



## DATE CLAIMERS

02/09 Pupil Free Day  
13/09 Eisteddfod Concert  
16/09 Book Week Dress Up  
16/09 Last day Term 3



## THE GRAPEVINE



Catholic Education  
Diocese of Rockhampton

Term 3 Week 8  
01 September 2022

### Party Skills

Jesus loved parties, banquets, weddings. His first miracle was at a wedding – making sure there was enough good wine. He often compared the Kingdom of God to a banquet. In last Sunday's Gospel, he offers advice that amounts to 'party skills' that we could all live by.

*Don't go to a party and expect to be treated as the most important person there.* We know what those people are like and we don't want to be near them. Rather the person who is happy to be there, isn't worried about status, who enters into the flow, enjoying everyone is sure to be the person who is having fun and fun to be with.

*Don't give a party and expect to be paid back because you have invited your type of people.* Parties aren't transactions nor are they networking opportunities. They are opportunities to enjoy the wonder of our humanity. If you invite people outside of your usual friends, expect the party to be different.

A story was told about a woman who, with her fiancé, planned a wedding reception at a swish New York hotel. Then, one week before the wedding, he pulled out of the coming marriage - but she couldn't pull out of the contract with the hotel. Knocked by her rejection, she didn't withdraw into herself. She had paid for a party, then party she would...just not with quite the same guests. She went to the local refuges for the poor and homeless and invited the people there to come party with her and her friends. What a change of venue for them for one night! What a party!

*Loving God, let me realise that your Kingdom is one of celebration, enjoying your company and that of the people around me. Give me the best party skills so that I can really enter into your life and love and share that with my family and friends. I ask this in Jesus' name confident that you will hear me.*

Sr Kym Harris osb

Dear Families

**NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK**  
**4 - 10 September 2022**



Next week we acknowledge National Child Protection Week. The protection of children is always our highest priority. During the week teachers and students will engage with a number of activities which support programs such as the Child Safety Curriculum that we implement at St Benedict's.

National Child Protection Week is all about the ways that we can all work together to build communities that support children and families.

Children are safest when they are listened to, respected and believed.

All adults can play a part by 'tuning in' to children in everyday situations about small worries; then they are much more likely to feel comfortable telling us if something big is wrong.

Talking with children about safety:

- Support children to identify trusted adults (both within the family and outside) they can talk to, if they are worried, upset, or do not feel safe. Make sure these adults know they are on your child's list.
- Remind children that they can talk to you or a trusted adult about anything, no matter how big or small their worry might be.
- Talk to children about how they know when they feel safe or unsafe. Help them to listen to their early warning signs (how their body feels), and to trust their feelings and instincts.
- Use everyday activities as opportunities for conversations (e.g. preparing meals and snacks, going for walks, playing, shopping). If children are used to having lots of communication, it can make it easier to talk when big or tricky issues come up.
- Be open to talking about all kinds of feelings, including anger, joy, frustration, fear and anxiety. This helps children to develop a 'feelings vocabulary'.

National Child Protection Week is a great time to start conversations with children and families about feeling safe.

### **St Benedict's Concert**

In the past, prior to COVID, St Benedict's students participated in the Rockhampton Eisteddfod. However, the annual eisteddfod was not held for two years. The opportunity for performance on stage is an important skill and one that we wanted our students to continue to experience. Over the past term our teachers and students have been preparing a for an end of term 'eisteddfod' style concert.

The students will perform in a verse speaking and singing choir and we will have some small group performances from our guitar students. The concert will be held on Tuesday 13 September in the Chapel/Performing Art Complex at St Brendan's College. The timetable will be as follows:

### **St Benedict's Eisteddfod Concert**

9:15 Arrival and seating

9:30 Year 3-4 verse speaking

9:45 Year 1-2 verse speaking

10:00 Prep verse speaking

10:15 Year 5-6 verse speaking

10:30 Lunch break

10:50 Seating

11:00 Prep singing choir

11:10 Guitar group 1

11:20 Year 1 singing choir

11:30 Guitar group 2

11:40 Year 6 singing choir

11:50 Guitar group 3

12:00 Year 4 singing choir

12:10 Year 3 singing choir

12:20 Year 5 singing choir

12:30 Year 2 singing choir

12:40 Year 2 stay on stage and whole school perform a song together

Return to school

Parents and families are very welcome to attend for all performances or just those that you would like to see. There will be no entry fee. Students will travel to and from St Brendan's via bus.

We thank St Brendan's College for their support of this concert and our school. Please see your class teacher if you have any queries.

### **Student Free Day – Staff Development Day**

Tomorrow is a student free day. Teachers will be participating in two workshops encompassing the new Religious Education Curriculum and our Maths Project.

### **Planning and Professional Development Days**

Over the coming weeks many teachers have scheduled planning and professional development days and will therefore, be absent from class. We thank our families for their understanding.

### **Long Service Leave**

Mrs Margaret Gould and Mrs Sarah Williams will both commence two weeks long service leave tomorrow, Friday 2 September. Both ladies will return to their classes after the September school holidays. We hope they both enjoy their break and time with family.

### **School Counsellor**

Mrs Kelly McKenna is attending a three day school counsellor workshop this week. She will return next week for her normal counselling sessions.

### **Book Week**

A reminder that St Benedict's will celebrate Book Week on Friday 16 September, the final day of school. All students are encouraged to dress as their favourite book character.

### **Year 2 Excursion**

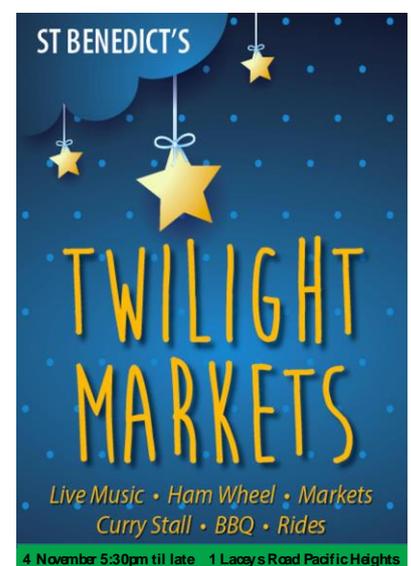
Our Year 2 students will participate in their HASS excursion next Tuesday 6 September. All details have been sent home to families. Please see your class teacher if you have any queries.

### **Twilight Markets**

Our Twilight Markets will be held once again this year. Mark, Friday November 4 in your calendar, come along and enjoy an evening of fun and entertainment.

We will need support from our many wonderful families. Some classes have already begun organising their stalls.

- Year 1 co-ordinate the **multi-draw raffle**. They are well underway and I thank their band of volunteers for the fantastic job they have done so far. *We will need ticket sellers at various locations over the coming weeks so if you can give an hour it would be greatly appreciated.*
- A call out has been posted for any interested people who wish to have a **Market Stall** on the night. If you know of anyone who may be interested please get them to email us [infosby@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:infosby@rok.catholic.edu.au) . Or alternatively call in and pick up a registration pack from the school office.



We also need help with our Curry and BBQ stall, with the Cakes and Sweets and the general running of the markets. If you can assist in any way, we would love to have you. Please put your name down at the office and we will be in touch. This is our major fundraiser for the year and greatly assists in the resourcing of our school.



**Father's Day**

We would like to wish everyone in our school community a Happy Father's Day and hope you are all able to celebrate with some wonderful family time together on Sunday. Our Art Club drew portraits of their Dad's. We hope they love these beautiful creations.

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!**



**Happy Birthday to**

Zarna Chelepy	29 August	06 Years
Toby Owens	31 August	06 Years
Thomas Hunter	02 September	06 years
Indigo Morris	30 August	11 Years
Tegan Westcott	31 August	11 Years

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to Vann (Yr 4) who was recently received the Coaches Award for the U10 Rockhampton Primary Schools Representative Rugby League team. Well done, Vann!



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## Year 3S Father's Day Special

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*My dad takes me fishing and catches a lot of fish. He's good at fishing and he's good at doing front flips on the trampoline. – Lochie*

*My dad tickles me when I won't wake up. My dad is good at cooking, I love when he cooks spaghetti bolognese. – Jarrod*

*My dad plays touch footy with me. My dad is great at drawing and I love when we do drawing lessons together. – Mali*

*My dad is good at building go karts. I love going fishing and playing soccer with dad, I like when I beat him at soccer. – Lachlan*

*My dad is good at fixing things. I love riding motorbikes with my dad and love it when he takes us on a road trip. – Jamie*

*I love when my dad plays football with me. My dad is great at soccer and I like it when Dad and I go to the beach. – Oscar*

*My dad is the best at helping me with my homework. I love cooking dinner with my dad, I like it when he makes Tacos. – Zara*

*My dad plays tickle monster with me before I go to sleep. My dad is great at fishing and I love when he brings me to school. – Taylor*

*I love going for bike rides with my dad. My dad always gets me treats when we go on a bike ride. He is the best! – Violet*

*My dad is the best because he is good at building things and he is so funny. I love my dad. – Harlie*

*I love when my dad gives me tips on my footy. My dad is funny and silly, I love that he makes me laugh. He's the best dad – Rhys*

*I love my dad when he takes me fishing. My dad is good at making me laugh by tickling me. – Ruby*

*I love my dad because he takes me fishing and he catches lots of fish. – Cooper*

*My dad is fun to play footy with because he passes the footy with my brother and I. – Macey*

*My dad is good at fishing and drawing. I love my dad. – Abigail*

*My dad is good at fishing, footy, drawing and teaching me new tricks on the trampoline. – Eddie*

*My dad helps me calm down our dog Willow when she gets a bit crazy and silly. – Eliza*

*My dad is great at riding his motorbike and I like when we go riding together. – Nate*

*I love my dad because he does anything for me and he is a great dad. – George*

*I like it when my dad takes me to the park and when we go fishing. – Quentin*

*My dad is good at a lot of things but he is the best at kicking the footy to me. – Josie*

*My dad is amazing because he tells the funniest jokes. – Hilaire*

*I love my dad because he is funny and makes me laugh. – Jimmy*

*I love going to the beach in the mornings with my dad. – April*

*My dad loves watching footy with me and when we play games, he always lets me win. – Phoebe*

*My dad is a very clever man, he has great ideas and even helps me plan my holidays! He is a loving Poppo to my children – Mrs Kidd*

*I love my dad because he is funny and he makes me laugh – Mrs Sanne*



CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS QUEENSLAND  
Diocese of Rockhampton

# PARENT ENGAGEMENT DAY

ROCKHAMPTON | SAT 8 OCTOBER | 10.00AM-4.00PM  
(come along to some or all of the sessions)

Kevin Castles Conference Centre  
152 West St, Allenstown

## SPEAKERS

Andrew Fuller, Psychologist - discussing 3 topics  
**Behaviour, Mental health and Motivation**

Chris Borrell, The Fathering Project

Bernadette Kay CSPQ & Natalie Salisbury CSPQ State Council  
*talking about the Rockhampton Diocesan Parent Council*

**All Catholic school Parents, Principals & School Staff welcome.  
A free event to support our children's learning and wellbeing.**

**Topics for all ages Prep to Yr 12**

Parents from regions outside Rockhampton, Yeppoon & Gracemere  
can apply to have travel costs reimbursed.

**Click on the link for more details and to REGISTER**

**<https://www.eventcreate.com/e/rockhampton-parent-engagement>**



# ST BRENDAN'S COLLEGE 2022

# 1/2 mile INVESTMENTS RODEO SAT 3 SEPTEMBER



**SATURDAY 3 SEPTEMBER**  
SBC SCHOOL BOYS RODEO 10.30AM  
APRA EVENTS COMMENCE AT 12.30PM  
**MAIN RODEO AT 4PM**  
\$10 PER PERSON | UNDER 16 FREE

**APRA AFFILIATED RODEO INCLUDING**  
OPEN BULL RIDE | JNR BULL RIDE | TEAM  
ROPING SADDLE BRONC | ROPE & TIE | OPEN  
BAREBACK | OPEN SADDLE BRONC | LADIES  
BARREL RACE | JNR & SNR STEER RIDE  
STEER WRESTLING | JNR BARREL RACING  
JNR BREAKAWAY ROPING | 2ND DIVISION  
BULL RIDE | JNR TEAM ROPING | JNR BRONC

### BAR OPENS AT 12PM

FOOD VENDORS | AMUSEMENT RIDES AND  
NOVELTY ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY  
COURTESY BUS AFTERWARDS  
SORRY - NO ESKIES OR CAMPING ALLOWED

**JNR WHIP CRACKING WORKSHOP**  
WITH NATHAN 'WHIPPY' GRIGGS  
**BOOK NOW!** →



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