Keep 1.5 metres away from someone who is sick



Avoid touching your face

Congratulations to our Students of the Week



Please email sosg@rok.catholic.edu.au if you would like a copy of your child's Student of the Week photo.

LJ Hooker

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