



DATE CLAIMERS

**11 Mar – Cross Country
Carnival**

15 Mar – P&F Meeting & AGM



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Backburning in Lent

Last week, I visited the beautiful place where I spent my teens. It is the small township of Helensburgh and is surrounded by bush - Royal National Park, Water Board and Coal Board land. I was horrified. Last winter less than a third of the planned burn offs were done. It has rained continuously since October and the bush is like a solid brick wall closing in around the town, along the roads, towering above. Backburning has to be taken seriously, very seriously this winter, or we will have yet another day named with the word Black in front of it. It is an almost formidable job ahead but the consequences, if it is not faced, will be dire. Properties and possibly homes will be lost.

There is a lesson here for our own lives. We too have aspects of our lives that get out of control unless they are regularly disciplined. Traditionally, the Church has called them 'passions'. These are not necessarily bad – just out of control. We easily recognise over eating but what about all the other things we do too much of. Are we too lazy, too angry, too critical? Do we drink too much, spend too much time on media? The list could go on but you know what is out of whack in your life, as I do in mine. You know what undermines your ability to love those around you, to love yourself and to love God.

Lent, which begins this week, is the time the Church invites us to face ourselves and confront our sins, to really consider what undermines our living life to the full. This is not like New Years Day, when we make good resolutions. This is when we really face the weakness that destabilises us, and as we do, we discover just how weak and broken we are. Where this differs from the nice New Years resolution is that we have Jesus by our side. He wants to help us cut back what could destroy us, wants to help us burn away the rubbish so that we can flourish in love. During this week, take time to think of one 'passion' that is distorting your life, and ask God for the wisdom and strength to face it this Lent.

Loving Jesus, in this time of Lent, give me the strength and wisdom of your Good Spirit to really look at myself and confront what is out of balance in my life. Let me live so that I can truly love my family and friends. I ask this in your name, knowing you will hear me.

Sr Kym Harris osb

Dear Families

This week we marked the beginning of Lent with our Ash Wednesday liturgies. Lent is a time of reflection, abstinence and prayer. During the Lenten period we can choose to 'give up' something or 'give to' someone. Which will we choose? Sometimes the *giving up* of an item or an activity may challenge us, however, the *giving to* others is often more challenging as we have to consider another's feelings, their needs (and not our own), we have to choose to put ourselves out, make a choice which at times is not convenient or challenges our routine and lifestyle. Let us remember, as we continue our Lenten journey, the sacrifice that Jesus made for us and how we are asked to answer his call.

Thank you to Mrs Louise Hayes who cooked and prepared, along with a number of volunteers, hundreds of pancake 'stacks' for our Shrove Tuesday fundraiser. These delicious pancakes were enjoyed by many students and staff. We raised \$700.00 for Caritas Australia. Thank you to all families who supported this venture.

Have a great week.
Julie

Cross Country

Our school cross country is scheduled for next Friday morning 11 March. **However, if we have heat, as experienced over the past days, the carnival will be rescheduled.** We will not run in these conditions. You will be notified on Thursday 10 March if the carnival is postponed via text and email.

Training will be held tomorrow in the shed with Mrs Paula Osborne.

The order for cross country is below. We will commence our Prep race at approximately 9:00am and continue as below with our finish time being at our first lunch break, 10:45am. Exact times cannot be provided due to the differing length of races and age groups.

Grade/s	Birth year	Distance
Prep		700m
Year 6	2010 (12 Years old)	3km
Years 5 & 6	2011 (11 Years old)	3km
Years 4 & 5	2012 (10 Years old)	2km
Years 3 & 4	2013 (9 Years old)	1km
Years 2 & 3	2014 (8 Years old)	1km
Years 1 & 2	2015(7 Years old)	700m
Year 1	2016 (6 Years old)	700m
10,11,12 yr old	non-competitive	1km

Safeguarding Children and Young People

Mrs McLaughlin will be absent from school next Thursday 10 and Friday 11 and the following Thursday 17 and Friday 18 of March attending the Safeguarding Children and Young People course through Australian Catholic University. Please see Mrs Gabrielle Barker or Mrs Helen Langdon in her absence.

Parents and Friends Association – Annual General Meeting

Our P&F AGM will be held on Tuesday 15 March. We welcome all our parents and friends to attend this meeting which will be held in our library beginning at 6:30pm. Please email the office, see Mrs McLaughlin or email sby_pandfsecretary@rok.catholic.edu.au if you have any questions.



We begin our annual Lenten Project Compassion journey by learning about Anatercia, a 12-year-old girl living in a small village in southern Mozambique. She began to take on more and more adult responsibilities as her mother has chronic health issues. She did most of the household chores and had to travel up to five hours every day to collect clean water. Water scarcity also meant that harvests were poor and there was never enough to eat.

With your support, Caritas Australia's local partner, Caritas Regional Chokwe, was able to help Anatercia's family to irrigate their farm to improve their food security. They also improved water access for households in the village, delivered sustainable farming training, and provided Anatercia with essential school supplies.

Anatercia's health, education and quality of life have improved, along with the outlook of her whole community for all future generations.

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

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



Sacramental Program

The Reconciliation Ritual Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Church on Wednesday 9 March. Please arrive at the church by 5:15pm.



Shrove Tuesday & Ash Wednesday

During the week we marked the beginning of Lent with Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. Thank you to Mrs Louise Hayes our tuckshop coordinator for preparing delicious pancakes for us all. The funds raised will be donated to CARITAS – Project Compassion. The following day we held Ash Wednesday liturgies in all classrooms. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the 40-day season of Lent. It is a season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

We pray that God will support all people to consider the needs of others around the world who live in poverty. Fasting joins us in solidarity with people experiencing poverty who often have no choice but to go without the basic human needs. Sharing what we have, or 'almsgiving', is a sign of our commitment to justice and our thanks for all that God has given us.

Reconciliation Action Plan

This year, we are looking to establish a working group, which represents the school community. The working group would be involved in the implementation of the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).



The RAP is a formal statement we use to show our commitment and support towards Reconciliation. This plan outlines actions and strategies, providing guidance for educators on how to strengthen relationships, show respect to the Indigenous culture and provide opportunities for everyone to acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.

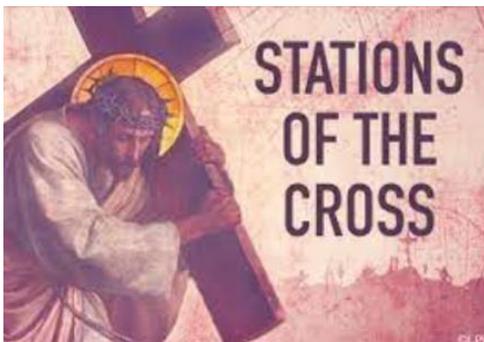
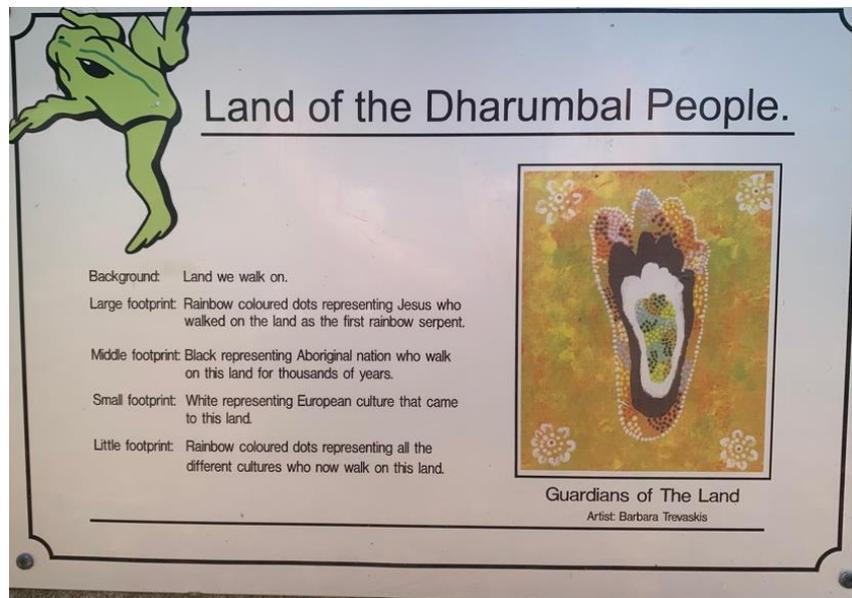
The action plan is important to the whole school community and we will be asking for parent representatives to join this group. Further information will follow, however if you would like to know more please contact Mrs Helen Langdon at school.

St Benedict's School is committed to Reconciliation.

Have you seen our plaque?

Through this plaque we acknowledge that we live learn and play on the land of the Dharumbal people.

It can be found near the flagpoles at the front of our school.



Stations of the Cross

Tuesdays at 7am at Mary Immaculate Church Emu Park
Wednesday 7pm at Sacred Heart Church Yeppoon.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for 3–6-year-olds
 Saturday 10am in the Sacred Heart Church Community Centre – four week program.
 5th March
 12th March
 19th March
 26th March

PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN UKRAINE

God of peace and justice, who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence, we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril; let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all; we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference



Happy Birthday to

Max Foulstone	28 February	09 Years
Sofia Brown	3 March	10 Years
Lennox Duncan	4 March	06 Years
Lola Hansell	5 March	05 Years
Nate Cossens	6 March	05 Years
Marlie-Mae McKessar	6 March	10 Years
Ry Toon	6 March	11 Years

BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Issue 1 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.

Assembly Awards

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



Week 5 Term 1

Class	Student	Award Comment
PB	Flynn Owens	For always including others in your games and helping your friends during clean up time. You rock!
PE	Ava Dingle	For always doing your best listening at carpet time. Thank you Ava!
1E	Thea Tipene	For sharing her great math's ideas and showing us how numbers can be grouped together in different ways. Super Star Thea!
1U	Riley Sonter	For your wonderful contributions to our math lessons. Your answers are speedy and spot on!
2B	Joseph Sammon	For your fantastic contribution to class discussions on animal life cycles.
2R	Sebastian Tichel	For your excellent can do attitude when writing about a frog's life cycle.
3P	Gracie Hildyard	For having such a positive attitude towards your learning. You are always smiling and trying your best.
3S	Jamie Donnelly	For your ability to independently brainstorm long /a/ words and sort them into each spelling pattern. Well done Jamie!
4B	Toby Jensen	For the way you support and encourage your classmates through your actions.
4C	Gabe Walsh	Giving 100% in everything you do. Way to go Champ!
5W	Xavier Brady	For using creative thinking to produce some great mathematical answers
5G	Eva Sammon	For using great mathematical language to explain how you discovered equivalent fractions. Keep it up Eva!
6D	Fletcher Prince	For the amazing skills you showed in playing Multo. We all need a lesson from you. Keep up the great work!
6M	Jaime Balzer	For contributing confidently and consistently during classroom discussion. You are on fire, Jaime!

Music Stars

Congratulations to Fergus from Prep Echidnas for his brilliant answer:

And Annabelle from Prep Bilbies for her help when Mrs Boyd forgot the tune of their song:



Year 3P

Visual Arts

The Year Three students have engaged in an investigation about the life and artworks of Henri Matisse. Matisse was a French artist who produced artworks by painting, drawing and through collage. He surprised the people of his era through the use of bright, unusual colours. We have started to produce self-portraits in the style of Matisse using his drawing techniques and bright colours.



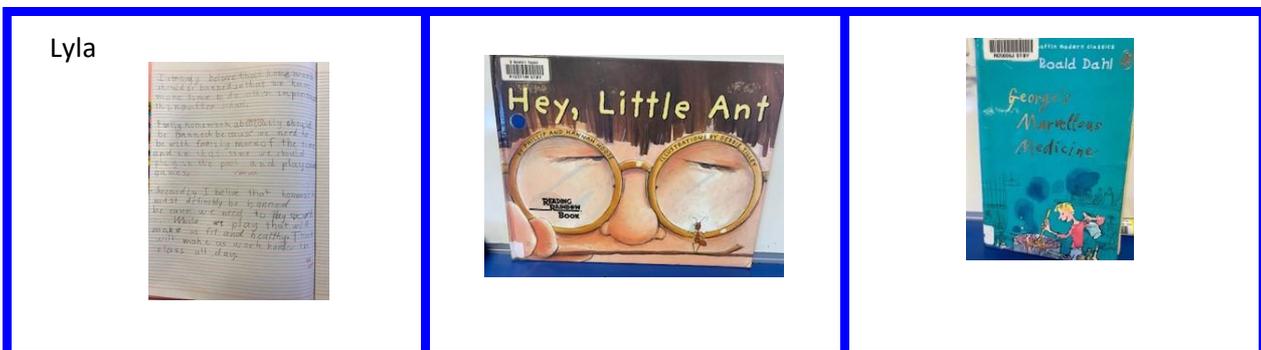
Religion

In Religion we have been exploring the Ten Commandments. The Year Three students brainstormed and created a poster to demonstrate their understanding of each commandment.



English - Persuasive Text

In English, we have been reading and viewing a variety of persuasive texts. As a class, we have brainstormed arguments for different persuasive topics to convince our audience of our point of view. This week, we had to write a persuasive text on why homework should be banned. There were some very convincing arguments from the students! We are also reading a class novel, *George's Marvellous Medicine* by Roald Dahl.





Variety Activate Inclusion Sports Day

We're coming to Rockhampton!!

CQUniveristy, 17th March 2022

- **Location:** CQUniversity Rockhampton North, 554-700 Yaamba Rd, Norma Gardens QLD 4701
- **Date:** 17th March 2022
- **Time:** 9:40am - 12:45pm
- **Transport:** There is ample bus parking and accessible access to the venue.
- **Children:** The day is open to children aged 5 - 17 years old who have an intellectual, sensory and/or physical disability.

What is Activate Inclusion Sports Day?

Variety Activate Inclusion Sports Days are a free, fun and inclusive day of sports for kids with physical, sensory, cognitive, and intellectual disabilities to try.

Activate Inclusion Sports Days give kids the opportunity to try sports they might otherwise miss out on. Aimed at kids aged 5-17, the days are an opportunity to have a go in a fun and supportive environment with specialised coaches on hand. Our goal is to increase awareness around the opportunities for people with a disability and in the greater inclusion space, within sports and active recreation.

Registration and Additional Information

- If you would like to attend, please email me at samantha.powell@varietyqld.org.au or contact me on **0404 051 044**.
- A Consent Form and Pre-Survey will need to be completed by each child attending.
- For those children without media consent, we will be putting wristbands on them to ensure they are not photographed or filmed.
- One of the key purposes of this program is to improve club sport participation and opportunities for children with a disability. Children will be sent home with information on how they can continue local sport and be supported by our Variety Team in the registration process.
- Parents are welcome to attend as spectators. They will need to use the COVID QR code upon arrival.