

DATE CLAIMERS

22 Jan	Term 1 Commences
26 Jan	Australia Day Public Holiday
16 Feb	Bishops In-Service Day (Pupil Free Day)

THE GRAPEVINE



'What do you want?'

Term 4 Week 9
01 December 2017

This question will be put to us in various ways (hopefully) in the coming weeks. Hints may be made, strange questions put to discover what gifts we might want for Christmas... and we too may play the game to try and find out what others want. It is a good question but too often our minds think of 'things' we may want rather than look at what might satisfy our hearts. What do we really want for Christmas? To be loved, for sure. Gifts are meant to be a sign of that but in the deluge of advertising and busyness the gifts we give and receive can become one more chore...but it doesn't have to be like that.

It is four weeks until Christmas – and time enough to think of and create a different sort of gift. Start with yourself – what do you really want from your family members? It could be as simple as a gentle half hour chat – phones off, one to one in a quiet place. It could be help for an hour in the garden, a visit to a grandparent. If these are the things your heart desires, tell your loved ones that. As you uncover what you want, you become ready and open to ask your family and friends what they really want and be prepared for a surprise.

'What do you want?' This question is the first Jesus' asks in the Gospel of John and one of the most important questions he puts to us. Too often, in the rush of life, we take second or third best because it is the simplest thing in the moment instead of going deep into our heart to discover what would mean the most to us. So maybe this Christmas, we can face this question and not only expect gifts we really want from family and friends, but also from God....because, we have taken the time to work out what it is we really want.

Sr Kym Harris osb

Christmas Masses - Capricorn Coast Parish

Christmas Eve - Sacred Heart Church, Sunday 24 December - 6:00pm Children's Mass

Christmas Day - Mary Immaculate Church, Emu Park, Monday 25 December - 7:00am
- Sacred Heart Church, Monday 25 December - 9:00am

The Christmas Eve mass is traditionally one where the children of the parish are encouraged to participate. A practice for this mass will be held on **Saturday 23 November** from 10:00am until approximately 11:00am. Please come along and be a part of this beautiful celebration which focuses on the story of the birth of Jesus. The musicians practice is still to be advised. If you have any questions regarding this practice please contact Tink Boyd on 0429 392 346.

The Lights of Christmas - St Joseph's Cathedral Rockhampton

The Cathedral Parish of St Joseph's is proud to present an event not to be missed. From Sunday 17 to Saturday 23 December, the William Street façade of the Cathedral will become a canvas for a light spectacular not ever seen in Rockhampton before. The 20 minute light spectacular will take place between 7:30pm and 10:30pm each night and will consist of two parts. The first part is an animation of the Christmas favourite, 'The Nutcracker'. The second part consists of slides depicting many of the Cathedral's majestic stained glass windows that make Christ the centre of the Christmas.



Vinnies Christmas Appeal

Today we presented Rick and Betty from the Yeppoon St Vincent DePaul branch with many food items and gifts which will be used in their Vinnies Christmas Hampers. We thank our families for their generosity. We hope all goods benefit those who are less fortunate in our community and they have a happy and holy Christmas season.



Thank you

In 2017 we have enjoyed many wonderful achievements by our students and I congratulate them on their attitude, dedication and commitment. This of course isn't possible without the influence of parents, staff, Parents & Friends Association and School Board. To all parents and students, thank you for your support and contribution to St Benedict's throughout 2017. I pray God's blessing upon those students and their families who conclude their time at St Benedict's today and best wishes for everything in the future.

On behalf of the staff, I pray that all our families will be filled with the joy and peace of Christmas and wish you and all your family a safe, happy and holy Christmas.

We look forward to working with you in 2018.

Staff

Thank you to our wonderful staff for their magnificent contribution to St Benedict's in 2017.

Thank you to Miss Jessica Arnold who concludes her time with us today. Jessica started her teaching career in 2016 and will continue in 2018 at Our Lady's Longreach. I'm sure the dance moves she taught Year 6 for last Tuesday night will be a hit in Longreach. Best wishes Miss Arnold and thank you.

I also sincerely thank Mrs Amanda Evans and Mrs Margaret Gould for their professionalism and enthusiasm while completing 12 month contracts for us in 2017 – thank you ladies.

School Uniform

Please note that our School Dress Code states that Shoes are to be BLACK joggers or leather shoes with no colours featured. Please note that this does not include black shoes that have thick white (or coloured) cushioning. Please find some examples below:

Acceptable



Not Acceptable



2018 Teaching Staff

Leadership Team

Principal

Mr Tim Collins

APRE

Mrs Julie McLaughlin

APC

Mrs Gabrielle Barker

Teaching Staff

Prep Bilbies

Mrs Kate Peers

Year 5G

Mrs Jo Gray

Prep Echidnas

Mrs Helen Langdon

Year 5C

Mrs Mellaney Corfield

Year 1E

Mrs Anne Effeny

Year 6M

Miss Anneliese McCosker

Year 1P

Mrs Natalie Pobar

Year 6R

Mrs Emily Rowlands

Year 2B

Mrs Kate Blyde

PE P-2

Mrs Paula Osborne

Year 2M

Mrs Julienne Morrison

PE 3-6

Mrs Gabby Barker

Year 3H

Mrs Lynda Harth

Arts

Mrs Tink Boyd

Year 3W

Mrs Sarah Williams

LOTE (5&6)

Mrs Pascale Levacher

Year 4M

Mrs Julie McLaughlin/Mrs Mary Schick Learning Support

Mrs Joan Rayner

Year 4S

Mrs Tahnee Sanne/Mrs Michelle Clifton

Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all students who swam at yesterday's inter-house swimming carnival. It was wonderful to see the high level of participation and quite a few impressive swims with plenty of talent on show.

Thank you to Mrs Barker who organised and coordinated the carnival and to everyone who contributed – timekeepers, scorers, judges, organising students for events, serving food & drinks, cheering, lifesavers (past students) and our resident BBQ Chef – Grandad Dave!



Results

- 1st - Polding Kookaburras
- 2nd - Salvado Kangaroos
- 3rd - Gregory Dolphins

Age Champions

- 10 Years - Zoe Eden & Dominic Thompson
- 11 Years - Elodie Laverty & Jacob Hill
- 12 Years - Lucy Thompson & Eden Smith

New Record

Yesterday there was a new record set at the carnival. Congratulations to **Jacob Hill** for setting a new record in the 11 years Boys: Backstroke - 45.93 sec (0.07 sec under old record)



ASSEMBLY AWARDS – Term 4 Week 8



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

- Prep E - **Nate Laverty** – Trying so hard with your reading and writing. Keep up the great effort.
- Year 1P - **Samual Lloyd** – For your fantastic effort with your writing this week. You used capitals, full stops and tricky spelling. I love your work!
- Year 1E - **Audrey Bailey** – For her consistent effort stretching out words in her reading and writing. Super work Audrey!
- Year 2M - **Emily Eden** – For your great effort with your writing this week. You are a writing rockstar!
- Year 2E - **Koby Kidd** – For his generous, caring and helpful nature. You are a treasure!
- Year 3B - **Will McFarlane** – For his consistent effort to be a wonderful role model and always finishing work to a high standard.
- Year 3G - **Seth O'Maley** – For the consistent hard work you put into your Maths and English activities. Congratulations.
- Year 4W - **Willem Lloyd** – For the enthusiastic way you performed your role in 'The Star'.
- Year 4W - **Jordan Beath** – For the fantastic effort you are putting into your parts for our Year 4 musical.
- Year 4B - **Bailey Hoare** – For your assistance in keeping our class plants happy and healthy. Your help is truly appreciated.
- Year 4B - **Nash Corfield** – For the extra help you have given before school. Your assistance in looking after our class plants has been invaluable. Thank you Nash.
- Year 5C - **Mack Smith** – Congratulations on the terrific effort you put into everything you do.
- Year 5G - **Delaney Sweeney**- For the outstanding effort you put into all your school work. Your work ethic is appreciated. Well done!
- Year 6M - **Elodie Laverty** - For the outstanding effort you have been putting into your dance.
- Year 6A - **Olivia Taylor** – For the outstanding effort you have been putting into dance practice. Cannot wait to see you rock it out Tuesday night.

Swimming Holiday Booster Blocks

Little Fish Swim Academy will be running two Booster Blocks over the upcoming school holidays – 8th to 12th January and 15th to 19th January. Each 5 lesson block costs just \$60 with lessons being scheduled at the same time and with the same teacher each morning. We are also taking bookings for Term 1 which starts from 22nd January. Phone 4930 2205 or email con.littlefish@bigpond.com.

Sing with Joy

If you enjoy singing in church, you are invited to Our Lady's Hall at The Cathedral College on Saturday 2 December from 1:30 – 3:30 pm. Claire Stitt, Joy Philippi and Di-Anne Rowan will be sharing ideas and music from the Australian Pastoral Musicians Conference held in Perth. Please RSVP to Di-Anne d.rowan@rok.catholic.edu.au or ring 0418 875 377 so that we can make sure we have enough copies of handouts and music for you.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:

27 Nov	Tyler Keith	8
29 Nov	Lincoln Collier	7
29 Nov	Cooper McKenzie	12
30 Nov	Isla Laverty	9
01 Dec	Mia Walker	9
02 Dec	Hugh Lloyd	9

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN DECEMBER TO:

08 Dec	Lacey Graham	10
09 Dec	Ben Pujolas	8
11 Dec	Bronte Keenan	11
11 Dec	Priya Ramswarup	9
12 Dec	Lucy Thompson	12
13 Dec	Bailey Hoare	10
14 Dec	Eden Smith	12
15 Dec	Cleveland Collier	11
16 Dec	Willa Osborne	7
18 Dec	Erica Westcott	11
20 Dec	Paige Collier	10
20 Dec	Shylah Collier	10
20 Dec	Jacob Hill	11
22 Dec	Charlie O'Brien	6
23 Dec	Jordan Beath	10
24 Dec	Dallas Feldman	12
24 Dec	Dustyn Feldman	12
27 Dec	Nate Messer	10
31 Dec	Emily Mazzaferri	10
31 Dec	Madison Hill	9
31 Dec	Hendrix Henderson	7