



**DATE CLAIMERS**  
**17/02 Bishop's Inservice Day**  
**Pupil Free Day**



Catholic Education  
Diocese of Rockhampton

## THE GRAPEVINE

Term 1 Week 3  
09 February 2023

### Daily

Last week, I wrote about doing a course that helped me in my calligraphy. On the weekend, I finished a large, difficult piece of which I am proud and while noting that the course helped immensely, what really struck me was how the daily habit of picking up a pen and practicing my letters give me the basis for producing that work of art. The simple ordinary habit of daily practice, even if only for a minute. Little by little, each day. Those were the building blocks of growth.

As they are in so much of our lives. Too often we think of love as the grand gesture, and sometimes it is, but the basic building blocks of our relationships are the small gestures we do each day, over and over again. Giving the smile, offering the sandwich with a small caress, sharing the chocolate...and oh so often, being patient when spouse, child, neighbour, parent are being annoying. We underestimate the power of the small gestures. It is those tiny things that, built up together, give us a loving home. When they are the basis to our living, we notice and truly appreciate the grand gestures when they come out way.

Jesus knew this. He told us to take up our cross, *every day*. Yes, face and take the annoyances with which our day is littered. He told us that even *the smallest gesture*, offering even a glass of water has its reward. He told us in his prayer, the *Our Father*, to ask for our *daily bread*, to look each day to him for our needs. It need only be a short-whispered prayer at the beginning of our busy day, a sigh of thanks as your head hits the pillow. Those small daily gestures of thanks, patience, affection and prayer build up to be a life rich in meaning and love.

*Loving Father, you delight in the small moments of my life. Send me your wise and loving Spirit to make those moments places of your grace that my life and my home may be full of your life and love. I ask this in Jesus' name confident that you will hear me.*

Sr Kym Harris osb

Dear Families

On Tuesday morning the St Benedict's community came together to celebrate our Opening School Mass. We heard in our Gospel, *The Parable of The Fig Tree*, how Jesus wishes us to nurture each other just as a gardener would do for his garden. Fr Matthew asked our students to think about how they would nurture each other at school and at home. St Benedict believed in nurturing those around him, in his Benedictine Communities, the members were encouraged to Listen, Love and Learn from each other – these three elements form our



school motto. As we continue to journey together in 2023, let us Listen, Love and Learn and endeavour to build a community which cares and nurtures those around us.

Thank you to Mrs Helen Langdon, our Year 6 students and teachers for hosting our mass and a very warm welcome back to Fr Matthew Moloney. Congratulations and thanks to our beautiful choir and those who assisted them.



Thank you to those parents who were able to attend our Parent Information Evenings this week. We hope you gained valuable information and were able to meet with your child's teacher. Your attendance and ongoing support of our school is appreciated.

Next Monday Mr Mike Kelso, Assistant Director School – Rockhampton Region, will visit St Benedict



Enjoy your week.

Julie McLaughlin

### End of Day Procedures

Please be aware of the following procedures for collection of students at the end of the school day. These are strictly enforced for the safety of your children.

- Students may be collected from the classroom or the undercover area at 3:00pm by parents otherwise they are to go to the undercover area for pick up
- Students may be collected by siblings from the classroom and must immediately go to the undercover area where they wait to be collected by parents
- Students are not to go to the 'dirt carpark' unless accompanied by an adult – they must be collected before proceeding to their car
- Students are **not to wait for parents at the playground under any circumstances**. The playground may be used by students after school only if they have been collected by parents and are being supervised by parents. If your child is collected by another parent you must inform the classroom teacher of this so we are aware of who is supervising them
- ***Children are not to be left at school to wait for any after school training. Students must be collected and then come back for after school training sessions.***

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

### Late Arrivals

All students who arrive after the 8:40am morning bell must come through the school office to collect a late card. This ensures the teacher can mark the role correctly.

### **Bishop's Inservice Day**

Next Friday 17 February is a Student Free Day as the teachers and support staff will be participating in the Diocesan Bishop's Inservice Day. Staff will participate in a variety of workshops designed to enhance our professional knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith. We thank Bishop Michael for his ongoing support of our staff in providing this day.

### **Cross Country Training**

We will begin cross country training next week for those students who are born 2011 – 2013 – turning 10, 11 and 12 this year. Training will begin next Tuesday 14 February and be held each Tuesday and Thursday morning at 7:45am. Mrs Paula Osborne will be taking training, please meet in the undercover area. Children are asked to wear appropriate training gear and a pair of joggers. Please bring your school uniform and school shoes to change into after training. Breakfast is not provided, however, students can bring a snack to eat after training if they wish.

### **Year 6 Camp**

Information regarding the Year 6 Camp has been sent home today. Parents please return the associated permission forms to your classroom teachers. Please contact Michelle Clifton or Owen Beavan if you have any queries about the camp.

### **Aquathon – Capricornia Trials**

Congratulations to Nate Laverty who participated in the Cap Aquathon at Hervey Bay. Nate did very well placing in the middle of the field. Well done Nate.



### **Discovery Day – St Brendan's College**

St Brendan's will be hosting their annual Discovery Day on Thursday 9 March for all boys who are interested in attending the College in 2024. Parents must use the link in the attached flyer and complete the Permission Form so their son can attend. We do not process paperwork for this day through the school office. Please read the attached flyer for further information. If you are interested in enrolling at St Brendan's for 2024 please contact St Brendan's as soon as possible.

### **St Brendan's College Musical**

St Brendan's College will be performing Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat for this year's school musical. They are in need of 'extras' for the musical. If you would like for your child to be involved please contact St Brendan's for further information. Auditions will be held in the week beginning Monday 20 February.



## Happy Birthday to

Edmund Blackford	10 February	05 Years	Hudson Gardner	11 February	09 Years
Marlow Carey	11 February	05 Years	Alexia Knight	09 February	09 Years
Isabella Mulholland	11 February	05 Years	Hayden Wiese	08 February	11 Years
Estelle Pollitt	11 February	08 Years	Zayden Elliott	11 February	11 Years

### Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with awards at our last assembly: Week 2, Term 1, 2023



Class	Student	Award Comment
1E	Ezra Kelly	For his wonderful efforts to follow instructions. You are always ready to learn. Great work Ezra!
1U	Indi Guest	For the wonderful recount you wrote about your weekend. Superstar writing Indi!
2C	Marlee Beavan	For always listening during carpet time and being ready to learn.
2M	Jaxon Laverty	For your excellent contributions to our classroom discussions. You are on fire!
3H	William Hildyard	For working on all learning tasks to a very high standard.
3N	Sebastian Tichel	For the effort and improvement in your handwriting. Keep up the good work!
4B	Taylor Burkett	For striving to do your best when completing all classwork. Congratulations Taylor!
4R	Zara Neyland	For outstanding effort with all reading and writing tasks this week.
5G	Vann Breingan	For working so hard all week and for using excellent mathematical thinking to solve problems. You never gave up!
5D	Koby Owens	For the fabulous descriptive language you used in your narrative. You captured the attention of your audience. I can't wait to read more!
6B	Zayden Elliott	For your active participation and thoughtful contributions to discussions. Excellent work!
6C	Lainey Boswood	For your strong leadership qualities and consistent work ethic. They are an excellent example to others. Keep it up!



# YEAR 6C NEWS



In Year 6 we have been learning about the events leading up to Australia's Federation in 1901. Last Friday the Year 6 cohort split into the 6 different colonies of Australia pre-1900. Each colony elected a premier, created 1 law and 1 tax. We even pretended we were moving through colonies on trains. Read below about some of the fun we had...

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Law: No walking, kangaroo hops only!

Tax: \$10 per book



## TAX

We did not enjoy paying tax every time we brought a book into WA.



## VICTORIA

Law: No walking - bum shuffle only!

Tax: \$5 per earring



## DID YOU KNOW?

Each colony had a different rail gauge. We had to squat to 'change' trains at the border.