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THE GRAPEVINE



Catholic Education
Diocese of Rockhampton

Term 1 Week 1
27 January 2023

Dear Families

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2023. A special welcome to our new students and families who are joining St Benedict's for the first time. We are very excited to have you as a part of our Benedictine Community. I hope you had a restful Christmas break and enjoyed time with family and friends.

It has been especially enjoyable to welcome our new Prep students. Today we have all Prep students attending together and from the photos below you will see they have settled very well and are enjoying their Prep experience.



'The Grapevine', is published each Thursday on the SkoolBag app . Our newsletter is the most comprehensive means of getting information to our school community. Please read and note events and news about what is happening at St Benedict's. You will need to download the app and type in *St Benedict's Catholic Primary School Yeppoon*. Other important information and reminders will be uploaded to the app during the year. The newsletter is also available on our website.



Get the app

Click on the link to view this site. <https://www.sbyrok.catholic.edu.au/>

Please note, while we do have a FaceBook page it is not utilised regularly – only for emergency or last minute notifications. The page is not used as a general communication tool and we do not answer queries which come via this page.

School Information

School Arrival, Attendance and Absences

School commences at 8.40 and all students are required at school before 8.40am. Please endeavour to have your child at school ready for our 8.40am start. This allows your child to be settled and ready to commence their learning, not worry about arriving to the room late and not disturb learning that has already commenced.

- All students who arrive at school after the morning bell (8.40am) need to sign in through the school office.
- Parents who have a child absent from school are required to notify the school by 9.00am. You can use the absentee form on our School App (preferred option) phone the office (4930 2744), or email (info@sbyrok.catholic.edu.au) the school.
- Parents who have a student absent from school without any explanation or notification will receive an SMS advising them and asking them to contact the school.

Some reminders:

- The supervised area after school is in the Multi-Purpose Area (undercover shed). All students waiting for parents/carers/buses must wait at this location.
- Students are not permitted on the playground after school unless they are supervised by their parent/carer.
- **Students are not permitted at school before 8.00am.**
- No students are permitted on the playground before school.
- Parents/Carers/Other adults are not permitted to use the student toilets. The multi-purpose toilet (adult and wheelchair accessibility) on the back of the toilet block (school classroom side of block) must be used by adults and younger siblings. Please note: there are baby change facilities in this toilet.

These procedures ensure the safety and well-being of all children and families.

Student Protection

Student protection is always our highest priority. At St Benedict's we have five student protection contacts who are available to discuss any concerns with anyone who is part of our community.

These people are:



Julie McLaughlin Helen Langdon Kelly McKenna Maddy Ryan Natalie Pobar

Parent Teacher Evenings

We will be hosting Parent Teacher evenings for all year levels in Week 3,
Monday 6 – Wednesday 8 February.

Time	Monday 6 Feb	Tuesday 7 Feb	Wednesday 8 Feb
5:00	Prep	Year 1 & 2	Year 3
5:45	Year 4	Year 5 & 6	

Defining Australian

This year's Lamb ad is clever, as usual. It highlights how we can all fail to fit into a mythical idea of what 'Australian' is. In fact, I think it will finally put paid to the use of the word *Unaustralian* as now it can almost be used as a badge of pride. But the ad doesn't really help us to understand what 'Australian' could be. We are all so diverse and with such vastly different experiences. But when I turned to the profiles of the people nominated for Young Australian of the Year, see <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-01-22/young-australian-of-the-year-candidates-2023/101743600>, and Senior Australian of the Year, <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-01-23/senior-australian-of-the-year-2023-finalist-shortlist/101778204>, there I could see what we could be.

Our diversity as a nation is celebrated in these people. So many different backgrounds – ethnically, in where they lived and in levels of education and financial advantage, or disadvantage – but they all have one thing in common: a profound sense of service. They use what gifts and talents they have to help others in practical and inspiring ways. From childhood mental health programmes to palliative care, from support of migrants to encouraging First Nations people to register to vote, they use music or abilities in sport, medical knowledge or straightforward simple compassion to care for others. And they are so alive. They inspire us to reconsider what Australian means. How good it would be if we defined ourselves by our quality of service. And that is what we are meant to do.

As human beings, we come to the fullness of life serving other people. Our God is a God who serves and we are made in the image and likeness of that God. As parents, guardians, teachers, support personal, as workers, neighbours, friends, each and every day we can serve, with love, laughter and what gifts and talents we have. We may not get nominated for Australian of the Year but we can give rich and loving service in even the smallest events of our daily life.

Loving God, we are made in your image and we are made to serve. Give me a lively and generous heart to love those around me in such a way that it brings life to them and to me. I ask this in Jesus' name, confident that you will hear me.

Sr Kym Harris osb

Parents and Friends Meeting

Our first P&F Meeting will be held Tuesday 7 February beginning at 6:30pm in our school library. We welcome all new families to our association. Our Parents and Friends are a vital part of our school community and we hope all families can contribute their talents. Come along and meet some new people and be part of your child's school journey.

Welcome home Fr Matthew

This year we welcome Fr Matthew Moloney back to our community. Fr Matthew has been on leave during 2022 and spent time studying in London and Wales. We hope he will not feel the Yeppoon heat too much after this cool weather experience. We look forward to seeing Fr Matthew at St Benedict's throughout the year.

Opening School Mass

Our Opening school mass will be held on Tuesday 7 February. All are welcome to attend. This Mass will commence at 9:30am and will be held in our school undercover area. Our year 6 students will assist with ministries during this Mass. Everyone is invited to morning tea following the Mass. Morning tea will be hosted by 5G.

Rockhampton District Representative Sport 2023.

Children who are 10 years and older are eligible to attend representative sport trials for the Rockhampton District. These trials are held throughout the year. Previously information and trial paperwork would have been supplied by the school. However, this year there are a number of changes occurring with sport in 2023 across the Rockhampton District.

All trial paperwork needs to be completed online by the parents of the children who wish to attend.

Paperwork is no longer available in any form from the school.

We will still notify students and families of trial dates, however, it will then be up to the parents to go online and complete the application/permission form, print and take to the trials. All information can be accessed and paperwork found using the following process:

A trial calendar has been included in this newsletter as an attachment.

A direct link to the paperwork can be found on our school website **go to Resources** tab then select **Representative Sport** or please follow the instructions below.

Use this link:

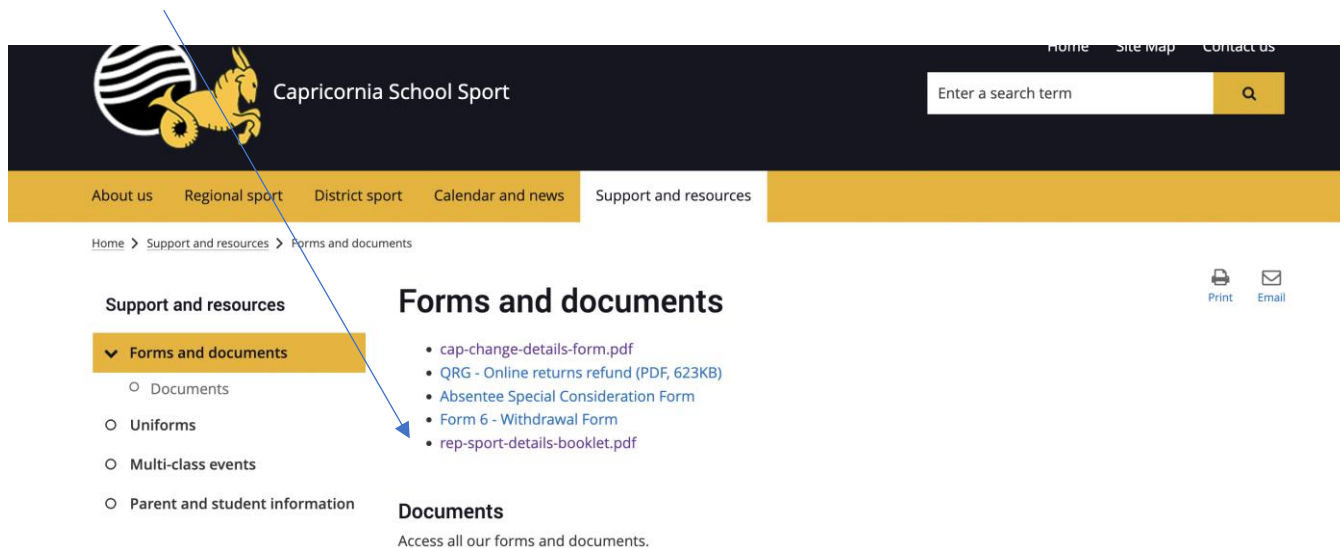
<https://capsport.eq.edu.au/district-sport/our-districts/rockhampton>

Then go to the **Support and Resources** tab

The screenshot shows the Capricornia School Sport website. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, Site Map, and Contact us. Below this is a search bar. The main navigation menu has tabs for About us, Regional sport, District sport, Calendar and news, and Support and resources. The 'Support and resources' tab is selected, and a dropdown menu shows options: Forms and documents, Uniforms, Multi-class events, and Parent and student information. A blue arrow points from the 'Forms and documents' option to the 'Rockhampton' district page. The 'Rockhampton' page is highlighted in the 'Our districts' list. The page content includes the title 'Structure of sport within Rockhampton district' and a paragraph explaining that from 2017, Rockhampton District School Sport has operated teams in age groups for 10-19 years for participation at regional trials. The schools within districts and sub-districts have formed committees to operate interschool sport competitions. A logo for 'RD ROCKHAMPTON DISTRICT SCHOOL SPORT' is visible in the bottom right corner.

Click on **Forms and documents**

Then click on **rep-sport-details-booklet.pdf**



Capricornia School Sport

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Support and resources

- Forms and documents
 - Documents
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 - Multi-class events
 - Parent and student information

Forms and documents

- cap-change-details-form.pdf
- QRG - Online returns refund (PDF, 623KB)
- Absentee Special Consideration Form
- Form 6 - Withdrawal Form
- rep-sport-details-booklet.pdf

Documents

Access all our forms and documents.

Print Email

This will take you to the booklet that must be completed in full, printed and taken to the trial.

Please note, one page must be signed by Paula Osborne and myself (or a representative of St Benedict's) before being presented at the trial. The school has to also complete a trial nomination form and send to Rockhampton School Sport, prior to the trial date. Therefore, all forms must be submitted prior to your child attending the trial.

Rockhampton District Cricket

Congratulations to Xavier Stathooles who was chosen in the RDS representative cricket side. Well done Xavier and best of luck at the next level.





Happy Birthday to

Hudson Sanne	27 January	06 Years
Darcy Ferry	26 January	07 Years
Thea Osborne	24 January	10 Years
Lucy Morgan	26 January	11 Years

DRAKES Fundraiser for St. Joseph's Cathedral

Thank you for your support of DRAKES Fundraiser for St. Joseph's Cathedral. It is great to see the Cathedral fully operational again. The support of Cath Ed Staff and Students has been an important factor in the success of this fundraiser. Covid delivered a heavy blow with our half yearly donation down 50% but the good news is our December cheque of \$1,640 showed an increase of \$100 and our total is now \$51,048.

DRAKES continue to provide an excellent service and products at competitive prices, so take advantage of the benefits. Happy New Year to your Family, Stay Safe and Well. I look forward to your support in 2023

Shirley Hopkins, Co-ordinator, DRAKES Fundraiser for St. Joseph's Cathedral

BEAKS TENNIS are conducting Tennis Lessons from Monday through to Thursday from 3.30pm 1 hour lessons at **YEPPOON TENNIS CLUB** in Chrisney Street Cooe Bay.

All beginners welcome **FREE TENNIS RACQUET** for all new beginners. **FREE RACQUET HIRE** for all attending lessons.

For more information please do not hesitate to call Ph: 07 49 361 021 / Mob: 0419 026 963



Pop-Up Blast

St Benedict's Catholic School
Tuesday 7th - 28th Feb
3:15pm - 4:15pm

4 Week Program



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Brisbane Heat Holiday Program - Central Qld

