



Tuesday 11th May 2021 Week Four Term Two

Dear Families

I hope all our Mums had a wonderful Mother's Day on Sunday and felt very loved and spoiled. I hope you also enjoyed your gifts from our P&F Mother's Day Stall. Covid took away the opportunity for Mother's Day Stalls, Liturgies, Assemblies and Pampering Mornings last year so it was lovely to see all our various Mother's Day celebrations going ahead this year. Special thanks to our P and F volunteers and to our staff who organised all these great events.

NEW CAR PARK

You may have noticed that the gates are removed from our new car park. This was handed to us on Monday and we are now in the process of training our students to use this new area. At present we are still using the Church Pick Up as our only After School Pick Up Area.

Next Week will see us begin using the new Car Park as our only After School Collection Point. For the safety and smooth flowing of traffic, there will be a few key points we will ask you to note and follow. These will be emailed home to you later this week so please keep your eye out.

NEW PLAY AREA

Our new play area is not finished yet but is nearing completion with just a bit more turfing and some finishing touches to our shed.

Please mark in your calendars the date for our Picnic and Disco which will be held in our new play area – **Friday 11 June**. It will be a great chance to see the work that has been done in this area. More is provided later in this newsletter.

COMMUNICATION POLICY

Our School Board finalised the school's Communication Policy at our last meeting and we have uploaded it to our website for your information:

<http://www.staroftheseagladstone.qld.edu.au/about-us/policy.html>

It outlines expectations and resources to help us successfully build relationships and communicate safely with each other. I draw your attention to the section regarding **Personal Communication devices** (including wearables) for students. I invite you to have a read and let me know any comments or queries you may have.

God bless you and Live Jesus in Your Hearts Forever!

Jennett Mullane

Principal

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WHERE THE DIFFERENCE IS YOU

Regional Indigenous Education Liaison Officer Gladstone Region

Applications are invited for this term time (32 hpw) contract position

Visit our website and apply today!
www.rok.catholic.edu.au

Applications close 16 May 2021

Catholic Education is committed to best practice in student protection policies and procedures.





From our APRE



I do hope families were able to take time out on Sunday to celebrate Mother's Day – I am truly thankful for my wonderful Mum, who still stands by my side in all that I do.

A reflection from Greg Sunter through Liturgy Help.

Living the Gospel – Love One Another

Have you ever thought what it really means when Jesus commands us to love one another? At first, it seems like a simple commandment: I can love my family; my friends; I can even feel love for some people I've never met. But there was a condition that Jesus placed on the command: love one another as I have loved you. How did Jesus love? Without restriction and without seeking something in return. He loved those that no one loved and he even loved those who hated him and sought his downfall. Can I love those who hate me? Those that others ridicule and despise? Can I love without counting the cost?

Have you thought? - Love

There is a wonderful line from the musical, Les Miserables, when the hero, Valjean, is told, 'To love another person is to see the face of God.' As Christian people, we believe that every person is created in the image and likeness of God. To look upon another person with love and compassion is to see the face of God revealed. When we are called to love, we are called to recognise that every single person is worthy of love and every single person is made in the image of God – even ourselves!

You are practicing
Love
when you...

- Treat others as you want them to treat you
- Say kind and loving things
- Share your things and yourself
- Love people just as they are
- Take good care of the things you love
- Do what you love and love what you do

Affirmation
I am a loving person. I show my love with thoughtful acts, kind words and affection. I treat others the way I want to be treated.

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ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE.

MJR MESSAGE

T.A.H. – Teamwork At Home. What does this look like in your home? How can you work together to benefit the family? Are your mornings stressful – what teamwork can help?

WEEKLY WONDERING

I wonder if you show people you love them by putting their needs before yours?

LONGREACH RETREAT OPPORTUNITY For students in Year 5 and 6

Samara Thompson | Youth Engagement and Development Coordinator – Rockhampton Diocese is organising a retreat for students in Year 5 – 9. If you are planning on being in Longreach in the June/July holidays and consider this an option please contact me and I can give you more information.

Have a wonderful week and love one another,

***Kellie Richardson
Assistant Principal: Religious Education***

IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for our mothers who quietly bring such joy and love to our lives: May we never take them for granted and ensure our gratitude is shown.
- We pray for all of those suffering due to the COVID Pandemic, especially those experiencing its extreme effects such as in India: May they be given strength in their suffering and consolation in their grief, and may they receive the treatment and care they so desperately need.
- We pray for all of us during this Easter season: May we proclaim the message of our risen Christ with hope and joy and conviction.
- We pray for all men and women called to the Priesthood and Religious life: May they feel the love and support of their faith communities in the important ministries they share.
- We pray for all those who have died: May God grant them the peace and joy and hope of the resurrection.

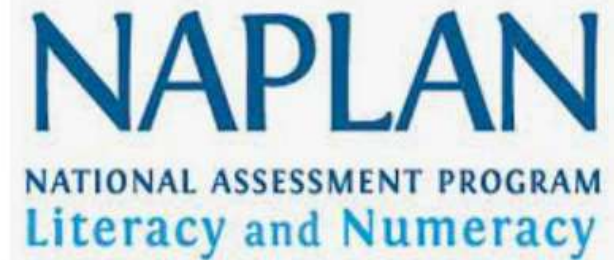
Port Curtis Sport News

Congratulations to Mia H, Madison V, Jack V and Dylan V on being selected in the **Port Curtis 10-12Years Cross Country Team** to attend the Capricornia Trials on Tuesday 1st June in Rockhampton.

Congratulations to Jordan C, Nate W and Smith V on being selected in the **Port Curtis 10-12Years Touch Football Team** to attend the Capricornia Trials on Thursday 20th May in Mackay.



CURRICULUM NEWS



The children in Years 3 and 5 are participating in NAPLAN testing today, Wednesday and Thursday. The children participate, over the course of three days, in a series of tests.

Writing: Students are given a stimulus and asked to write or type a response to the task. Year 3 will write their response and Year 5 will be typing. There is one writing stimulus for students in Years 3 and 5 and they will be asked to respond using either a narrative or persuasive genre.

Reading: Students are given a range of texts and respond in multiple choice. Online test items may also include other response types such as hotspot and drag and drop items.

Conventions of Language: Students will respond to grammar and punctuation as well as spelling items. The response formats will either be multiple choice or short response. Online test items may also include other interactive response types such as hotspot and drag and drop items.

Numeracy: Students will respond to questions relating to number, measurement, chance and data, space, working mathematically, algebra function and pattern. The response formats will either be multiple choice, short response, drag and drop items. Students will also have access to online numeracy tools such as a ruler, protractor or calculator.

Good luck to all our students completing this test.

Have a good week everyone.

Anthony King
Assistant Principal: Curriculum

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY WEDNESDAY 16TH JUNE



A NOTE FROM YOUR SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

School photos are almost upon us again! The school has engaged MSP Photography to create our school records this year and you are invited to purchase prints of your child.

On photo day, **every student will be photographed** regardless of whether you are purchasing or not.

Your child will bring home a personalised order envelope from the photographers. Please take care to read and follow all the instructions carefully. This will ensure your order is processed smoothly and efficiently and will help you to avoid any late fees.

You will have the option to order online or with cash in your student's envelope. Please take care to follow the instructions carefully.

Additional order envelopes are available from the school office for **separated parents, blended families and grandparents**. You will need to collect these on or before photo day and give it to the photographer on photo day. Be sure to write "Mum's order" or "Dad's order" on top of your envelope.

To **order a sibling or friends photo**, please collect Sibling and Friends Order Envelope from the school office on or before photo day or order it online **at least 24 hours in advance**. *Please note: Sibling photos are only for siblings who all attend the school.*

If your child has been photographed in a **special group** (ie sports team or leadership team), order envelopes will be available in the weeks following photo day. Please watch this newsletter for information when they will be available.

As school staff are unable to help with photography enquiries or payments, please direct your questions and comments directly to MSP Photography by phoning 4921 3355.

Thank you for your co-operation and we look forward to a great photo day.

Keep smiling!!!



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



DATE CLAIMER

Whole School Picnic and Disco

**Friday 11 June
5:30pm – 8:00pm**



Come and help us celebrate the great new facilities we have.

Bring your own dinner and a rug and enjoy a picnic and a dance.

A bar will be operating on the night to sell drinks.

Parents should please be aware that, while some dance music is being organised for the student's enjoyment, no formal supervision of the children is being provided by the school.

Parents are responsible for the supervision of their children during this social gathering.

Students may not attend this function without being accompanied by a supervising adult.

A reminder not to attend if you are unwell or experiencing Covid symptoms. Please sign in on arrival and obey all distancing guidelines.

Student of the Week Award



*Congratulations on showing a spirit of team work
with those around you.*

*Thank you for your willingness to help those
around you even without being asked.*



Student Travel Rebates



Semester 1



Bus Fare Assistance

- Does your child attend a school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary?
- Does your family spend more than \$40/week* on fares to and from school (* \$30/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a publicly available service not owned or associated with the school?

Students With Disability

- Does your child have a verified disability that requires transport assistance to and from school?
- Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's travel capability rating as 'semi-independent' or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for our financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at SchoolTransport.com.au during May.

Late applications cannot be accepted after 31st May.

