



DATE CLAIMERS

18 Mar - Free Dress Green Day

21 Mar – Harmony Day

25 Mar – Term 1 Mass &
Caritas Day

31 Mar – Last Day of Term 1

1 Apr – Bishop's Inservice Day
Student free



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THE GRAPEVINE

Term 1 Week 8
17 March 2022

Free Floating Anxiety

A few years ago, a niece of mine at university was walking to a major end of year exam when she got a message from her distressed best friend saying she had just broken up with her boyfriend, a cousin of the niece. My niece was so upset she did badly in the exam, very badly. As it turns out, the breakup was just another drama in the friend's volatile relationship. But it cost my niece, dearly. It wouldn't have happened in my time. We didn't have mobile phones. We weren't on a constant news cycle of the latest events, both in the world and close to home.

I find hearing about the Ukraine, the floods, even the constant details of Shane Warne's health, distressing. I am helpless in the face of these events. It gives an air of free-floating anxiety in the background of our lives. What does it do to our young people?

When I used to go on about bad or unjust things that happened elsewhere, our then parish priest used to say, 'I hoe my own row.' Over the years I have discovered what a wise thing that was. Most of the time, most of us can only influence the people around us but when we do good to those people it has a real and lasting effect in our lives. I cannot take in a refugee from the Ukraine but I can talk to a lonely person in the supermarket. I cannot clean out a flooded house but I can ring up an elderly relative for a chat. When we do the simple good things we can do, it lightens our hearts and give a sense of goodness to our lives. It is in these good actions that we can anchor our lives in peace. Practising simple, daily acts of kindness strengthens our hearts and gives a quiet joy to our lives. It also gives us courage. One day, we might find ourselves in a hard situation and discover the strength within us to step up and do something that surprises.

Loving God, you know how the awful things happening in our world can distress me. Give me the wisdom to care for the people around me and be an example to my child/ren by my acts of kindness. I ask this in Jesus' name confident that you will hear me.

Sr Kym Harris osb



Cross Country Carnival

Tuesday morning dawned bright and sunny – perfect weather for our interschool Cross Country Carnival. A huge thank you to Mrs Paula Osborne for convening the carnival and to all those who assisted with the set up and pack up of equipment. All students participated with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. Congratulations to the Salvado Kangaroos on their overall victory and to our age champions who will now progress to the KCD Cross Country Carnival next Wednesday 23, March at the Barmaryee Sports Grounds.



Our age champions on the day included:

Age Champions

Age	Girls	Boys
U10	Harpa Quigley	Lachlan Fry
U11	Hannah Hooper	Jack Robertson
U12	Willa Osborne	Hendrix Henderson



Rockhampton District Sport

Congratulations to Lachlan Fry, Vann Breingan and Taytum Chapman, (Under 10's), as well as, Joseph Rauluni and Finlay Houghton (Under 11's), who were selected for the Rockhampton District Rugby League sides over the weekend. We wish these boys all the best as they compete for Rocky at the next level.



Capricornia District Sport

Congratulations to Finlay Houghton who was also selected for the Capricornia AFL Under 12 side.

Instrumental Music – Voice Program

It is great to see many of our students taking the opportunity to be involved in our instrumental music program. Our Voice program will kick off again in Term 2 with Mrs Jan Boyd leading these lessons.

All returning students must also complete a new form to be included in this year's program.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Our semester one parent/teacher interviews will be held next week, Monday 21 and Tuesday 22 March. Bookings can be made via the SOBS booking site. You will have access to the site until tomorrow, Friday 18 March. Please use the following link to make a booking. If you require any further information please call the school office.

Please use this link to make a booking

<https://sobs.com.au/pt3/parent.php?schoolid=741>

Parent and Friends Annual General Meeting

We held our Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting on Tuesday evening. Thank you to those parents who were able to attend. Congratulations to our new P&F Committee:

President: Mrs Marie Balzer
Vice President: Mrs Carmen Hunter
Treasurer: Ms Cynthia Boulus
Secretary: Mrs Jo Labor

We truly appreciate these parents giving their time and energy to our school. I would like to farewell and convey my sincere thanks to ***Mrs Leah MacAndrews and Mr Jim Vaughan*** as our outgoing secretary and treasurer. Their assistance has been greatly appreciated.

Our next meeting will be held on ***Tuesday 19, April – 6:30pm in the library.*** We welcome all parents to this meeting.



Happy Birthday to

Matilda Beavan	14 March	08 Years
Savannah Crawford	14 March	10 Years
Koby Owens	15 March	10 Years
Arthur Cagney	17 March	05 Years
Sophia Hudleston	18 March	11 Years
Ella Laverty	18 March	09 Years

Hon Michelle Landry MP – Visit

Yesterday we welcomed the Hon Michelle Landry to St Benedict's. Ms Landry spoke with our Year 6 students about the Australian Government and our Parliamentary system. Our Year 6 students thoroughly enjoyed the visit. Thank you to Ms Landry for taking time out her busy schedule to visit our school.



I learnt that if you want to be a Member of Parliament, you need to be very dedicated.
Jamie

Ms Landry wasn't rushing to leave; she took her time and answered all our questions making sure we had a go. Heidi

She was very considerate coming to visit us and she would answer the questions to make sure we understood it. Abi

Ms Landry was really generous and gave us new flags and books for the school. Milli H

Ms Landry has a good sense of humour.
Hannah

If Ms Landry wants to she can call Scomo. Willa

We learnt about the chamber and the dispatch box. Hannah

I learnt that you have to get used to being on TV and step outside of your comfort zone if you want to be a Member of Parliament. Milli H



NAPLAN 2022

NAPLAN will be occurring this year for our Year 3 and 5 students.

We will be participating in planned NAPLAN practice tests in the first week of Term 2, Thursday 21, April with the official NAPLAN tests occurring later in the term. The practice tests allow for us to test our devices as well as our internet. It also gives students the opportunity to practise the official test format.

The practice tests will occur as follows:

- Year 3 omnibus test (a mixture of questions from numeracy, reading and conventions of language) – Thursday 21, April
- Year 5 omnibus test (a mixture of questions from numeracy, reading and conventions of language) – Thursday 21, April
- Year 5 writing – Thursday 21, April

If you have any queries about NAPLAN or your child's participation please contact your classroom teacher.

Green Dress up Day

To celebrate St Patrick's day, we are holding a Green free dress day on Friday 18 March. Please ensure students wear sunsafe clothing – no singlet tops and closed in shoes. Your Gold coin donation will contribute to the Vinnies Flood appeal.



Term One Whole School Mass

Our whole school Mass will be held in the undercover area on Friday 25 March at 9:30am. This Mass will be presented by Year 6. All members of our school and Parish Community are invited to join us for this Mass.

Caritas Day

Following our Mass on Friday March 25, students will be involved in a Caritas activity day. Students are encouraged to bring along a gold coin donation to contribute towards the Project Compassion Appeal and Ukraine Appeal which have been organised by Caritas Australia. Teachers will be organising activities which aim to raise the students' awareness of the needs of people in poorer countries around the world.



We are now in the third week of Lent with the Project Compassion story of Janice, a Wagilak woman and traditional dancer who tells her family's stories through movements handed down over generations.

Like many remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, Janice's faces a range of challenges – low employment and education, financial hardship, poorer health and lower life expectancy.



With your help, Caritas Australia supports Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation, which operates a centre for traditional and contemporary Aboriginal arts and culture, providing employment and generating income for local communities.

Janice believes that Djilpin Arts' work is essential to create opportunities for young people to stay on-country, to share intergenerational knowledge between elders and the younger generation - to promote healing, and to keep culture alive.

Watch a short film about Janice's story [here](#).

Please support Project Compassion: lent.caritas.org.au

BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Issue 2 Book Club leaflets have been sent home last week. All orders are due back at school by **Friday 18th March 2022**. **LOOP** orders will also close on this date also. If you submit a **LOOP** order after this date, Scholastic will charge a small fee for the items to be delivered to your home address.

IMPORTANT

Please Note: There are now three (3) ways to pay for your Book Club order.

1. **LOOP** - (Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform) which is Option 1 on the Order Sheet, please **DO NOT** send your order sheet back to school.
2. **Cash** - Please send your completed order forms back to school.
3. **Cheque** – Please make cheques payable to “Scholastic” and send your completed order forms back to school.

If you have any queries or need help with your Book Club order, please see Mrs Dendle in the Library.

Thank you for supporting Book Club in 2022.



Music Stars Of The Week



Music star is Max (2B) for his very enthusiastic singing of the new hymns for Mass.



Gold Logie goes to Phoebe (3S) for knowing all her lines from memory and great acting for the Easter Liturgies.

Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with awards at our last assembly:



Week 7 Term 1

Class	Student	Award Comment
PB	Ned Whitehouse	For helping Mrs Brown pack up and for being a good friend to your classmates. You rock!
PE	Zoe Rice	For being a sound sorting superstar! You are superb!
1E	Lacey Osborne	For your fantastic effort during our "Who am I?" writing. Great work stretching out the sounds. Super Star!
1U	Avie Plane	For amazing work on tens and ones in Mathematics! You are a maths star!
2B	William Burkett	For your accurate and precise demonstration of how to find half of a collection on Seesaw.
2R	Naiya Kelly	For fantastic use of sequencing words in writing your explanation.
3P	Gracie Hildyard	For approaching all tasks with a quiet confidence. You always do your best work. Great job!
3S	Rhys Spencer	For your persistent learning attitude. You put 100% effort into all your work and your 'have a go' attitude is greatly appreciated in our classroom.
4B	Elissa Cane	For your articulate, well written responses on Google Classroom. Well done!
4C	Jonathan Lowe	For the fantastic way you synthesised information about why the Atacama Desert is so dry.
5W	Ruby Neyland	For the very mature way you go about all of your work.
5G	Thys van Rooyen	For your exceptional organisational skills, your excellent listening and the individual flair you incorporate into your writing. I can't wait to read more Thys. Keep it up.
6D	Clay Neyland	For the fantastic comparison of tenths, hundredths and thousandths you shared with the class. Keep up the great work Clay!
6M	Vincent Thompson	For clearly demonstrating his mathematical thinking using algorithms. Excellent effort, Vincent!

1U News



In HaSS we have been learning about past, present and future. We discussed many different time words we could use like now, then, yesterday, today and tomorrow. We have begun to bring in items to fill our memory box with items from before we were born, when we were a baby, when we were a toddler and now as a Year 1 student.



In Religion we are learning about how to care for creation. We have discussed what we can do to care for creation at St Benedict's. Year 1 discussed that we are also a very important part of God's creation and have been created in the image and likeness of God. We are all



unique and have many wonderful qualities to share with everyone. Each student made their own paper doll to decorate and write what qualities they exhibit.

"Ahh me hearties", in English we have been learning about Pirates! We have read pirate stories, written letters to One-eyed Duncan and his pet crocodile Smiles, wrote a Who am I? describing a pirate and its features and made our own parrot and described what it looked like. We have also had time for reading, learning our sounds of the week and show and tell.



For the first 15 minutes of each day all of Year 1 participate in fine motor activities. Fine motor skills involve the use of the small muscles that control the hand, fingers and thumb. They help children perform important tasks like feeding themselves, buttoning and zipping clothes, writing and drawing. Some of the activities include chalk drawing, lacing cards, bubble wrap popping, pencil aerobics, playdough, tennis ball monsters, pom pom and tweezers and tracing.



Yeppoon Choral Society's major performance in 2022 will be "A Christmas Carol" the Musical written by Alan Menken AND we're on the lookout for lots of talented performers of all ages, particularly lots of children. Children's Rehearsals will be held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at the Uniting Church Hall in Yeppoon from 3.30 until about 5.30 starting on 15 March. We'll move in to the Yeppoon Town Hall for rehearsals in June and July. Additional rehearsals in June and July may also be required.



Performance dates (Yeppoon Town Hall) will be **July 23, 24, 29 and 30.**

For further information phone Laurel Hunt 0427391332
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